St. Francis Xavier (College) Church
The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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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.
Feast of the Holy Family

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 milnerjv@slu.edu on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

For Infant Baptisms, contact Fr. Quang Tran, 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

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

For Funerals, contact Fr. White, SJ or Fr. Tran, 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 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. Catechism 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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Names will remain on the list for two weeks unless notified. Call Joe at 314-977-7305 to add or remove names.
Important Announcement!

We will complete our re-finishing of the church floor in January. The last section is the nave (main body) of the church. This will require taking the pews up, and putting them back when the work is finished. Therefore, we will be having weekend liturgies on January 9-10 & 16-17 in the ballroom. This space has been used for Mass at various times in the history of College Church so we are returning to our tradition. Sorry for the inconvenience but this is the only way to restore our floor to its former glory.
# From the Pastor’s Desk

A very Merry Christmas to one and all! God’s blessings as we celebrate the coming of Emmanuel, God with us. The Christmas season provides a number of important insights into our faith. Family is front and center during this time. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is our companion during this joyful period.

It helps to keep in mind that “family” is very much a product of culture and history. Most cultures and most historical periods have a much broader notion of what constitutes family. It is an elastic notion that is capable of great inclusion. There is no one way of being family because there is no one definition of what is a family.

What all families share are care, commitment, and obligation. They are bound to one another no matter what is to come. They continuously say “yes” to one another.

*Fr. Dan White, SJ*
Epiphany Infant and Women Collection
Weekend of January 3

On the Feast of the Epiphany, we will be collecting infant and women personal care items. This year, our donations will be given to Our Lady’s Inn and Gateway 180 Shelters. Our Lady’s Inn provides help to women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy and Gateway 180 Shelter provides support to primarily women and children experiencing homelessness. The women and children would be grateful for any personal care products such as shampoo, soap, disposable diapers (all sizes), Pull-ups, baby blankets, infant clothes, etc. New items please! There will be a box in the back of the Church during the Masses on January 2nd and 3rd.

An Invitation to Service:
Youth Faith Formation Commission

God calls us to share the gift of our faith with others. What a special gift it is to nurture God’s love in a child! That is the spirit of the Faith Formation Commission for Children and Youth.

As part of the structure of the Pastoral Council, we seek the prayer, guidance and participation of the members of our parish community. We invite you to consider offering your time and talent to the work of this commission. You may wish to review the information in our Pastoral Council guidelines, describing the mission and vision of our work. A special meeting will be held on Sunday, January 10th to learn more about our programs and efforts. Please feel free to speak with any of our current members or contact Angie at adoerr3@slu.edu.

Thank you for considering this special call to spread the Good News to our youngest parishioners!

Current Members: Aimee Wittman (Chair), Tim Noonan (Vice–Chair), Anne-Marie Berger, Jim Byrne, Teresa Carson, Fr. Glenn Mueller, S.J., Chris Ireland, Sally Matiszik, Susan Stuhlsatz-Reese, Brigitte Welsby and Laura Winter.

Calling all Eighth Graders and High School Students:

Youth Group Overnight Retreat

The Road to Emmaus:
Our Journey With Christ

Join us for talks, food, fellowship and fun as you learn more about yourself and God’s love!!

Saturday, January 16th thru Sunday, January 17th

For more info or to sign up—contact Rebecca at youthmin@slu.edu
Save the Date: Hot Stuff 2016
Saturday, January 23rd: 10am-1pm
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. 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 am - 1 pm More info to come on how to donate and/or volunteer. Contact Ruth Cochran with questions at cochranr1105@gmail.com or 517-5596. Have a blessed holiday season. God bless us everyone!

THANK YOU from Social Ministry
Thank you so much for your participation in the Giving Tree for Social Ministry. We were overwhelmed by your response and filled a whole room with the warm clothing items you donated. Thanks to your generosity, our Outreach volunteers provided each program guest with a needed warm clothing item (in addition to assistance with birth certificates and state ID cards) as a Christmas gift.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Support Social Ministry When Shopping Online
Did you know you can use your eScrip card not only at Schnucks, but also when shopping online on Expedia, Amazon, Macy’s, Best Buy, and more?
To support College Church Social Ministry while doing your online shopping, first visit shopping.escrip.com. If you do not have an eScrip card already, contact Christine Dragonette at dragonettecmtsluedu or (314) 977-7309.

Antique Note Cards Now Available!
We have Antique Note Cards of the College Church available for purchase in the Parish Center!
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.
Pope Francis’s *Year of Mercy* Inspires Lenten Book Choice

Lent starts early this year, on February 10, so it’s not too early to start thinking about joining a Lenten reading group. Pope Francis declared December 8th the beginning of a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Consequently, our book choice this year will be *The Church of Mercy: A Vision for the Church*, by Pope Francis. It will be a rich source of personal reflection, and a chance to gain understanding of how Francis envisions the future of our Church.

“If we were to forget, even just for a moment, that mercy is ‘that which God likes most,’ every one of our labors would be useless because we would become slaves of our institutions and our structures, however renewed they might be,” Pope Francis says.

Father James Martin SJ praises the book as “bursting with profound spiritual insights, from a man who has quickly become one of the greatest spiritual teachers of our time.”

The book may be purchased at the bookstore in the ballroom or from Joe Milner. Sign up opportunities for book groups will begin the first week of January.

Dialogue with the Word

Do ever wonder what the Sunday readings might be saying to shape your day-to-day spirituality? Come and see...between the Sunday Masses, 9:30 - 10:20, room 15 in the Pastoral Center. Come as you can to this mystagogical exploration into scripture. Coordinator: S. Carla Mae Streeter, OP at streeter@slu.edu or 314-256-8882.

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, 977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu
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December 27, 2015

**Living Marriage**

The Sacrament of Marriage involves the daily living of love, care, respect and supporting one another. It takes effort and dedication to keep growing closer and to keep the relationship alive. Living Marriage will be an opportunity for couples married between one and ten years to gather, listen to a presentation and spend time in dialogue about strengthening your relationship. The first gathering will be on Sunday, Feb 7, from 12:30 until 3:30. We will explore some of the practices that strengthen marriage and invite you to reflect upon what renews your life together. For more information, contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu

Plan to attend and celebrate your Living Marriage.

**Marriage Preparation**

The vocation of marriage encounters many challenges in contemporary society. Diverse skills are needed to develop a strong and dynamic relationship. The earlier a couple starts developing these skills, the greater the impact can be in the relationship. The Catholic Church has long advocated for a marriage preparation process to help couples grow in their knowledge and skills for a healthy relationship.

College Church offers weekends to help couples prepare for marriage through presentations by parishioner couples who are working at deepening and developing their relationships. Couples are invited to reflect on issues together and dialogue with other couples as they seek to grow closer together.

If you are engaged or moving toward engagement, you are invited to consider attending one of these weekends. Upcoming weekends are Jan 9—10, March 5—6 and April 9 - 10. For more information, please contact Joe Milner at milnerjv@slu.edu

**Centering Prayer Group**

A Centering Prayer Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at College Church from 9:15 until 10:15. For more information, please contact Renee at renee.c.d@att.net

**Kavanaugh Homily CDs**

Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ, was a long time professor of Philosophy at Saint Louis University and one of the regular celebrants at College Church. He died in November, 2012. He received the Great Preacher Award from Aquinas Institute of Theology and his homilies touched and motivated many. His family members and friends have compiled 32 of his homilies that were given at College Church over the years and the homily delivered at his funeral mass and are making them available on a collection of three CDs. The proceeds will go toward establishing a scholarship in his name at Saint Louis University. To reserve a copy, please email Joe Milner at milnerjv@slu.edu. They are available for a $25 donation to St. Louis University for the Kavanaugh scholarship fund. Thank You.
Looking for a way to beat the winter doldrums in January?

Join us for a First Annual Trivia Night at
St. Francis Xavier College Church

Date: Friday, January 29th

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Where: College Church Ballroom, located at 3628 Lindell Blvd. (63108)
at corner of Grand and Lindell on Saint Louis University Campus

Cost: $25 person, $200 to reserve a table with a maximum of 8 participantsper table

Arrangements: Beer, soda, water and light snacks will be provided. Participantsare invited to bring additional food and beverages, if desired.

Parking: SLU Garage located at Grand and Laclede; entrance is on west sideof Grand on Laclede Ave.

To make a reservations: Contact Arlene at 314-623-0412 or email atkulade5@yahoo.com
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Presiders

Dec 26 & 27, 2015
Saturday
5:15 pm  Fr. Tran, SJ
Sunday
8:00 am  Fr. Tran, SJ
10:30 am Fr. White, SJ
4:30 pm  Fr. White, SJ

Jan 2 & 3, 2016
Saturday
5:15 pm  Fr. Tran, SJ
Sunday
8:00 am  Fr. Daly, SJ
10:30 am Fr. White, SJ
4:30 pm  Fr. White, SJ

Removing the Christmas Decorations from Church

Next Sunday, January 3, following the 10:30 Eucharist, members of the Art and Environment Committee will gather in the church to take down the Christmas decorations in the church. It takes many hands to package the crèche, and put away the decorations in both the church and the Chapel of our Lady. If you would like to lend a hand and meet some fellow parishioners, plan to join us around 11:45 a.m. on Jan 3. Just gather in the church and look for the activity. If you plan to join us or have questions, please contact Joe Milner, milnerjv@slu.edu, or call 314-977-7305.

Lynda Eileen Palazzolo

Lynda Eileen Palazzolo died on December 9 following a battle with cancer. Lynda had 9 siblings who were all able to be with her as she died. She had served as the College Church Liturgy Coordinator, recruiting and scheduling ministers, organizing the Sunday liturgies and caring for the vestments for the last 8 years. More recently she had assumed responsibility for the parish bulletin. Lynda had served at the Catholic Health Association in various roles for 46 years. She was also an associate of the Sisters of Mercy. We will miss her smile and warmth, her ability to recognize the untapped gifts of individuals and her great love of the liturgy.

Eternal rest grant to her O Lord and may she rest in peace!

Pray for the Deceased

Please remember Nancy Boyle, grandmother of Paul Collins who died recently.
May they and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God’s presence forever.