Our Mission
We are a Eucharist-centered, spirit-filled people who choose to form parish community and to experience spiritual growth through life-giving liturgies in a worship space of beauty and reverence. Out of a long history of spiritual leadership from the Society of Jesus, we are challenged with the Gospel values of love, compassion, and social justice.

As a worshipping community, we extend hospitality and fellowship. We enrich our faith through prayer, diversity of membership, attention to family life and social ministry. We empower the laity in bringing forth the Kingdom of God and foster interfaith partnerships. We seek to deepen and grow in our commitment to being a Jesuit Parish at Saint Louis University in the center of the City of Saint Louis.
Assembly Agenda

• Opening Song (John Bookstaver)
• Opening Prayer (Father Richard Buhler, SJ)
• The Spirit of the Magis (Father Richard Buhler, SJ)
• Commission Reports
  – Parish Life (Armella Geier)
  – Finance (Stephen Willman)
  – Stewardship (Jim Carter)
  – Facilities (Wade Baughman)
  – Adult Faith (Ann Steffen)
  – Youth Faith Formation (Ann Nobs)
  – Liturgy (John Bookstaver)
  – Social Ministry (Tony McDonald)
• Break-Out Sessions: Feedback
• Closing Prayers (John Bookstaver and Father Richard Buhler, SJ)
The SFX parish council, made up of representatives of the parish, meets to reflect, deliberate and advise concerning matters for which it is responsible to advance the Mission of the parish and the common good of its members. The council, seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit, the Gospel, the Archdiocese, the traditions and vision of the Catholic Church and the Society of Jesus, and the gifts and insights of this Parish’s members, is guided in its work by the following values: Inclusivity, Collegiality, Transparency, Accountability.
As a result of our last Assembly

• Parish Directory
• Welcoming & Gathering Place
• Ministry to the Bereaved
• Social Activities
• Parish wide use of e-Scrip
Parish Life Commission

Purpose

• To support and embrace our Parish Mission and specifically to “extend hospitality and fellowship.”

• Our focus is to nourish the life of the parishioners through welcoming, involving, connecting, and empowering parishioners by fostering stewardship and fellowship in the parish community, within parish ministries and beyond liturgies.

• Members: Ruth Cochran, Jeanne Derer, FSM, Armella Geier, Karah Leibovich, Mary Mondello, Theresa Orozco, Greg Stephen, Mary Stephen, and Bill Tucker
Parish Life Commission

• Areas of Interest:
  – Hospitality
  – Welcoming Gathering Place
  – Website (Communications)
  – Bereavement Program
  – Special Events
  – Young Adult Outreach
### Finance Commission Update

#### CURRENT P/L Against Budget

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Many think it starts with reaching into our wallets. In reality it starts with reaching into our hearts. The first gift we are called to give each day is the gift of time spent with God in prayer. It is there we begin to fully understand His special plans for us.
Stewardship

- **New Parishioners**
  - 78 new registrations since July 1, 2011

- Presently we have 847 registered parishioners
  - this summer we cleared the parish rolls of people who had been inactive

- This past year we had 81 baptisms
  - 60 were infant baptisms

- *Visitor Welcome Envelopes* began November 1, 2011.
  - An average of ten per week are returned

- Increase in volunteers since Stewardship Sunday

- On Line Giving began January 1, 2012

- Thank you’s
Facilities Commission
Formed May 2011

Mission:
To ensure that the physical infrastructure of the Parish supports the current and future needs of the community and that the integrity and value of that physical infrastructure is preserved. We, the Commission members, facilitate communication between all stakeholders and provide leadership in the comprehensive planning and implementation of major maintenance projects and capital improvements.
Facilities Commission Composition

• Initial Composition – First Year
  - Facilities Commission Chair – from Pastoral Council
  - Pastor
  - Representative of Finance Commission
  - Representative of SLU administration
  - 1 or 2 at-large parishioners
  - Staff Support: Facilities Coordinator and Maintenance Coordinator

• Long Range Composition – Starting with Second Year: Move to full commission membership as defined in Pastoral Council Guidelines, with focus on achieving representation from each of the other Parish Commissions.
Facilities Commission Current Activities

• Initial Meeting January 30, 2012
• Current projects being monitored:
  – Continued refinement of new sound system
  – Repairs to roof and bell tower of church
  – Upgrades to flooring and fixtures in restrooms and catering areas of church lower level
  – Possible upgrades to heating and cooling system

• Possible long-term projects being considered:
  – Lighting system
  – Enhancements to parish center facility

• Wade Baughman, Chair:
  mwadebaughman@juno.com or 314-307-0535
Adult Faith Commission

- Spiritual growth is a vital part of our mission as a Jesuit Parish in the spirit of Ignatius of Loyola; therefore as persons of faith we embrace lifelong learning and development as integral to our personal and communal relationship with God.

- Opportunities for adult formation and spiritual growth are many and varied at SFX and emerge from a collaboration between parishioners, parish staff, Members of the Society of Jesus, and local Dominicans from Aquinas Institute of Theology.
Adult Faith Commission

These opportunities include:

> **Dialogue with the Word:** Meets Sunday Mornings Sept-May from 9:40-10:20 a.m. Group meets to discuss, pray, and reflect on the Sunday readings for better understanding.

> **Centering Prayer Group:** Method of silent prayer which prepares ay. Meet 2X per month. Members gather Sundays at 9:35 am Davis-Shaughnessy Hall for a shared experience Centered Prayer.

> **Women's Faith Sharing Group:** To connect with other women in a warm environment that nurtures faith and sharing. Meets in the home of a parishioner first Tuesday of every month 7 - 8:30 p.m. Sept. - May. Also read and discuss relevant books on different topics of interest as decided by the group.
> **Speaker series:** Takes place each Fall and Spring on a variety of relevant topics of faith and spirituality. Dates are announced in the bulletin a few weeks prior to each presentation and are posted on the parish calendar.

> **Lenten Reflection Series:** During this Lenten season of 2012, six weekly sessions focus on the book *What is the Point of Being Christian?* by Timothy Radcliffe, OP. Group meetings are hosted by fellow parishioners across the St. Louis area on a variety of days and times (daytime, evenings, weekend) and parishioners select the group best suited to their schedule. These discussions lead us to deeper prayer, communion, and understanding of who we are called to be as Church. Please consider joining us as a leader or participant.
Adult Faith Commission

> This year we are participating in A Month/Week of Guided Prayer in conjunction with Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. Participants are invited to pray privately 30 minutes daily and meet with a prayer guide regularly per day or per week depending on the personal choice of week or month schedule.

Also Parish resources available for Adult Faith Formation
> Spiritual Direction from parish staff
> Xavier Books: bookstore open specific Sundays after Mass often in conjunction with The Gathering Place.
> Audio Tape Lending Library: Wide selection of scripture, prayer, and spirituality topics.

We value suggestions and welcome participation; if you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact the chairperson of the commission, Anita Barni (abarni@sbcglobal.net)
Magis Youth Faith Formation

Mission

The Religious Education Program seeks to actively assist parents in the faith formation of their children. We strive to educate children to develop a personal relationship with Jesus that fosters their love of God and prepares them to respond as witnesses to Christ in the world.
Magis

Our RE Programs are blessed to have over 50 volunteer parents, parishioners and SLU students that offer our children engaging and interactive programs.

- **Number of RE Programs** - 8
- **Total number of students** involved in RE programs – 200+
- **Number of Children in RE Classes and Atria** – 162
- **Average Weekly Attendance at Children’s Liturgy of the Word** – 75+
- **Average Youth Group Attendance at Activities** – 25+
- **Total Number of Volunteers** - 53
All Religious Education Programs include a strong social justice component that reflects the Jesuit tradition of making Young People “for others.”

Service Projects include:
- Sandwich Sunday Program
- Our Lady’s Inn
- Ronald McDonald House
- Jesuit Hall Visits
- Service Saturdays for Youth Group
- Summer Mission Trip for Youth Group
Magis All RE Programs Focus on Connecting Learning with Increased Participation in the Sacramental Life of the Church

- **Class Masses** help students to participate and better understand the Eucharist
- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Children** – active program this year; four older RE students to receive First Communion in May
- **RE Reconciliation Services** offered twice a year in Advent and Lent
- **Youth Group** focuses around monthly Eucharist; encourages teens to use their gifts in liturgical roles and music ministry
Liturgy Commission

• “The Liturgy Commission plans and provides for vibrant and nourishing worship opportunities for the faith community in ways that engage a growing circle of participants, their gifts and abilities.”
Liturgy Commission

• New projects for the coming year:
  – Developing policies for liturgical celebrations at the Parish
  – Developing guidelines and policies to clarify the roles of liturgical ministers
Social Ministry

• Four-fold mission: direct service, advocacy, formation & International Outreach

• Direct Service
  – Outreach program
  – Sandwich ministry
  – Casserole program
  – PEOPLE 1ST
  – Cool Stuff/Hot Stuff
  – Xavier Winter Inn emergency overflow shelter
  – Grant writing committee
  – St Vincent de Paul Youth Group
Social Ministry

- Advocacy
  - Advocacy committee

- Formation
  - JustFaith
  - Engaging Spirituality
  - Living Justice Speaker Series

- International Outreach
  - Sister parish program
  - Fair Trade program
Break-Out Sessions

• Feedback
Closing Prayer

• Thank you very much for attending!
• If you have any further questions, comments, or would like to get involved please contact one of your Commission Leaders or a Member of the Pastoral Council