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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday-Friday: 10:45 am 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.
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 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. 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 column may read more like a grocery list than my usual scintillating reflections.

I want to welcome Fr. Speratus Kamanzi of the Apostles of Jesus to the parish this weekend. The archdiocese asks every church to host a visiting missionary once a year. This gives us an opportunity to support their works. More important, though, is that this is a powerful reminder of our “catholic” or universal faith. Fr. Kamanzi’s presence helps us remember our connection to sisters and brothers in Christ the world over.

I am happy to welcome formally Fr. Juan Carlos Castro Rivera, SJ to College Church. He was ordained right here in June, and liked it so much he came back. Like Fr. Quang, Fr. Juan Carlos will spend a year as our associate pastor. The provincial obviously thinks we are doing something right.

Many of you participated in our opening of the 175th Anniversary year last weekend. I want to thank in a special way Terry Edelmann, Debbie Bentley, Kathy Potts and Mary Beth Erickson for long hours planning our reception. It was a joyous start to this auspicious celebration. It was an honor to welcome back former pastors Len Kraus and Jim Costello.

Finally, I am taking advantage of Fr. Kamanzi’s to take a quick trip home to see my mom. She is recovering from a hip replacement and doing quite well. I also plan to take a refreshing dip in the Mississippi, something I tend to avoid in St. Louis. Be good.

Young Adult Ministry

Join us for a Young Adult Cookout!  
When: Sunday, August 14th at 5:30 pm (after the 4:30 Mass)  
Where: Outside on the south side of the College Church, between the church and Dubourg Hall  
(Rain location: College Church ballroom)  
Join other young adults for food, drinks, and fun!  
Please RSVP to sfxccyoungadults@gmail.com  
(but feel free to join even if you did not RSVP)

Tap into Faith  
The Year of Mercy and Black Lives Matter:  
God’s Invitation and Our Response  
Wednesday, August 17th at 7pm  
Urban Chestnut, Midtown Location  
(3229 Washington Ave 63103)

Danielle Harrison will join the young adults this month to speak about the Year of Mercy and how it calls us to this challenging and liberating conversation - and action - around coming to deeper racial understanding.
Upcoming Events

Sept. 11  Ministry Fair Passports to Parish Life! after 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses in the Ballroom.
If you would like a tour of College Church, you may schedule one by calling Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu.

I ❤️ College Church because …

You may enjoy the inspiring homilies, the uplifting music, and the beauty and majesty of God's home. There is comfort in adoring God, thanking Him for the gift of life, and asking for more favors.

Then there are those who attend Mass because God asked us to pray. Regardless of your reasons to attend St. Francis Xavier, you are always welcome. All seeking truth and comfort will find a refuge at College Church. Try us. You'll get hooked.

College Church Trivia

What bishop founded St. Francis Xavier (College) Church and to what religious order did he belong?

Answer at the bottom of the page

Did you Know?

Thomas Walsh, the architect of our current church, was one of the most prominent in St. Louis in the late 1800's. Some of his other works include the Campbell House, St. Alphonsus “the Rock” Church and DuBourg Hall next door.

The Letters of St. Francis

To Ignatius Loyola from the royal court of Portugal

There are many good persons here who have a desire to serve our Lord but have need of one to help them by giving them some spiritual exercises so that they might do the good they put off from day to day. Lisbon 1540

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.

Trivia Answer: Bishop Joseph Rosati, a member of the Vincentian order
Tickets on Sale NOW!

Ways to purchase:
- Go to http://collegechurch.bpt.me/
- Put this form with your payment into the offertory collection
- Mail this form with your payment to St. Francis Xavier, 3628 Lindell Blvd, 63108, Attn: Katie Jansen Larson

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

TICKETS
☐ Host Table - $1,250 $500 is tax deductible
☐ Individual Tickets - $125 $75 is tax deductible

☐ Number of Tickets

TOTAL GIFT $ __________________________________________ Name __________________________________________

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Phone __________________________________________ Email __________________________________________

Donate Auction Items: Airline gift cards, frequent flier miles to convert to airline credit, hotel points/gift cards, out-of-town vacation opportunities, classes (dance, music, language, computer, how-to, wine tasting, etc), gift certificates (restaurants, boutiques, spas, kids activities), memberships (gym, cultural orgs, etc), services (interior design, travel agent, personal trainer, legal), event tickets, wine ($25+ value).

If you would like to donate an item, please contact Katie Jansen Larson, sfxadmin@slu.edu, (314)977-1954.
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 am 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 am. 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 am. 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:
Formed 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.

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 began on Wednesday, July 27th. We will meet at 6:00 pm in the Adult Faith Room of the parish center.

This Week At College Church
Wednesday, Aug 10 6:00 Works of Mercy (Fr. Dan White) Adult Faith Room
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!

OPPOSE Amendment 6

If you haven’t heard, it’s election season! Seriously though, not just presidential politics is on the ballot. Missouri voters must consider the issue of requiring photo ID’s to vote. In November, a proposed constitutional amendment, Amendment 6, will be on the ballot that would allow a photo ID requirement to vote.

Our Catholic Social Teaching calls us to family, community and participation: “We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.” Voter ID laws unfairly deny a voice and participation to many of our brothers and sisters.

Keep an eye out on the bulletin for information on how to help and stories from our Outreach Program.
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.

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.

Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass
Sunday, September 25, 2016

Mass Celebrant: Archbishop Robert Carlson

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Cathedral Basilica 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50-plus wedding anniversary during 2016 are invited to this annual Mass. Archbishop Robert Carlson will be the celebrant. Family members and friends are invited to join the couples at this special celebration. Couples registered by September 10th will have their names and wedding date printed in the program and receive a certificate of congratulations.

You may register online by visiting archstl.org/jubileemass. If you would like more information, please contact the Office of Laity & Family Life at 314.792.7170.
Making a Joyful Noise!

Your parish musicians are looking forward to the October 1, 2016 concert celebrating the 175th anniversary of the College Church. In anticipation of this event, we are requesting input and suggestions for the songs to be considered for the program. Please provide your feedback by completing this three question survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZB7CQVT

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Christianity in the 4th Century with Mark Etling, Ph.D.
Saturday, August 13, 10 am - Noon
Join us as we learn about the momentous changes that occurred in the Church during the 4th century. Some of the most influential thinkers in the history of Christianity came out of this pivotal time in the Church’s life.
Cost: $10. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270. snows.org/programs

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference – “Mental Illness and Addiction”
Friday, August 26, 9 a.m. – 4 pm
When Mental Illness Hits Home is a unique conference for friends and family members who journey with people with mental illness and for professionals in the mental health field.
Cost: $40 (lunch included). 5.25 CEUs, LCPC and LCSW - $20
For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270. snows.org/programs