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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

Communal Penance Service – Sat. March 25 3:45 pm

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Fridays at 4:00 p.m.

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

Don Berg
 Mary Kreisle
 David Byrnes
 Paul Byrnes
 Jeff Ortman
 Rose Zoia
 Dolores Tape
 Pam Orbin
 Art Taylor
 Liz Shen
 Diane Mees
 Jack Korte
 Meliaa A
 Rosemary P
 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
 Theresa Poetz
 Mary Jo Munkel
 Fr. Carl Dehne, SJ
 John and Colin Martin
 David Schnelt
 Tom Reilly
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The Parish Center will be closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.

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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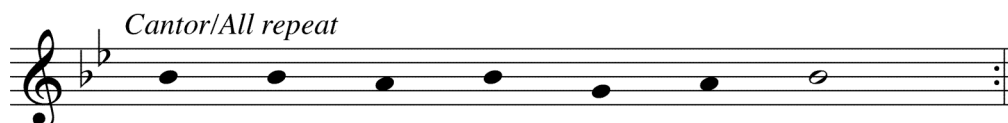
INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Rite: Gather Us In Mercy, Lord

Huck, Alonso



Gath - er us in mer - cy, Lord.

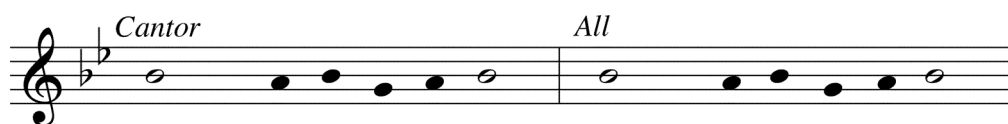


From the depths we cry to you.

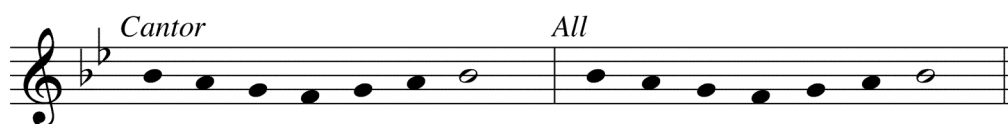
2. Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 The Lord is My Shepherd

Gather 1025

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to You, O Word of God

Gather 340

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

Intercessions Response (10:30 am)



Hear, O Lord, en - fold us in your mer - cy.

*After each Intercession**Cantor*

Cry out for God's mer - cy:

All

Hear, O Lord, en - fold us in your mer - cy.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST*Preparation of Gifts (10:30 a.m.): He Healed The Darkness of My Mind**Gather 953**Holy, Holy**Mass of Charity & Love Steve Warner*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your Cross and



Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Steven C. Warner
Music © 1960, 2010, WLP

COMMUNION RITE

Communion Hymn: Mercy, O God

Gather 480

Meditation Hymn (10:30 am): Jesus Christ, Inner Light

Suzanne Toolan

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: Awake O Sleeper

Marty Haugen

Refrain



A - wake, O sleep - er, a - rise from death, a - ban - don the shad - ows of



night; the wind of the spir - it shall be your breath, and



Christ will fill you with light.

Text: Ephesians 5; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Living Marriage-The First 10 Years

Growing in marriage and keeping your relationship vibrant takes work. Each couple will have their own unique way to strengthen their relationship and handle the challenges that life brings. To support you in your growth, a Living Marriage afternoon will be held on April 2. The session will be focused on the experiences of change and growth with a focus on couples in their first 10 years of marriage. There will be presentations, time for couples to dialogue and time for dialogue with other couples. We will meet from noon until 4:00 with a lunch included. The session is free but an offering to cover the lunch expense would be appreciated. Childcare can be arranged if needed.

To register or learn more about the afternoon, contact Joe Milner, 314 -977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu before March 27.

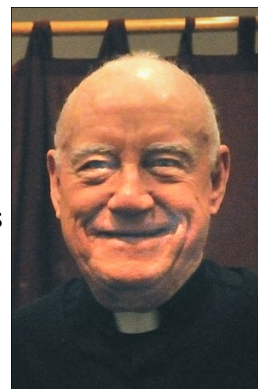


From the Pastor's Desk

A few weeks ago Fr. Jim Costello, SJ sat in the confessional at College Church for the last time. "Fr. Cos" as he is known has been pastor here twice(!) and served as associate pastor. He officially retired as my associate pastor in 2013 but had continued to help as a confessor. Being 85 years old, it is fair to say he has earned his rest.

It is fitting that his last ministry was the sacrament of reconciliation. Fr. Cos has done many wonderful things throughout his long life as a Jesuit but his work as a confessor was legendary. His compassion, gentleness and encouragement was known by thousands of the men and women who came to him over many decades. His kind presence and direction helped reconnect so many to God's love.

The Jesuits from our inception have made reconciliation a priority. The formal document from 1550 that lays out the purpose for the Society Jesus lists among its essential works "the spiritual consolation of Christ's faithful through the hearing confessions." I can think of no better description of Fr. Cos' work in the vineyard of College Church. He never failed to remind us "God loves you just the way you are."



Children's Easter Liturgical Movement

All children ages four and up are invited to participate in the "Ribbon Procession" at the 10:30 am Easter Sunday Liturgy. The children will process down the aisle waving their "ribbon bouquets" and will remain on the altar steps throughout the Gloria. If your child/children would like to participate, please meet in the back vestibule of the Church by 10:10 am to receive their ribbon bouquets and practice. There will be no reserved seating. Make sure your children know where you are sitting in Church, so they'll know where to return at the end of the Gloria. For more information, contact Angie Doerr at adoerr3@slu.edu.

Help Wanted! On Friday morning, April 14th we need help blowing up the balloons used for the 10:30 am Easter Sunday Liturgy. If you can help, please contact Angie Doerr at adoerr3@slu.edu.

Nursery Closed during Holy Week and Easter. There will be no babysitting during the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday Liturgies.

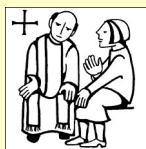
Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be available on Easter Sunday, April 16th.



Save The Date—Saturday, April 8th 175th Anniversary Fun Run



Spreading the Good News -- the Fun Run is now FREE. Anyone wishing to participate, gather on the front steps of the College Church Saturday, April 8th by 7:30 am. "I Love College Church" t-shirt commemorating the 175 anniversary of the College Church can be purchased separately at the Parish Center during the week. As an informal fun run, there will be no waivers, sponsors, timers, food, or water stops (so byow); just fellowship, exercise, and history. The 5-mile route goes to and from the original site of the College Church at 9th and Christy Avenues. Maps will be available run day. In the event of inclement weather, assume we are staying in-doors sipping coffee and will run another day. We will also attempt to post at least 30 minutes in advance on the parish Facebook site. Welcome Spring! Hope to see you there.



Lenten Individual Reconciliations In Church

Sunday, April 2nd from 9:15 to 10:15 am

On Sunday, April 2nd from 9:15 to 10:15 am we will have ten gentle confessors available for individual Confessions. Come and prepare for Easter with this wonderful sacrament of God's love and mercy. All are invited to participate!!!

From the Financial Development Commission

Steve Clark, Dennis Corrigan, Jo Curran, Dennis Lane, Kevin Lee, Matt Perlow

Why has each of us chosen to be a part of this amazing faith community? Is it the **liturgy** that is supported by sustaining and energizing homilies and music that lifts our souls ever closer to our loving God? Is it the gift of **spiritual formation** that is offered to our children and adults that builds and deepens our understanding of how we can become ever stronger Christians and followers of the Son of God? Might it be the ongoing **works of mercy and social justice** that are woven into the fabric of our parish – embraced and supported by so many of our parishioners in support of those in need and crying for justice? Or is it the **beautiful space and the beautiful people** with whom we gather in love and support? Each of us is here because we've chosen to be a part of this community.

Last September, Father Dan and the pastoral council asked us to consider increasing our offertory giving by 5-10% to support the ministries that are so important to us. Have you responded to that invitation yet? If you are not regularly supporting our mission, could you consider making a commitment of offertory giving at this time? We are grateful to those who have helped us reach 25% of our goal. We are in the final quarter of our fiscal year and are hoping that you will respond to that call now so that we can continue to support you on your journey through all of these ministries that are so meaningful for our community.

Online giving is the easiest way to give!

- Visit our website: sfxstl.org, click on the blue banner at the top of the page and follow the instructions
- Make payments directly from your bank account – just as you do if you pay bills online. Make payments to St. Francis Xavier (College) Church with the address 3628 Lindell Blvd. – St. Louis, MO 63108

We thank you for your prayerful consideration of the request we make in gratitude for the amazing gift that we've been given – the blessings we receive in this community - St. Francis Xavier College Church.

Ignatian Young Adults

Spirituality • Social Justice • Community Tap into Faith Lenten Series

Xavier Young Adults is becoming Ignatian Young Adults, a ministry aimed at creating a community of young adults in St. Louis who have been formed by Jesuit institutions or who feel drawn to Ignatian values. As a kickoff to Ignatian Young Adults, we are hosting a Lenten "Tap into Faith" 3-part speaker series, which will focus on our three central values of Ignatian Spirituality, Community, and Social Justice. As part of the series, we will also discuss forming small faith groups and further building our Ignatian Young Adult community. We hope you will join us. Please feel free to contact sfxcyoungadults@gmail.com with any questions.

Wednesday, March 29th from 7:00-9:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker on Social Justice Location: Schlafly Bottleworks, 7260 Southwest Ave.

Wednesday, April 12th from 7-9pm

Katie Jansen Larson, Kristen Trudo, Rob Garavaglia on Community

Location: Schlafly Bottleworks,



Upcoming Events

April 8, 2017 Fun Run

May 14, 2017 May Crowning at the 10:30 am Mass

June 4, 2017 Parish Picnic following the 10:30 am Mass



I ♥ College Church because ...

We love College Church. The music drew us, the homilies kept us, staff and fellow parishioners inspire us with their concern for others. We are grateful for the smiles, hugs and conversations of this praying community. To Jerry who asked, "Why don't you join?" and Kathy who invited us to usher, thank you for welcoming us home. Will you join us now in reaching out to others?



Jane & Emory Webre

College Church Trivia

True or False: The final addition to the church building were the stained-glass windows. They were made possible by the generosity of George and Anna Backer. The windows were designed, made and installed by Emil Frei, Jr from 1929-38. They are considered among the finest stained-glass in the country.

Did You Know

There were originally four bells but one disappeared from the St. Louis riverfront where they were stored between 1839 and 1843 when the Jesuits purchased them at an auction. The last bell is believed to be somewhere in the United States. A mystery to solve!!!!

The Letters of St. Francis

Instructions for Fr. Barzaeus, SJ departing for Hormuz

Take care, wherever you are, to learn about all the business practices and the means which men employ in making their living. These people will teach you how to produce fruit in the land where you are. Reflect on how to persuade the people to recognize errors, on how you should preach and hear confessions.

Goa 1549

Trivia Answer: True

**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

Green Corner

Flowering trees are in bloom, daffodils are popping up, the season of renewal and spring cleaning is upon us and our thoughts turn to RECYCLING! The Circle of Creation Committee (CCC) is here to help you decide how and where to dispose of unwanted household items such as used batteries, light bulbs, electronics, and much more.

The following websites/organizations offer detailed information:

recycling.slu.edu or brightsidestl.org



Or Google "St. Louis Earth Day" for information on their Recycling Extravaganza on Sunday, April 2 at Forest Park Community College.

Also, we want to give you a heads-up about the St. Louis Earth Day Festival, a family-friendly event on April 22 and 23 on the Muny Grounds in Forest Park. Fun for all!



Just Faith 2017-2018

In the face of recent and emerging changes in our government and our country, many have asked: "what can I do to make a difference?" Many are searching for active and constructive influence in their communities to counter prevailing attitudes and proclamations.

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 those marginalized in our community. Just faith is designed for diverse faith groups and with a Christian perspective and is community action themed.

For further details about Just Faith go to JustFaith.org and consider attending one of our monthly informational sessions: in the adult faith room of the parish center, after both the 8am and 10:30 am masses

Sunday, April 9th

Sunday, May 21st

Sunday, June 11th

Sunday, July 23rd

Sunday, August 20th

Sign up today to receive Social Ministry action alerts/ opportunities

College Church's mission statement asks us to 'engage in lifelong formation and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.'



Living out this statement requires standing and letting our voices be heard when an injustice is being done. In the back of church after Masses this weekend, please consider signing up with your name and email address to receive notification of opportunities for action for justice. These emails from College Church Social Ministry will include both legislative advocacy opportunities and community events/opportunities.

Contact Christine at dragonettecm@slu.edu or 314-977-7309 for more information.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Right under our noses is an approach to the religious formation of children known as

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was begun by a scripture scholar and a Montessori guide more than 60 years ago in Rome and has expanded to 6 continents, 40+ countries, and countless communities of different cultures and economic status.

What gives this approach its longevity may just be what makes it so unusual. CGS begins with the idea that children are already in relationship with God.

What is needed for this relationship to flourish is not to teach them everything we know or to tell them our experiences, but to find out what they need. What face of God is most meaningful to the child at this stage of development? What scripture do they want to hear again, and again? What fills the child with joy? After many years of observation, themes developed. The themes that were found to appeal most to the youngest children were the core themes of the faith. This work happens in a space called the Atrium, named after the place the catechumens were prepared to enter the church. A place of work, study and prayer. A place where the child can choose what to work with according to his or her own needs. Montessori based spiritual formation with short presentations and long periods for the child's individual work.



Here at College Church, we are fortunate to have CGS. The respect all of us in RE have for the children in our care, not only must we protect them, we must also listen to them. We must come to know them as part of the church, not in a future sense, but as they are right now.—Susan Reese, Coordinator of CGS at College Church

“After assisting in the Atrium, I came to realize it contains the roots of what attracts me to the College Church. The Montessori approach is quiet and very respectful of the child, which brings about respect for others (Social Ministry) and of our time together (Liturgy). Sometimes as I watch a 4-year old engrossed in the Last Supper “work”, for example, I see Ignatian Gospel Contemplation!” Mary Nagel

**CGS Atria Tour—this Sunday, March 26th
Immediately following the 10:30 am Mass
Second Floor of the Parish Center and Back of Church**

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!

Presiders	Weekly Readings
<u>March 25th & 26th</u>	
Saturday 5:15 pm Fr. M. May, S.J.	Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Sunday 8:00 am Fr. J.C. Rivera, S.J. 10:30 am Fr. D. White, S.J.	Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
<u>April 1st & 2nd</u>	Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Saturday 5:15 pm Fr. D. White, S.J.	Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sunday 8:00 am Fr. J.C. Rivera, S.J. 10:30 am Fr. C. Collins, S.J.	Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

April 9th—Go St. Louis Marathon

The Go St. Louis Marathon will not impact parking for the College Church on Palm Sunday, but it will impact how you can get here.

There are only 2 accessible routes:

- one is to take Highway 40 to Grand Ave. and go north.
- the other is to take Highway 44 to Kingshighway and come in that way.

Pray for the Deceased Please remember in your prayers, Rose Marie Voelker, mother of Joan Rice, of our parish who died recently along with all who have died in violence in recent weeks. May she and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.



Opportunity for Service-Linen Keepers

College Church has a small but dedicated group of generous women who serve the liturgy by caring for the corporals and purificators that are used regularly for our masses. Two of our five ladies will be retiring from this ministry in April, so we are in need of a few additional people who would be willing to take this on. It requires a monthly commitment of picking up the hamper from the sacristy, washing and ironing the linens at home and returning them the following weekend. Training will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sister Carolyn McWatters at sfxlitin@slu.edu or call 977-1797.

Program and closing reception at MOCRA

SLU's Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA) announces a panel discussion titled "**The Hand Acts Out a Joyous Dance**": **Celebrating the Art of Bernard Maisner**, reflecting on the sources, techniques, and inspirations of a contemporary master of calligraphy and manuscript illumination. In addition to a presentation by artist Bernard Maisner, Susan L'Engle of Saint Louis University and Ken Botnick of Washington University will join in with Terrence Dempsey, SJ, moderating the conversation. The program also marks the closing day of the MOCRA exhibition *Bernard Maisner: The Hourglass and the Spiral*. It all takes place on Sunday, April 2, at 1:30 pm in Xavier Hall Theatre on the SLU campus. It is free and open to the public. A reception with the speakers will follow next door at MOCRA. Call 314-977-7170 or visit mocra.slu.edu for more information.

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