



## **St. Francis Xavier (College) Church**

*The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis*  
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Saint Francis Xavier  
College Church

# **June 3, 2018 The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ**

## **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:angeline.doerr@slu.edu).

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**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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- Jim Kalchik
- Bob Powers
- Leslie Matula
- Diane Williams
- Patrick Pasierb
- Kandice Draper
- Lula Chatman
- Don Berg
- Greg Fiudo
- David Byrnes
- Paul Byrnes
- Pam Orbin
- Art Taylor
- Mary Bruemmer
- Geri Greger
- Lisa Zimmerer
- Pat March
- Liz DeRum
- Wayne and Tuck Loui
- Mary Beth Erickson
- Nancy Partridge & service dog Glider
- Maryann Cochran
- Joe Lynne
- Tom Reilly
- Monica Gunn
- Campbell Hodge
- Pat Darcy
- Linda Riek
- Paul Hanson
- Mary Geary Dunn
- Alice Edler
- Anthony Johnson
- Katherine Mansfield
- Jeanne Hermann
- Cooper Treacy
- Codie Oberson
- Bruce Meadows
- Melissa Belk
- James H. Stebbings
- Sue Geile
- Eddie McDevitt
- Mark Roddy
- Dave Schnelt
- Bill Anderson
- Dennis Saunders
- Ramona Lynch
- Steve Clark
- Christine Burke
- Sue Bassett
- Elaine Walker

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

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



**T**oday we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The origins of this celebration are in 13<sup>th</sup> century France. That was a time when the Eucharist was honored greatly but very few people actually received Holy Communion. The Body of Christ was to be adored but not taken by the vast majority of Catholics.

Liturgical practice has changed over the centuries. We now believe the reception of Christ's Body and Blood is not a reward for good behavior, but rather the critical means to help us live our faith. If we limited reception of Communion to those who were worthy, none of us would be able to stand in line. As Pope Francis wrote, the Eucharist "is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

All the sacraments were instituted by Christ to lead the Church to growth in holiness. They are all gifts freely given, not because of any merit of ours, but because the love of Jesus is overwhelmingly generous. The Eucharist is perhaps the most tangible symbol of the utter gratuity of God's love for us.

Our participation in the Eucharist reminds us that our faith has nothing to do with who deserves what. This is about the very real presence of Emmanuel, God with us. The gift of Himself is what Jesus desires for us. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**PARISH CENTER UPDATE**  
 The Parish Center will be closed Friday, June 15. It will reopen Sunday morning at 7:30 am.

**SUMMER MASS TIME CHANGE**

Starting Monday, June 11 our 5:15pm **weekday** Mass will be suspended for the summer. We will re-start at the end of August for the beginning of SLU's academic year.

The 7:15 am and noon weekday Mass will remain the same over the summer.

# WELCOME TO COLLEGE CHURCH!

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

- Gathering Song: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly Gather 852
- Glory to God: Glendalough Mass Gather 261

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Responsorial Psalm 116: I Will Take the Cup of Life Gather 80
- Gospel Acclamation: Glendalough Mass Gather 262

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Preparation of the Gifts: Instrumental (10:30)
- Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations: Glendalough Mass Gather 263, 264, 267

## COMMUNION RITE

- Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God Gather 269
- Communion Song: Draw Near Gather 935
- Eat This Bread (10:30) Gather 941
- Meditation Hymn: Panis Angelicus (10:30) Zach Stachowski

## CONCLUDING RITE

- Recessional Song: O God, Beyond All Praising Gather 598

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## GOODBYE AND HELLO

Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ will be leaving us at the end of July. He is moving from having one job as associate pastor at SFX to having three on SLU's south campus! Fr. Jason will be studying at the school of nursing, teaching a course at the school of nursing, and working at SLU hospital. Fear not, however, as Fr. Jason will still be a presider at mass from time to time. Please follow the bulletin for information of his farewell reception next month.

Fr. Tom Cwik, S.J. will be our new associate pastor. Fr. Tom has most recently served as the pastor at St. Ignatius Loyola parish in Denver. He will begin at College Church September 1.



**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](mailto:marybeth@sfxstl.org)

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



### WANTED: DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church is looking for a Director of Religious Education to oversee the religious formation of the children and youth in the parish and support family life. This is a year round position and requires 30 hours a week. Core responsibilities include assessing the religious education needs for parish children ages preschool through high school, developing and sustaining programs, and recruiting and training catechists.

The qualified applicant is a practicing Catholic knowledgeable in the faith with an ability to inspire, engage, and relate to children and youth. The successful candidate is a creative and enthusiastic self-starter as well as a collaborative leader. Excellent communication and organizational skills are also required. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in theology and/ or a related field; 3+ years experience in Religious Education teaching/ administration. Experience in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is preferred. Completion of state child abuse background check and Archdiocesan "Protecting God's Children" program will be required. Salary commensurate with experience/ education. Send cover letter and resume to [RE@sfxstl.org](mailto:RE@sfxstl.org).

### Front Desk Help Needed

We need help covering a few shifts at the Parish Center front desk while our receptionist is on vacation. Tasks involve answering the phone and greeting the folks who come to our door. We have morning and afternoon shifts from 8:30 am. to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Training will be provided. If your schedule allows and you are interested, please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304.

### JESUIT ORDINATIONS

Please keep in your prayers the four Jesuits who will be ordained at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church next Saturday, June 9. May God bless their priestly ministry to the people of God. Sunday, June 10 Fr. Michael Wegenka, S.J. will celebrate his first Mass here at 8:00 am, and Fr. Penn Dawson, SJ will celebrate his first mass at 10:30 am.

**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](mailto:katie@sfxstl.org)**

### COLLEGE CHURCH PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Parish Life is the heartbeat of our parish community. We strive to assess and respond to the pastoral and social needs of parishioners. The Commission's purpose is revitalized as we prepare to achieve our Strategic Plan goals. The focus is on building and connecting a strong, diverse and unified community that treasures and taps into the gifts of all at College Church. We seek to discover creative ways to celebrate together. We also accompany parishioners through good times as well as difficult times. Currently the commission plans and organizes



parish events such as Xavier Days, the Ministry Fair, and the Appreciation Dinner.

We meet once a month between the Sunday morning Masses for an hour. It's a wonderful group of supportive parishioners who enjoy working together. If you are interested in learning more about the Parish Life Commission or serving as a committee member, contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email [marybeth@sfxstl.org](mailto:marybeth@sfxstl.org). We're looking forward to a year of some wonderful social activities.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

**COOL STUFF 2018**

**Saturday, July 28 ~ 10 am-12 pm**

This July, we will again open the ballroom to men, women, and children to offer food, summer clothing, and hospitality. Here's how you can help!

**CLOTHING DONATIONS:** The following donations will be accepted starting June 3: NEW socks and underwear, T-shirts, shorts/pants, and caps (all for men, women, and children). Donations may be dropped off to the parish center mail room and labeled "Cool Stuff."

**FOOD DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING:** To sign up to bring needed food items or to volunteer (multiple shifts available), please visit the following link (<http://signup.com/go/BPMrjQu>).



For questions on food or clothing donations, please contact Ruth Cochran at [cochranl105@gmail.com](mailto:cochranl105@gmail.com) or Nancy Lewandowski at [nlewandowski@aquariusltd.com](mailto:nlewandowski@aquariusltd.com) For questions about volunteering, please contact Mary White at [whitemct@gmail.com](mailto:whitemct@gmail.com) For questions by phone, please contact Christine at 314-977-7309, but please note she will be out of the office until June 12.

**Parish Trip to Belize: Follow Our Blog!**

A group of parish leaders will be traveling to Belize from May 31-June 11 to build relationships with the two Jesuit parishes, St. Martin de Porres in Belize City and St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda. You can follow our trip by visiting [collegechurchtobelize.wordpress.com](http://collegechurchtobelize.wordpress.com). We will update with blog posts and pictures as often as possible, but appreciate your patience if we cannot update every day.



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



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

Cost: \$25 for one ticket or \$40 for two 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](http://MCUStLouis.org) or contact Christine at 314-977-7309 or [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto: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 five 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](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) to support in this way.

**Volunteers will be present with information in the vestibule after 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sundays, June 3 and June 10.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Calling all Parishioners: Wine and Scissors

*Join us for a night of wine, cheese and camaraderie as we make much needed materials for our RE Programs*

**When: Thursday, June 7 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Where: Parish Center**

All parishioners are invited to join us on Thursday, June 7 from 7-9 pm in the Parish Center to help make materials for our Religious Education Program in a relaxed atmosphere as we enjoy wine, cheese and camaraderie. We are looking for people who enjoy crafts, and want to help our Religious Education program. Our RE numbers are increasing every year, and we need to keep our classrooms well stocked. If you can help, please contact Angie at [angie.doerr@slu.edu](mailto:angie.doerr@slu.edu).

### 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 9:15 am-10:20 am for children in grades kindergarten 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, contact Angie Doerr, Director of Religious Education, for more information at 314-977-7302 or at [angie.doerr@slu.edu](mailto:angie.doerr@slu.edu).



### Volunteers Needed For Children's Religious Education

Are you interested in helping children grow in our Catholic faith? We are currently seeking volunteer leaders to help with our Religious Education program. The commitment is three/ four Sundays a month from 9:15 to 10:20 am September through May. Leaders work in teams of two or more. Curriculum materials and training are available. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Angie at 314-977-7302 or [adoerr3@slu.edu](mailto:adoerr3@slu.edu).



### Wanted: Help with Small Woodworking Projects

Our preschool/ kindergarten/first grade and second grade Religious Education classes use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program. We are currently in need of some help with some simple woodworking projects. Plans for the projects are available and we will reimburse you for any expenses. If you are interested in helping, please contact Angie at [angie.doerr@slu.edu](mailto:angie.doerr@slu.edu)

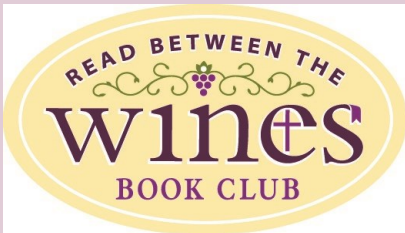


**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers parishioner John Truman, husband of Linda Truman. May they and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.

**Xavier Books Spring Sale**

Before returning books to our suppliers, we are offering them to you at a 30% discount **TODAY**. There are collections of homilies by Pope Francis, books about Pope Francis, books on the Examen and Ignatian Spirituality, prayer, social justice, saints and some books for children. Come find a book to help you grow during the summer months or as a gift for someone. Sale is in the ballroom after both Sunday morning Masses.



The Daughters of St. Paul will host WINE, Women in the New Evangelization, and their Summer Book Club, "Read Between the Wine's" on Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm beginning June 20 at Pauline Book's and Media, 9804 Watson Rd. in Crestwood.

WINE is a creative and inspired ministry to invigorate Catholic women through encouraging, supporting, and nurturing them in their faith and by equipping and mobilizing them as intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. WINE begins with an invitation for women to enter into a life-changing encounter with Christ and to "do whatever he tells you." Jn. 2:2-5

Stay connected with your faith and friends this summer as we read *The Friendship Project: The Catholic Women's Guide to Making and Keeping Fabulous, Faith-Filled Friends* by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet. For more information, call 314-965-3512.



**YSP JR. SEARCHING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICANTS**

YSP Jr. invites middle school students (grades 6-7-8 during the 2017-2018 school year) to a one-day workshop on musical theater and faith on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. Students will learn one musical number to perform before the YSP performance of *Godspell*. The cost is \$35 per student which includes t-shirt, rehearsal and retreat materials, and dinner. Registrations accepted through June 16 at [youthsingpraise.com/yspjr](http://youthsingpraise.com/yspjr)

**YOUTH SING PRAISE PRESENTS GODSPELL**

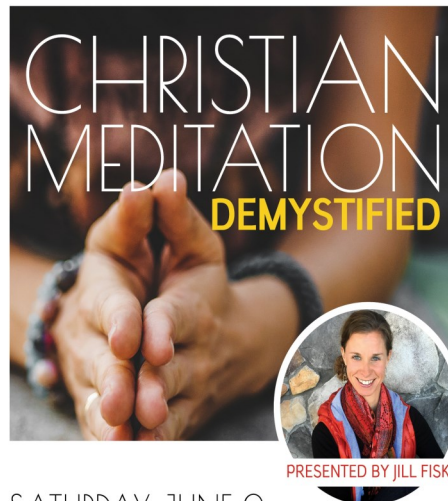
Join us Saturday, June 23 at 7:00 pm for a fun, free evening of musical theater at the outdoor Amphitheater at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. Youth Sing Praise is proud to present *Godspell*. Performance will go on rain or shine. Admission is free, and donations to support this ministry are welcome. For more information, visit [www.youthsingpraise.com](http://www.youthsingpraise.com).



### 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](mailto:thomas.auffenberg@slu.edu)



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 [slu.edu](http://slu.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.



### THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION'S FAITH OUTREACH INITIATIVE AND SFX PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

St. Louis University's Health Resource Center and the Geriatric Education Center are offering a FREE Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment clinic for people 65 or older. The clinic is the first Thursday of the month at the Health Resource Center, 1408 North Kingshighway, #213.

A comprehensive cognitive and physical assessment is more extensive than a screening appointment. Over a two hour visit (approximate), the team will conduct the following assessments: medical, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, nutrition, and social services.

To schedule an appointment, please contact the SLU Geriatric Division Office at 314-977-8462.

### NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS Scripture study courses online

You or your parish Bible Study or prayer group can enroll in one of five online courses: *The Gospel of John*; *Women in the Bible*; *In Search of St. Paul*; *In Search of St. Paul*; *The Book of Revelation*; and *The Passion Narratives in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John*. Each course features recommended readings, extensive study notes, and a facilitated discussion board for comments and questions.

The next term begins July 1 and continues through August 31. The same five courses will be offered again every two months.

Courses are facilitated by Mark Etling, Ph. D., Spiritual Programs Coordinator at the Shrine. Fees are \$40 per person for a four-unit course, and \$60 per person for a six-unit course.

To enroll, call 618-394-6270 or go online: [snows.org/onlineScripture](http://snows.org/onlineScripture).

### OFFER YOUR LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCE TO SERVE OTHERS



The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit program that invites faith-motivated men and women over 50 to serve the materially poor, transform lives and work for social change. They work with varied populations: low-income students, children, ex-offenders, immigrants, homeless, the unemployed and developmentally disabled. Volunteers are retired or semi-retired, recognized God's goodness in their lives and desire to give back, helping the less fortunate. They volunteer two days a week for ten months, September to June, reflect and pray on their service, meet monthly as an IVC community and one-on-one with a spiritual reflector. Join us! For more information, contact Vicki Simon, IVC Director, 314-758-7147 [vsimon@jesuits.org](mailto:vsimon@jesuits.org) or visit our Website, [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org)

**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 ten 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.**

**YOU ARE THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

Sometimes the Washington DC office numbers of our members of Congress are busy. Here are their local office phone numbers:

Sen. Roy Blunt:  
314-725-4484

Sen. Claire McCaskill:  
314-367-1364

Rep. Lacy Clay (MO 1st District):  
314-367-1970

Rep. Ann Wagner (MO 2nd District):  
636-779-5449