March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday-Friday:  10:45 am through Noon
Saturday:  4:30 pm through 5:30 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

Liturgical 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
Fasting is a traditional spiritual practice. It refers to a complete or partial refrain from eating. Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, though we are encouraged to fast in some form throughout the Lenten season. For the record, no meat on Fridays is abstinence rather than fasting.

Why do we do this? Historically, fasting was an ascetical tool for Christians. A desire to moderate or deny food recognizes the human tendency toward indulgence. Fasting is one of the most tangible ways we can live differently. The incredible food resources available to us can be taken for granted. Most of us have never known true hunger or experienced any real want. Paying close attention to how and what we eat can also make us aware of so many who are hungry.

It is good as well to expand fasting beyond food. There are any number of activities that we need to moderate for our well-being. I think of my niece and nephew who are allowed only a certain amount of “screen-time” each day by their parents. A good idea, but when was the last time we adults limited ourselves this way? Perhaps we can be more like children (like Jesus said we should be) and fast from our devices, too. Enjoy spring in Missouri, read our Lenten book, take a friend for coffee, and find a service opportunity. Fast from life on-line, and embrace actual life.

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

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: Gather Us In Mercy, Lord

Gather - er us in mer - cy, Lord.

From the depths we cry to you.

Kyrie:


Chi - ste e - le - i - son. Chi - ste e - le - i - son.


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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Dismissal for Liturgy of the Word (10:30)

Responsorial Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord (5:30, 8:00)

Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd (10:30)

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to You, O Word of God

Second Scrutiny Response: Kyrie (with great energy) (10:30)

Donuts, coffee and juice will be offered after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses TODAY.

Dismissal of Catechumens and Candidates (10:30)

May the word of God strengthen you. May the word of God nourish you. May the word of God comfort you all your life.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts: He Healed the Darkness of My Mind (10:30) Gather 953

Holy, Holy (Mass of Charity and Love) Steve Warner

Memorial Acclamation
Amen

Communion Rite

Breaking of Bread: Lamb of God

Communion Song:  Now In This Banquet (with Lent refrain)  Gather 937

Meditation: Instrumental

Concluding Rite

Recessional Song:  Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (5:30 & 8:00)  Gather 479

Christ, Be Our Light (10:30)  Gather 590

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Women’s Retreat

Get away from it all for a weekend! Experience the beautiful surroundings, prayerful environment, delicious food (that you do NOT have to cook), comfortable rooms and insightful presenters at King’s House in Belleville. Make a retreat with other women from our parish on April 6-8. Join us for a time of rest, renewal, and spiritual nourishment, just 15 minutes from St. Louis. Contact one of our parish captains: Madeleine Ortman (314) 956-8839, or Tina Saunders (314) 739-4885 for further information.

Pray for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers Marilyn Adams, mother of parishioner Laura Fister and Kathy Lester, sister of parishioner Chris Redford. May they and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God’s presence forever.
You are invited to an evening of recognition and an appreciation dinner on Friday, April 27 at 6:30 pm. We are most grateful for your faithful help and support in keeping our Ministries up, running and expanding. The dinner is free for our volunteers, but you do need to RSVP before Thursday, April 19 either by note, phone call to 314-977-7300, email to joyce@sfxstl.org OR sign up online at our website, sfxstl.org. Your presence is important to us! We’ll gather at 6:30 pm, Fr. Dan White, S.J. will begin with an opening prayer and welcoming comments at 7:00 pm followed by dinner. We’re know it will be a pleasant evening and a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation and get to know each other better. I hope you’ll be able to join us!

Lenten Opportunities at College Church
Now Available on Our Website - sfxstl.org
You can access the Lenten resources now exclusively on the home page of the parish website, sfxstl.org. These include the various liturgies of the Lenten season and prayer resources.

Liturgy Corner: Reconciliation and Lent

An important focus of the Lenten season is reconciliation – with ourselves, with others, and with God. Contrary to what we may sometimes wish, and to what our society and media might imply, we are not silos, or lone rangers – we are made for community. We need one another and we depend on one another on our journeys through life. But learning to move from self-centered independence to other-centeredness – indeed, to a sense of universal connection – is the work of a lifetime, and we fail repeatedly along the way.

Our failures, our sinfulness, do not simply involve ourselves and God. Because we are all brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, our actions, both virtuous and sinful, affect everyone else. For this reason, the Church offers us communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These services enable us to humbly gather as sinners in need of God’s grace. Together we hear God’s Word and acknowledge our sins, and trust in the mercy of God to change and renew our hearts. The sight of a group of brothers and sisters repenting together can be a great source of comfort that we are not alone, as well as strength to arise determined to be better.

College Church will offer our Lenten Service of Reconciliation on Friday, March 16 at 7:00 pm. We are blessed to have parishioner and SLU professor Julie Hanlon-Rubio as our preacher for the evening. Please consider coming as a way to express our desire to make this Lent a sincere preparation for the Easter sacraments.
**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Join us for an Accompaniment Project opportunity  
**Tuesday, March 20 ~ 6:30-8:30pm ~ St. Margaret of Scotland School**  
3964 Castleman, 63110 (parking lot available for parking)  
Across the country, there have been several cases of migrants being detailed after going for a routine check-in at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) offices. Family members are disappearing without being allowed to inform their friends or relatives. In some cities, a successful tool to protect against this threat to due process has been to accompany individuals to these check-ins. Come learn what is involved and if this is something you feel called to do. Learn about volunteer opportunities to accompany migrants to ICE check-ins.  
**For further information, contact Marie Kenyon at 314-792-7062 or mariekenyon@archstl.org.**

Take Action: Write to the EPA about West Lake Landfill  
If you live in the St. Louis/St. Charles region, you may have heard the news. EPA has rendered its proposed decision on the illegally dumped radioactive waste at the West Lake landfill. The period of solicitation for public comments concerning the proposed decision ends March 22.  
Here are talking points:  
1. For the short and long-term safety of the residents and workers of St. Louis/St. Charles Counties, all of the radioactive materials and what they have contaminated must be removed.  
2. What is removed must be stored off-site in a remote location that has been prepared for and certified as a safe repository for radioactive waste.  
3. Local residents must be offered a voluntary buy-out at a price that reflects the value of their properties prior to 2010, when the underground fire and the radioactive contaminants were identified.  
4. Excavated and non-excavated radioactive materials cannot remain at this site.  
Send your comments to westlakelandfillpubliccomments@epa.gov or Ben Washburn, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. EPA Region 7, 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219. Visit moenvironment.org for more info.

Caring for Our Common Home: Two Showings of Blue Gold THIS WEEK  
**WHEN**  
1) Thursday March 15 - pizza (provided) at 5:45 pm, movie at 6:15, discussion at 7:45pm.  
2) Sunday March 18 - movie at noon, discussion at 1:30 pm.  
**WHERE**  
SFX Ballroom.  
**Rsvp to christine.dragonette@slu.edu or 977-7309**  
The Circle of Creation invites you to view the ninety minute documentary Blue Gold: World Water Wars. The film documents the environmental issues behind why we are rapidly losing our fresh water supplies, the politics behind water ownership and distribution that are worsening the situation, and the scenarios of what will happen as water becomes increasingly scarce. The documentary looks at how we are using up water faster than it can be replenished through natural systems – we are mining as much as 15 times more groundwater than is being replenished, at the rate of 30 billion gallons a day. We’re also polluting it beyond use, destroying the wetlands that are natural filters, and blocking the rivers that carry nutrients that keep the water healthy and lands fertile. Basically, we’re desertifying the planet, and helping to send all our fresh water straight to the ocean via soil erosion, building more and more hardscaps, and cutting down forests. See dates and times above.
Lenten Rites for those Preparing for Baptism

Our one catechumen at College Church, Shawn Scott, was declared Elect (ready for the sacraments of initiation) by Bishop Rivituso. As we journey through Lent, we pray for Shawn and celebrate the Scrutiny rites with him on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. These rites originated in the fourth century to help individuals recognize their need for God’s saving action and to help them scrutinize their hearts and lives under the loving guidance of the Holy Spirit. These rites are intended to uncover and heal all that is weak or sinful in the life of the Elect and to bring out and strengthen all that is upright and good. These rites are celebrated at mass so that the whole community may support the Elect in their final preparation for baptism. The rites also serve to remind us that we too need God to reveal to us those areas of weakness and sin so that God may heal them through prayer and sacrament of penance. God will also reveal to us the good work that God has done in us so that we may be evermore grateful.

The Scrutiny rites will be celebrated at the 10:30 mass today and next week. Please pray for Shawn and for all in this community that we may be open to all that God has to show us and may accept God’s help to be better disciples.

Centering Prayer Group

We invite those who are interested in joining fellow parishioners in silent reflective prayer while gathered with others. We meet through the Contemplative Outreach of St. Louis and meet the third Sunday of the month. The next meeting is Sunday, March 18 at 9:15 am in Room 14 in the Parish Center. Interested in discovering more? Please join us! For more information, contact Mary Fitzgerald 314-223-0316.

The Tony McDonald Memorial Just Faith Capstone Presentation

“The Real Footprint of Social Justice in St. Louis City and County”
Featuring Dr. Bernard Sammons, Founder and Chair of Social Justice 4 All
Tuesday, April 3 from 6:30-8 pm
Ballroom of St. Francis Xavier College Church

This Capstone Presentation culminates the 2017-18 Just Faith program year at St. Francis Xavier College Church. The mission of this year’s Just Faith program is “taking actions to build community.” Dr. Sammons’ work to link our vast and diverse community in actions dedicated to social justice reflects that mission. Tony McDonald was himself a long time advocate and facilitator of Just Faith programs and missions in our parish. It is to his spirit and his memory we dedicate this evening.
GRAB YOUR POPCORN: LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES

There are many ways to direct our prayer and spiritual life during Lent. A somewhat unconventional aid is cinema. Certain films are excellent resources to deepen the themes of the season. This Lent we will feature two films each week from two well-known cinephiles, our pastor and our provincial Fr. Ron Mercier. Here are their selections for the Third Week of Lent.

Fr. Ron

**Babel** (2006) An award-winning film by the Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu and starring, among others, Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett. The film ties together slowly but surely four different narratives of people from Japan to Morocco to Mexico to the United States, focusing on how lives are linked in so many ways and how the ‘sin of the world’ touches us all. In this time of Lent when we can be so focused internally, this film reminds us that the saving work of Jesus is universal and that part of our call during this holy season is to ask that we may share His mission. **Rated - R**

Fr. Dan

**Groundhog’s Day** (1993) Last week Sunday calls us to rejoice. A perfect time to view a brilliant comedy that reminds us of our resistance to change, and the infinite chances we are given to get it right. Bill Murray at his best stars as smarmy newscaster caught in a time loop. Can he finally overcome his pathological selfishness and learn to care about someone else? Yes, you can laugh during Lent. **Rated - PG**

Stray Rescue of St. Louis Needs Your Help

During the 2017 hurricanes, Stray Rescue took in animals saved in rural Louisiana. Stray Rescue is full again & will soon have to start euthanizing for space. They do **NOT** want to do this. We will pull as many puppies as we can find foster homes for! Could you foster a pair of puppies? What about a pregnant female or a nursing mom? Our shelter is so full we must send them to foster homes. **Please help save moms & puppies!** We provide **EVERYTHING** for foster families: beds, crates, toys, food, puppy pads, & any medical care. Fill out an application now! [www.strayrescue.org/become-a-foster-parent](http://www.strayrescue.org/become-a-foster-parent). If you have an application on file or filled out an application but didn’t hear back, please call us right away! 314-771-6121. If you can’t foster but want to help our mission, we need puppy collars, leashes, puppy pads, pens, & large wire crates! Here is a link to our Amazon Wish List: [https://www.strayrescue.org/wish-list](https://www.strayrescue.org/wish-list)

St. Louis Public Library, in conjunction with the Communicators for St. Louis Sisters, opens the new exhibit, “Catholic Sisters: The Spirit of St. Louis,” in conjunction with Catholic Sisters Week, which runs annually from March 8 to 14.

The exhibit, which celebrates 200 years of Catholic Sisters’ presence in St. Louis, runs March 3 through April 28, at Central Library, 1301 Olive Street. The exhibit, located on the Library’s Third Floor, is free and open to the public.

The exhibit features the work of the Sisters through photos, display of habits, a German prayer book, a bell used to keep people at a distance when a patient suffered from smallpox, the original Rule of the School and Plan of Studies developed by Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, RSCJ, a trunk used while traveling on missions and much more.

"This exhibit offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with the Catholic Sisters, as well as recalling memories and the influence Sisters have had on their lives," said Sr. Judy Bell, FSM. "The exhibit provides an educational forum that shows the impact women religious have had in the greater St. Louis area, meeting the needs of many people throughout these 200 years."

Catholic Sisters: The Spirit of St. Louis exhibit is open Monday through Saturday from
March 17-18
Saturday 5:30 pm Fr. Dan White, SJ
Sunday 8:00 am Fr. Dan Daly, SJ
10:30 am Fr. Ron Mercier, SJ

March 24-25 (Palm Sunday)
Saturday 5:30 pm Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ
Sunday 8:00 am Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ
10:30 am Fr. Dan White, SJ

BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 25 PRESIDERS AND WEEKLY READINGS WILL BE FOUND ON THE PARISH WEBSITE, SFXSTL.ORG

Bishop George Murry, SJ
The Church as a Consistent Voice to Eradicate Racism

March 22, 2018 at St. Francis Xavier College Church Bishop George Murry will deliver the speech The Church as a Consistent Voice to Eradicate Racism. Bishop Murry is the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism for The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

CATHOLIC WEDDINGS 101: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO DO BEFORE YOU SAY “I DO”

Join us for a question and answer session on getting married in the Catholic Church. This will be an introduction to all wedding-related aspects. We will discuss everything from marriage prep to navigating photographers and florists to the actual wedding liturgy. The experts at College Church will answer any and all of your questions regarding wedding logistics. Whether you were engaged recently, getting serious with your significant other, or simply curious please come.

This event will be held Thursday, April 5 at 6 pm in the St. Francis Xavier (College) Church ballroom. Speakers will be Sandy Hauck, Director of Wedding Ministry at College Church, and the pastor of College Church, Fr. Dan White, SJ.

Refreshments provided!

*This event is co-sponsored by SLU campus ministry and St. Francis Xavier (College) Church.
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