



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

3628 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
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March 24, 2019
Third Sunday in Lent

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm Anticipation of Sunday

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 4:30 pm

Monday - Friday

7:15 am, Noon, 5:15 pm

In the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level.

Saint Louis University Campus Ministry:

Sunday: 9:00 pm (when the University is in session)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: 10:45 am through Noon

Saturday: 4:30 pm through 5:30 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Francis Xavier College Church, form a welcoming Jesuit parish community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we praise God, love our neighbors as ourselves, celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

PARISH INFORMATION FAX: 314-977-7315 E-MAIL ADDRESS: church@slu.edu

The Parish Center is closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Bulletin Notices: must be submitted to marybeth@sfxstl.org by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

Infant Baptisms: Visit the Baptism page on the SFX website, www.sfxstl.org/baptism-1, for information on infant baptisms and required preparation class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12 pm. Contact Fr. Dan White, SJ at 314-977-7315 with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Funerals: contact Fr. Dan White, SJ or Sister Carolyn McWatters, RSM. To notify the parish of a funeral for a family member not at the College Church, please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or church@slu.edu.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Parish Registration: Available online at collegechurch.slu.edu or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions, contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304.

Religious Education: Available for kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Contact Karen Weber at 314-977-7302 or karen@sfxstl.org

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Celebrated weekly for children in kindergarten - seventh grade at 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Childcare is available for children ages six months through pre-kindergarten during the 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Center Nursery. Contact Karen Weber at 314-977-7302 or karen@sfxstl.org.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edlmann at marietherese.edlmann@slu.edu.

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 Leslie Matula
 Diane Williams
 Patrick Pasierb
 Kandice Draper
 Lula Chatman
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 Greg Fiudo
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 Liz DeRum
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 Monica Gunn
 Campbell Hodge
 Pat Darcy
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Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to add or remove names.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Book of Exodus is the most significant text of the Old Testament. It is the story of the suffering, liberation, and formation of the people of Israel. It is *the* defining act of God on behalf of God's people. Exodus describes how the Lord God freed Israel and made them God's chosen people.

It is not a coincidence that some of the most vivid images in the entire Bible are found in Exodus: the burning bush, the plagues, the giving of the Ten Commandments, and the parting of the Red Sea. Exodus also includes a memorable cast of characters such as the intransigent Pharaoh, faithful Moses, and the fickle people of Israel. Given that material, how could Cecil B. DeMille not want to direct *The Ten Commandments*?

Exodus is salvation history in a microcosm. The people's suffering, God's desire to deliver the faithful, Israel's back-sliding, and the ultimate prize of the Promised Land are timeless themes. We know that this story is not limited to the distant past. The Exodus story speaks to our own experience.

Vatican II spoke of the "pilgrim Church". Movement is an essential aspect of the Christian people. We too are being led by God. We seek to be set free from what binds us by our merciful God. We are headed for the Promised Land.

New Parishioner Welcome

If you registered as a member of our parish and have not attended a new parishioner gathering, please join us on Sunday, March 31st following our 8:00 am Mass in the ballroom. **Attendance at one of our gatherings is necessary to formally complete your parish registration.** There you will have an opportunity to meet other new parishioners, as well as Fr. Dan and members of our parish council. This social event is a wonderful way to learn more about the College Church and the variety of activities taking place in the parish.

Since we need to arrange for the refreshments, I'm asking you to please call Joyce at our Parish Center front desk at 314-977-7300 to make your reservation before March 21st. It is also important to RSVP so that we can contact you if we need to cancel the gathering for some reason. We hope that you will be able to join us!

Visit sluh.org/summer for info on robotics classes and athletic camps for grade school and middle school students.

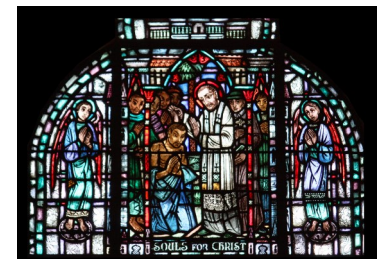
Lenten Scrutiny Rites

The season of Lent invites all Christian to reflect upon Baptism. For those to be baptized, the church offers special prayers on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent to assist them in looking into their hearts so that they may surrender more fully to God. The scrutiny rites have a two fold purpose: First, they are to "uncover then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful." We pray that they may have a clear self-understanding so that they may know their need for God. Secondly, the rites are "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." These prayers also ask God to help them recognize the gifts and virtues that are within them. This year we have four people who are ready to receive the sacraments of initiation: Gennena Richardson, Jonathan Howard, Kelsey Todd, and Jackson Zartman.

While the prayers in the rite address the journey of the Elect toward baptism, they also serve as a reminder to each of us that we need to reflect upon our lives and uncover all that needs God's healing and all the gifts that need to be brought forth in service of others. As we journey toward Easter and prepare to renew our baptismal promises, may the presence of the Elect invite us to deeper reflection and greater commitment in being true disciples of the Lord.

We Are Counting Our Blessings!

All College Church volunteers are invited to an evening of recognition and an appreciation dinner on Saturday, May 4th at 6:00 pm in the ballroom. There will be free parking in the Laclede garage. We are most grateful for your faithful help and support in keeping all of our ministries up, running and expanding.



The dinner is free for our volunteers, but you do need to RSVP before Tuesday, April 23rd either by phone call to 314-977-7300 or email to joyce@sfxstl.org. Your presence is important to us! We'll gather at 6:00 pm. Fr. Dan White, S.J. will begin with an opening prayer and welcoming comments at 6:30 pm. followed by dinner. We're sure it will be a pleasant evening and a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation and get to know each other better. We hope you'll be able to join us!

Will you #standwithsisters?

During March, in honor of National Catholic Sisters Week, 14 congregations of St. Louis Catholic Sisters are promoting a campaign celebrating the ways women religious and their supporters stand up for social justice issues in our community, such as immigration, poverty, human trafficking, racism, homelessness and more. How can you stand with the sisters? Visit standwithsisters.org for our stories and follow #standwithsisters on social media.

The Love of Christ Impels Us: Becoming an Anti-Racist Parish

College Church has a long history of commitment to justice and racial equity. More recently, since 2014 and the Ferguson uprising, we as a parish have been asking ourselves some hard questions about our role in racial inequality. In addition, the USCCB recently released its pastoral letter against racism, which explains how the work of anti-racism is deeply rooted in our Catholic faith.

In February College Church began conducting focus groups throughout our parish community. **We have added one more date: TODAY, Sunday, March 24th from 9:15-10:20am.** We hope you will participate. We need to hear what you think about the current status of racism in our city and country and why—and how much—it matters that the Church, and College Church in particular, address issues of racial justice. Once we understand our parish's responses to these questions, we can move forward together. **PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE PART OF A FOCUS GROUP IN THE BACK OF CHURCH OR ONLINE AT sfxstl.org/antiracism-work/.**

Our Anti-Racism team has been evolving and is still very much in the beginning stages of this work. We acknowledge that our current team lacks gender and racial diversity, as it is mostly female and mostly white. We value the experiences and gifts of all of our parishioners and want to enrich the makeup of our leadership team. Please contact Father Dan frdan@sfxstl.org or Christine Dragonette christine@sfxstl.org if you are interested in being a part of this impassioned ministry.

You can sign up to be part of a focus group at sfxstl.org/antiracism-work/.

The Tony McDonald Memorial Just Faith Capstone Presentation

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY PROJECT IN ST. LOUIS

Featuring

Fr. Bill Ceed, SJ,, Founder

Tuesday, April 30TH

St. Francis Xavier College Church Ballroom

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



This Capstone Presentation culminates the 2018-2019 Just Faith Program Year at St. Francis Xavier College Church. The mission of this year's Just Faith program is "taking actions to build community." Fr. Creed's and ISP-STL's work to link our vast and diverse community in actions dedicated to social justice reflects that mission.

Theology for Life – Spring 2019

"Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit" The Reconciling Passion of Jesus in Luke's Gospel.

Presented by: Fr. Seán Martin on **Tuesday evenings:** March 19 – April 9, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Cost: \$25 per session; \$80 for all four

Sessions To register go to www.ai.edu or call 314-256-8804 **Location:** Aquinas Institute of Theology - 23 S. Spring Ave. - St. Louis, MO 63108

Being Mortal—A Pastoral Care Committee Presentation

The film **Being Mortal** (58 minutes) will be shown by the Pastoral Care committee on April 7 after the 10:30 am Mass in the ballroom. It will be followed by comments from a panel and audience participation. Death is something we will all one day face. So why is it so hard for doctors to talk with their patients about dying? How can the medical profession better help people navigate the final chapters of their lives with confidence, direction and purpose? Renowned surgeon Atul Gawande explores the relationships between doctors and patients nearing the end of life, and shows how many doctors struggle to talk honestly and openly with their patients who are dying. **Being Mortal** is an intimate and revealing journey with relevance to all of us. It explores the burgeoning art and science of palliative care and the ways in which having a conversation around the question "What are your priorities if your time is limited?" can empower patients to experience the end stages of life and live their lives fully. The ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life — all the way to the very end.

Please bring a fruit and/or vegetable dish for the gathering before the film.

Praying With the Women of The World

We are excited to announce that we have found a wonderful prayer resource for walking in solidarity with the suffering women of our world. This setting of the Stations of the Cross has been written to awaken us to more prayerfully consider and pray for their suffering in our midst. We will gather to pray "The Way of the Cross With the Women of the World" twice during Lent: **Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm**. Everyone is invited!

IVC – Experience Making a Difference!



The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is an exciting program that invites faith-motivated volunteers to serve with the poor and marginalized. Volunteers are age 50 and better, retired or semi-retired. Volunteers reflect and pray in the Ignatian tradition on their service, meet monthly with other IVC Volunteers and with a spiritual reflector. See our website for more information: www.ivcusa.org, find St. Louis under the *locations* tab.

If service, prayer, and reflection interest you, **contact Sr. Amy Diesen, OSF for more information at 314-758-7147 or IVCSTL@jesuits.org**. Or come to an information session with current volunteers at 10:00 am on April 11th, 2019 at the Il Monastero Banquet Center (3050 Olive St, St. Louis, MO 63103). Please RSVP to Sr. Amy.

Justice. Outreach. Education. - J.O.E. Talks with the Sisters of St. Joseph

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for J.O.E. Talks , a new presentation series aimed at education and action for racial and cultural justice issues. Talks will be held two to three times a year on Saturday mornings. The first talk is "People, Poverty and Public Policy," with Tamara Kenny on Saturday, April 6 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the sisters' motherhouse, 6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, 63111.

Tamara, the director of advocacy and community engagement for Catholic Charities, will share how we can take action and influence public policies that reduce poverty. Continental breakfast will be served. Presentation is free; free will offering accepted. RSVP by April 3 to 314-481-8800 or motherhousesvp@csjsl.org. Learn more at csjsl.org.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Faith in Action: A Conversation on Migration Today, Sunday, March 24th after the 10:30 am Mass College Church Ballroom

Please join us for a conversation with parishioners engaged with immigrant and refugee communities in the St. Louis community and beyond. The program will begin with a panel presentation where we'll have a chance to hear about each parishioner's experiences, followed by time for questions and conversation. Finally, we'll offer opportunities to engage with this work in St. Louis.

Join us to hear from the following parishioners:

- Representatives of the College Church group that took an immersion trip to the border in El Paso & Juarez in February to learn more about immigration to the US.
- Susan Werremeyer, Board Vice President of Welcome Neighbor STL (WNSTL), a community group supporting immigrants and refugees as they begin a new life in St. Louis. For more info, visit: www.welcomeneighborstl.com
- Ken Schmitt, an immigration attorney with US Legal Solutions, LLC, a regional immigration law firm; immediate past Board President of Saint Francis Community Services; and Chair of the Missouri Kansas Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

Please contact Christine with any questions at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.

We hope to see you there!

Social Ministry Commission Seeks New Members

Do you consider social justice an integral part of your faith? Are you interested in helping our parish move forward in our service, justice, and peacemaking efforts? The Social Ministry Commission invites you to prayerfully consider applying for membership. For more information about being a part of the Social Ministry Commission, or to request an application, please contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309. Applications will be due by Friday, April 19th.

[Current SMC member Dale Auffenberg shares her reflections here:](#)

"My husband, Tom and I met in college at the University of Santa Clara. We have spent most of our married life here in St. Louis and the Jesuit works have always been a big part of our and our family's life here. As our family commitments diminished we started coming to the College Church more and more. We have always been drawn to a faith community that not only 'talks the talk' but also 'walks the walk'. That is what we found at the College Church. So, when I saw an invitation in the bulletin to consider joining the social ministry commission, I followed through. I knew a few other members through my involvement with Just Faith and they were very encouraging. In my three and a half years on the commission we have been involved in a number of important and eye opening projects. Besides the direct outreach here at the College Church, I have been involved in some of the inter-faith outreach with the Muslim faith. I have been involved with SLU and the Jesuit works in Belize for a number of years so I have worked on their efforts to become a sister parish with the Jesuit parishes in Belize. Since the 2016 elections, I have felt more and more compelled to "do something" to combat some of the affronts to our immigrant brothers and sisters as well as some of the serious racial issues that divide our city. The Commission exposes one to a number of opportunities to get involved and hopefully make a difference. It has also afforded me the opportunity to meet and work with a variety of like minded, hard working folks from a variety of age groups. So, if the Spirit has been encouraging you to get a bit more involved, I strongly recommend that you follow through and check out the Social Ministry Commission."



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

Aimee Wittman and Scott Jarboe and their three children have been parishioners for five years. They have become very involved in the community. Last fall they gave the parish a significant monetary gift to support work that they see as important and to invite other families and parishioners to do the same. Here is a little bit of their story.

What drew you to College Church?

"We connected with the SFX College Church when our oldest child, Luke, was ready to begin his formal religious education experience. Aimee's parents attended SFX College Church at the time and suggested that we explore the RE program at the College Church. We registered for RE, joined the parish, and soon fell in love with this community. We have now been members of the parish for five years along with our three children (Luke, age 12; Elizabeth, age 6; and Katherine, age 4) who participate in our Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shephard programs."

How have you engaged with this community?

"There are so many wonderful ways to engage with the College Church. When we first joined the parish we spent some time simply attending the beautiful liturgies and participating in RE. Our youngest child, Katherine, was also baptized here by Fr. Dan. Because we have three young children, our initial connection and community grew out of the Religious Education program. Aimee was invited to join the Youth Faith Commission and now serves as the chair of that Commission. Through Religious Education we have participated in many of our cherished RE celebrations including the Class Masses, Service Sunday programs, the RE Family Mass and Picnic, the Christmas Tableau, and the Easter Sunday Mass. We are also fed by the many faith formation experiences available including the Sunday Speaker Series and our many opportunities for prayer and reflection. We also love our annual Gala and Trivia Night events! Finally, and most importantly, we have developed friendships and relationships with many of the wonderful people in this community which has been a great blessing to our family."

Having worked so closely with the youth faith commission and our RE directors, what have you experienced as the most important values or characteristics of the program?

"Many of you likely know Angie Doerr, our former Director of Religious Education. Angie often said that our primary goal in youth faith formation is to help our children fall in love with God. This has always resonated with us. The leadership of our RE program seeks to reach this goal by designing and delivering a religious education

curriculum that is engaging and dynamic. We want our students to enjoy participating in their Religious Education experience so they have an opportunity to learn, practice, and experience their Catholic faith. Our program also tries to teach to and live out our commitment to social justice through education and participation in service, specifically with our Service Days. This is an exciting time to be engaged with our program as we are also exploring how we can integrate into the religious education program the parish's anti-racism focus and our identity as a Jesuit parish in the City of St. Louis. Finally, we are also incredibly blessed to have a team of amazing volunteers who serve as our Religious Education catechists and teachers. They are the heart of our program and we are so grateful for their gifts of time and talent in support of this ministry."

Do you have any words of advice for fellow parishioners about getting involved at SFX?

"We each have an important role to play in living out the work of our parish. Our parish and our community need the unique gifts and talents we all bring to contribute to the good work that is happening at SFX College Church. This is an exciting time to be involved -- there are so many opportunities to engage and participate as our parish continues to grow, evolve, and serve the people of our parish and our greater St. Louis community."



Statement of Revenue and Expense as of December 31, 2018

	<u>Jul 18– Dec 18</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
1	Offertory/Gifts/Contributions ¹	\$402,900	\$385,900	\$17,000
2	Social Ministry Gifts & Grants ²	\$102,900	\$94,600	\$8,300
3	Religious Education & Adult Faith	\$20,500	\$26,800	(\$6,300)
4	Weddings & Events ³	\$121,000	\$108,200	\$12,800
5	Maintenance & Repair	\$7,900	\$7,200	\$900
6	Beyond Sunday ⁴	\$5,400	\$6,600	(\$1,200)
7	Fundraising	\$104,500	\$130,900	(\$26,400)
	Total Income	\$765,100	\$760,200	\$5,100
Expense				
8	Personnel Costs	\$367,200	\$364,500	\$2,700
9	Prof Services: Music, RE, Janitorial	\$38,800	\$36,400	\$2,400
10	Supplies	\$27,200	\$40,000	(\$12,800)
11	Social Ministry Outreach Program	\$42,200	\$40,600	\$1,600
12	Buildings and Equipment	\$112,100	\$114,200	(\$2,100)
13	Archdiocese Assessments	\$63,100	\$63,000	\$100
14	Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Expense	\$650,600	\$658,700	(\$8,100)
	Net Income	\$114,500	\$101,500	\$13,000

1. Unrestricted grants (gifts from retirement or family funds) are included in this total. They are higher than budgeted. Offertory is currently as budgeted through December. Please continue to support our ministries with your regular offertory as winter and spring tend to be a time when offertory is less.
2. Social ministry has had a very successful year with grants. The parish was also very generous with the Social Ministry Christmas Collection. We have reached our matching goal with the Brown Sisters Fund. Thank you!
3. Weddings and Events includes the rental of the ballroom with revenues substantially higher than budget and prior years.
4. We receive 40% of Beyond Sunday contributions made by our parishioners. Thank you for your donations to this campaign!

Presiders**March 23 & 24, 2019**

Saturday
5:30 pm Fr. Caime, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Huetten, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. Mercier, S.J.
4:30 pm Fr. May, S.J.

March 30 & 31, 2019

Saturday
5:30 pm Fr. Caime, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Daly S.J.
10:30 am Fr. White S.J.

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