January 28, 2018
Fourth 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:       4:30 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
Canongate Books published a series on the Bible in the 1990s. The various books were introduced not by scholars but artists and writers. One of the most striking was the Australian punk rocker/concept artist Nick Cave. Mr. Cave, as an artist and Christian, is out there. His take on Mark’s Gospel, the text this liturgical year, is a personal favorite. Here’s a taste:

Mark took from the mouths of teachers and prophets the jumble of events that comprised Christ’s life and fixed these events into some kind of biographical form. He did this with such breathless insistence, such compulsive narrative intensity, that one is reminded of a child recounting some amazing tale, piling fact upon fact, as if the whole world depended upon it - which, of course, to Mark it did. ‘Straightway’ and ‘immediately’ link one event to another, everyone ‘runs’, ‘shouts’, is ‘amazed’, inflaming Christ’s mission with a dazzling urgency. Mark’s Gospel is a clatter of bones, so raw, nervy and lean on information that the narrative aches with the melancholy of absence. Scenes of deep tragedy are treated with such a matter of factness and raw economy they become almost palpable in their unprotected sorrowfulness.

The Christ that emerges from Mark, tramping through the haphazard events of His life, had a ringing intensity about him that I could not resist. Christ spoke to me through His isolation, through the burden of His death, through His rage at the mundane, through His sorrow. Christ, it seemed to me was the victim of humanity’s lack of imagination, was hammered to the cross with the nails of creative vapidity.

A reminder artists are often more insightful than scholars or preachers.
WELCOME TO COLLEGE CHURCH!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior
Gather 596

Glory to God: Congregational Mass
Gather 322

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children’s Dismissal for Liturgy of the Word
Gather 324

Responsorial Psalm: 95, If Today You Hear His Voice
Gather 1102

Gospel Acclamation:

The Nicene Creed may be found on the inside cover of the hymnal

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts: Your Words Are Spirit and Life
Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stronger than death. Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life everlasting.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Community Mass
Gather 370, 373, 372

COMMUNION RITE

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

Communion Song: We Remember
Gather 681
Meditation: Be Still and Know That I Am God

Steven C. Warner

VERSES

1. God is a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, close to my distress.

2. So may we not be afraid, though trembling is the earth, though all the mountains fall.

3. Though all the waters may rage, the seas press all around, my God will be my strength.

4. The rivers resound with great love, the city sings for joy, with God we will stand firm.

5. Consider the works of the Lord, the labors God has done; all conflict now will cease.

6. The Lord of creation is near, a stronghold deep within, “Be still and know God’s peace.”

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: How Great Thou Art

Gather 578

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 who will speak on the Mysteries of the Mass. 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 ___________________________
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.

35th Annual Aquinas Lecture

With Thomas Aquinas

Featuring Louis Roy, O.P.
Professor of Theology
Dominican University College
Ottawa, Ontario

Sunday, January 28, 2018 | 3:00 P.M.

St. Francis Xavier College Church—Ballroom
3628 Lindell Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63108

Free and open to the public. Complimentary parking is available in the Laclede Garage on SLU’s Campus. For more information, call 314-566-8800.

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).
Social Ministry

Hot Stuff 2018
Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
This weekend, 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/CKvrfx) or contact Christine at (314) 977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org. Thank you for making this event a success!

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!

Catholic Teach-In on Migration: Creating a Culture of Encounter

When: Monday, February 12, 2018
Time: 6:30-8:30 pm
Where: St. Francis Xavier College Church Basement
3628 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108
RSVP Required: Marie Kenyon at 314-792-7062 or e-mail mariekenyon@archstl.org

Who is invited to the Teach-In?
People of good will with an interest in social justice and who are open to learning from others’ experiences and the Church’s teaching on the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. The Teach-In will include personal testimonies from immigrants and small group discussions.

Co-Sponsored by: The Peace & Justice Commission of the Archdiocese, the Center for Service & Community Engagement at SLU, St. Francis Xavier College Church, Office of Hispanic Ministry, St. Francis Community Services Southside, Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry, & Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
The season of Lent is quickly approaching. Along with our parish book for Lent, many people find it helpful to have a booklet with daily reflections. Starting today and on the next few Sundays, reflection materials will be available in the Lower Hall after the Sunday morning masses. These include:

- The **Little Black Book**, with a scripture verse and a reflection on a person, event or practice that invites us to deeper faith;
- **Sacred Space** from the Irish Jesuits with a line from one of the readings of the day and a reflection on it; and many other booklets. Join us in the lower hall next week.

### Lenten Books and Materials

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 is available in the ballroom on Sunday mornings for $10. 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.

### What Do Francis of Assisi and Francis of Buenos Aires Have in Common?

**A “Franciscan” Perspective on the Common Good**

Father Michael Perry, Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, will present a lecture on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at Knight’s Hall Emerson Auditorium at Washington University and is sponsored by John Danforth Center on Religion and Politics. Fr. Perry is a native of Indianapolis and has served as a missionary in the Congo. For more information, see: http://rap.wustl.edu or call 314-935-9345.

### Ignatian Spirituality Lecture Series

**Falling in Love … Finding God**

7:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, Doors open at 7:00 pm

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

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 insights 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

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

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**Walking the Lenten Journey**

Three Special Mornings at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center
2039 N. Geyer Rd.
Tuesdays, Feb 27, March 6 & 13, 2018
Presenter: Mary Katherine Doyle, RSM
Registration 8:30 am Program 9:00-11:00 am
Throughout the Lenten season the Word of God invites us to three movements of the heart. These movements will be explored in this three-part series.

**Tuesday, Feb 27:** The first movement is to pay attention, to set down all that pulls us away from God and see God’s living waters.

**Tuesday, March 6:** The second movement is one of seeking to see more clearly the path of God’s desire. Believers are invited to allow their eyes to be opened so they may see the presence of God around them.

**Tuesday, March 13:** The third movement is one of surrender and entrustment. We are invited to lay down our lives that we might find life in Jesus.

Package of 3 sessions: $90 / Individual Session: $35
Registration appreciated by the Friday before the session(s) you

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**The Alzheimer’s Association’s Faith Outreach Initiative And SFX Pastoral Care Ministry**

St. Louis University’s Health Resource Center and the Geriatric Education Center are offering a FREE Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment clinic for people 65 or older. The clinic is the first Thursday of the month at the Health Resource Center, 1408 North Kingshighway, #213.

A comprehensive cognitive and physical assessment is more extensive than a screening appointment. Over a two hour visit (approximate), the team will conduct the following assessments: medical, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, nutrition, and social services.

To schedule an appointment please contact the SLU Geriatric Division Office at 314-977-8462.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Presiders**

**Feb. 3-4**
- **Saturday**
  - 5:30 pm: Fr. Dan White, SJ
- **Sunday**
  - 8:00 am: Fr. Dan Daly, SJ
  - 10:30 am: Fr. Ronny O'Dwyer, SJ

**Feb. 10-11**
- **Saturday**
  - 5:30 pm: Fr. Mike May, SJ
- **Sunday**
  - 8:00 am: Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ
  - 10:30 am: Fr. Dan White, SJ

**Weekly Readings**

**Monday:**
- 2Sm 15: 13-14, 30, 16: 5-13; Ps 3: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5: 1-20

**Tuesday:**
- 2Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19: 3; Ps 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5: 21-43

**Wednesday:**
- 2Sm 24: 2, 9-17; Ps 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6: 1-6

**Thursday:**
- 1Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29: 10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6: 7-13

**Friday:**
- Mal 3: 1-4; Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40 OR 2: 22-32

**Saturday:**
- 1Kgs 3: 4-13; Ps 119: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6: 30-34

**Sunday:**
- Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1: 29-39

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**A Dialogue on Women and the Diaconate**

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**
**10:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

Featured Speakers:
- Fr. Seán Charles Martin and Sr. Gloria Marie Jones, O.P.

**Cost:** $50 (includes lunch)
**Registration:** Visit the bookstore at ai.edu or call 314.256.8804
**Deadline:** February 2, 2018
**Location:** Aquinas Institute of Theology—23 S. Spring Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108

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**Christian Life Community**

Living Ignatian spirituality in every day life
Join us and experience living your life based on Ignatius Loyola’s Spiritual Exercises. We will explore Christian Life Community as a way of life which combines community, mission, and prayer.

We hope to begin a new group in February. Please contact Ann Padberg at 314-696-9610 or annpadberg@charter.net.

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**Pray for the Deceased**

Please remember in your prayers XXXX Perlow, father of Matt Perlow of our parish and Gloria Fulton, mother of Kathy Fulton of our parish. May they and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God’s presence forever.
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