



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:15 pm Anticipation of Sunday
 Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm
 Weekday
 Monday—Friday
 7:15 am, Noon, 5:15 pm *In the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level.*
(There are no 5:15 pm Liturgies on holidays)
 Saturday: 7:15 am *in the Chapel of Our Lady*

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.

Pray for the Sick

Rose Zoia
 Dolores Tape
 Pam Orbin
 Art Taylor
 Liz Shen
 Diane Mees
 Jack Korte
 Meliaa A
 Rosemary P
 George Burkel
 Mary Bruemmer
 Mae Mary Black
 Geri Greger
 Lisa Zimmerer
 Helen DeRuntz
 Pat March
 Tom Urban
 Liz DeRum
 Dan Toohey
 Wayne Loui
 Cheryl Rauschenbach
 Delores Garrido
 Kathy Fitzgerald
 Paul Fister
 Nancy Partridge and
 service-dog, Glider
 Maryann Cochran
 Joe Lynne
 Tuck Loui
 Elisabeth Wall-Smith
 Frank Matula
 Jay McGillick
 Theresa Poetz
 Mary Jo Munkel
 Fr. Carl Dehne, SJ
 John and Colin Martin
 David Schnelt
 Tom Reilly
 Monica Gunn
 Neil Kielty
 Carol Williams
 Mary Beth Erickson
 Pat Darcy
 Linda Riek
 Paul Hanson
 Rick Barbieri, Jr,
 Betty Will-Bower
 Sr. Alice Mary Buckley
 Eileen McCann

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

Parish Information

Fax: 314-977-7315

E-mail Address: church@slu.edu

Hours: Monday through Friday;\ Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Bulletin notices must be submitted by email to church@slu.edu by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

For Infant Baptisms, contact Fr. Juan Carlos Rivera, 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 noon.

For Christian Initiation of Adults, contact Joe Milner at 314- 977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu
For Marriages contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

For Funerals, contact Fr. White, SJ or Fr. Juan Carlos Rivera, SJ. To notify the parish that a member of your family has passed away and the funeral is not at the College Church, please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or church@slu.edu.

Disability Access: Our church is equipped with an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Parish Registration is 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 is available for kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes meet September through May on Sunday mornings. **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program** for ages 3-6 years. Contact Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or adoerr3@slu.edu.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is celebrated weekly for children in kindergarten through seventh grade at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. **Childcare** is available for children ages six months through pre-kindergarten during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center Nursery. Contact Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or adoerr3@slu.edu.

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Welcome to the College Church!

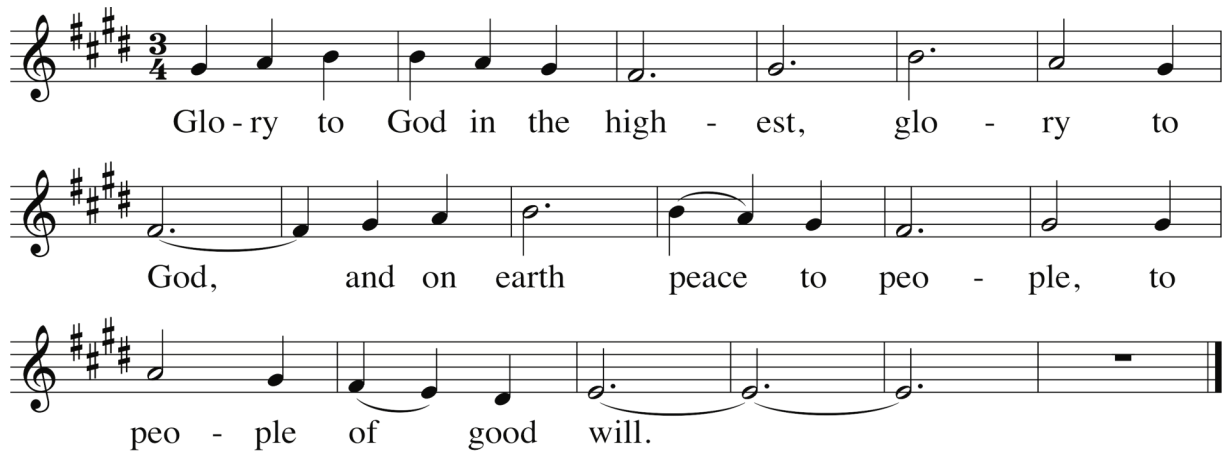
INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: *The First Nowell*

Gather 460

Glory to God

Mass of Light

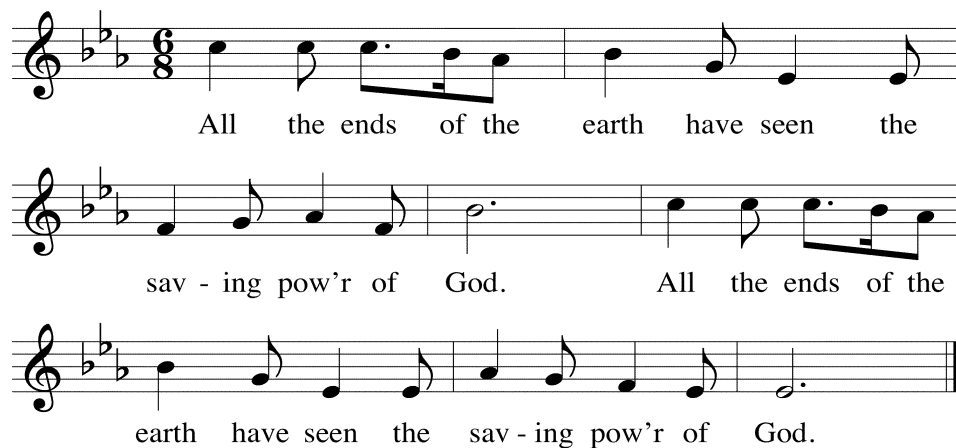


Glo-ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and on earth peace to peo - ple, to
peo - ple of good will.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth

Lynn Trapp



All the ends of the earth have seen the
sav - ing pow'r of God. All the ends of the
earth have seen the sav - ing pow'r of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Barbara Bridge




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Nicene Creed may be found on the first page of the hymnal.


*Intercessions Response (10:30 am): Child of Mary**Huck, Alonso*

Cantor:



Child of Mar - y, hear our prayer.


All:



Child of Mar - y, hear our prayer.


After each Intercession

Cantor:



All cre - a - tion, raise your voic - es:

All:



Child of Mar - y, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST*Prep of Gifts : O Little Town of Bethlehem**Gather 446**Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Light**Gather 361, 362, 363***COMMUNION RITE***Communion Hymn: Wood of the Cradle**Gather 436**Meditation : (10:30 am) - In the Bleak Midwinter**Harold Darke***CONCLUDING RITE***Recessional Song: Epiphany Carol**Gather 462*

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I ♥ College Church because ... Each week we are including a page for our 175th Anniversary that includes history, trivia and articles on why parishioners love being at the College Church. We would like to include as many members as possible who are involved in different ministries at the College Church.

Please take the time to write a paragraph about why you love the College Church and email it to church@slu.edu.. Please also include your picture. We will keep them on file and use one each week in the bulletin. If you have any questions, contact Mary Beth Erickson by phone at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu. We can't wait to see why you love the College Church!

From the Pastor's Desk



Home Gatherings

Fr. Dan would like to meet with parishioners to talk about our strategic plan, College Church 2020, which is available on our website, sfxstl.org. If you would like to attend one of the Home Gatherings listed below, please contact Mary Beth Erickson to make a reservation by calling 314-977-7304. All Home Gatherings begin at 7:30 pm.



Tuesday, January 10th at the home of Margie Borges (63109)

Tuesday, January 17th at the home of Laura & Jeff Fister (63139)

Tuesday, January 24th at the home of Sharon & Brian Joye (63042)

Thursday, January 26th at the home of Laura & Carl Greiner

Tuesday, February 7th at the home of Bill & Kathy Coppel (63112)

Epiphany Infant and Women Collection Weekend of January 7th and 8th

This year on the Feast of the Epiphany, we will be collecting infant and women personal care items. This year's donations will be given to the women and children at Our Lady's Inn and Gateway 180 Family Shelter. Our Lady's Inn provides help to women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy and Gateway 180 Shelter provides support to women and children experiencing homelessness. The women and children would be grateful for any personal care products such as shampoo, toilet paper, and disposable diapers (all sizes), Pull-Ups, baby blankets, infant clothing, etc. New items, please! There will be a collection box in the back of the Church during all the masses on January 7th-8th.

Children's Liturgy of the Word and Nursery There will be no Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word or Nursery on Sunday, January 1st due to the holiday.



Supper and Spirituality

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

in the Xavier Ballroom at 6:00 pm



The Intersection of Faith and Science

Supper and Spirituality will begin with an opening prayer, followed by a shared meal, then the presentation (including questions/discussion) from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Join parishioners Rebecca Cunningham, Kaitey Sheldon, and Mitch D'Rozario as they share their experience of being faithful Catholics and scientists. They will discuss how faith and science are complimentary rather than contradictory. Whether you are a science nerd or failed high school biology, you will learn something new and exciting.



We are asking if you can help by providing either a sandwich to be shared, bag of chips or dessert. We also need volunteers to set up or clean up. Contact Steve Gilbert at scgilbert@earthlink.net or call 314-280-3923 if you can help. Please contact Joyce Miller, Parish Center receptionist, at 314-977-7300 or email jmill123@slu.edu no later than Thursday, January 19th.

Save the Date

Join us for our Second Annual Trivia Night at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

To benefit Social Ministry and Religious Education



On Friday, January 27th at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Cost: \$25 person, \$200 to reserve a table with a maximum of 8 participants per table

To make reservations: Contact Arlene at 314-623-0412 or email kulade5@yahoo.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion needed for Veterans

Many of our parishioners have served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the St. Louis VA hospital for many years. The VA is once again in need of volunteers to bring the Blessed Sacrament to their patients at the John Cochran hospital here on Grand Boulevard. If you would like to serve in this vital ministry, please contact Fr. Stu King at 314-894-6566 after December 25. Sister Carolyn has information about the training procedure if you are interested— sfxlitin@slu.edu.

Calling all Teens— Grades 8th thru 12th:

Join us for our annual Youth Group Overnight Retreat

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Looking for more? Looking for something that captivates your whole being? Join us for an overnight retreat of games, skits, talks, food and fellowship, as you learn more about yourself and God's love and peace.

**Saturday, January 21st at 10:00 am thru
Sunday, January 22nd at 9:30 am**

Cost \$45

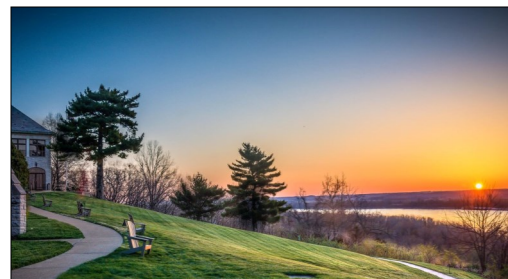
**To sign up or for information, contact Rebecca at
Cunningham.r26@gmail.com**



Men's Retreat at the White House

This year's College Church men's retreat at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center (30 minutes south of downtown St. Louis, on Mississippi River bluffs), runs from Thursday evening, February 9 to Sunday, February 12. This is an Ignatian retreat rooted in the Spiritual Exercises. If interested, it's best to register soon; College Church's slots are reserved just till January 9. After that, those slots are made available to any parishes participating that weekend that need them.

For more information, please contact David Schnelt (314-791-0227), John Webster (636-394-2770) or John Hartung (314-326-6018). To register, call White House at 314-416-6400, go to their website at www.whretreat.org, or email reservations@whretreat.org.



Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith?

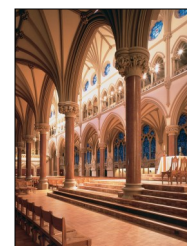
If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, its beliefs and practices, you are invited to come to our inquiry sessions. We offer an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic beliefs and practices. They are informal and focus on the issues which the participants deem important. If you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



College Church Tours

We will offer tours of the College Church by our docents on the second Sunday of each month following the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. Tours will gather in the vestibule of the church.

If you would like to participate in one of the second Sunday tours or schedule a tour at another time, please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu.





Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 25, Supper and Spirituality
 Intersection of Faith and Reason presented by Katie and Mitch D’Rozario and Rebecca Cunningham

February 11, 2016 Valentine Mass and Celebration for Couples who celebrated their wedding at SFX.

We  College Church because ...

One of my very favorite moments in any Sunday Liturgy is watching the assembly come forward to receive the Eucharist. At College Church, I always feel a personal connection with the Eucharistic Minister as I receive and am named Body of Christ. I then revel in the many Bodies of Christ who present themselves in the same way. We are a diverse community. We come from many places, have a wide range of life experience, and go out the doors to be Eucharist in many different ways. But at the Table of the Lord, we all find ourselves at home.

Jane Conrad

College Church Trivia

True or False...Cholera broke out in St. Louis on December 28, 1852?

Did You Know

...that a celebration lasting three days in May, 1943, observed the 100th anniversary of College Church. A “solemn high mass” began at 9:00 am with Rev. Peter Brooks, S.J., Provincial of the Missouri Province, was the celebrant and Rev. Daniel Lord, S.J. gave the sermon.” A memorial mass the next day was for deceased pastors, parishioners and benefactors with a luncheon following the mass. The third day of celebrating began with a mass and visiting pastors dining at St. Louis University dining room.

The Letters of St. Francis

To King John III of Portugal

Your Highness should know that in these regions, as in many others, great services frequently fail to be rendered to God our Lord because of the unfortunate rivalries that exist between different parties. Because of these disputes and the efforts of each to promote his own cause, so much time is wasted that there is none left for advancing the service of God our Lord.



Cochin 1548

Trivia Answer: False, it actually broke out 4 years earlier in 1848.

**Share your College Church memories on our Anniversary Facebook page:
 175th Anniversary of Saint Francis Xavier
 College Church! We’d love to hear from you.**

Social Ministry



HOT STUFF 2017: Saturday, February 4th 10am-1pm

This February, we will again open the ballroom to hundreds of men, women, and children, offering food, clothing, and hospitality. Here are 3 ways to help!

CLOTHING DONATIONS: Beginning Sunday, January 15, the following donations will be accepted for Hot Stuff: Socks and underwear, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, scarves, heavy pants, winter coats, shoes/boots, and blankets (all for men, women, and children).

Donations may be dropped off beginning 1/15 to the parish center mail room and labeled "Hot 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/ytg3wp>) or contact committee member Maya Crowe-Barnes at (847) 460-2328 or crowebarnesm@slu.edu.

Thank you for helping to make this event a success!

Help us to Grow our Outreach Program in 2017!

The Brown Sisters
FOUNDATION



The Outreach Program is thrilled to announce a new campaign to sustain and grow our program in 2017. The Outreach Program for birth certificate and ID assistance is a proud ministry of the College Church and is generously supported by the time and resources of parishioners. However, our program impact reaches far beyond our parish walls. Building partnerships with individuals and groups outside of our parish will improve our program's sustainability so that we may build and grow this parish-supported ministry, particularly as the need for our services increases.

As part of this effort, we are pleased to announce a new partnership. **The Brown Sisters Foundation has awarded the Outreach Program a \$10,000 challenge grant if we can achieve \$20,000 in funding from individuals and groups outside of our parish in 2017. We need your help to build these relationships!**

Please contact Christine Dragonette at 977-7309 or dragonettecm@slu.edu if you can help in any of the following ways:

- ◆ Host a small coffee or happy hour fundraiser/friend-raiser in 2017
- ◆ Introduce us to another congregation or group that may allow us to speak to their members about supporting the Outreach Program
- ◆ Introduce us to a friend or potential supporter outside of the parish who may be interested in coming to see our program in action on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning

Thank you so much for your continued support of this important ministry!

Circle of Creation committee looking for new members in 2017

Following Pope Francis's call for environmental justice in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, the Circle of Creation committee formed in 2015 to lead our parish's efforts to care for all of creation. The group successfully achieved a grant to receive recycling bins for our parish and has worked to provide educational opportunities for the parish to learn about and act for environmental justice. With environmental justice becoming increasingly important, we need more members! There are multiple ways to help.

If you are interested, please contact Christine at 977-7309 or dragonettecm@slu.edu.





**Anniversary Celebration
of Weddings
at College Church**

February 11, 2017 5:15 pm Mass
6:30 pm Cocktail Reception
in the Xavier Grand Ballroom

For more information, call Sandy Hauck at
314-977-7303
or email haucks@slu.edu

Serious Singles. Ages 24-36

Begin the New Year with emotionally intelligent skills to guide you to where are you and where do you want to go? And where is God in all of this. In addition practical relationship skills will be taught.

Details: four Sunday's Feb 12th, 19th, 26 and March 5th.
2:30--4:30 pm College Church

Fee: \$80. All fees go to College Church Social Ministries For more info contact Bridget Brennan at: joy@canainstitute

November Offertory Report

	November		2016-2017 YEAR TO DATE	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Offertory: Envelopes	\$29,850	\$36,940	\$137,650	\$180,550
Offertory: On-Line	\$22,805	\$17,975	\$106,840	\$93,540
Holy Day Gifts	\$300	\$40	\$670	\$190
Offertory: Loose Cash	\$6,115	\$7,065	\$29,020	\$31,090
TOTALS	\$59,070	\$62,020	\$274,180	\$305,370
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$31,190)			

Financial Transparency & Accountability

The Saint Francis Xavier "College" Church Finance Committee needs your feedback on our efforts to provide more transparent reporting of our parish's financial situation. Per the Parish Survey completed in 2014, 40% of parishioners who read the bulletin felt that they were adequately informed about parish finances, compared to only 13 percent of those who never read the bulletin.

In the past year we've provided more comprehensive quarterly financial reports in the bulletin, with occasional quarterly reports from the pulpit on finances and development, and provided an annual financial summary report. We'd like to see if these changes have been effective. Please take the time to answer a few questions that you can access on our website sfxstl.org. Click on the announcement bar at the top of the page.

Presiders**January 7th & 8th**

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. D. White, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. J. Rivera, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. D. White, SJ

4:30 pm Fr. J. Rivera, S.J.

January 14th & 15th

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. J. Rivera, SJ

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. D. White, SJ

10:30 am Fr. R. Mercier, SJ

4:30 pm Fr. D. White, S.J.

Weekly Readings**Monday:** I Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28**Tuesday:** I Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; s 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34**Wednesday:** I Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42**Thursday:** I Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a**Friday:** I Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11
or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]**Saturday:** I Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**St. Francis Xavier (College) Church
Seeks to Meet Accessibility Needs in the Following Ways**



- The curb cut in front of the church on Grand Avenue is for **drop off only**.
- There is a wheel chair ramp on the south side of the main entrance to the church on Grand Avenue which leads to the lower church ballroom. There is an elevator just inside the door for access to the church.
- Accessible bathrooms are just inside the lower church door.
- A wheel chair is available for use inside the church and ballroom. See a Hospitality Minister to use it.
- Listening devices are available for use during weekend Liturgies. See a Hospitality Minister to borrow one.
- Gluten free hosts are available. To arrange, please contact Sr. Carolyn McWatters, Director of Music and Liturgy at 314-977-1797 or sfxlitin@slu.edu in advance and notify an acolyte prior to mass once arranged.
- Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring communion to the back of church. To arrange, please notify a Hospitality Minister.
- Accessible parking is available on Sunday mornings alongside the church on Lindell Boulevard near Grand Ave in designated handicapped spaces. **Please adhere to the angle parking arrangement.**
- Parishioners are available to visit and bring communion to homebound parishioners. To arrange, please contact Jane Conrad at 314-276-2313.

Do you know how to play chess? Volunteers are needed to visit the emergency shelter at Biddle House (1211-1219 Tucker) North of downtown to play chess against residents of the program from about 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Several of the residents of the emergency shelter are avid chess players and would look forward to playing. Most volunteers schedule a first visit and then sign up to return once a month. Please contact Ed Rataj at 314-727-4827 or ratajfam@att.net to schedule a visit or if you have any questions.

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