



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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May 20, 2018 Pentecost Sunday

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 marykay.horan@slu.edu 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. Jason Brauninger, SJ at 314-977-7301 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 Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu

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 Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu.

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Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to add or remove names.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The feast of Pentecost is the culmination of the Easter season. We have celebrated for seven weeks the joy of Christ's Resurrection. Today we join the Church all over the world in receiving the fire of the Holy Spirit. And if all that was not enough, we welcome Bishop Rivatuso with us to lead our Confirmation liturgy. Needless to say, there is a whole lot going on at College Church.

It can be easy to look around at the world, including the Church, and see a whole lot that is wrong. There is so much suffering, ignorance, and sinfulness that we can tend to despair. We find it difficult to experience one of the most important fruits of the Holy Spirit, joy.

Therefore, I recommend reading and even praying over the faith statements of our confirmandi. Our young people are not immune to the struggles and challenges of faith. They write eloquently of their own experience wrestling with how to be a disciple of Christ. Above all, their words speak to me of the joy that comes from the Spirit. It is a gift to see the openness of our confirmandi to God's love. What a sign of hope!

Have you included College Church in your estate planning? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Katie at katie@sfxstl.org

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, its beliefs and practices, you are invited to come to our inquiry sessions. These offer an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic beliefs and practices. They are informal and focus on the issues which the participants deem important. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Joseph Milner, 314-977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu



WELCOME TO COLLEGE CHURCH!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude (10:30): If You Believe and I Believe

Gather 818

Gathering Song: One Spirit, One Church

Kevin Keil

Refrain

We are a pil-grim peo-ple, we are the Church of God. A
fam-ly of be-liev-ers, dis-ci-ples of the Lord. U-nit-ed in one
spir-it, ig-nit-ed by the fire. Still burn-ing through the a-ges, still
pres-ent in our lives. lives. A - men! 1. Come, Ho-ly Ghost, Cre-a - tor
2. O Com-fort-er, to thee we
1. blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy
2. cry, thou gift of God sent from on high. Thou font of
1. grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.
2. life and fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.

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to Refrain

Sprinkling Rite: Sweet Refreshment

Bob Moore

Sweet refreshment ... drink of it freely ... taste God's own Spirit ... sweet refreshment

Glory to God: Mass of Creation

Gather 193

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Gather 76

Pentecost Sequence:



1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! And from your ce -
 2. You, of com - fort - ers the best; You, the soul's most
 3. O most bless - ed Light di - vine, Shine with - in these
 4. Heal our wounds, our strength re - new; On our dry - ness
 5. On the faith - ful, who a - dore And con - fess you,



1. les - tial home Shed a ray of light di - vine!
 2. wel - come guest; Sweet re - fresh - ment here be - low;
 3. hearts of yours, And our in - most be - ing fill!
 4. pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt a - way:
 5. ev - er - more In your sev'n - fold gift de - scend;



1. Come, Fa - ther of the poor! Come, source of
 2. In our la - bor, rest most sweet; Grate - ful cool - ness
 3. Where you are not, we have naught, Noth - ing good in
 4. Bend the stub - born heart and will; Melt the fro - zen,
 5. Give them vir - tue's sure re - ward; Give them your sal -



1. all our store! Come, with - in our bos - oms shine.
 2. in the heat; So - lace in the midst of woe.
 3. deed or thought, Noth - ing free from taint of ill.
 4. warm the chill; Guide the steps that go a - stray.
 5. va - tion, Lord; Give them joys that nev - er end.



- 1-4. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -
 5. A - men.



- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


RITE OF CONFIRMATION (10:30)

- ◆ Presentation of Candidates
- ◆ Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- ◆ Laying on of Hands
- ◆ Anointing with Chrism


Song During Anointing: Holy Spirit

Chris Da Silva

Refrain



Verse Response



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Intercessions Response (10:30): Gracious Lord

Gather 351

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts (10:30): Holy Spirit

Chris Da Silva

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamation - Mass of Creation:

Gather 198, 200, 202

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God

Gather 204

Communion Song: We Are Many Parts
Song Over the Waters (10:30)

Gather 834
Gather 661

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional: Send Down the Fire

Gather 557

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THE NEXT CHAPTER

The Next Chapter program is grounded in Ignatian spirituality and is sponsored by the Saint Louis University Office of Mission & Identity. It is a six-month guided journey with a group of approximately fifteen people approaching retirement or recently retired. The ultimate program goal is to assist people in discerning who God is calling them to be and what God is calling them to do in their next chapter of life. The program begins in September of 2018. The cost is \$750.00



To learn more about The Next Chapter program and have an opportunity to ask questions, you are invited to attend an information session held in the Loyola Room in Jesuit Hall at St. Louis University starting at 7:00 pm on May 21, 2018 or June 5, 2018. To RSVP for an information session and/or to request more information, please email Tom Auffenberg at Thomas.auffenberg@slu.edu

FAIR TRADE/SISTER PARISH COMMITTEE UPDATE AND UPCOMING TRIP TO BELIZE

The fair trade/sister parish committee at College Church formed in 2007 with the goal of promoting fair trade practices and developing an understanding of the international Church. For 10 years, College Church has had a sister parish relationship with the parish La Natividad in Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala. Profits from our fair trade chocolate, coffee, and tea sales on first and third Sundays have gone toward La Natividad, with periodic communication to learn more about the parish and their programming. After careful discernment over the past year, the committee has determined that it is time to end our sister parish relationship with La Natividad, as lack of direct connection to the parish has made a relationship challenging to maintain. Our committee sent our final check with proceeds from fair trade sales.

Looking forward, the committee has determined that we will put our energy into building relationships between College Church and the two Jesuit parishes in Belize, which are in our province. From May 31 to June 11, a group of nine College Church leaders will visit Belize. The purpose of this trip will be to visit the two Jesuit parishes and learn more about the Jesuit works in Belize, while building relationships that we hope to continue after the trip. This group of leaders is tasked with sharing our experiences and leading efforts to discern next steps upon returning to St. Louis. Keep an eye out on the bulletin for more information on a presentation in the fall and ongoing opportunities to take part in efforts to connect with Jesuit works in Belize. In the meantime, first and third Sunday fair trade sales will continue. The committee will determine and communicate to the parish possibilities for where to next invest the profits from fair trade sales as we discern our next steps.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The annual **Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal** gives us an opportunity to join with other people of faith to help the needy of our area. For years the appeal has helped the hungry, the sick, the abused, and the elderly. It is the reality of our time that the need for assistance continues to grow. Our own College Church Social Ministry Outreach does an excellent job in ministering to the needs of those who come to us. This annual Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal makes our parish a part of an even larger effort.

The ACA Appeal letters were mailed out last week. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and return the pledge card in whatever way is most convenient – in the Sunday collection, or by mail. ***If you are unable or do not wish to pledge this year, please do not discard the pledge card – return it to us with any comments you want to include and we will make sure it gets back to the Archdiocese.***

Perhaps your place of employment offers a matching gift option; if so, refer to the back of the card for instructions.



Thank you for your consideration.

MID-LIFE SINGLES (MID-30s TO 50s)

Looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging?

Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on June 1-3, 2018.

Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! The cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

As part of Confirmation preparation, our students were asked to write a “Statement of Faith” expressing why they wanted to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation along with some aspect of their faith journey. These reflections were read by the students at a special celebration attended by parents, teachers, sponsors and members of our faith community on May 12. We are making these excerpts from their Statements of Faith available to our entire parish community and hope that you will read them and be inspired by the heartfelt, honest and thoughtful reflections of our young people. Please join our parish family as we celebrate their full initiation into the Church today.

Zoe Clark - Sometimes I feel like there’s nobody holding on to my hand. Sometimes I feel like I’m in a black hole and can’t get out, but then light comes through, maybe in a different way than I expected.... This past year my dad got cancer....Sometimes I feel like God is not there for me, and question why God would let my dad go through torture when he is a good person. Then I realize that there are some questions in life that we cannot answer, but I know God is trying to get him through this rough point in life. I also know God has helped guide me through these stressful points... Every one of us has a struggle in life, but God helps us grow through this period. Faith helps in our struggles; God is always someone I can trust, turn to, believe in. I know God will not ever let me down.

Confirmation Name: Cecilia

Confirmation Sponsor: Emily Gold

Lucas Dean — To me, faith means believing in God and trusting that he will always do his best for me even if I am not always doing my best for him. He always forgives me no matter what mistakes I make which matters a lot to me because you do not find anybody like that in this day and age. He keeps me on track and focused towards my goals so that I do not make too many mistakes and veer off path. With his help and guidance I have accomplished many great things in my life and hope to achieve so much more....

Confirmation Name: Sebastian

Confirmation Sponsor: Todd Dean

Elisabeth de Foy — When I was little, my relationship with God was very simple. I loved Him, and He loved me. That was about it....However, as I got older, for some reason it didn’t seem quite so easy anymore.... I began to worry. What if I’m sinning? What if I’m supposed to believe everything I’m told, one hundred percent, no matter what?....One day, I worked up some courage and asked a priest about it after finishing confession. Now, not only did this priest assure me that it was perfectly fine to ask questions, but we also had a pretty long conversation about faith, and why we believe what we believe....I don’t know everything, and I’m not always sure about what I believe, but now, I’m at peace. And hopefully, my Confirmation can help me grow in my faith, and become a better person.

Confirmation Name: Teresa

Confirmation Sponsor: Jean-Cedric de Foy

Tessa DelRosario — My faith is represented by a bond throughout the community...Being part of this joyous community, God fulfills me showing me he has surrounded me with people who love and truly care for me....Faith to me means growing in my community and trusting thoroughly in God and knowing He’s there. It also means remembering that I am a leader, and that my example can either help bring people to God, or draw them away. I want people to be better because God works through me.

Confirmation Name: Thérèse

Confirmation Sponsor: Mia Eppler

Grant Grabowski — My belief in God deepens every day. This year especially I have made an effort to really think about what that means. This year I have been involved in Confirmation activities that have encouraged me to witness God's presence in deeply meaningful places. My eyes are open to the importance of service and worship. Furthermore, as an eighth grade student I have given much thought about my high school choice. Based on my RE service experience and middle school service curriculum, I recognize how important it is to me to continue my education in a service-centered high school. I chose a Jesuit high school. Writing this faith statement made me realize that I have made a commitment to having God in my life not only in school, but in my life everyday.

Confirmation Name: Sebastian

Confirmation Sponsor: Melody Abesamis

Alex Grucza — “Ad majorem Dei gloriam” is what faith means to me. That means “for the greater glory of God.” Faith is having a good relationship with God and doing things for the better and not for the worst. My faith has shown me to love God and help others in my community.... The Jesuits believe you show faith through everything around you. I hope to show my faith through all things including church, but also in sports, service, school, and my family. I believe God has a plan for all of us including me....I hope to carry on my faith further as my life goes on.

Confirmation Name: Michael

Confirmation Sponsor: Mariana Salinas



Serena House — For me, personal prayer is a very big part of my personal faith. When I pray, I see Christ as an example and as someone I can ask for guidance. I see God as someone who sees everything. I can talk to him as a normal person to help me cope, even if he already knows what I'm going through. I see the Holy Spirit as a power that is everywhere. I believe it is there as God's eyes. I use personal prayer as a way to become closer to God. With prayer, I can bring God into my life more....

As a confirmand, I wish to continue to do service and follow in Christ's path. I choose to follow Christ's example throughout my life just as I have during my time with the religious education program.

Confirmation Name: Catherine

Confirmation Sponsor: Mary Reich Hernandez

Jordan Ireland — Faith is a very important part of my life for a variety of reasons, it gives me courage when I am feeling anxious, or nervous about something, and helps with persistence when I want to give up. Those are the times when I feel God's presence. Faith makes me calm, and strengthens me. In my life I've learned that faith helps strengthen my values, and influences the choices I make. I choose confirmation because I want continue to learn and grow in my faith. I want the gift of the holy spirit to help me to continue to be kind, patient, truthful and loving with everyone in my life.

Confirmation Name: Catherine

Confirmation Sponsor: Sr. Mary Ellen Hubbard, ASC

Shane LaGesse — ...Faith, for me, is like baking a cake....Like the flour that provides the base for the other ingredients, the church is the foundation that everything is built on and serves as a way to both strengthen and deepen your faith.... prayer is like the sugar: it adds the sweetness that constantly reminds me of the big picture and adds power to my faith. Just as baking soda helps the cake rise, going out into the community and really doing something to help others through service expands my faith and gives it a greater meaning. Now, I am ready to put the cake in the oven. I am being confirmed to show to others that I am prepared to take on my faith as an individual...

Confirmation Name: Vincent

Confirmation Sponsor: Carol Stanton

Bella Lamb — ...What is faith? The formal definition of this noun is having complete trust or confidence in someone or something... I have faith in my family always loving me no matter what... Most importantly, I have faith God will always forgive me.

But exploring more deeply, faith means having the strength to question anything and everything...I believe questioning is good and necessary because it can help bring positive changes to the world around us.

Confirmation Name: Joan

Confirmation Sponsor: Dionne Grabowski

Sophie Matiszik — Faith to me is believing in one supreme being no matter what religion....I am not always able to feel that God is with me at all times. I know that He is because I can see him in various aspects of my life, such as when I am not with my friends who live in Chicago for a long period of time. We know that when we see each other our connection will be strong...Since first communion I have grown closer to God as I matured. I have thought more literally about God versus evolution. Being confirmed will allow me to be more a part of the church and continue to grow closer to God.

Confirmation Name: Kateri

Confirmation Sponsor: Carie Weston

Jack Mitchell — ... I believe that Faith is your devotion to something whether it is devotion to family, friends, or Jesus Christ....I have faith in God and I often look up to God for answers to my problems....The Faith journey for me is my continuing love to grow as a person...I will always strive to grow as a Catholic which in turn will allow my Faith in God to become stronger.

Confirmation Name: Daniel

Confirmation Sponsor: Travis Meyer

Brynn Morrow — I tend to be a very doubtful person...It's always been hard for me to accept things if there was no hard evidence...Early in my 8th grade year, my class and I were told that we were never supposed to look at the Bible as a science textbook or fact. Instead, it was meant to be viewed as stories, prayers, passages, and tales that teach us about the life of God as well as how to be a kind and compassionate human being. And this helped me realize that I don't in fact need to know everything...I have learned that God will love me no matter how much I mess up. He always forgives me. And He is always with me. And I would love nothing more than to continue following this path of faith.

Confirmation Name: Katharine

Confirmation Sponsor: Hope Johnson

Simon O'Connell — I believe that God is the happiness you feel when somebody brightens your day, that God is that joy you feel when you make somebody's life just a little bit better. I believe that faith, is spreading that joy of God, whether it's a smile, a joke, or a dumb pun, I believe that spreading the joy of God is why I was created....I believe that God is always there, brightening our day, and watching over us, through friends, and strangers.

Confirmation Name: Phillip

Confirmation Sponsor: Clara Grace O'Connell

Grace O'Malley — Faith is a very important part of my life because God teaches me to follow his example and become a better person. He has taught me to become kinder, gentler, and open to the world around me. I am thankful for my faith and God because He has done everything for us. Everything God has created has helped me grow from his blessings and his challenges....To me, faith means thinking about what God wants me to do and learning about how to follow in his footsteps....

Confirmation Name: Rose

Confirmation Sponsor: Kirsten Goede

Owen Piskorowski — Faith to me is sharing my love of God with family and friends...I believe faith is putting other's needs before my own — it means God wants me to share myself with others. God has given me gifts such as joy, intellect, and compassion. Even though I am not a perfect person, Faith gives me the courage to work on my imperfections.... Although I make many mistakes and more to come, God is always there for me and is there for every one of his creations....God created us for a reason and I personally will take it seriously and will make the world a better place.

Confirmation Name: Timothy

Confirmation Sponsor: Jonathan Piskorowski

Dorothy Romer — I believe. I believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I believe the Holy Spirit works through me in the gift of wonder and awe. I love to express myself through my artwork. I love to inspire and amaze people through the wonder and awe of my artwork. It brings me joy and peace. I feel God inspiring me and knowing that I can make a difference through art....I chose my grandma to be my sponsor....She said that her joy is brought by spending time with family. Family is a big part of my life. I am growing in my faith by watching my family, attending mass regularly, and helping others. I found that while answering a question about what faith means, my grandma and I both said that it meant believing. I believe. I believe God has a plan for me.

Confirmation Name: Cecilia

Confirmation Sponsor: Marie Dobson

Maggie Salarno — The definition of faith is a strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof. This is something that has always been a struggle for me, the whole believing in what you can't literally see thing....As I got a little bit older I really wasn't a fan of faith. I needed proof that god existed and nobody could give me the evidence I wanted. Now, I'm even older and I honestly want to believe....Eventually the whole concept of faith actually reached me... We live in a middle ground between paradise and dystopia where we are not alone to fend for ourselves. Honestly that's what I've gotten and I'm okay with that...

Confirmation Name: Joan

Confirmation Sponsor: Anna Guzon



Ciaran Santiago — Faith isn't something that's really come to me. To be honest, up until the last year or two, I didn't want to be confirmed, much less be an active member. I didn't really see the point....Having a large chunk of my personal life somewhat upheaved, forced me to reevaluate my priorities. Over the period of a few months, I figured out what faith means to me...Faith to me is optimism, that even when I screw up, I have a second chance. That even when the future looks bleak, things will get better. I was looking for the wrong thing when I started practicing Catholicism; it just took something a bit greater than myself to turn me in the right direction.

Confirmation Name: Sarkis

Confirmation Sponsor: Amy Venturella

Mia Schowengerdt — To me, faith is a connection with God. Prayer is the way that I feel the closest to Him....I pray and tell Him my concerns, and I feel that He guides me to the answers that I need. My goal as a Catholic is to deepen this relationship that I have with God. Preparing for Confirmation has given me tools for enhancing my relationship with Him, such as learning how He is present everywhere, especially as we went on our service projects and the knowledge that He loves everyone, no matter who they are.

Confirmation Name: Catherine

Confirmation Sponsor: Mary Morini



Jack Werremeyer — Faith is like climbing a mountain; it's not about traveling to the top, it's about the journey. My journey through faith is far from over, but even if I'm nowhere near the end I still have traveled a great distance from where I used to be. It's hard believing in God sometimes because people who don't understand why you believe in him pester you with explanations of how God can't exist, even your closest friends sometimes ask you why you believe in Him. When you dedicate yourself to the Holy Spirit, it's worth the effort...

Confirmation Name: George

Confirmation Sponsor: Bill Hummel

Lancelot Williams — ...Today, our society has too many challenges: homelessness, gun violence, discrimination, bullying, inequality, poverty and so much more. It's really hard to imagine this is the portrait of our God, the One who created us in His own image and likeness, because this is my daily experience of the world around me and most of what I gathered from the media. Good news is so scarce...My faith as a Catholic Christian teaches me to try to love as Christ loves us and treat everyone with respect as He taught because we're all created equal by God. I'm learning to love and forgive but it's hard at times. I'll continue to try to make smart choices and wise decisions to reflect what I believe – none of this is easy but I've been challenged here and I intend to remain on this path.

Confirmation Name: Dominic

Confirmation Sponsor: Emily Perulfi

Julia Winter — Since childhood, faith has been a constant in my life. When I found out my Mom had cancer, I kind of shut down... This was bad, but the worst thing I did was when I started pushing away God. How could He do this to me, after I had been through so much?...Slowly, my Mom's cancer cleared up...God had felt my anger, and He understood me. I have...a belief that God is with me. He is with me at my locker as I try to not be late for class. He's putting as much passion into my drumming as I am. He's going to protests with me, guiding me to change the world. Most importantly, though, is that He stands here with me now as I prepare for Confirmation. He stands beside me as I live my life as a teenager trying to figure out the future.

Confirmation Name: William

Confirmation Sponsor: Aimee Wittman

SOCIAL MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE

Cool Stuff: Saturday, July 28
With setup up on July 27

In July, we will again welcome guests to the Ballroom for warm weather clothing, food, and fellowship. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates on volunteer and donation needs. In the meantime, please be aware we will be asking for the following:

- New socks and underwear, as well as new or gently used T-shirts, pants/shorts, and hats (all for adults and children).
- Food items for the event (sandwich materials, salads, potato salads, fruit, drinks, etc.)
- Volunteers for the event on both 7/27 and 7/28



Just Faith

Just Faith Advisory Council Forming

Attention Just Faith graduates: Please attend an initial meeting of the Just Faith Advisory Council, **May 27th at 9:15 in the Adult Faith Room of the Parish Center**. The purpose of this council is to serve in an advisory capacity with the goal of sustaining and expanding Just Faith offerings at College Church. Must have attended and facilitated a Just Faith program.

Jammin' for Justice to Support Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU)



When: Thursday, June 14th from 6:30-9:30 pm

Cost: \$25 for 1 ticket or \$40 for 2 tickets (\$30 per ticket at the door)

What: Music by The People's Key, small plates and dessert, 50/50, raffle, cash bar, live music, silent auction, door prizes - all in support of MCU and their efforts to reduce the criminalization of black youth and stop the school to prison pipeline. College Church is a member congregation of MCU.

RSVP: Online at MCUStLouis.org or contact Christine at 314-977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org

Can't make the event but still want to support?

You can still purchase raffle tickets to win a hotel stay, dinner, and a movie for \$5/ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets (winner need not be present to win). You can also donate an auction item, dessert, or bottle of wine/spirits. Contact Christine at 314-977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org to support in this way.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Our Religious Education Program is now accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Classes meet three-four times per month (September through May) on Sunday mornings from 9:15am-10:20am for children in grades pre-school (age 3) through eighth grade. Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion are part of our second grade program, as is Confirmation preparation in eighth grade. The registration information for the 2018-19 program year will soon be sent to our current Religious Education families. If you are a new family and would like to register your child(ren), or if you have a child in a Catholic school who would like to make their First Communion or Confirmation at College Church or need further information contact Angie Doerr, Director of Religious Education at angie.doerr@slu.edu.

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: sfxstl.org

Check the website for online bulletins (current and archived), homilies, upcoming presiders, a link to daily readings, our calendar & information about upcoming events!



Ramadan Iftar Dinners

Sharing. Feeling. Fasting.

INVITATION TO A RAMADAN IFTAR DINNER

June 1, 2018, 7:30 pm in the College Church Ballroom

The Niagara Foundation and Turkish American Society of Missouri would like to invite you to a Ramadan Experience: Community Iftar Dinner, graciously hosted by the College Church.

Ramadan is observed for a month annually in the Muslim faith and involves fasting from sunrise until sunset each day. The Iftar dinner breaks the fast with a celebratory meal at sunset. Our friends from the Turkish Muslim community will hold an Iftar Dinner in the College Church Ballroom on Friday evening, June 1 starting at 7:30 pm. Reservations are required and can be made at

<https://www.niagarafoundation.org/ramadan-iftar-dinner-at-st-francis-xavier-college-church/>

A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of the food and will be collected at the dinner.

Community Iftar Dinners bring individuals from different religious and cultural communities together to learn about the significance of the month of Ramadan in Islam, engage in friendly table conversation, and break the fast with a meal. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This year, we encourage participants to abstain from food and drink during the day prior to the Iftar Dinner to experience the holy month of Ramadan. Also please consider donating the funds you would have spent on food not eaten during fast. All donations go to the Turkish American Society of Missouri to help support a refugee family and show our hospitality to the newcomers.



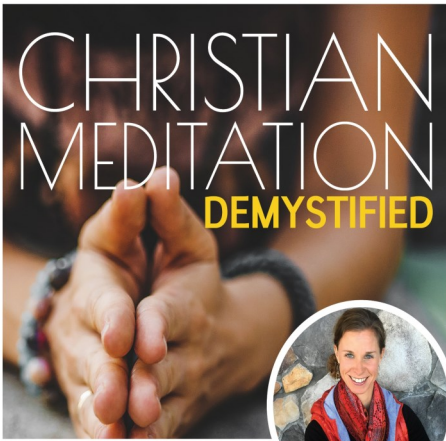
PARISH PICNIC 2019

Everyone had a wonderful time at our 2017 Parish Picnic. Many parishioners asked if we will have another picnic. A special AD Hock Planning Committee is forming to do just that. If you are interested in being part of that committee or even chairing it, contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or by email at marybeth@sfxstl.org



Wade Baughman did an outstanding job coordinating the 2017 picnic and left good detailed notes.





PRESENTED BY JILL FISK

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Meditation is an overlooked spiritual practice, yet it is essential for transformation in Christ. This workshop will confront myths about meditation, hear what wisdom literature says, allow you to discover your personal practice, and empower a life of regular meditation with God.
Cost for the program is \$60. To register, visit ai.edu or call 314.256.8800.
Jill Fisk is a spiritual director, soul care practitioner, meditation instructor, and retreat facilitator with a passion for leading others in prayer. Her methods include physical postures, breath prayer, praying Scripture, imaginative prayer, and centering prayer. She holds a graduate certificate in spiritual direction from Aquinas Institute.

Aquinas Institute of Theology | 23 S. Spring Ave. | St. Louis, MO 63108

Glennon Sunday

Where Faith and Healing Unite



June 3, 2018



SSM Health Cardinal Glennon is the only free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital in the country. In the early 1950's generous Catholics in our community raised the funds to build the hospital – marking the beginning of Glennon Sunday.

Once again we call on the Catholic community of College Church to partner with us by making a donation at Mass during Glennon Sunday weekend, June 2-3. Your gift makes a difference for the children in our community and around the world.

On behalf of our patients and families, may God bless you for providing hope, healing, faith and compassion to every child who walks through the doors at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon, regardless of their family's ability to pay. You can also make your gift online at glennon.org.

CLOUD OF WITNESSES PAST AND PRESENT THREE NIGHTS OF REVIVAL! REVIVAL! REVIVAL!

Revivalist Rev. MANUEL B. WILLIAMS, C.R., CFRE, Th.M.



MAY 21, 22, 23, 6:30pm
Praise and Worship 6pm

Saints Teresa and Bridget Catholic Church
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St. Louis, MO 63113

Rev. Timothy Cook, Pastor

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