January 7, 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday  
5:30 pm Anticipation of Sunday

Sunday  
8:00 am, 10:30 am and 4:30 pm

Monday - Friday  
7:15 am, Noon, 5:15 pm

In the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level.

Saint Louis University Campus Ministry:

Sunday: 9:00 pm (when the University is in session)

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.
The Parish Center is closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.

**Hours**: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

**Bulletin Notices**: must be submitted to marykay.horan@slu.edu by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

**Infant Baptisms**: contact Fr. Jason Brauninger, 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 pm.

**Christian Initiation of Adults**: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu

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

**Funerals**: contact Fr. Dan White, SJ or Sister Carolyn McWaters, RSM. To notify the parish of a funeral for a family member not at the College Church, please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or church@slu.edu.

**Disability Access**: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

**Parish Registration**: 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**: Available for kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Contact Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**: Celebrated weekly for children in kindergarten - seventh grade at 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Childcare is available for children ages six months through pre-kindergarten during the 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Center Nursery. Contact Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu.

**Tours of the Church**: Contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu
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From the Pastor’s Desk

The story of the Magi is a strange one to say the least. They are following the movements of the heavens when a new star signals something big. The Magi travel from the distant East, showing up unannounced and uninvited first in Jerusalem, and later in Bethlehem. Bearing gifts for the Christ child they exit the stage as quickly and mysteriously as they arrived.

What to make of them? It helps to know the Wise Men appear only in St. Matthew’s Gospel. Matthew’s telling of Jesus’ story has two parallel notions: the Messiah’s proclamation of the Good News as the fulfillment of God’s plan for His people Israel; and, at one and the same time, the extension of this plan to include the Gentiles.

The birth of Christ inaugurates this reality. The presence of the Magi at the very beginning represents those on the outside who actually understand far better than Herod the importance of Jesus. Fast forward to the end of Matthew’s Gospel with the Risen Lord’s instructions to his disciples to go forth to all the nations to preach and baptize. The bookends of the Magi and the so-called Great Commission show the universality of the Gospel. It is the culmination of the covenant with Israel but not limited to a single people or tribe. All are invited to share in the goodness of God.

Winter News from SFX!

Please note that the parish office is closed due to bad weather when the St. Louis public schools are. If they are closed, so are we.

Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to add or remove names.
WELCOME TO COLLEGE CHURCH!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: The First Nowell

Glory to God: Mass of Light

Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and on earth peace to people, to people of good will.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children’s Dismissal for Liturgy of the Word

Responsorial Psalm: 98 All the Ends of the Earth

After each Intercession
Cantor

All creation, raise your voices:

Child of Mary, hear our prayer.

Gospel Acclamation:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

THE NICENE CREED MAY BE FOUND ON THE INSIDE COVER OF THE HYMNAL
Intercession Response: Child of Mary  

Child of Mar-y, hear our prayer.

All: Child of Mar-y, hear our prayer.

After each Intercession

All cre-a-tion, raise your voic-es:

Child of Mar-y, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts: O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Gather 446

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations: Mass of Light  
Gather 361, 362, 363

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of Bread: Lamb of God - Mass of Light  
Gather 361, 362, 363

Communion Song: Wood of the Cradle  
Gather 436

Meditation: In the Bleak Midwinter  
Harold Darke

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: Epiphany Carol  
Gather 462

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE SAINTS IN GLASS

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church  
3628 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63108

Sunday, Jan. 21 after 10:30 am Mass

The afternoon will begin with a light lunch in the Ballroom followed by a tour of the historic College Church windows by our pastor, Fr. Dan White, S.J. and Aaron Frei of Emil Frei Studios.

The cost is $20 per person ($15 for registered parishioners) due before Jan. 11.

Contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu to make reservations.

SAVE THE DATE
FOR XAVIER DAYS

Our sixth Annual Parish Celebration, Xavier Days, will be held at College Church on Feb. 9 & 10. Both days are unique and all parishioners are welcome!

Our opening celebration will be on Friday, Feb. 9 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Xavier Ballroom. There will be hearty appetizers, wine, beer and soda. The 2017 Bronsgeest Award will be presented to Mary McDevitt for her dedicated service to College Church. It is a great opportunity to relax and meet other members of our parish community.

Saturday, Feb. 10 is a Parish Reflection Morning in the Ballroom. The presenter is our Associate Pastor Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ. Breakfast sandwiches will be served.

There is a $10 per person fee for the Friday celebration and a $5 fee for Saturday.

REGISTRATION FOR XAVIER DAYS
Deadline: Thursday, February 1

Register by mail to 3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108; or drop completed registration form in the collection basket the deadline. A $10 fee is required for Friday and $5.00 for Saturday with your reservation. The reservation form is available on our website sfxstl.org.

No reservation will be accepted without a deposit!
Make checks payable to College Church.

I/we will attend the following events:

Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 Xavier Days Celebration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Xavier Ballroom for adults.
How many? ______________ Adults only

Saturday, Feb. 10 Parish Reflection Morning, 9:00 am in the Xavier Ballroom.
How many? ______________ Adults only

Name(s) ____________________________________________ Amount Enclosed: $ _______

Phone________________________ Email___________________________________________
LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BEAT THE WINTER DOLDRUMS IN JANUARY?

Join us for our 3rd Annual Trivia Night at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church To benefit Social Ministry and Religious Education

Date: Friday, January 26 at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Where: College Church Ballroom, 3628 Lindell Blvd. 63108 at corner of Grand & Lindell on Saint Louis University campus

Cost: $25 per person, $200 to reserve at table with a maximum of eight participants per table

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

Parking: SLU garage located at Grand & Laclede; entrance is on the west side of Grand on Laclede Ave.

Reservations: Contact Arlene at 314-623-0412 or email kulade5@yahoo.com

THE COLLEGE CHURCH LEGAL CLINIC

In 2017, the College Church Legal Clinic met with over 40 individuals to help resolve a variety of legal issues, including veteran’s benefits; child custody; landlord-tenant; consumer; insurance and many other matters. We would like to thank our volunteer intake attorneys: John Tresslar, Joyce LaFontain, Brandon Porter, Matt Cook, Chris Cox, Cathi Grantham, and our Legal Coordinator Eric Schwalb for their help.

The Legal Clinic also was able to refer several cases to area law firms and attorneys. We thank them for their assistance with these important matters. If you are an attorney interested in receiving one email per month with cases seeking referral, please contact sfxjvolt@slu.edu or call 314.977.7311.

Also, if you are a Missouri-licensed attorney interested in serving in our rotation of monthly intake attorneys, please also contact sfxjvolt@slu.edu or call 314.977.7311.

DONUT SUNDAY!

Donuts, coffee and juice will be offered after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses next Sunday, January 14!

We are in need of additional volunteers to help with Donut Sunday.

Please consider this!
Volunteer Opportunity: Concordance Academy Partnership Teams

Concordance Academy provides holistic re-entry services to people leaving prison. Concordance needs volunteers to form “partnership teams” to support program participants and we hope to form a College Church team. Lisa Cohn with Concordance will be in the vestibule after Mass today to answer questions about partnership teams.

Participating on a partnership team entails working with 5-6 other people to:

• Provide much-needed emotional support, love and encouragement to the participant
• Create a resourceful network to help meet basic needs – ranging from transportation and childcare, to household furnishings and clothing
• Supplement Academy services to help participants achieve goals outlined in their customized life plans and career blueprints
• Foster individual growth through the creation and implementation of a personal project that contributes to the greater good of society

Talk to Lisa after Mass today or contact her at LCOhn@concordanceacademy.com to learn more!

Social Ministry Commission Seeking New Members in 2018

Do you consider social justice an integral part of your faith? Are you interested in helping our parish move forward in our service, justice, and peacemaking efforts? The Social Ministry Commission invites you to consider applying for membership.

We are especially interested in people who are interested in our four current goals (summarized here):

♦ Build a culture of anti-racism in our parish
♦ Participate with community partners in the creation of a regional plan for State ID and birth certificate access, while continuing advocacy work in the realm of photo ID requirements for voting
♦ Maintain and grow partnerships that allow us to better carry out the work of Social Ministry
♦ Partner across College Church ministries to help engage children, families, and young adults in service and-justice work

For more information about being a part of the Social Ministry Commission, or to request an application, please contact Christine Dragonette at christine.dragonette@slu.edu or 977-7309.

Applications are due January 15.

Hot Stuff 2018

Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

This February, we will again open the ballroom to hundreds of men, women, and children, offering food, clothing, and hospitality.

Here are 3 ways to help:

CLOTHING DONATIONS: The following donations may be dropped off now until Feb. 2 at the Parish Center mail room and labeled “Hot Stuff”: socks and underwear, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, scarves, heavy pants, winter coats, shoes/boots, and blankets (all for men, women, and children).

FOOD DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING: To sign up to bring needed food items or to volunteer (multiple shifts available), please visit the following link (http://signup.com/go/CKevrffx) or contact Christine at (314) 977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org. Thank you for making this event a success!
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**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, 314-977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu

**SCRIPTURE AND MY LIFE – DEVELOPING A REAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST JESUS**

Were you a student of the Baltimore Catechism? Do you know about Jesus, but have been wondering how to get to really know Jesus? A small group meets each Sunday to discuss the Sunday scriptures and how they develop this relationship. It’s called “Dialogue with the Word,” and it takes place on Sundays after the 8:00 Liturgy (about 9:30) to about 10:20. This way folks can do this after the 8:00 or before the 10:30 Liturgies. No preparation needed. Just come as you are! Teens welcome, folks fresh from RCIA welcome! Facilitators are Lea Koesterer, Steve Gilbert, and Carla Mae Streeter, OP. Contact Carla Mae Streeter, OP (Coordinator) for more information at streeter@slu.edu or 314-256-8882.

**IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY LECTURE SERIES**

*Falling in Love … Finding God*

7:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

Si Commons, St Louis University High School
(4970 Oakland Ave)

Doors open at 7:00 pm

College Church Parishioners Bridget Brennan and Jerry Shen will present the January White House Retreat lecture highlighting the topics and principles from their new book, *Falling in Love … Finding God*. They will explore insight from the Spiritual Exercises that can enhance our marriage relationships.

This is a free event but registration is required. Register at: www.whretreat.org/speaker-series

**ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP OVERNIGHT RETREAT**

All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to join the St. Francis Xavier Youth Group for our overnight retreat! We will explore our theme for this year - The Body of Christ - through leader talks, small-group discussions, and activities. We’ll also have plenty of games and food.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 10:00 am - Sunday, Jan. 22, 9:30am

For more information, contact Sam Herbig at sam.herbig@slu.edu
YOU ARE THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Sometimes the Washington DC office numbers of our members of Congress are busy. Here are their local office phone numbers:

Sen. Roy Blunt: 314-725-4484
Sen. Claire McCaskill: 314-367-1364

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Betty Will-Bower, a former parishioner of our parish and Rick Marshall, father of parishioner Carla Lauver. May they and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God’s presence forever.

THE POINSETTIAS GRACING OUR SANCTUARY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN LOVING HONOR OR MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Given By In Memory Of
Simon & Vickie Pursifull Tommy Pursifull
Eleanor Stump John Kavanaugh
Anonymous
Lisa DeLorenzo Fr Marcus Haworth, SJ
Greg & Maggie Vogelweid Vogelweid & O'Shaughnessy families
Kathleen Simar Gail Johnson
Sr Carolyn Brambilla Ed & Marianne Allgaier
Sr Carolyn Brambilla Rico, Teresa & Angela Brambilla
Mary Jo Munkel Wayne Munkel
Debbie Bentley Carmen Grimaldi
Martin Rosso In Honor of Shannon Rosso
Ann Padberg In Honor of Mary Bruemmer

WHITE HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT PRESENTS
A 3-DAY CO-ED DISCERNMENT RETREAT IN ST. LOUIS, MO
"A HUNGRY HEART"
DISCERNING GOD’S WILL IN EVERYDAY CHOICES

Making choices, big and small, are all occasions for connecting with God. Making use of Saint Ignatius’s rules of discernment, Fr. Jeff Putthoff, S.J. will explore with you how the senses and imagination reveal God’s presence in our daily lives, thus guiding us to greater unity with God’s will.

WHERE: WHITE HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT
WHEN: CHECK IN MONDAY JANUARY 22 AT 11:30 AM, CHECK OUT THURSDAY JANUARY 25 AT 12:00 PM
COST: A $50 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION. A FREE WILL OFFERING CAN BE MADE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE RETREAT IF YOU WISH
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PRESIDERS

Jan. 13-14
Saturday
5:30pm  Fr. Jack Hunthausen, SJ
Sunday
8:00 am  Fr. Dan White, SJ
10:30 am  Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ

Jan. 20-21
Saturday
5:30 pm  Fr. Dan White, SJ
Sunday
8:00 am  Fr. Dan Daly, SJ
10:30 am  Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ

Weekly Readings


Tuesday:  Ism 1: 9-20, Ism 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1: 21-28

Wednesday:  Ism 3:1-10, 19-20, Ps 40: 2&5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1: 29-39

Thursday:  Ism 4: 1-11; Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1: 40-45

Friday:  Ism 8: 4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89: 16-17, 18-19; Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday:  Ism 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Ps 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2: 13-17

Sunday:  Ism 3: 3b-10, 19; Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 9, 10; 1Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

Parish Men’s White House Retreat

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola is the manual for discerning how God is calling us to follow Him. The White House Jesuit Retreat Center in south St. Louis County applies the Spiritual Exercises to our daily lives to develop our faith, deepen our peace and increase our gratitude. You are personally invited to prayerfully consider joining a group of men from our parish to make a retreat at the “White House”, Feb. 8 - 11. The beauty of the natural setting, the prayer and liturgies and the comfort of the accommodations combine to make this a spiritually renewing and rewarding experience. Reservations can be made online at www.whretreat.org or please call Dave Schnelt (314-791-0227), John Webster (636-394-2770), John Hartung (314-918-1950) or Deacon Jim Griffard (314-619-5700).

SFX Connections
Speaker Series

“I’m Spiritual But Not Religious”

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Finucane, PhD

Sunday, January 28
SFX Ballroom
9:15 - 10:15 am

Why the question these days? Do we need to choose between the spiritual and the religious? Might one lead to the other? Come hear Dr. Finucane discuss the relationship between the two. Dr. Daniel Finucane is an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology in the Department of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University. He and his wife Laura and their two sons are long time parishioners at College Church.

All are welcome to attend!!