January 21, 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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

Parish Information  Fax: 314-977-7315  E-mail Address: church@slu.edu
Wednesday is the feast of St. Francis de Sales, a doctor of the Church. I recommend reading about his extraordinary life if you have a moment. It is striking how contemporary his concerns will sound. St. Francis wrote and preached on topics like divisions in the Church, struggles with faith, and a balanced spiritual life.

I find especially appealing his long friendship with another saint, Jane Frances Chantal. He became Jane’s spiritual director not long after becoming bishop of Geneva. They remained fast friends over nearly 20 years. The care and affection they felt for one another is evident in their vast correspondence over that time.

Their friendship is attractive given the attention the seemingly-fractured relationship of men and women has received. It feels as if power and exploitation is the only way many men can relate to women. Sadly, we know the Church has not been immune to this sin.

Francis and Jane provide a powerful antidote to the despair we feel. Their deep friendship was rooted in faith, mutual respect, and generosity. Each helped the other in knowing their best desires. They felt a love for one another that was creative and expansive, always directed toward God. The intimacy of the friendship that shaped them reminds us of the goodness and holiness that men and women can find together.
WELCOME TO COLLEGE CHURCH!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: Sing of the Lord’s Goodness
Gather 610

Glory to God: Congregational Mass
Gather 322

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children’s Dismissal for Liturgy of the Word
Gather 324

Responsorial Psalm: 25, Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord
Gather 38

Gospel Acclamation:
Barbara Bridge

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts: Change Our Hearts
Gather 493

Eucharistic Acclamations: Community Mass
Gather 370, 373, 372

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of Bread: Lamb of God - Community Mass
Gather 389

Communion Song: Table of Plenty
Dan Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.
Meditation: Instrumental

Concluding Rite

Recessional Song: As A Fire Is Meant For Burning

Sacred Water: Precious Gift and Critical Concern

Water, the source and sustenance of all life, is becoming a scarce commodity. Pope Francis has underlined this crisis in his encyclical, Laudato Si’.

A committee of the Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates, chaired by Sr. Carolyn McWatters, will present a day of reflection on the sacredness of water, the global water crisis, and our call to respond. It will be held on Saturday, February 17, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Mercy Center in Frontenac. An afternoon panel will include Sarah Smith, Director of Mercy Partnership Fund, the socially responsible investment fund of the Sisters of Mercy; Rick Pautler, member of St. Peter’s Parish who works with Water Mission, a non-profit clean water charity; and Vance Moore, President of Business Integration for Mercy Health System.

All are invited! The cost of the day is $40 (includes lunch). Registration is due by February 10. Please register online at mercycenterstl.org.
SAVE THE DATE
FOR XAVIER DAYS

Our sixth Annual Parish Celebration, Xavier Days, will be held at College Church on February 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 before 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

Bicentennial Lecture Series Opens February 26
With Jesuit Thibodeaux Speaking on Discernment

The Saint Louis University Bicentennial Lecture Series, “The Jesuit Influence in American Spirituality, Education and Society,” will open the 2018 bicentennial year with a presentation by Mark Thibodeaux, SJ. “Discerning Our Role in Creating a Society of Justice and Love” will be held Monday, Feb. 26, 7-8:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier College Church, Grand and Lindell boulevards.

Thibodeaux is novice director for the Central Southern Province of the Society of Jesus in Grand Couteau, La. He has served on the board of directors for Company magazine, a national Jesuit magazine. A former high school teacher, counselor, retreat director and spiritual director, he has drawn from his wealth of experience and is author of four books on prayer, including Armchair Mystic: Easing into Contemplative Prayer, and God’s Voice Within, The Ignatian Way to Discover God’s Will. The native Louisianan holds degrees in psychology and theology from Loyola University New Orleans and Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The series lectures are held on Mondays, 7-8:30 pm in College Church. Other lectures in the series are: April 16, Lessons from Pope Francis on American Politics and Civic Life, with Matt Malone, SJ, editor-in-Chief of America Magazine; September 24, Reimagining Health Care: Ignatian Insights for Achieving the Greater Good with Michael Rozier, SJ, a researcher and practitioner of health policy and public health ethics; and November 5: Jesuit Education: Do We Need a New Paradigm?, with Michael Garanzini, SJ, Secretary of Higher Education, Society of Jesus in Rome, and Visiting Professor of Research in the Graduate School of Education at Fordham University.

The series is sponsored by the Saint Louis University Bicentennial Committee and the Office of Mission and Identity. For more information, contact jesuitmission@slu.edu.
SOCIAL MINISTRY

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.

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

Contact Lisa at LCOhn@concordanceacademy.com to learn more!

Brown Sisters Foundation Challenge Grant Achieved!

Thanks to the support of parishioners and friends of College Church, we successfully achieved our goal of $20,000 in donations from new donors outside of the parish in 2017. Because we reached this goal, the Brown Sisters Foundation has contributed an additional $10,000 to our Outreach Program for ID and birth certificate assistance.

Here are just a few highlights from our program last year:

- Served 3,441 low income guests
- 42% of guests reported that they had been to prison or jail
- 46% of guests reported that they were experiencing homelessness
- Provided 2,341 Missouri State IDs
- Provided 2,730 birth certificates from any state, of which 970 were for children under 16

None of this would be possible without your ongoing support. Thank you!

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/CKevrfx) or contact Christine at (314) 977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org. Thank you for making this event a success!

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
- Food donations and volunteering
- Personal project contributions

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Parish Lenten Book - Signs: Seven Words of Hope, by Jean Varnier

Jean Vanier founded the first L’Arche community over fifty years ago. These are now part of a worldwide network of small group homes where people with learning disabilities share their life with others who help each other live in freedom and dignity. A number of our parishioners are actively involved in three L’Arche homes in the St. Louis area.

Out of the wisdom Vanier brings from his experience at L’Arche, he suggests seven paths of hope for both our own personal transformation, and a transformation of our often ailing Church: a path from humiliation to humility; from conformity to conscience; from exclusion to encounter; from power to authority; from isolation to community; from strength to vulnerability; from secret to mystery. With seven short chapters full of wisdom and experience, it is a perfect book for reflection during Lent.

The book will be on sale in the back of the church January 21 after both Sunday Masses for $10.00, and be available for purchase in the ballroom in the following weeks. Books may also be purchased on Amazon, and e-book versions may be purchased on Amazon and ibooks.

Read the book on your own or, if you wish to join a small discussion group or online group, please provide contact information to the booksellers, or email Carol Joselyn at joselyn66@gmail.com, or call her at (515) 570-3736.
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.

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).
### Weekly Readings

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### 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

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### Pray for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers Colleen Voiss, mother of Fr. Jim Voiss, SJ. May she and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God’s presence forever.
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