St. Francis Xavier (College) Church
The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
3628 Lindell Blvd. - St. Louis, MO 63108
Phone: 314-977-7300 - collegechurch.slu.edu
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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:15 p.m. Anticipation of Sunday
Sunday:  8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

Weekday:
Monday—Friday
7:15 a.m., Noon, 5:15 p.m. in the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level. (There are no 5:15 p.m. Liturgies on holidays)
Saturday: 7:15 a.m. in the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level.

Saint Louis University Campus Ministry:
Sunday:  9:00 p.m. (when the University is in session)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday-Friday: 10:45 a.m. through Noon
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. through 5:00 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**

- Mary Jo Munkel
- Al Marcus
- Walter Yarbrough
- Joe Matern
- Deborahah Kumming
- John & Colin Martin
- Samantha Kerwin
- Carl Dehne, SJ
- David Schnelt
- Tom Reilly
- Judy Gerstner
- Brendan Wagner
- Lynda Palazzolo
- Elizabeth Maret
- Monica Gunn
- Margaret Barker
- Bruce Cochran
- Vivian O’Brien Harmon
- Lucille Sims
- Shirley Loui
- Bud Vorderer
- Richard D. Heeney
- Joyce Pachak
- Barney J. Heeney
- Amanda Rice
- Joan Rice
- Neil Kielty
- Carol Williams
- Mary Beth Erickson
- Meaghan Graves
- Pat Darcy
- Virginia Pezold
- Jeff & Renee Rogers
- John Grossman
- Gene Tichacek
- Joyce Messmer
- Dorothy Berndsen
- Matthew Frank
- Paul Rutterer
- Fr Robert Weiss, SJ
- Jo Schnellmann
- Linda Riek
- Paul Hanson
- Sue DuBerry
- Mary Ann Burdette
- Laurie Kraft
- Rick Barbieri, Jr.
- Mary Lutz
- Betty Will-Bower
- Joseph Westhus
- Jennifer Saunders

Names will remain on the list for two weeks unless notified. Call Lynda at 314-977-1797 to add or remove names.

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**Parish Information**

Fax: 314-977-7315  E-mail Address: church@slu.edu  Hours: Monday through Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bulletin notices must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. by email to bulletinsfx@slu.edu on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

For Christian Initiation of Adults and Funerals contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 for scheduling and preparation.

For Infant Baptisms contact Fr. Quang Tran, SJ at 314-977-7301 or tranq@slu.edu. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12:00 noon. Call Fr. Tran for scheduling and preparation information at least 45 days in advance.

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

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 wheelchair ramp is located near the Grand side entrance with an elevator to bring you to the Church level. Our church is also equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

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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First Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2015
First Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor’s Desk

Thanksgiving is usually associated with the pilgrims of the Massachusetts Bay colony in the 17th century. However, the national celebration to be held on the last Thursday of November was instituted by Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

It is ironic the secular holiday most beloved by Americans came about in the worst moment of our nation’s history. When Lincoln declared the first Thanksgiving Day we were in the midst of the Civil War. Tens of thousands of casualties on both sides had been suffered, and many more would come before the end of the war.

His Thanksgiving proclamation asked citizens to be grateful for God's blessings, and to seek the Lord’s help. Lincoln wrote, “we commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it…”

Gratitude rooted in faith is not based on the notion that everything is fine. Rather, giving thanks is an attitude that flows from our relationship with God. Whatever the circumstance, we live firm in the knowledge of the God who made us and loves us.

Frs. Dan White, SJ

Are you interested in becoming a part of the Wedding Ministry Team?

We are currently looking to expand our Wedding Ministry and need a few Sacristans. This is a paid, part time position whose duties include assisting both the Wedding Coordinator and the Priest during the wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremonies. For more information call Sandy Hauck at 977-7303 or email her at haucks@slu.edu.

Upcoming Opportunities for Young Adults

Tap Into Faith
Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm
Urban Chestnut Brewing Company Midtown
3229 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63103
"Improv and Spirituality? Really?"
Kevin McKernan, who teaches Improv in the Fine Arts Dept. at St. Louis U. and helps run the Improv Shop in the Central West End, will be with us to offer his insights on the art of improv and invite us to try it out ourselves and see how it might connect to spirituality and the life of faith. Come for a night of fun, good beer and good folks.

Young Adult Advent Reflection
Monday, December 7th at 7pm
College Church Parish Center
3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis MO 63108
Come join other young adults for an Advent reflection. Please RSVP to sfxccy-outadults@gmail.com if you plan to join.
SFX Connection Speaker Series

Talks are on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Church Ballroom. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Angie at adoerr3@slu.edu.

December 6th—Advent: Season of Incarnation and Mortality

Speaker: Fr. Charles Bouchard, O.P., Senior Director, Theology and Ethics, Catholic Health Association

Fair Trade Christmas Market
Sunday, December 13th, 9AM-2PM
College Church Ballroom

Shop for beautiful and unique hand-crafted items, plus coffees, teas, and chocolates! Soup, chips, cookies, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate provided (good will offering appreciated).

Raffle tickets available for gift card baskets from local St. Louis businesses.

Vendors: SFX Fair Trade, Zee Bee Market, Plowsharing Crafts, Partners for Just Trade, MacroSun, Seeds of Blessing, Soluna, City Seeds, Earth Connections, City Greens

Welcome to the Green Corner!
Compassion for Earth Interfaith Prayer Service

“The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you.” -- Pope Francis, Laudato Si

In solidarity with the UN Convention on Climate Change

Let us gather together as people of faith to pray for a just, sustainable, and equitable solution to our global climate crisis.

From November 30 to December 11, the 21st “Conference of the Parties” organized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) will be held in Paris. COP21 will be a crucial conference, as it needs to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C.

Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 7:00 pm
Central Reform Congregation
5020 Waterman Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108
Ample parking available in the CRC Temple and First Unitarian Church parking lots.
Our Living Faith is a group discussion of key elements of living our faith. The next gathering is today, Nov 29 at noon in the Adult Faith room. If you have questions about Catholic belief or practice, please join us. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Joe Milner, milnerjv@slu.edu or 314-977-7305.

Advent Reflection Materials

The season of Advent begins next week. It is a time of reflection and preparation for our celebration of God With Us. There are several books and booklets available to assist you on your journey. *Sacred Space for Advent* and *Sacred Space of 2016* by the Irish Jesuits presents a reflection process and Scripture passage for each day. There are Advent Calendars, cards and items for young people. *A Year With Pope Francis* offers a daily reflection from his talks. *Pope Francis: Life and Revolution* is a biography of Pope Francis by a journalist who has known him for many years. Additionally, books on Ignatian Spirituality, prayer and many other options are available in the Lower Hall on Sunday mornings today.

Christmas and Antique Note Cards Now Available!

We have new Christmas Cards and Antique Note Cards of the College Church available for purchase in the Parish Center!

The boxed Christmas cards contain fifteen cards of three different designs; two from our beautiful Nativity window and one of our crèche. The cost for the Christmas cards is $20/box. The antique note cards contain twelve cards of six different designs with a bit of College Church history on the back of each. The cost is $15/box.

If you are interested in viewing or purchasing these hot off the presses new cards...contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu.

Advent Communal Penance

On Saturday afternoon, December 12 at 3:45 pm there will be a communal Penance service with multiple confessors for individual confession. Fr. Quang Tran, SJ, will preside and preach at the service. Please plan to join us as we pray with and for one another.

Advent and Christmas Celebrations

The College Church will celebrate the coming of Christ with the following liturgical offerings:

- **December 8**
  - Immaculate Conception Holyday
  - 7:15 am in the Chapel of Our Lady
  - Noon and 5:15 pm in the Church

- **December 12**
  - Advent Penance Service 3:45 pm

- **December 13**
  - Sunday morning confessions 9:15 am

- **December 24**
  - Christmas Eve Family Mass 4:30 pm
  - Mass during the Night at 11:00 pm with Choir prelude at 10:30 pm

- **December 25**
  - Christmas Day Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

- **December 31**
  - Vigil Mass for the holy day
  - 5:15 pm in the Church

- **January 1**
  - Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
  - 10:30 am in the Church

For more information, call the Parish Center at 977-7300 or visit our website at: collegechurch.slu.edu

Complimentary Parking is available in the SLU Laclede Garage

Children’s Tableau

The Christmas Eve Liturgy for families will be held on Dec. 24th at 4:30 p.m. We will once again involve our children in the dramatization of the Gospel.

All children, ages 5 and up, are invited to participate. We will need children to play the roles of the manger animals, shepherds and angels. We have a limited number of costumes so you may need to provide your own. Participants will be asked to attend two rehearsals, both held immediately following the 10:30 a.m. liturgies on December 13th and 20th.

If your child is interested in participating, please contact Angie at 314-977-7302 or adoerr3@slu.edu.
Social Ministry Update

The Program has served 1,027 low-income guests thus far in August through October, providing 667 Missouri State IDs and 894 birth certificates so that guests may access needed resources. Our other direct service programs include: the Winter Inn emergency shelter, 2nd Sunday sandwich-making for Karen House, monthly casserole-making for St. Patrick Center, and the Young Adult St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Social Ministry also houses three committees dedicated to advocating for justice issues: The Daniel (Advocacy) Committee, Racism & Reconciliation Committee and Circle of Creation (Environmental) Committee. With the release of the Ferguson Commission’s “Forward Through Ferguson” report and Pope Francis’s encyclical Laudato Si, advocacy priorities are centered on racism and environmental justice.

The second collection on the weekends of 12/5-12/6 and 12/12-12/13 will go directly to Social Ministry. You can see below that your contributions are integral to the success of Social Ministry at the College Church, with a goal of 61% of our revenue coming through gifts to Social Ministry and gifts designated “For the Poor.” Thank you for your continued support.

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‘WE GIVE BECAUSE’

We have been members of the parish for 25 years. After moving from Arizona we searched for a community we felt both compatible and spiritually uplifting. College Church was our new home. Our daughters were married here and all nine grandchildren were baptized here.

We have been blessed with outstanding leadership. Fr. Len Kraus, Fr. Jim Costello and Fr. Rich Buhler inspired us and we supported the broad spectrum of outreach programs.

Upon review, something did change that triggered a review of our relationship, and that was Fr. Dan’s arrival and his “disciplined approach” of proffering our membership to join in creating a vision, mission and measurable operating plan to insure a long term survivability.

The breath and depth of our ministries, including parish life, liturgy, music, adult formation and marriage, religious education and family life, stewardship, social and wedding ministries and outreach services, demand an integrated managerial system to be supported by a detailed budget and consistent adequate funding.

After attending the final forum that Fr. Dan, partnering with a committed Parish Council and active parish membership, we realized that we needed to increase our weekly financial support so that St. Francis Xavier College Church can reach it’s goals and serve future generations.

Tom and Kate Gunn
Guided by the teachings of the Church on social justice, we serve others by promoting justice for the disenfranchised through advocacy, direct service, and formation, thereby creating partnerships with those who promote human dignity.”

Donations Needed for The Giving Tree 2015 and Hot Stuff 2016

Once again Social Ministry is sponsoring a Giving Tree. In late November, there will be a Christmas Tree near the front of the south aisle decorated with paper ornaments. To participate, simply take an ornament and buy the suggested gift, wrap it, and bring it to the Parish Center by Sunday, December 13. Please do NOT leave it under the tree in church. These gifts will be distributed to the guests who come to the Outreach Program in mid-December.

We are requesting gifts for adults because many of our guests are homeless or very close to it and lack warm clothing for winter. Warm clothing is a necessity for them as the weather grows colder. Christmas is a great time to provide them while they are in stock in local stores. Please consider checking out the Giving Tree in these next couple of weeks. These practical gifts will do much to warm not only the heads, hands, and feet of our guests, but their hearts as well. Don’t be surprised if your own hearts are warmed, too. Contact Christine Dragonette with any questions at dragonettecm@slu.edu or 977-7309.

Additionally, as the holiday season comes pressing in on us and we are thinking turkeys and tinsel, let’s not forget that Hot Stuff is not far behind.

In the cold of late January we open the Ballroom doors to hundreds of men, women and children, offering them food and warm clothing items.

In addition to the Giving Tree, please think of Hot Stuff over the holidays. Watch for men’s white socks, size large boxers, t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, heavy coats, winter pants and gently used shoes and boots. The same goes for women and children. And don’t forget blankets—items to fend off the St. Louis winter cold, whether on the street or in a house where the insulation is non-existent or the gas bill too high to pay.

So let’s be thankful for what we have, cherish those we love, but never forget those who are less fortunate than we. Stock up along the way for Hot Stuff – Saturday, January 23, 2016 – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. More info to come on how to donate and/or volunteer. Contact Ruth Cochran with questions at cochranr1105@gmail.com or 517-5596.

Children’s Choir and Instrumentalists for Christmas Eve Mass

All young people in Grades 2-12 who like to sing are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Family Mass on December 24 at 4:30pm. We also invite participation from instrumentalists in Grades 6-12 who have had at least two years of study on their instruments. Please contact Sue Martin at martins@slu.edu or 314-977-7313 if you’re interested in participating. Music selections and rehearsals will be determined based on the response received, so please respond by December 1!
Presiders

Nov. 28th & 29th, 2015

Saturday
5:15 p.m. Fr. White, SJ

Sunday
8:00 a.m. Fr. Tran, SJ
10:30 a.m. Fr. White, SJ
4:30 p.m. Fr. Tran, SJ

Dec. 5th & 6th, 2015

Saturday
5:15 p.m. Fr. Tran, SJ

Sunday
8:00 a.m. Fr. White, SJ
10:30 a.m. Fr. Padberg, SJ

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Daniel 7:13-14; Psalms 93:1, 1-2, 5
Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Listed below are the offertory totals for the month of Oc-
tober. A reminder: offertory is roughly 70% of our reve-


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YTD Surplus/(Deficit) ($14,460.00)

Advent Individual Reconciliations

In Church

Sunday, December 13th
9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

On Sunday, December 13th from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. we will have ten gentle confessors available for individual Confessions. Come and prepare for Christmas with this wonderful sacrament of God’s love and mercy. All are invited to participate!!!

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