



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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July 7th, 2019
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 and Noon

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 bulletin@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 314-977-7310 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 Katie Jansen Larson at 314-977-1954 or Katie@sfxstl.org.

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 Katie Jansen Larson at 314-977-1954.

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 Terry Edelman at edelmanm@slu.edu or Julie Kilian at Julie.kilian4@gmail.com

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 Edelman at marietherese.edelman@slu.edu.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



I saw recently some people at the Tower Grove farmer's market carrying signs stating, *Cruelty is un-American. I really wish that were true.*

Unfortunately, it is not. Even a cursory glance at our history reveals how brutality is part of our social fabric. The dispossession of land and violence against Native Americans, the horrors of racial slavery, the fear and loathing of immigrants, and the willingness to accept large-scale poverty are only some of the signs of the sufferings in our nation's history. I would argue cruelty is as American as baseball, apple pie, and the 4th of July.

Let me be clear, that is not the totality of who we are. There are many examples and episodes where the ideals of our nation have shone forth. Respect for the individual person, compassion for those in need, a desire to right wrongs, and a willingness to seek justice are also deeply embedded in us.

I believe it is far more helpful to engage the complexity of our national experience without sugar-coating who we are or turning a blind eye to the more tragic aspects.

This is where we as faithful Christians can help our country. We take seriously the fact of our individual and communal sinfulness. Reconciliation only comes from naming faults, and admitting our need for healing. Yet, this recognition does not cripple us but frees us. Honesty, humility and the desire to change are values not just for church but the public square as well.

Help Needed In Our Parish Center

We are grateful for the faithful help and support of all of our front volunteers (Margaret Craig, Judy Farace, Steve Gilbert, Debbie Kuming, Teresa Jorgen, and Carol Joselyn) in helping our parish center continue to function while Joyce is on vacation or out ill.

The times we need help are from 8:30 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday as needed. You determine your availability. Job responsibilities include answering the phone, greeting our guests and sorting mail. Training will be provided..

If you are interested, please contact Katie Jansen Larson at 314-977-1954 or Joyce at 314-977-7300. We can help to answer your questions or schedule a time for you to come in and watch what would be involved in volunteering at the front desk.

Many thanks for considering this!

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 joseph.milner@slu.edu



Looking for a Summer Project?

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for children is growing and we are seeking your help! We are in need of volunteers who can paint, sew or do small wood-working projects. Instructions and materials will be provided. Please contact Julie Kilian for more information at julie.kilian4@gmail.com. Thank-you!



Dear College Church Parishioners,

This fiscal year for 2018-19 comes to a close at the end of June. I want to provide a summary of our financial status this past year, and some information on our 2019-20 budget as well.

Let me begin by thanking everyone for your support of College Church. There is simply no way we could have such diverse and exceptional ministries without your generosity. The breadth and quality is a testament to the community's desire to grow in love of God and our neighbor. I am grateful for all you do.

This past year we managed our expenses well. The staff at College Church is terrific at keeping our services and programs within budget. It is quite impressive how we are able to accomplish so much while remaining a very lean operation. Their work reflects good stewardship of the parish's financial resources.

As of the end of May, we were running a deficit of about \$30,000. This can be attributed to the past winter when we had four Sundays of snow and ice. The decrease in offertory those weekends parallels our deficit. Unfortunately, I have failed to figure out how to control the weather. I do know on-line giving is the best way to mitigate the issue. It limits the impact of parishioners being unable to make it to SFX.

The 2019-20 budget has been approved by the parish council. This budget has a \$25,000 deficit. No one likes to begin the year with an estimated deficit, but I am confident that we can make up the amount and more. This means an increase in our weekly offertory. That is the best, most consistent source of revenue for the parish. An increase of \$550 each week would eliminate the deficit. And given what I mentioned above, I encourage strongly on-line giving. We are operating currently with about 40% of the parish giving on-line. That is a fantastic number. However, I would like to challenge us to strive for 50% this year. That would make a significant difference for our finances.

Finally, let me share on a more long-term way of thinking about our financial status. The good news is that over the past several years our costs have remained relatively flat. The not so good news is our revenues are flat, too. The agreement with SLU to pay an annual fee for goods and services required has gone well. This fiscal year SLU will put in a new HVAC system for the church and parish office at a cost of almost \$1 million. The parish Gala revenue is needed to balance the budget. I would like for us to strive to achieve its original purpose as a separate fund-raiser.

Thank you again for your incredible support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or ideas.

Fr. Dan

UPDATE FOR 2019-2020 COLLEGE CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Effective this year all children entering preschool, prekindergarten and kindergarten classes will be in the

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program. This is a Montessori-based program where children work at their own pace as they learn to experience the love of God. Parents of children in grades first through eighth will have a choice of a traditional religious education program or the CGS program, although space in the CGS program is limited and priority will be given for families already in that program.

All religious education and CGS classes embrace the Jesuit tradition of love of God and service to others. Children come to appreciate God's love for them in various ways using Church teaching, and the people and environment around them. Starting in Second Grade each class spends one session making sandwiches for our neighbors as they study the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan. Beginning in Fourth Grade all classes have an outside day of service at an agency in our community.

Registration online is now available at <https://sfxstl.org/religious-education-registration>. Please contact Sam at sam.herbig@slu.edu if you need further assistance with online registration.

In addition to our children's programs we offer a speaker series for parents, and an opportunity for parents to participate in a special way in their children's sacramental preparations. All families in the Religious Education programs must register for the College Church.

Classes meet most Sunday mornings from September through May. For more information contact Terry Edelman at edelmanm@slu.edu, or Julie Kilian, at Julie.kilian4@gmail.com.

Invitation to Volunteer In College Church Youth Faith Formation Classes

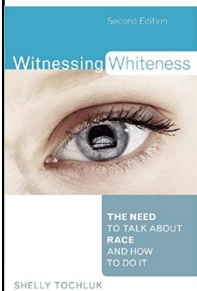
The College Church Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs are looking for adults to be catechists or aides for children ages 3 through Grade 8 in this coming school year. Full-time catechists and aids are offered free tuition for their children in the religious education or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs. Both curriculums are based on the Ignatian tradition of love of God and service to others

Our classes meet most Sundays from September through early May at 9:15. Classes are held in the Parish Center and in Davis Shaughnessy Hall. Experience is not required and ample training and support will be provided. For more information contact Terry Edelman @edelmanm@slu.edu for the Religious Education Program or Julie Kilian at Julie.kilian4@gmail.com for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

“Witnessing Whiteness” program offered again Mondays in the Fall

Witnessing Whiteness groups, offered through the YWCA, are white people coming together to do work around racism in a supportive, non-threatening setting. It is about learning to speak about race & racism, exploring white privilege, and practicing allying with sisters and brothers of color. WW groups are designed for individuals who identify as white. College Church will once again host a WW group in the fall.



When: The following Monday evenings from 6-8pm in the College Church parish center. Please sign up **ONLY** if you can commit to making at least 8 of the following 10 sessions from 6-8 pm: 8/19 8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9

To sign up: Use the link <https://forms.gle/LgPtnbdUe329mamU9> or contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309.

Detailed information will be emailed to participants as the start date approaches. Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

SIGN UP TO HELP for Cool Stuff: THIS Saturday, July 13th with setup on Monday 7/8 and Friday 7/12



In July, we will again welcome guests to the Ballroom for warm weather clothing, food, and fellowship. Plenty of volunteers and donations are needed. Here is how you can help!

CLOTHING DONATIONS: NEW socks (especially shorter socks) and underwear, new or gently used T-shirts, tanks, shorts/pants, caps, other weather appropriate clothing items (all for men, women, and children). Donations may be dropped off to the parish center mail room and labeled “Cool Stuff.” **Please label by gender and size if possible. Clothing items needed by Thursday, 7/11.**

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

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

New Members Needed for St. Vincent DePaul Society at College Church



Have you felt the desire to live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received? You are invited to join other parish members serving people in need within our parish area by joining the St. Francis Xavier conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Two-person teams visit the homes of those in need to help with food, rent, utilities, clothing, and other types of support.

The amount of time you wish to give is completely up to you. To learn more about this rewarding experience, please contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7309.

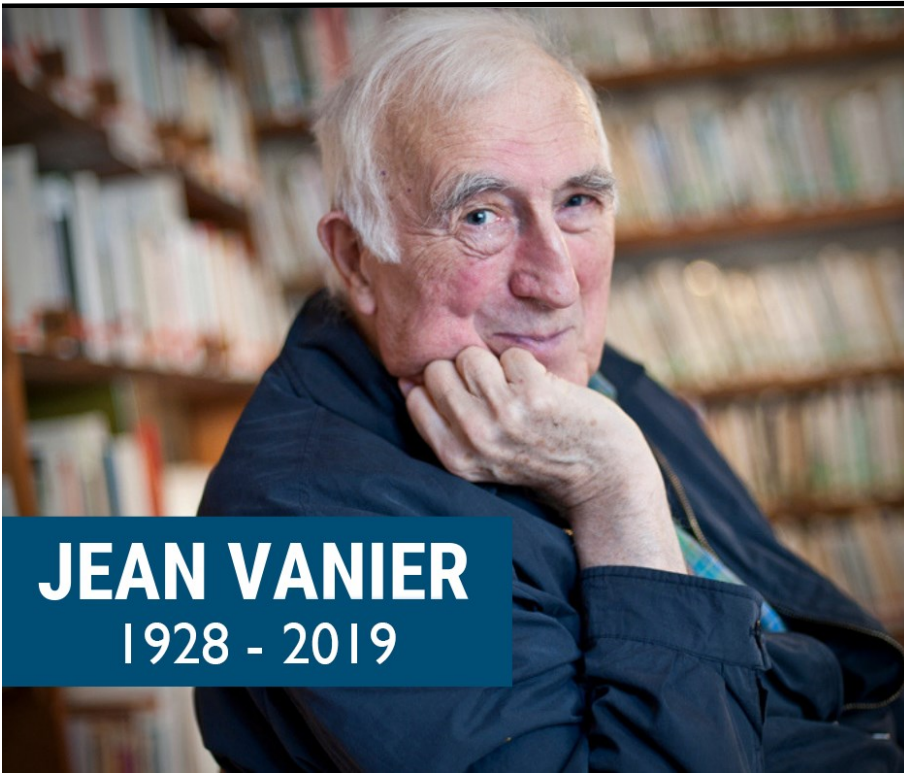
Dear St. Francis Xavier,

The weekend of July 13-14 we will host Fr. Gabriel Corraya a priest from Bangladesh for our annual mission appeal. Fr. Gabriel will preside and preach at our liturgies. He will share his experiences of the Church in a very different place and culture. The Catholic community is quite new. His diocese was only created 8 years ago. It is also small. There are 17,000 Catholics in the diocese out of a total population of 12 million. This is a wonderful way to learn about our sisters and brothers on the other side of the world. Below is some information on his ministry Fr. Gabriel would like to share:

Sylhet is a tribal Diocese. The majority of the people live and work in tea gardens. There are about 225 Tea-Estates in Sylhet Division and about 700,000 people, majority of them are Hindus and only a very few are Christian. Among the tea garden people there are Uraon, Kharia, Garo, Shantal, Mundari tribes. These tea garden people are the most poor, needy, neglected and marginalized people. One or two persons may have permanent work in tea garden from each family. A permanent worker earns only Tk. 102 per day (little more than a US dollar). It is so little a family can not afford to buy enough food or bare necessities of life. They are extremely deprived of basic human rights, dignity and needs such as good housing, good health, education, human dignity, just wages, good transportation etc. Because of lack of proper food, education, awareness and sanitation, many people, especially children, suffer from mal-nutrition and different types of diseases. Besides the Tea-Estate Christians there is another prominent group called Khasia. Most of them live in the hilly areas and they do not have their own land even though they have been living hundreds of years in those areas. They live on the cultivation of the betel leaves and other agricultural products. I work mainly with tea garden people. A new minor seminary started only in 2018 and newly established centre for handicap children for tea garden and punji.

Our priorities at the moment are: education for children, works of evangelization, nutrition programs for the school going students, and formation programs for children, youth and couples.





JEAN VANIER
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**Parish Life Commission
Looking for More Members**

The Parish Life Commission is responsible for planning many of our parish activities like the Appreciation Dinner we had in the spring. We meet once a month on the second Sunday in the ballroom after the 8:00 am Mass. For more information, please call Katie Jansen Larson at 314-977-1954.

**Foundations of
Mindfulness**

Join us for four two-hour classes exploring the practices and benefits of mindfulness including reducing stress, better physical and emotional health, slowing the aging of the brain, and strengthening relationships.
Wednesday Evenings: 6:30-8:30 pm
Mercy Conference and Retreat Center 2039 N. Geyer Rd. 63131 Visit www.mercycenterstl.org for more information.

Please join L'Arche, the Community of Faith & Light, and St. Francis Xavier College Church for a service celebrating the life and legacy of Jean Vanier.

Followed by a reception with light refreshments

When: Tuesday, July 16 at 7pm

Where: St. Francis Xavier College Church
3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

*Free parking is available in the Laclede Garage

Mary Beth Erickson is in need of help on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays to help her transfer from her wheelchair to her lift chair and back again a couple of hours later. She has no sensation in her legs so two people are needed each time...two to get on and two to get off. The get on time is about 1:00 pm and the take off time is between 4-5 pm. If you can help, please call her at 314-845-0808. Mary Beth will put together a schedule that would work for you. She is also looking for someone to be a caregiver some mornings to help get out of bed, get dressed and help with toileting duties. This would be a paid position.

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to bulletin@sfxstl.org.
Before Thursday at noon

College Church Hoodies \$30.00
(mens sizes Small to 3X)

**We are also selling pint glasses
 for \$10 each.**

**Call Katie at
 314-977-1954
 to place an order!**



Presiders

July 6th & 7th, 2019

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

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Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. Gabriel Corraya
10:30 am	Fr. Gabriel Corraya
4:30 pm	Fr. May, S.J.

**Mercy Conference and Retreat Center welcomes
 The Program for Psychology & Religion at
 St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute:**

Pastoral Responses to ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION & ANXIETY: Preventing CRISIS & SUICIDE in the Church's Youth. Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 Location: Mercy Conference and Retreat Center / 2039 N. Geyer Rd. 63131 Time: Check-in: 8:30am / Workshop: 9:00am - Noon (Lunch not provided.)

There is little more frightening for a youth minister than when a young person confides that they are having thoughts of harming or killing themselves. This workshop is intended for church pastors, youth ministers, and directors of religious education to help prepare them to respond to youth in their fellowship who might be experiencing depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. Participants will be educated on the signs of adolescent depression, anxiety, and suicidality. They will learn basic pastoral intervention that can help keep a youth safe, and will be provided community mental health resources to support the youth and the family. Cost: \$40.00 (Includes handouts & a certificate of attendance. Light beverages & snacks will be provided.)

About our Presenter: Gary U. Behrman, PhD, MSW, M.Div., LCSW is an Assistant Adjunct Professor at Saint Louis University (SLU) Schools of Allied Health, Public Health, and Medicine Dr. Behrman is regionally recognized for his expertise as a presenter, clinician, educator, and consultant. His research and publications explore trauma recovery theory from multiple forms of abuse and the role of spirituality in creating healthy aging. He currently has a private practice in Kirkwood.

Registration and payment requested by noon on July 25 with the form available online at mercycenterstl.org-For assistance with registration, please call 314-966-4686

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