St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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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)

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.
Parish Information  Fax: 314-977-7315  E-mail Address: church@slu.edu

Hours: Monday through Wednesday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm; Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; 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. Quang Tran, SJ at 314-977-7301 for scheduling and preparation information. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays 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. 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 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.

The curb cut in front of the church on Grand is strictly for dropping people off to use the ramp and elevator into the church. There is no parking allowed there.

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From the Pastor’s Desk

This weekend we begin our year-long celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. Francis Xavier (College) Church. We chose this start and end date to correspond with the feast day of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and beloved friend of Francis Xavier. I plan on reflecting often on the significance of our anniversary. You may grow tired of it! If so, simply skip this part and read all the other fascinating topics in the bulletin.

The celebration of the Eucharist provides a helpful way for us to contemplate this year. There our two basic elements to our Eucharistic prayer: remembrance and invocation. Each Sunday we recall God’s action in the world, especially in the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. Remembering how the Lord has loved us, we seek His continued help in our lives now. Acknowledging with joy what has been enables the Church to confidently call on God today.

The next 365 days provide an excellent opportunity to be thankful. God has guided this faith community over many, many years. Gratitude will permeate every aspect of our celebration. Like the liturgy, this looking back allows us to understand the present and hope for the future. We seek Christ's continued presence among us so we continue to bear fruit that will last. This anniversary is not some trip down memory lane, but rather a sacred time to consider who we are and who we can be.

Welcome to the College Church!

Juan Carlos Rivera Castro, SJ,

Juan Carlos Rivera Castro, SJ, 31, was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He began actively discerning his vocation after high school, but put his discernment on hold so he could study art at Escuela de Artes Plásticas in San Juan.

He entered the novitiate in the Dominican Republic. He went to the Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca in Spain to study philosophy and earned a licentiate degree. He then taught religion and philosophy for two years at the Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola.

He earned a Master of Divinity degree and a master’s degree in theology from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Ordained a deacon in October 2015, he served at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish in Newton, Mass.
Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola

Upcoming Events

**July 31**  Church Tours after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses

**Sept. 11**  Ministry Fair Passports to Parish Life! after 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses in the Ballroom

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I ❤ College Church because …

I ❤ College Church because I think it's a pretty good example of what Jesus must have had in mind when he commissioned Peter to build the Church. At College Church I have encountered God while gazing at beautiful stained glass, during powerful liturgies and when singing my heart out to music of the St. Louis Jesuits, but also when unexpectedly running into a fellow parishioner around the city. Most of all though, the community of College Church is a witness to the Kingdom of God. We are passionate about our faith. We are quick to love and committed to serve. We mean it when we say All Are Welcome in this place.

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College Church Trivia

Where did St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier meet for the first time?

*Answer at the bottom of the page*

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Did you Know?

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church was the first parish intended for English-speakers in the city.

Homilies and instructions at the Cathedral (now the Old Cathedral) were still conducted in French in the late 1830’s.

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Sayings from St. Francis

To His brother Juan regarding his friend Ignatius Loyola

*I beg you not to fail to converse freely with Master Ignatius and believe what he tells you. His advice and conversation can be of great advantage to you, since he is a great man of God and of a very good life.*  

*Paris 1535*

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Trivia Answer: The University of Paris. They were roommates!

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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.**
Religious Education Registration

Our Religious Education program is now accepting registrations for the 2016-17 school year. Classes meet three times a month (September through May) on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:20 a.m. for children in grades preschool through Eighth Grade. Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and Communion are part of our Second Grade program, as is Confirmation preparation in Eighth Grade.

Our religious instruction is interactive and engaging with the emphasis placed on helping your child to know and love God. Social Justice is a strong component and all grade levels have outreach projects that help children to fulfill the Jesuit mission of being “people for others.”

The registration forms for the 2016-17 Program Year have been mailed to all current parents. If you are a new family and would like to register your child(ren) or if you have a child in a Catholic school who would like to make his/her First Communion or Confirmation at College Church, contact Angie for more information at adoerr3@slu.edu or 314-977-7302.

Volunteer Teachers and Assistants Needed for Religious Education Classes

We are currently seeking volunteers for our Religious Education program. We are looking for teachers and assistants for our Religious Education Classes. As you help these young people grow in their faith and love of God, you will grow in your own! The commitment is three Sundays a month from 9:15 to 10:20 a.m. All teachers and assistants work in teams of two or more. Curriculum and training are available. Please consider volunteering. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Angie Doerr at adoerr3@slu.edu.

Safe Touch Volunteers Needed

The Religious Education Program at the College Church is looking for two volunteers to present the Safe Touch program next year. The Safe Touch program is a component of the mandated Safe Environment Program. It instructs children in a gentle, age-appropriate manner on ways they can participate in their own safety. The program is presented once a year to each RE class with the schedule designed around the presenter’s availability. Curriculum and training are available. For more information please contact Angie Doerr at adoerr3@slu.edu or 314-977-7302.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Volunteers Needed

The Children’s Liturgy of the Word program is looking for volunteers to help children to break open God’s Word. The commitment is two Sundays a month (Sept thru May) from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Training and curriculum are available. For more information or to volunteer contact Angie at adoerr3@slu.edu.
Mission Appeal St. Francis Xavier Church,  
August 6 & 7, 2016

Preacher: Fr. Kamanzi, AJ
Full names: Fr. SPERATUS KAMANZI
Name of Congregation: APOSTLES OF JESUS

About myself:
I was born in Tanzania (East Africa)
Ordination to priesthood: June 20, 1993
My ministry as a priest for the last 23 years has been mainly formation and teaching in the Major Seminary of our Order in Nairobi, Kenya and Campus Ministry in Universities.
From 2008-2014, I was Superior General of the Order based in Nairobi, where we have our headquarters.
From May 2016, I am chaplain and Instructor in Religion at Fontbonne University, St. Louis, residing at Christ the King Parish – University City.

About the Apostles of Jesus:
The Order was founded in 1968 shortly after Vatican II at the time when most African countries were gaining their political independence and missionaries from Europe and America were leaving the Continent. There was a need for Africa to have local missionaries.
In Africa our missionaries are in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Botswana and South Africa

Our ministries:
Formation of members, Priests and Brothers, Primary evangelization in the heart of Africa, Education, Care of Orphans and HIV/AIDS Ministry, At the invitation of some Bishops in the USA some of our members are in this country working in the Pastoral care of the sick and parish ministries.

Areas where we need financial help
Training of our seminarians, future Priests and Brothers to carry on with the mission. We have about 120 Major seminarians. They need financial support to finish their studies.
Support of our missionaries and their ministries in primary evangelization in Africa.
Support of our Elementary and High Schools in the most disadvantaged parts of Africa, Tanzania (among the Maasai), in Kenya (among the Turkana).
Our HIV/AIDS ministry takes care of orphans, widows and widowers who are either infected or affected by HIV/AIDS scourge. We need financial needs to cater for their needs.

Pray for the Deceased
Please remember in your prayers Gerry Lesyna, father of Kathy (John) Seibel, Jean Graefe, mother and mother-in-law of Susan Griffard and Deacon Jim Griffard who died recently along with all who have died in violence in recent weeks.

May they and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God’s presence forever.
Social Ministry

JustFaith 2016-2017

"Just Faith was very influential on me and my faith life. I was surrounded by a wonderful community of people passionate about their faith and how to put their faith into action. It was one of best programs that I've been a part of that did not look at issues of justice as an optional "add-on" to the Catholic Faith; rather my take away was that Just Faith was about answering the question, ‘Rooted in my Catholic Faith, what role do I play in working to end injustice?’”

--Nick Ehlman, JustFaith class of 2010

JustFaith is a program that focuses on the Gospel’s call to compassion, engagement in the life of Jesus, and to bring about God’s vision of justice in the world. Groups of 8-15 people are engaged in mind, heart and spirit exploring the challenges of following Jesus today. JustFaith consists of 4 phases of six 2-hour weekly sessions.

Learn more at Information Sessions in the Lower Adult Faith Room of the Parish Center:
August 7 after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses
August 28 after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses

For questions or additional information please contact Christine Dragonette at dragonettecm@slu.edu or 977-7309.

The Catholic Church and the Black Lives Matter movement: The Racial Divide in the United States Revisited

His Excellency the Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville, IL, presents his pastoral letter

When: August 8th at 7pm
Where: Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119

For information: Father Art Cavitt (314-367-7929), Grand Lady Patricia Hughes (314-839-5899), Marie Kenyon (314-792-7062)

“Called to be Peacemakers” Panel & Discussion

“Blessed are the peacemakers; they will be called children of God.” Matthew 5:9

When: Sunday, August 21st after the 10:30 Mass
Potluck begins after Mass, Program from 12:15-1:15PM
Where: SFX Ballroom
Panel: Mary Wuller, Ph.D., Jerry Wuller, Ph.D., Sr. Martha Jaegers, O.P., Barry Buchek
Please join us for a panel presentation and discussion on our call as Catholics to be peacemakers in the world. Please bring a potluck item to share if you can.

All are welcome. Please join us!

Be sure to VOTE in the Missouri primary election this Tuesday, August 2nd!

Additionally, Social Ministry will be working to OPPOSE Amendment 6 on the Missouri November ballot, which would change the constitution of Missouri to allow for a government-issued photo ID requirement in order to vote. With our experience working with folks who find it difficult to obtain government-issued ID, we know that this amendment would cut people out of the voting process.

Workshops on the photo ID amendment by MCU:
WHEN: Thursday, 8/4 from 6-7:30pm OR Friday, 8/5 from 10:30-noon
WHERE: Central Reform Congregation, 1520 Waterman (at Kingshighway) 63108
Contact office@mcustl.com for more info.

We will need your help! Keep an eye on the bulletin for more info on how to help us oppose this bad ballot measure.
Bridges Retreat

*Enrich your Spiritual Life through “Bridges”, an Ignatian Retreat at College Church*

“Bridges” is a program grounded in the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola, and adapted to our busy schedules, to enrich our spiritual lives. All are invited to attend (2) two information sessions in the Lower Adult Faith Room of the Parish Center to learn more about this year’s “Bridges” Retreat at College Church.

Please join us on Sunday, August 14th after the 10:30 am mass to hear if the Holy Spirit is calling you to participate in this quality faith formation program. Please see the “Bridges” website at www.bridgesfoundation.org or contact Deacon Jim Griffard at griffardjm@slu.edu or 314-619-5700 for more information.

College Church Tours

We will offer tours of the College Church by our new docents some Sunday’s following the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. The first Sunday tours will be given in connection with the opening of our 175th Anniversary Celebration this weekend July 31st.

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

Tickets on Sale NOW!

**Ways to purchase:**

- Go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2564531
- Put this form with your payment into the offertory collection
- Mail this form with your payment to St. Francis Xavier, 3628 Lindell Blvd,

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**SPONSORS**

- Apostle - $10,000 – $9,250 is tax deductible
- Saint - $5,000 – $4,250 is tax deductible
- Angel - $2,500 – $1,750 is tax deductible
- Host Table - $1,250 – $500 is tax deductible
- Individual Tickets - $125 – $75 is tax deductible

**TOTAL GIFT** $__________________

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If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Katie Jansen Larson, sfxadmin@slu.edu, 314-977-1954
Presiders

**July 30 & 31 Feast of St. Ignatius**

- **Saturday**
  - 5:15 pm: Fr. D. White, SJ
  - 8:00 am: Fr. J. Carlos, SJ
  - 10:30 am: Fr. D. White, SJ
  - 4:30 pm: Fr. R. Mercier, SJ

- **August 6 & 7**
  - **Saturday**
    - 5:15 pm: Fr. J. Carlos, SJ
  - **Sunday**
    - 8:00 am: Fr. D. White, SJ
    - 10:30 am: Visiting Missionary

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**
- Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:**
- Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-23 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:**
- Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:**
- Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:**
- Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:**
- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

**Sunday:**
- Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

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**This Week At College Church**

- **Sunday, July 31 9:15**
  - College Church Seminar—Genesis Creation Stories
  - Adult Faith Room

- **Wednesday, Aug 3 6:00**
  - Works of Mercy (Fr. Dan White)
  - Adult Faith Room

**C O L L E G E   C H U R C H   S E M I N A R**

**Genesis I—II Creation Stories**

College Church Seminar continues today at 9:15 am in the Adult Faith Room. The biblical creation stories, Genesis I-11, will be our focus.

Everyone is welcome; come when you can. Dr. Frank Nichols asks you send him your e-mail address so you can keep up with progress in the seminar and so he can send you materials. His address is nicholfw@slu.edu.

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**Works of Mercy**

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy are rooted deeply in the tradition of our faith. Their importance is magnified as we celebrate the Year of Mercy. Join Fr. Dan for a look at the significance and relevance of the works of mercy for us today. This five week discussion series will begin on Wednesday, July 27th. We will meet at 6pm in the Adult Faith Room of the parish center.

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**No Parking in the Curb Cut in front of the College Church**

The curb cut in front of the College Church is specifically needed for people who need to drop off someone who needs access to the ramp and elevator to attend our liturgies and events. Please do not park in that area, or you will receive a ticket.