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.

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

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.

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

Baptisms and Funerals Contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 for scheduling and preparation information. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12:00 noon. Call Joe for scheduling and preparation 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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### Pray for the Sick

- Monica Gunn
- Sr. Donna Gunn
- Margaret Barker
- Bruce Cochran
- Dave Heimos
- Vivian O'Brien Harmon
- Lucille Sims
- Shirley Loui
- Bud Vorderer
- Richard D. Heeney
- Joyce Pachak
- Connie Barbieri
- Carl Hauck
- Barney J. Heeney
- Sue Geile
- Carlita Logan
- John Woodworth
- Amanda Rice
- Grace Kaiser
- Joan Rice
- Neil Kiely
- Carol Williams
- Mary Beth Erickson
- James P. O'Brien
- Meaghan Graves
- Pat Darcy
- Virginia Pezoldo
- Jeff & Renee Rogers
- John Grossman
- Gene Tichacek
- Joyce Messmer
- Dorothy Berndsen
- Matthew Frank
- Paul Rutterer
- Fr. Robert Weiss, SJ
- Jo Schnellmann
- Linda Rieke
- 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.*
The Joy of the Gospel

Please join a discussion group led by Fr. Dan as we read and reflect upon Pope Francis' encyclical Evangelii Gaudium, the Joy of the Gospel. We will meet Wednesdays at 6pm in the Parish Center starting May 6th. Copies of the document can be purchased at Catholic Supply or on-line. All are welcome!

Join us for
SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK
June 8th

Show Starts at 8:00 p.m. but we encourage you to get there early. Feel free to bring, a blanket, chairs, snacks and drinks. Look for the SFX flag and you will see our group. For more information, pick up a flyer in the back of Church.
From the Pastor’s Desk

Today we celebrate confirmation for the young people of our parish. We have a large group of confirmandi who will receive the sacrament from Bishop Rice. They will receive the abundance and gifts of the Holy Spirit. I could say something about their commitment to our Catholic faith, but far better to let them speak for themselves. Please read the faith statements the confirmandi have written. They are wonderful expressions of faith, hope and love.

God’s blessing upon all to be confirmed, their sponsors, parents, family, friends, and the entire College Church community. May all of us continue to respond with generous hearts to the Holy Spirit at work in us.

Fr. Dan White, SJ

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

Summer Film Fest!

The summer film fest at College Church resumes this week! Mark your calendars for Tuesdays at 6:30pm in June and July. Our first film is this Tuesday, June 2nd. Amazing Grace (2007) PG 111 minutes

Based on actual events, this historical drama tells the story of William Wilberforce, an 18th-century English politician who launched an aggressive campaign to abolish British slavery, despite staunch opposition.

New Director of Social Ministry

Christine Dragonette is our new director of social ministry. Many of you know Christine as she was our service outreach coordinator for the past two years. She just completed her MSW degree at Saint Louis University. We are thrilled she will continue on staff with College Church.

Understanding the Mass

Central to our life in Christ and our parish life is the Sunday Eucharist. Deepening our understanding of the Eucharistic liturgy can help us enter more fully into the prayer and encounter with God each week. The Wednesday evening study and reflections sessions will continue after Fr. Dan’s completes the sessions on The Joy Of the Gospel with a series on the Mass. Starting on June 17, there will be four sessions examining the background of the mass and each section of the celebrations. Look for more details next week.

Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center is the only free standing Catholic children’s medical center in the United States. In the 1950s, Cardinal Ritter asked St. Louis parishes to build a children’s medical center. Slowly the center was built and now it stands just down the street from us serving children in need. Last year it served more than 200,000 children and no child is ever turned away because of financial need. Through your generosity, Cardinal Glennon can continue to offer state-of-the-art care to new borns with serious problems, children with cancer and other seriously ill children from within the womb to age 21.

Cardinal Glennon is a place “Where Faith and Healing Unite.” A second collection will be taken next week. Envelopes are located near the entrances and can be placed in that collection or in the regular collection the following week. You may also contribute online at glennon.org
Statements of Faith

As part of the preparation for Confirmation, our eighth grade students were asked to write a “Statement of Faith” expressing why they wanted to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation along with some aspect of her/his faith journey. These reflections were read by the students in a special celebration attended by parents, teachers, sponsors and members of our faith community on May 17, 2015. We are making these Statements of Faith available to our entire parish community and hope that you will read them and be inspired by the heartfelt, honest and thoughtful reflections of our young people. Please join our parish family as we celebrate their full initiation into the Church today, May 31, 2015.

David Buckley
My name is David Buckley and I am basically a happy, and serene person. I may not always appear to be happy but I know that I have a good life. In my free time I sometimes enjoy drawing. I like to draw buildings and scenery; drawing makes me feel peaceful, and makes me forget my problems which can help me connect with god in a way.

I'm not always thinking about God, and I feel closest to him when I'm in church. I know without God my life would be much different probably worse; I wouldn't have been blessed with my loving family and my abilities such as my art, but mainly I wouldn't have learned how to appreciate my gifts which I am so grateful for.

I used to hate going to church but now it is a weekly routine that I am grateful for. Church allows me to spend time with God and my family. Church feels normal to me now; it feels like I belong there. Going to church and my faith has helped me do many things but most importantly I make better decisions when I would without it.

Confirmation Name: Peter
Confirmation Sponsor: Mari Watanabe

Sam Byrne
Faith to me is, believing in something of a higher power. Catholic faith is the something but the higher power is God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The believing in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is what everything about the catholic religion revolves around. The moral of every Bible Story begins with these three aspects.

I feel God is speaking to me when I see good things happen in me and other people. He is showing me the way to live my life as a Catholic. When this happens it is when I feel closest to God.

My faith has made a big difference in my life. When I feel closest to God I find it easier to follow him. When I do Gods’ way I make better moral decisions. This has a large effect on my life.

The way God effects my life helps me discover why faith is apart of who I am. God is good and he helps people. He teaches his followers to do the same through faith. This is why faith is apart of who I am. I want to be one of Gods’ followers and help others too. This is why I am ready for confirmation.

Confirmation Name: Sebastian
Confirmation Sponsor: Tim Quin

Sophia DeCampi
Faith is a very important aspect of life. To me, faith means having a belief in something, and still believing in it even if I don’t have evidence of the existence. It's standing beside that belief no matter what. My definition of the Catholic faith is dedicating my life to God and the church, and not letting that faith diminish under circumstances such as time or hardships. My faith makes me who I am, so it is very important to me.

When I am praying alone, specifically during the ups and downs of my life, I feel very close to God. During those times, I find myself thinking about my faith often. My faith has made a big difference in the way I live because it helps me feel gratitude for the things I have and I make better decisions when I think of my faith. I make that choice of my faith every day, so I know that it is a big part of me.

There is a verse in the bible, which I try my best to follow. The verse, Proverbs 3:5-6, states “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” This verse really speaks to me because it was the verse that helped me understand what faith really means. It says that if you trust in God, he will guide you, even if you don’t have proof of his existence. I know that this verse and my faith will guide me, and I am grateful to have Catholicism as such a big part of my life.

Confirmation Name: Catherine
Confirmation Sponsor: Odilia DeCampi
Oliver DeStefano

Faith is trusting in God and yourself. The Catholic Faith believes that God sent Jesus to be our Savior and to help us be like Him. I am just like Jesus with many amazing gifts. One of which is my ability to overcome challenges and see the best in everyone. I sometimes need Jesus' help to help me keep pushing along. I know he is with me when I score a goal in soccer or when I help others. I feel closest to God when I am being bullied or people are questioning if I can do something. He makes me feel safe and believe in myself. I know God forgives the bullies. My faith has made a difference in the way I live because even though people may hurt my feelings, I believe God will keep me safe, help me make the right choices and remind me to try my best. I know my faith is a part of who I am and who I want to be because God makes me feel happy, strong and able to be the best me. Since being in religious education at SLU, I have grown in my faith. Jesus has given me the encouragement and strength to seek out new friends and new situations. I feel more confident in myself and am willing to try new things.

Confirmation Name: Sebastian  Confirmation Sponsor: Mike O'Connor

Theresa Fister

I am a person of faith, because I know that God is love. I believe in God who sent his beloved Son to our world so that we may be saved.

I feel that I need to share that pure, unselfish love with everyone I encounter, even though it can be hard. I might not know what my life will be in the future, but I know that I can always show love towards others in small ways. I believe that if I live my life in love, I am close to God.

I want to be confirmed because I want to have this Catholic faith for my entire life. I know that my faith will change- it has been constantly changing in the past 14 years of my life. I want to be confirmed because I want to fix the flaws in the Church and humanity by spreading God's simple message of being loving to everyone. I believe that faith is also seeing the worst parts of the world, and still being willing to believe and help make a change.

I chose Catherine of Alexandria as my patron saint because she is the woman I want to become. When Catherine was only 14, the age I am now, she converted to Christianity, and she spread God's message to hundreds of people. That is the person I want to be right now, and in the future--the person who stays determined through hard times, and works to make the world a better place. I can confirm that I want to be a person who always believes in God's love.

Confirmation Name: Catherine  Confirmation Sponsor: James Fister
Collin Fuller
Growing in my faith is important to me because prayer is a way to get closer to God and I want to be closer to God. I started my faith and the Catholic way much later than everyone else, but I am glad I was put on the path I was. Better late than never right? Being confirmed is the final step in my faith, but it is not the true end of my journey. I want to thank my Mom and Dad for helping me through this journey, and Mrs. Angie. She was there for my sister and me to start our journey and now she is there to end it with me. I am glad that all these people are here to help me but I am glad I found the biggest helper of all, God. I plan to follow God until it is no longer possible for me to.

Confirmation Name: Sebastian  Confirmation Sponsor: Madison Fuller

Matt Johnson
I believe I’m one of the lucky ones. I have this relationship with God that a lot of my friends do not have. Also, this idea of faith came to me with ease. I understood what faith was and how it affected me in my everyday life. I also understand what I believe. I believe God created this amazing world that I live in, all the people, and plants, and animals. I believe the Son Jesus came down from heaven to watch over and show us the way of God. I also believe that I am an important part of God’s Kingdom and his plan. With my faith, I believe I can accomplish great things.

A lot of people do not have what I have, faith. Some people have no faith at all, and others don’t know where they belong. God has given us all the chance to see his word, some people take it, and some do not. He has shown me the way of his love, and I have happily taken it.

Like I said earlier, I’m lucky. I get the chance to follow God in his plan. I have many people to thank for guiding me on this path. I would like to thank my parents for dragging me out to church every week, and for helping me on the path of faith. I would also like to thank my brother, for being my sponsor and helping me understand. Thank you to all my friends from Atrium, through RE. You guys rock! Thank you to Ms. Angie for being with me my whole journey with Christ. To all the teachers I have had, thank you. And the list goes on.

Being with God, in my opinion, isn’t a right, it’s a privilege. I am so happy that I get the chance to follow Christ in my own special way. God has called us each by name to follow him in whatever way we choose. By receiving Confirmation, I have agreed to follow God for the rest of my life. I will happily take this agreement and follow God, and stay lucky.

Confirmation Name: Anthony  Confirmation Sponsor: Andrew Johnson

Jacob LaGesse
To me, faith is belief in something greater. Belief in something that I can look up to, something that can help guide me. My Catholic faith is very similar. I believe in God the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. My faith has made a difference in the way that I live because it has made me a better person. I can imagine God watching me, and it makes me adjust my actions so that He would approve.

My faith has helped me grow into the person that I am today. When I feel lost, I look to God for guidance. God has always been there for me, and I have faith that He will always be there for me.

Confirmation Name: Patrick  Confirmation Sponsor: Donna LaGesse

Paige Mitchell
I believe- what does that really mean to me? A statement, in which I trust in a holy, catholic, apostolic church. From the beginning of my memory of going to church I never understood fully why I went, until these past 3 years. I understood what it meant to be a part of a community that all believe in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. I believe in becoming closer to God through prayer. I didn’t know how to pray and grow closer to God until I started to know the meaning behind everything we do in the church and why we do it. I want to continue to grow closer to God and to understand fully who He is to me. I want to take on the role of becoming confirmed. Unlike baptism where I couldn’t say "yes" myself. Now I want to say "yes" into the Catholic Church fully. Coming to church wouldn’t be the only thing that would strengthen my faith it would also be showing my committed life as a catholic. I want to continue my path for as long as I live and this is just my new beginning.

Confirmation Name: Catherine  Confirmation Sponsor: Elizabeth Meyer
Rachel Neupert
I like the idea of using the quote “Don't cross oceans for people who wouldn’t cross a puddle for you” to describe religion. Not because I think it defines what faith is, but because I think it defines what faith is not. In most areas of our lives, we are reminded to not do anything if there is not recognition or repayment afterwards. We are never encouraged to go the extra mile for someone who won’t appreciate it or give us something in return. But in the church, it’s different. God constantly asks us to love, to love without limits or expectations. He asks us to cross oceans for everyone, even the ones who would not even take a step for us.

I believe Catholicism is a never-ending challenge to do the right thing, even when it's hard, to love whole-heartedly, watch it crash and burn, and love some more. And this is the purest strength — to love after hurt and betrayal, to love even when it is not reciprocated. This is what God calls us to do for others, and for him — love Him, even when we don’t understand, love God enough to trust Him to see us through the troubles, to love enough Him enough to see that love returned. And He does love us — but it’s not a lie when they say “the Lord works in mysterious ways”. I see His love in many things, but perhaps most importantly, I see it in prayer. Admittedly, I don’t pray often except right before I turn off the light and go to sleep. It is a ritual that I do every night. My nightly prayer is an apology, a thank you, and a request for patience, understanding, strength, and wisdom in my dealings with the people in my life. Only after I have prayed am I at enough peace to go to sleep. Peace is one of the greatest gifts that faith has given to me. And it is given to everyone, for “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans of fullness, not of harm, to give you a future, and a hope.”

Confirmation Name: Bernadette
Confirmation Sponsor: Mary Kraus

Liam O'Malley
Faith to me is the belief in God. Catholic faith is the belief in God and that Jesus is the son of God. We have some rules that Christians don’t. In my school there are some kids that try to use science to prove that God isn’t real. But I was brought up with a big influence of God and their words don’t harm me. I feel closest to God when I go to church and pray. I feel closer when I’m a server on the altar. But I feel closest when I’m not at church because I know He is always with me.

I was brought up in an Irish Catholic household that was strong about religion. Whenever I was little and I would lie my dad would always say maybe I don’t know if you’re lying but God knows. I said before that my house is very strong in being Catholic. I’ve been taught that it’s what is right. I’ve been at a catholic school for four years and been to PSR for five years. It has been such an influential ride that there is no other way of believing in anything else. The bible verse that speaks to me is the last supper when Jesus says that one of the disciples will betray him. Everyone says it’s not them. The one named Judas is the one who betrays Jesus to the high priest to be crucified. It speaks to me because Jesus has all these followers but one betrays him. The disciples are the most loyal men to Jesus on the planet yet one betrays him. The story leads up to when Jesus walks to the hill of skulls and dies on the cross next to one cocky man and a man who asks Jesus to let him in heaven. Jesus says you are welcome in heaven alongside my Father. I think it’s the most important verse in the whole bible.

Confirmation Name: Patrick
Confirmation Sponsor: Rev. Edmond Fitzgibbon

Juliane Pautrot
My eighth grade school year is almost over. We have about seven weeks left of school. Looking back at it, I realized that this school year has been just awful for me. I came into the year with high expectations. Everyone told me last summer that eighth grade was his/her favorite year of school. Sadly that was not the case.

At one point, I remember coming home every Friday from school and crying because of how bad my week had been. Either my math teacher yelled at me, or I was stuck working with people who were rude to me. Luckily, I always had something to cheer me up. Whether it was a friend, a teacher, my music, or even one of my favorite YouTubers uploading a video. There was always something there that made me feel okay.

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Looking back now, I realized that those things and people were Jesus. I see Jesus in my French teacher. I see Jesus in my friends. I see Jesus in my favorite YouTubers. I can hear Jesus speaking in my music or my book. Even though at times it seemed like he didn’t answer my prayers, he always did. I just didn’t realize it.

I want to become part of the Catholic Church because my faith is already a huge part of my life. I want to grow in my faith and become closer to God whether it’s through going to Mass or hanging out with my friends.

Confirmation Name: Joan

Confirmation Sponsor: Betty Carson

A quote from John 13:34-35:

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

This verse speaks to me because it shows the importance of accepting people despite their differences.

My name is Lily Rapp and I have been attending St. Frances since I was in fifth grade. I have learned so many valuable life lessons through my time here. Developing my faith and a better understanding of what that means has been a focus of my religious education.

My faith has made a difference in the way I live because I have found a passion for helping others. Through service learning, I have come to realize how this makes me feel. I feel helpful and compassionate towards others who are in need. My school is involved in a three month long project to encourage giving back and St Francis has given me tools to become a leader in these expeditions. I think it is important to give back to the community because it shows maturity and promise.

To be honest I am not completely sure what my faith is or how to even describe it. But I know faith is something that you can’t really define, that it’s different for everyone. I know faith is a process or a journey that never really ends, but how to even begin to describe my faith? I feel that although sometimes I have been unsure about my beliefs, god has always been with me. God has helped me understand that faith doesn’t have a set of instructions; instead it’s something everyone needs to continue to understand.

Confirmation Name: Teresa

 Confirmation Sponsor: Roberta Mank

Faith is believing in something you have no proof of, not an excuse of why everything exists. I had to teach myself that for a while. Catholic faith is believing that Jesus, God’s son, died on the cross for us and rose from the dead, and that Jesus is the Messiah. I’ve been taught that since I was three, when I started going to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Before that, I went to my school’s church, St. Stephen’s. My Aunt Ann showed my parents here, St. Francis Xavier. That was how my faith started being active in my life

As I advanced through the Catechesis, I made many comments on the things that I had learned. My mom told me that when I was four, I asked her a random question while we were playing a game, or whatever four-year-olds and their mothers do, “Mom, did you know that there is a Kingdom of God, and that it’s open for everyone?” My mom didn’t know how to respond, after all, that’s pretty deep for a four-year-old. Over the years I finally made it through all the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd’s levels. The final one was taught by my Aunt Ann and Mrs. Hope. Then I moved on to seventh grade RE. Technically, I was only in sixth grade since I went to preschool a year late, so it’s kinda annoying when I have to tell everybody that I wasn’t held back. I made a lot of good friends there, and some I already knew from the Catechesis. They helped me so much. My family, teachers, and friends have helped me
**Maxwell Reinert** (cont'd)  
family, teachers, and friends have helped me to see God in others. Well, almost all of them. They helped me realize that you want to be with God, always. Even when you’re not, be with him when you can. He wants to be with you, so let him. You need him in your life. If we didn’t, our lives would be filled with unanswerable questions. He’s helped me so much in my life, sometimes more than others. He’s all you need in your life. Bring him into it.  

| Confirmation Name: Justin | Confirmation Sponsor: Art Mees |

**Nick Shaughnessy**  
Over the years my faith has grown slowly. Every year I am certain I am getting closer to God. Through the early stages Religious Ed, I didn’t really understand what my teachers were talking about, but every year some part of their teaching would just click in my mind and I would finally get that part. From here all I can do is go up. Now my focus is on having a better understanding my faith, a better understanding of me, and a better understanding of my relationship with God.  

This year I spent time volunteering and working at homeless shelters through our Religious Ed class. Spending time with little kids and making them happy. It was an amazing experience watching all those kids smile and laugh knowing that I was the one doing that through the gifts that God gave me. It made me feel good that I could make somebody’s day even if they weren’t having a good one. I feel I am a better person by just doing what I think is right and making a change, stepping up to be a leader and to not be afraid to step out of my comfort zone for others. I pray that God will keep leading me on this path of greatness so I can be the person He wants me to be.  

| Confirmation Name: Peter | Confirmation Sponsor: Joe Shaughnessy |

**Samantha Webster**  
God is the Supreme Being, the Creator, and our Father. God is the creator of all people, the earth, and all life. God knows everything and will always be there to help and guide his children. In my mind God is an abstract being represented by a light colorless and pure. I believe that God exists and can be seen within every person. Everything Jesus taught in his ministry can also be seen in all people. All knowing and all powerful God can help everyone find what is morally right. God loves us no matter what. Bad things happen and people claim that God isn’t there, but God is always with us. God is present all the time. God is loving and this reason is exactly why I want to be confirmed. I want to share more fully in God’s grace and love through Confirmation.  

| Confirmation Name: Genesia | Confirmation Sponsor: Julie Killian |

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**WELCOME TO BISHOP EDWARD M RICE!**

**WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO BE WITH US TODAY!**
Outreach Program Summer Closing

Due to financial constraints, our Outreach Program, which provides assistance with birth certificates and state ID's, will be closed for the entire months of June and July. We will reopen the week of August 4th and 5th, at which time we will continue our regular program hours. Throughout the summer, we will continue to serve guests who are referred from agencies with whom we have an ongoing contract.

The Outreach Program is the cornerstone of our parish’s Social Ministry. We recognize the immense importance of providing this service and are committed to continuing it. This summer, we will take the time to plan for the long-term sustainability of our services, as well as to work toward identifying and addressing the systemic problems that bring guests to our door every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please feel free to contact Christine Dragonette at (314) 977-7311 or sfxjvolt@slu.edu with any questions you have, to get involved with the Outreach Program, or with suggestions about relationships we can build in order to both financially support our program and reduce the need for our services.

College Church parishioners do so much to support Social Ministry and the Outreach Program. Thank you for your ongoing support!

L'Arche Trivia Night

Young Adult Table

Saturday, June 6
Doors open at 6:15, Trivia starts at 7:00
Paddy O’s, 618 S. 7th St. (meet at College Church to carpool)

Are you a trivia master? We need you on our team! Join us for the L'Arche trivia night on Saturday, June 6. Doors open at 6:15 - we’ll meet at College Church at 6:00 for anyone who wants to carpool. Cost is $25 per person which includes domestic beer, soft drinks, and light snacks - outside food is welcome. Be sure to bring extra cash for a raffle and silent auction! Email Margie at margie.borges@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the XYA table.

The Walk

Saturday, June 13
12-1:30 p.m. (please eat lunch beforehand)
Meet at the Parish Center of SFX at 11:30 to carpool over OR meet at Centenary Church at 12 p.m. (1610 Olive Street, 63103)
RSVP: Email sfccyoungadults@gmail.com or call Christine at (314) 977-7311. Registration fee will be covered by St. Francis Xavier.

Join the SFX Young Adults for "The Walk," a downtown walking tour hosted by Centenary Church (aka The Bridge), a day shelter providing services for people who are homeless. The Walk is a great way to experience what it’s like to have to travel place to place to receive some of life’s basic needs: food, clothing, shelter, medical attention, etc. in St. Louis.

Pray for the Deceased

Please remember Marie Glynn, mother of parishioner Kathy Anderson who died recently. May she and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God forever.
Welcome to the Green Corner!

The Environmental Committee has been created in response to Pope Francis’ call to care for creation. We hope in the coming months to share information with you that will inform and inspire you to take steps in your lives on behalf of our beautiful home, Earth.

Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.

Safeguard Creation. Because if we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us! Never forget this!

~ Pope Francis

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT PLASTIC?
The average American throws away approximately 185 pounds of plastic per year. Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth four times. Each year.

Plastic constitutes approximately 90 percent of all trash floating on the ocean’s surface, with 46,000 pieces of plastic per square mile. Giant garbage patches (one twice the size of Texas) can be found floating around in the oceans.

Annually approximately 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide. More than one million bags are used every minute.

It takes 500-1,000 years for plastic to degrade.

Ways To “Rise Above Plastic.”

Choose to reuse when it comes to shopping bags and bottled water. Cloth bags and metal or glass reusable bottles are available locally at great prices.

Refuse single-serving packaging, excess packaging, straws and other “disposable” plastics. Carry reusable utensils in your purse, backpack or car to use at bbq’s, potlucks or take-out restaurants.

Reduce everyday plastics such as sandwich bags and juice cartons by replacing them with a reusable lunch bag/box that includes a thermos.

Bring your to-go mug with you to the coffee shop, smoothie shop or restaurants that let you use them, which is a great way to reduce lids, plastic cups.

Make your own laundry detergent and eliminate dozens of plastic laundry containers each year. Email Carolyn Vaughan for recipe at email below.

Recycle. If you must use plastic, try to choose #1 (PETE) or #2 (HDPE), which are the most commonly recycled plastics. Avoid plastic bags and polystyrene foam as both typically have very low recycling rates.

Spread the word. Talk to your family and friends about why it is important to reduce plastic in our lives and the nasty impacts of plastic pollution.

Be creative!
Seek out alternatives to the plastic items that you rely on.

The environmental committee meets once a month; the next meeting is scheduled for today, May 31st, after the 10:30 Mass across the street in Jesuit Hall, 2nd floor, Marchetti Room. Light refreshments are served. Come join and help us plan for future advocacy and earth-friendly activities! If you would like more information, email Carolyn Vaughan at carolyn.j.vaughan@gmail.com.
"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."

Archbishop Oscar Romero, blessed and defender of the poor and justice—Blessed Oscar Romero, often referred to as “a voice for the voiceless,” was a tireless advocate for the poor and oppressed people of El Salvador. He was martyred for his faith while celebrating Mass in 1980. He is a model for putting love for God and neighbor into action. Read more at http://tinyurl.com/oo8zna3. As we celebrate his beatification and lift up the Salvadorans’ long struggle for justice, his example can be an inspiration for your advocacy with, and on behalf of our brothers and sisters who are poor and marginalized around the world. To join the Catholics Confront Global Poverty team of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services, send an email to info@confrontglobalpoverty.org; be a part of the solution; add your voice to our global Church’s call to action on behalf of our sisters and brothers around the corner and around the world!

MAY IS MARY’S MONTH - "In this special month, in which we will celebrate Christ’s Ascension into Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, I encourage you to deepen your devotion to Mary...The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Queen of Peace, so throughout this month of May we should offer prayers for peace in our city and in the world." says Archbishop Gomez (catholicexchange.com/marys-month). All are welcome to participate in the PEACE VIGIL happening each and every Sunday on the steps of our church from 7-7:30pm.

Employment Preparation Program needs Volunteers
St. Francis (Catholic Charities) Community Services
MIDTOWN Center

Located near Manchester on Boyle (about a mile from the College Church) Midtown’s P.E.O.P.L.E. 1st (People Eliminating Obstacles by Pursuing Learning and Employment) is a lifestyle change and work readiness program. Here adult participants “reinvent” themselves as they are encouraged to take a new step forward toward further education and/or gainful employment.

The program lasts four weeks, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Components include activities oriented toward discovering and addressing personal, family and professional issues which keep people from success. Sessions include topics such as good attendance, child care, personal appearance, anger management, conflict resolution, substance abuse, domestic violence, mock interviews and the modern resume.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Volunteers help at Midtown by—
Bringing their own work experience and stories to share
Helping create the effective resume
Collecting work clothes in sizes specific to each class needs
Providing job leads and leads on volunteer opportunities
Assisting with developing computer and technology-related skills
Providing one-on-one mentoring and additional support to clients

To be a volunteer contact Robert White at Midtown, 314-534-1180, rwhite@ccstl.org

But most of all graduates need a source of employment. If you are an employer or can make a connection with the human resource person at your place of employment a Midtown representative would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. To discuss this contact:
Robert White at Midtown, 314-534-1180, rwhite@ccstl.org
Tony McDonald, Parishioner and Midtown Board member, 314-645-3922, a.mcdonald999@gmail.com
### Presiders

**May 30th & 31st, 2015**

**Saturday**
- 5:15 p.m. Fr. May, SJ

**Sunday**
- 8:00 a.m. Fr. White, SJ
- 10:30 a.m. Bishop Rice
- 4:30 p.m. Fr. White, SJ

**June 6th & 7th, 2015**

**Saturday**
- 5:15 p.m. TBD

**Sunday**
- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Byrne, OP
- 10:30 a.m. Fr. Goergen, OP
- 4:30 p.m. TBD

### Readings For The Week

**Sunday:**
- Dt 4:32-34, 39-40;
- Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-220, 22;
- Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

**Monday:**
- Tb 1:3, 2:1b-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6;
- Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday:**
- Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:**
- Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a;
- Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;
- Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:**
- Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;
- Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:**
- Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10;
- Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:**
- Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8;
- Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday:**
- Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;
- Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:112-16, 22-26

### JustFaith

“Life changing” is often how JustFaith program participants describe their experience of learning, praying, studying, listening and challenging themselves to more deeply understand how God is calling us to serve the least among us. Based on Catholic Social Teaching, 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. Meeting weekly, 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:**

**Phase 1:** Making Space for Compassion – Making an Option for the Poor

**Phase 2:** Uncovering the Systems of Poverty at Home and Globally

**Phase 3:** Looking in the Mirror: Racism and Privilege

**Phase 4:** Making way for the New: Simplicity, Non-Violence and Forgiveness

Learn more at Information Sessions in the Parish Center:

- 2 Info sessions - Sunday, June 14 after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses – Lower Adult Faith Room
- 2 Info sessions - Sunday July 12 after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses – Adult Faith room
- 2 Info sessions - August 16 after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses – Adult Faith Room
- 2 Info sessions - August 30 after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses – Adult Faith Room

For questions or additional information please contact Mary Ann Moore – 314-608-6030
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