



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

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Saint Francis Xavier College Church

September 10, 2017 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm Anticipation of Sunday
 Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm

Monday - Friday
 7:15 am, Noon, 5:15 pm
Saturday
 7:15 am

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: 4:00 pm through 5:00 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: contact Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ at 314-977-7301 for scheduling and preparation information at least 45 days in advance. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12:00 pm.

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

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

Funerals: contact Fr. Dan White, SJ or Sister Carolyn McWaters, 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 adoerr3@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 adoerr3@slu.edu.

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WELCOME TO COLLEGE CHURCH!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: As We Gather at Your Table

Gather 839

Glory to God: Duchesne Mass

Michael Joncas

9
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. *mf*

13
We praise you, we bless_ you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy_ you, we *f*

17
give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, hea-ven - ly King, O

God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

24
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone, you a - lone are the Lord, *mf*

28
you a - lone are the Most_ High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly_ Spi - rit in the *f* *rit.*

32
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - ho, a - ho.

A - men, A - men.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95, If Today You Hear God's Voice

Gather 66

Gospel Acclamation: Duchesne Mass

Michael Joncas

Cantor/Assembly

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

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

THE NICENE CREED MAY BE FOUND ON THE INSIDE COVER OF THE HYMNAL**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation Song (10:30) Love One Another

James Chepponis

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations: Community Mass

Gather 370, 373, 372

Refrain

Love one an - oth - er, for love is of God.

Love one an - oth - er, for God is love.

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of Bread: Lamb of God

Gather 389

Communion Song: Ubi Caritas

Gather 696

Meditation Song (10:30): Healing River of the Spirit

Gather 665

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: The Peace of the Earth

Gather 820

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Pope Francis spoke recently with young people and offered a striking image of Jesus Christ. Recalling Jesus' interactions with people, the Pope likened him to an "arsonist" who sets his disciple's hearts on fire. It is an arresting metaphor that reveals Jesus in a way that disturbs and rings true at the same time. It reminded me of a lyric from one of my favorite singer-songwriters, Jason Isbell. He sings, *You thought God was an architect / but now you know, He's something like a pipe-bomb ready to go / and everything you built that's all for show, goes up in flames.*

It is a very great temptation to domesticate God. We tend to want to limit, capture and contain God within our finite perspective. In some ways, we have to because it is the only way creatures can understand the Creator. We should be quite clear, though, that that is what we are doing. And we need to be even more clear God is never tamed.

The Holy Father and Mr. Isbell jar us from complacency. Coming from very different places, both show the danger to our carefully constructed illusions. The God of "fire" and "explosiveness" is not contained, despite our best efforts. An authentic encounter with the Living God is a dangerous thing because it leaves a person forever changed. Both seem to say, "Seek God, but you've been warned."

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



WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 1 after both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses in the Ballroom for a special Donut Sunday by zip code. Come meet other parishioners who live in your neighborhood. No need to make a reservation, just come down to the ballroom after Mass.



Pastoral Care Visits

If you would like to have someone bring communion to you or have a pastoral visit, please contact the parish by calling 314-977-7300. We would be happy to arrange this for you!

Pray for the Sick

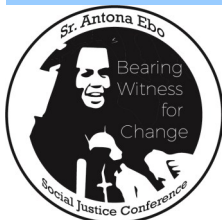
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Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to add or remove names.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

First Annual Sister Antona Ebo Social Justice Conference Bearing Witness for Change: Come, Listen, Live, Witness

When: September 30, 2017 from 8am - 3pm

Where: Cardinal Rigali Center: 20 Archbishop May Drive, St Louis, Missouri 63119



Opening Prayer and Testimony to Sr Antona Ebo: Fr. Art Cavitt, Pastor of St Nicholas Parish and Executive Director of the St Charles Lwanga Center.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Starsky Wilson, Pastor of St John's UCC Church, President & CEO of the Deaconess Foundation and Co-Chair of the Ferguson Commission. Rev Wilson will share his thoughts on how our faith calls us to work for justice.

A light continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Participants are welcome ages 13 and above.

Please be sure to RSVP at: <http://tinyurl.com/y8tw46ww>

Outreach Program Updates

Our twice weekly Documentation Assistance (Outreach) Program facilitates access to Missouri State IDs and birth certificates for low income individuals, Our guests need their identification for access to important resources and services, but experience logistical and financial barriers to obtaining those documents.

Here are some updates on who we served through our program from July 2016 - June 2017:

- ◆ Served a total of 3,441 guests, 55% Male, 45% Female
- ◆ Assisted with 2,341 Missouri State ID cards
- ◆ Assisted with 2,730 birth certificates, 970 of which were for children
- ◆ Provided 2,449 toiletry care kits and 2,659 bag lunches
- ◆ 83% of guests reported that they live in St. Louis City, vs. 17% in St. Louis County
- ◆ 46% of guests reported that they were currently experiencing homelessness
- ◆ 42% of guests reported that they were formerly incarcerated
- ◆ The top reasons for needing an ID and/or birth certificate were (in order): Employment, Housing, Applying for Benefits, Health Needs, School, and Cashing Checks



Thank you for your ongoing support of this important ministry!



Just Faith 2017-2018: Be The Change Today, Sept. 10 is the Final Registration Date!

Just Faith is an intensive, small group learning experience for people looking to deepen their commitment to care for the vulnerable in their community. Through study, direct experience, dialogue, speakers and prayer, participants explore glaring contemporary reality and its implications to their lives and the lives of the marginalized. For further details about Just Faith go to JustFaith.org, Consider attending one of our monthly informational sessions:

TODAY, Sunday, September 10 after just the 10:30 am Mass (Location TBD)

FINAL REGISTRATION DATE: Today, Sunday, September 10

Contact Christine Dragonette to enroll at 314-977-7309 or dragonettecm@slu.edu.

Register today!

Auction items needed!

- Restaurant or retail gift cards (\$50 or more is ideal)
- Hotel stays or weekend getaways
- Sporting event tickets and/or auto-graphed sports paraphernalia
- Group outings or experiences such as wine tastings
- Bottles of wine valued at \$20 or more
- Themed gift baskets

Contact: Wade Baughman at 314-307-0535 or at mwba16@gmail.com

Donors will be provided with a donation acknowledgment form from the parish for tax purposes.



*Saint Francis Xavier College Church
Grand Night Gala
at The Coronado
Friday, November 10, 2017*



FUN AT THE 2016 GALA ...



THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES AND MY LIFE

Ever wonder what the Sunday readings have to do with transforming your daily life? Come explore a deeper look into the meaning of God's Word. A small group meets each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:20 in room 15, main floor of the Pastoral Center. Come when you can. Facilitators are Lea Koesterer, Steve Gilbert, and S. Carla Mae Streeter, OP, Coordinator. Contact streeter@slu.edu or 314-256-8882 for more information.

DONUT SUNDAYS ARE BACK!



Donuts, coffee and juice will be offered after the 8:00 and 10:30 am Masses **this Sunday, September 10!**

Donut Sunday's will be the second Sunday of each month beginning in September. However, the October Donut Sunday will be on October 1 because of a conflict with the ballroom schedule.

We are in need of additional volunteers to help with Donut Sunday. Please consider this!



Religious Education Opening Day

Religious Education in the Jesuit Tradition of Love of God and Service to Others

Welcome to our new Religious Education year! We look forward to journeying in faith with you and your family this year! Our mission is to provide the best religious education and formation for your child and family. With the help of over 65 generous and dedicated parents-teachers, parishioners and SLU students we are excited to make this happen!

We are equally excited about all the new additions to our programs this year. We have added a staff person Sam Herbig and four new parent subcommittees to strengthen and enhance our RE programs. These subcommittees are part of our Youth Faith Commission and are focused on building our



RE parents' community and spirituality, improving our communications, embracing diversity and enhancing our service outreach and reflection.

Thank you for choosing us to be your partners. You as parents are the most important part of our team. Please feel free to contact us with any comments or suggestions you might have. We will do our very best to ensure that the trust you have placed in us to do this important work is well founded.

Blessings on the new year!!!

Angie

Welcome Sam

We would like to introduce Sam Herbig – our new Coordinator of Religious Education! Sam is joining the College Church staff after having finished a year of service in the Jesuits' Alum Service Corps. He served as a theology teacher and pastoral assistant at Regis Jesuit High School in Aurora, CO, and is bringing his educational, ministry, and service talents to our program. He is very excited to be returning to his home town and home parish. Sam will be assisting Angie with the operations of RE, especially with the growth of our service program and Youth Group. He can be reached at sam.herbig@slu.edu.



It's not too late! Religious Education Program Still Accepting Registrations

The Religious Education program for children in grades Kindergarten through Eighth Grade begins on Sunday, September 10th. Classes meet most Sundays from 9:15 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Sacramental preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation are part of the Second Grade program, as is Confirmation preparation for the Eighth Grade.

For more information, or to register your child(ren), contact Angie Doerr at angeline.doerr@slu.edu

Welcome New Families!

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier College Church! We would like to give you more information on the various resources we offer families:

- Our Nursery is open from 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Sundays, and welcomes children ages 9 months to two years. Please stop by Room 16 of the Parish Center to sign your child in.
- Our young families typically in the South Transept of the Church during our 10:30 a.m. Mass – please consider joining them to meet new faces!



- See our other sections of this bulletin for more information on our Children's Liturgy of the Word and

Children's Liturgy of the Word for Ages 5-12

The Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes Sunday, September 10th. This is a program for children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade to experience God's presence in the proclamation of the Word during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The children are called forward after the Opening Prayer. After the Presider greets the children, they process into the Parish Center where they are divided into four groups according to age. The leaders then help the children hear the Word of God and nurture their response in prayer, praise, and Christian living. The children return to the Congregation following the Prayers of the Faithful. Any child of school age is welcome to attend; no pre-registration is required.



Xavier Youth Group – Eighth Grade and High School Students

Welcome back from summer break! Now that we are getting back into the swing of things with school, we would like to invite you to join our Youth Group program here at College Church. All 8th-12th graders are invited! We gather once a month for Mass, lunch, fun and games, and service – all in the name of growing in faith and friendship

Our first Mass and meeting is October 1st at 10:30 a.m. in the Lower Chapel. All are invited to bring their gifts of music, lecturing, or altar serving. Afterwards we will gather to meet the Youth Leaders and share food, faith, and fellowship. We will have a meeting for parents the same day from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. in the Lower Adult Faith Room. For more information, contact Rebecca or Sam at youth-min@slu.edu.



HURRICANE HARVEY ASSISTANCE

From Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis

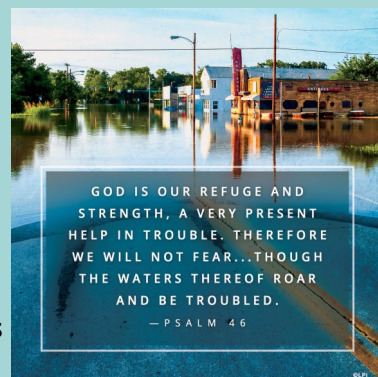
I know I speak for every person in the Archdiocese of St. Louis when I say how deeply saddened I am by the death and massive devastation our brothers and sisters in the South are experiencing in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. It is difficult to comprehend how something so terrible can happen on such a scale and at times like these we turn in faith and ask the Lord to carry those who are suffering and who have lost so much.

To help the suffering who survived this disaster, I am asking our nearly 200 parishes in 11 counties to have a second collection at all Masses this weekend. Funds raised will go directly to Catholic relief efforts via Catholic Charities of St. Louis.

If you would like to assist in the efforts you may:

- Send a check payable to Catholic Charities of St. Louis to: PO Box 952393, St. Louis, MO 63195-2393 (make sure Hurricane Harvey 2017 is noted)
- Go to Catholic Charities web site ccstl/get-involved/donate (be sure to select the Hurricane Harvey 2017 Fund)
- Place your donation into the second collection today.

I will offer Mass for those who died in this tragedy, as well as their families and friends who mourn their loss. I ask you to please join your prayer to mine for our neighbors who must now rebuild their lives.



LIGHTWORKS AN EXPERIENCE OF IGNATIAN PRAYER



LIGHTWORKS is a “light form of work,” a series of limbering up exercises for the spirit. Physical exercises build muscle, increase stamina, and develop flexibility. So LIGHTWORKS does for the spirit. These exercises of prayer and reflection build our relationship with God and help us become more aware of God’s presence in our lives. It consists of weekly group sessions. Participants are given scripture passages or reflections from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius to pray over each week. These invite us into conversation with God about our lives. Then during the weekly session, there is sharing about these passages and a presentation from one of the facilitators. There are 15 weekly sessions with seven before Thanksgiving and eight in the new year. LIGHTWORKS will be offered at College Church this fall on Sundays from noon until 2:00 pm, beginning on Oct. 1.

Flyers are available at the doorways of the church. For more information or to register, please contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu

LOOKING TO HELP YOUR FAITH GROW?

College Church offers many opportunities to share, reflect, discuss or learn through adult faith activities. Today, following the Sunday morning masses, representatives of the Adult Faith Commission and participants from our various programs will be in the ballroom to share their experiences and answer questions about the various programs and opportunities to explore your faith in new ways. Come down and join us for conversation and refreshments. For further information, please contact Joe Milner at joseph.milner@slu.edu

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
sfxstl.org

Please check the new website for online bulletins, homilies from the previous weekend, our calendar and information about upcoming events!

PRESIDERS

Sept. 9-10

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. Jack Hunthausen, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. Dan White, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. Jason Brauning, S.J.

Sept. 16-17

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. Mike May, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. Dan White, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. Dan White, S.J.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps145:1B-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3,10-13AB:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4B-9; Ps 78:1BC-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1B-2A, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 OR Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1Tim 1:15-17, Ps 113:1B-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27: 30-28:7; Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

JULY OFFERTORY REPORT

	July		2017-2018 Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Date	
			Actual	Budget
Offertory: Envelopes	\$22,585	\$30,000	\$22,585	\$30,000
Offertory: On-Line	\$25,360	\$23,620	\$25,360	\$23,620
Holy Day Gifts	\$0	10	\$0	10
Offertory: Loose Cash	\$8,000	\$5,415	\$8,000	\$5,415
Christmas Collection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$55,945	\$59,035	\$55,945	\$59,035
YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$3,090)			

BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

Fr. Stanley Rother, a priest from Oklahoma, volunteered to serve in the diocesan mission in Guatemala. He learned the Mayan dialect and won the trust of the community. When resentment against social injustice turned to resistance, government repression developed. His name appeared on one of the death lists and he returned to Oklahoma but found it unbearable to be away from the people. He returned to Guatemala. On July 28, 1981, gunmen tried to kidnap him. When he resisted, he was shot. On September 23, he will be beatified in Oklahoma. Prayer cards, making the beatification are available at the doorways to the church.



COLLEGE CHURCH SEMINARS

Dr. Nichol's seminars resume on Oct. 1. This fall the focus will be the book of Psalms. Sessions are on Sundays from 9:15 until 10:15 am in the Adult Faith Room. The start date will be available soon. Everyone is welcome. Come when you can. Contact Dr. Frank Nichols, nicholfw@slu.edu for further information.

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