

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Baptism of the Lord

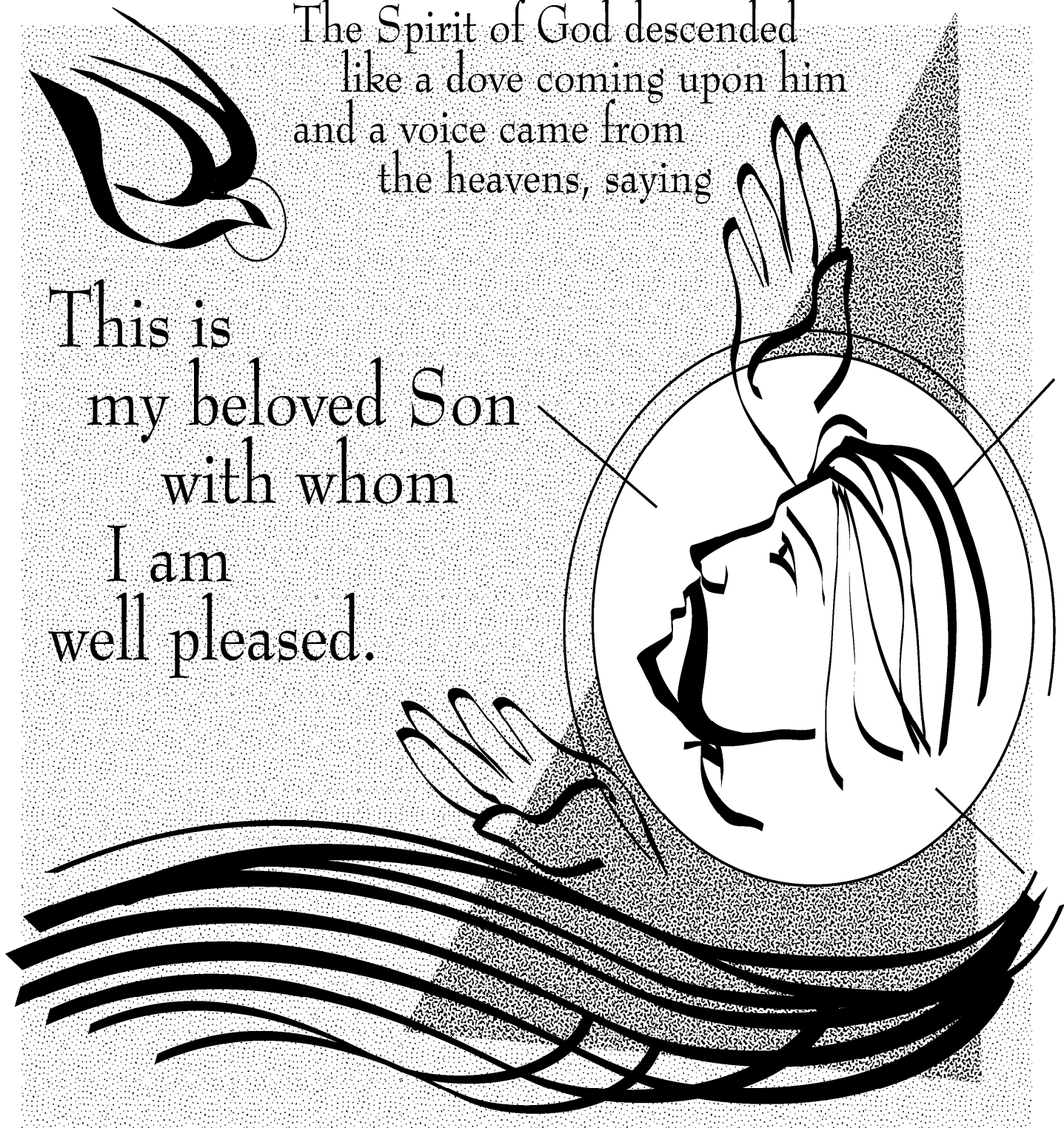
January 13, 2019



The Spirit of God descended
like a dove coming upon him
and a voice came from
the heavens, saying



This is
my beloved Son
with whom
I am
well pleased.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 14	7:45 am 9:00 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Frederick Henly	The Blyth Family
Tuesday, January 15	7:45 am 9:00 am	Bill Riordan Frederick Seaton	Trudy Riordan The Rodgers Family
Wednesday, January 16	7:45 am 9:00 am	James Durkin Richard Houle	The Mulcahy Family Jennifer Driscoll
Thursday, January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbott	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Word & Communion Service	
Friday, January 18	7:45 am 9:00 am	Lee Stewart Word & Communion Service	Alice Vida
Saturday, January 19	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Gerald Tazic Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Joseph Nalepa	Rosemary Lucas The Nalepa Family
Sunday, January 20	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Linda Denno People of the Parish Louis Darovic George Harris People of the Parish	The Pristo Family Michelle Wright, Chris & Gabrielle Williams Anonymous

Please Pray For...

Tony Banda	Edward Kudia
Jim Boardman	Betty Kuhl
Jay Carroll	Marion Lucas
Sam Cibula	Emmett Miller
Terry Conwell	Patrick Morgan
Anthony Dina	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Amanda O'Brien
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Ryan Patyk
William Egbert	Donna Pekarek
Lauren Ellsworth	Carissa Pessetti
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Baby Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Anna Rose
Wilson Gregory	Marilyn Rutkowski
Patricia Hassler	Anthony Scafide
Martha Heraty	Matthew Schiek
Linda Hillsman	Greyson Stanley
Barbara Hudson	Sarah Stanley
Rose Ilo	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Mary J.	Kristi Tannehill
Jane Jacobson	Anne Titzer
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Mike Kelly	Amanda Valerugo
Benny Kilman	Gregory Van Gorp
Jerry Kolman	Richard Vlcek
Virginia Kottaridis	Julie Wilson
Anita Kronowitz	Virginia York

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died, as well as their families:

Sr. Ricardo DiSanto
Sister of St. Joseph

Leo Keller
Brother-in-Law of Joan Cushing

Kathryn Chlapcik
Cousin of Gary Radville



Pastor's Notes

After the baptism...he went about doing good and healing all those oppressed.
Acts 10:37-38

The live trees have long since been placed at the curb. Decorations have been taken down and safely stored away. The house and household routines are back to "normal." Holiday feasting has led some of us to post-holiday fasting. And, alas, the Bears ended their playoff run more suddenly than many of us had hoped. We may face the prospect of two more months of cold, gray days with the question, "So, what now?"

The Christmas Season ends with the celebration of the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River. We are sent from a time of gratitude and wonder for God's choice to be born as one like us, and live as one among us, to a time of learning, discerning, and action. The baptism of Jesus marks the end of the life of Jesus as a tradesman, most likely a carpenter, supporting his widowed mother. The only gospel story of the life of Jesus after the events of Christmas is the story of his frantic parents finding him in the Temple – a tween who had responded to an impulse to remain in his "Father's house" for a time. Ignatius of Loyola referred to these thirty years as the "hidden life" of Jesus – a time of growing in wisdom, strength, and God's favor. It appears to have been so ordinary so as not to have drawn the attention of others.

This changed after his baptism, a second "epiphany" in which a voice from the heavens reveals Jesus as God's "beloved Son." From this point forward, Jesus proclaims the coming of God's kingdom into our world and reveals this kingdom as he heals the sick, frees those possessed, and even raises the dead to life. He blesses the poor in spirit and speaks of God's limitless mercy. He openly challenges those who would claim that some are more loved, or worthier of love, than others. He offers all a pathway to life.

This is our mission as we move forward from Christmas time into the "ordinary" days of the year. The poet Howard Thurman, put it this way.

Now the Work of Christmas Begins
*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all,
To make music in the heart.*

Christmas Peace,
J. Bill

Scripture Reflections

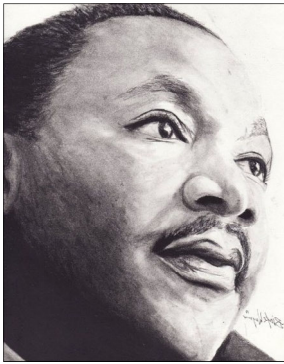
Reflection for the Baptism of the Lord
Liturgy Planning Team #2
Bernadette McMahon, Renee Nutt, Diane Redmond, Katie Stetz, Joan Stopka

Freedom, Humility and Fairness

The word "expiate" means to free. Both the city of Jerusalem in our reading today and the action that happens to us during our baptism frees us. Jerusalem was pardoned from exile in Babylon and the sacrament of baptism pardons us from original sin. The Holy Spirit and the blessed water absolve us both. Jerusalem became the herald of good news and we become disciples of God charged to carry out his mission.

Jesus is like us in all but sin yet he waited patiently and humbly in line with the faithful to be anointed. He wanted to be with the people and not do his work from a distance. Nobody was aware of anything unusual about his presence. Not until we hear, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" do we come to the realization of what just happened. John the Baptist in the gospel acknowledges that he is not worthy "to loosen the thongs of his sandals" when discussing the one who was to come after him. He tells us that he baptizes with water but that, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." This respect and reverence on the part of John creates an atmosphere of wonder and excitement.

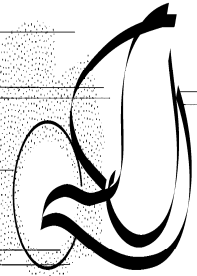
Finally, this week we learn that Jesus shows no favoritism. Every nation and every person who acts according to his law will be accepted. He will bring justice and peace to all. Like a caring shepherd he will gather us and keep us close. As the new year progresses may we be true to our baptismal vows and follow Jesus more closely and more consciously in our daily lives. Through our actions may we make ourselves more pleasing and beloved in the eyes of God.



Rectory Closed

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 21. Also, on Monday, there will only be one mass at 9:00 am. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 22 at 8:30 am.

We are baptized
in the SPIRIT
of the LORD



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Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift to the Collection will fund catechesis, youth ministry programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. One participant in catechetical training, Andrea, said that the experience was informative and enriching—the catechists were able to meet each other and share their diverse experiences. The support you give today will fund formation programs and provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean and be generous in today's collection.

Christmas Flowers

The following donations for our Christmas Flowers have been made:

In Memory of:

Alberts & Lersch Families
Mr. & Mrs. Henry S. Azzi
Rocco & Mary Bagnuolo
Grace Baker
Pat & Ray Baker
Michael Bannach
Mary Bochenek
Carroll & Schmid Families
Renee Challos
Michael Cipriani
Theresa Cipriani
Victor & Lillian Copp
Charles DeFoor
Anna Delaney
Tyler Duelm
Beatrice Durham
Ernie Durham
Joe Dykhuizen
Wendy & Slocum Fitzgibbons
Lillian Gentile
Tom Gibbons
John & Gene Grand
John & Bernice Grzeslo
John & Katherine Hannigan

Helen Houk
Mary Moore Kearney
Josephine Kobylarczyk
Roy Leslie
Louis Mangione
Helen McCormick
Jack McDonnell
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Michalek
Eleanor M. Michalek
Charlotte Middendorf
Dolores Nauheimer
Amy Nelson
Fred & Pauline O'Malley
Paul & Mavis Ortman
Marie Ovnik
Mary Ovnik
Mary Ann Ovnik
Besse & Dick Parlon
Geraldine Porto
Marie Puzio
Alicia Ramirez
Gilbert, Isabel & Rich Riess
Nancy Russell
Bob & Florence Schmuhl
Josephine Schreyer

Stu Slevka
Kenneth & Shirley Staskon
Dorothy Sullivan
Constance Thoms
James & Amelia Turturillo
Helen & John Twomey
Antoinette & Steve Valenti
Maurice, Eleanor & Kevin Walsh
Art & Dorothy West
A. David West
Michelle West
John Yelnick & Family
Lillian Zydel

In Honor of:

Bernadette Crowe
Donald Crowe
Loretta Haxel
Higgins Family
Peg & Steve Humeske
Dylan Marx Family
Jackie Seiner
Claire Shanley
Patricia & Bernard Urycki



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration! January 17, 2019 at 6:00-7:00pm

WHAT: During Adoration, sometimes referred to as a Holy Hour (but can be of any duration), the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent Adoration. As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. St. John Paul II offered that "our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete."

HOW: Adorers are invited to pray a rosary or other devotions, meditate on Scripture or meditate on devotional books. Adorers may also choose to just simply sit and 'be' with Jesus. Regular adorers have found an appreciation for the devotion: "Adoration has taught me new ways to pray, meditation, and I've learned new prayers. If you don't think you will know what to do or you're not sure on what prayers to say... you will soon find your own way to be with Our Lord."

WHY: Since Apostolic times, Catholics rightly have gathered to celebrate Mass in community as Jesus instructed. Adoration provides an opportunity for an intimate relationship with Jesus through individual worship, prayer, and listening. And we shouldn't underestimate the power of silence, which is difficult to cultivate in our society. Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host... It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."

WHEN: Beginning on **January 19, 2019**, SFX will be exposing the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration *every* 3rd Thursday of the month in the Church from 6:00-7:00pm.

Please come for the entire hour or for as long as your schedule allows. Look for more information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Kanzer at k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or Jen Jagodzinski at jenjag12@yahoo.com.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."
~Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Are You Registered As Parishioners? Do We Have A Record of Your Children?

We invite all to register as parishioners. If you are not receiving periodic mailings from the parish, you are not in our database. A registration form can be picked up at the back of the Church or printed out from our website, www.sfx-lg.org.

To help with our planning, we also ask that you let us know about your children, so that they can also be included in the database. Sometimes children are baptized elsewhere or families move into the parish after their children have been baptized. Consequently, we don't know about them until it is time to register for the Day School or for Religious Education. Again, the registration form available at the back of the Church or on the website can be used for this purpose.

Thank you for helping us keep our information as up-to-date as possible!

Bringing Children To Church

Few things are more important than bringing children to church for our Eucharistic celebration. God bless all of you who do this. It is the best way for them to learn and experience our gathering as a community, our prayer of thanksgiving and our being sent to do God's work in the world. It certainly brings joy to our lives when you bring your children with you.

Of course, we understand if you have to take your child out into the vestibule for any reason. Sometimes they get anxious and just need to get up and move around and that's just fine. The Eucharist is a profoundly sophisticated ritual which takes time and patience to assimilate and integrate into our lives. Look at how it has deepened over time in our own lives as adults!

The fact that you parents are able to get everybody up and moving in the same direction at the same time astounds us and we are sure that it pleases God! Keep coming back!

Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years, yet there are many people who are relatively new to the parish and do not know about them. If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please call Susie Lehuta at



who

Two & Fall Three year olds!
A parent or an adult caregiver must be present.
Open to SFX school families, parishioners,
and community members.

what

Lil Falcon Fun: Play, sing, meet new friends!
A casual, play-based program that would provide an
opportunity to meet, socialize, and play together. Each
class will include fun with literacy, music and movement.
Younger siblings are welcome!

when

Monday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am
Twice a Month
January 14 & 28; February 11 & 25; March 11 & 25;
April 8 & 29 and May 6 & 20

where

SFX Early Childhood Building
21 N. Catherine, LaGrange
Room 25 (second floor)

why

Provide families an opportunity
to engage and develop a sense of community.

how

Register online at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/XM85UFpbg0So4OEO2>

Session fee is \$50/due at the first class.
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX)

Parish School Job Opening

**Half-time PreK4 Teacher Assistant needed
Monday-Friday from 7:45am-12:45 pm.**

**Please contact Principal Sharon Garcia at
sgarcia@sfxlg.org or 708-352-2175.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00pm Mass offers the
opportunity for children in Grades Kindergarten-Fourth
to experience hearing and reflecting on the Word of the
Lord in a way that is an empowering experience.
Children in these grades are invited to follow their
Reflector of the Word to a prayer space away from the
gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they
can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church
whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer.
The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the
Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a
way that children are able to relate a little more readily.
The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer
space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs:

January 26;
February 9 & 23;
March 2; April 6

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their
Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to
hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better
understand on the following Saturdays (subject to
change):

January 19; February 2 & 16;
March 9, 16, 23, & 30; and April 27

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your calls to:
Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator
or
Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media:



SFX School Instagram:
[@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

Facebook SFX School site:
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
<https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni/>

SFX School Website:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>



Box Tops For Education Collection

Please help in earning cash for our school. We would like
your help in collecting Box Tops For Education. There
will be a drop box located at the back of church in the
vestibule. Please place Box Tops that you have collected
inside.

Thank you for your help!

St. Francis Xavier Parish School

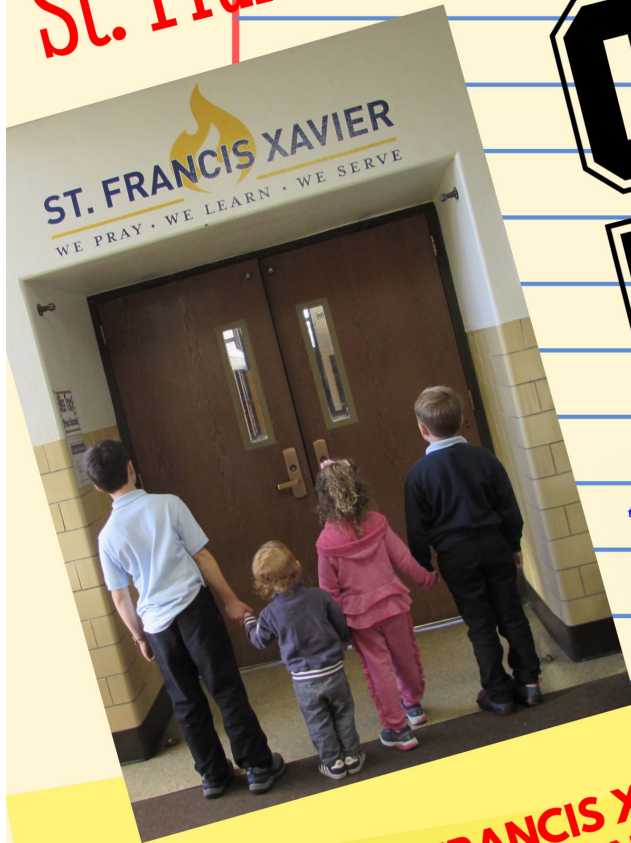


OPEN HOUSE

PS-3, Pre-K, Kindergarten & Grades 1-8

10AM-12:30PM

JAN 27TH



LEARN ABOUT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER & GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Open House Highlights!

- Student Guided Tours
- Tech Cafe: Computer Coding Gr. 1-8
- Activities Fair: 22+ activities & clubs!
- Student Community Service Program
- No Cut Sports

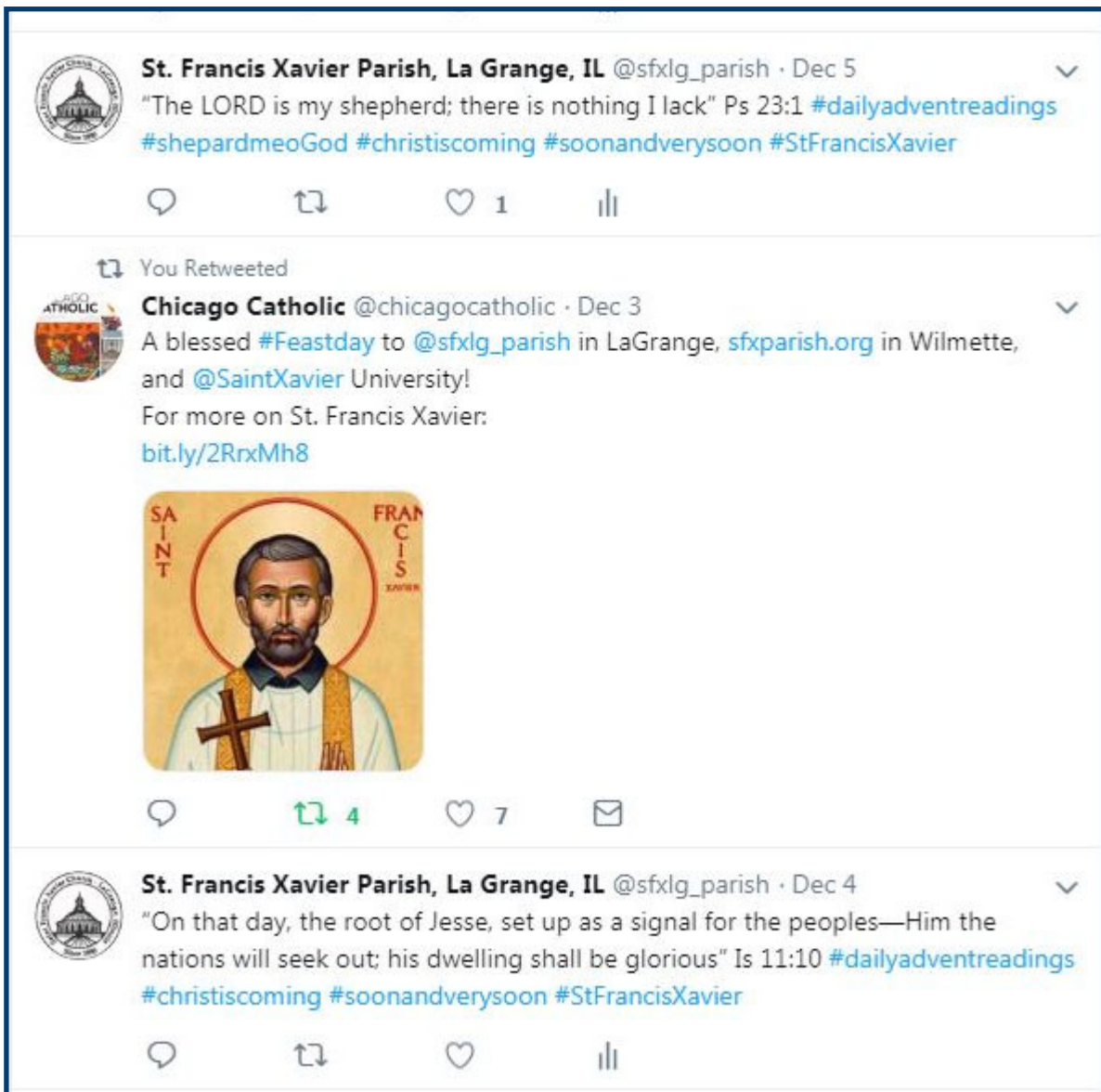
CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO AT
(708) 352-2175

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.sfxlg.org

Open House Locations:

- ** 1st Grade through 8th Grade at 145 N. Waiola Ave. LaGrange, IL
- ** Early Childhood PS 3 - Kindergarten) at 21 N. Catherine Ave. LaGrange, IL

Follow us on Social Media!



Over the past few months, a few members of the Stewardship committee have focused on getting St. Francis current with the times and active on social media. Follow us to see things happening at St. Francis, scripture verses and other reflections, and ways to stay or get involved!

Drawing!

On January 23rd at 3pm we will be drawing 3 random winners who will receive a \$10 gift certificate to the La Grange Business Association (good at any participating location). To enter to win, simply follow or like our social media accounts! You will receive an entry for each account you follow, so follow all three for your best chance!



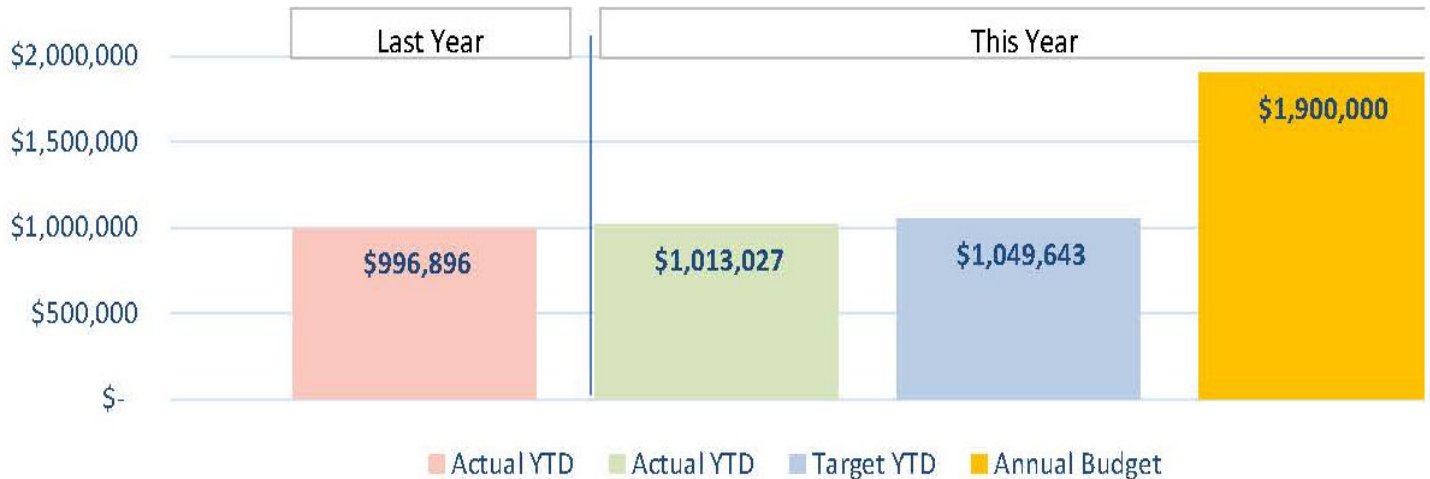
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT
AS OF JANUARY 6, 2019



Prior Month's Offerings:	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	=	<i>December Total</i>
December 2018	\$ 63,868		\$ 78,093		\$ 141,961
December 2017	\$ 66,210		\$ 89,192		\$ 155,402

God bless you for your generosity to St. Francis Xavier Parish!

Thank you for your generosity during the Christmas season. For those that want to make a donation to our Christmas offering, there is still time to do so. You can.....

- Click “DONATE ONLINE” on our website, www.sfxlg.org.
- Text “JOYFUL” to 708-340-6630.
- Place your donation in the collection basket next Sunday.

We have received \$149,687 of our budget of \$155,000. We will be reporting our final Christmas numbers in early February.

Religious Education

Class Dates

Sundays

January 13	Class
January 20	Class
January 27	At Home Lesson
February 3	Class
February 10	Class

Wednesdays

January 16	Class
January 23	Class
January 30	At Home Lesson
February 6	Class
February 13	Class

Religious Education

Important Dates

Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, January 13 at 1:30 pm in Church

Grade 5 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, January 20 during Class Time in Chapel
Wednesday, January 23 during Class Time in Chapel

Grade 5 ~ Eucharistic Liturgy

January 20 at 12:00 Noon in Church

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Giving Tree Tags

For the Tags for the Giving Tree project, we use the donated front covers of Christmas cards. When it's time for you to take down all the beautiful Christmas cards you've received, think about dropping them off at the rectory to be used for the 2019 Giving Tree!

6pm Mass

- Interested in being a Eucharistic Minister or Lector for the 6pm Mass? Talk to Katie McCarthy, the 6pm Sacristan, before or after a 6pm Mass or contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 to sign up!

2019 Summer Mission Trip



The 2019 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Springfield, KY! St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved with Young

Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. The registration form can be found on the Youth Ministry website. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.

St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry

On Saturday, December 29 a total of 20 St. Francis Xavier parishioners, along with family and friends met at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora and packed meals for the world's hungriest children.

In just two hours, our group packed boxes of food, containing 54,216 meals -- enough to feed 148 children for one entire year!

We would like to thank all the families that joined us.





Seasons of Hope

The loss of a loved one is a time of deep sorrow in our lives and grief is expressed in many ways.

SEASONS OF HOPE is a faith-based, healing program for those who have suffered such a loss.

To begin healing does not mean forgetting — our loved ones will be remembered forever. We can however, deepen our spirituality and faith by reflecting and sharing while being guided toward a path of healing. Our hope is strengthened in the sure knowledge that one day we will be reunited with our loved ones.

Participants meet in a small group setting guided by leaders who care and can relate to the depth of your sorrow as they too have experienced the loss of a loved one.

SEASONS OF HOPE is co-sponsored by St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross. The upcoming winter season will be at SFX.

Six Saturday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

January 12, 19, 26 - February 2, 9, 16

To register, call our office 708-352-0168 or do so at www.sfxlg.org

Respect Life Ministry

Sunday, January 13, 2019

March for Life Chicago

Federal Plaza from 2:00-4:00 pm

(flier: <https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ab8cfcdbd829e8e118a07df956/files/fa1d62f8-6015-4ef9-ae6f-2f6bdd54834d>

March_for_Life_Chicago_2019_Flier.pdf)

January 14-22, 2019

9 Days For Life

To participate in a national novena for the respect and protection of human life, go to www.9daysforlife.com.

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Pilgrimage Send Off at St. Cletus

6:00 pm at St. Cletus Parish Center

Join us in welcoming and sending off those participating in the pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to join the National March for Life!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Come watch the NFL Conference Championships with SFX Men's Club

**Doors Open 1:30 PM
Joyce Hall**

**AFC @ 2:05 PM
NFC @ 5:40 PM**



**\$25 per person
BYOB**

**Soda, Water, Food,
Squares Pool**

Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com for more information.



REGISTRATION FORM

Have you been feeling like something is missing? Do you need a jump start in your faith journey? Do you need some time away with God? Join women just like you from our parish at the 2019 **WELCOME Women's Retreat!** Through stories, prayer, fellowship, and more you will find rest, be refreshed, and witness a new perspective on how God sees you and just how much you are loved. All women, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey, are **WELCOME!**

Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend

Saturday, February 2 - Sunday, February 3, 2019

Carmelite Spiritual Center

8419 Bailey Road

Darien, IL

Please arrive between 8:00 - 8:30 am on Saturday; we will conclude around 3:00 pm on Sunday. For questions, please contact Therese Bryne at (708) 588.0845

Scholarships are available — please contact Father Bill Tkachuk

You may complete the registration and pay online (please see our Facebook link below), place the registration form/payment in the collection basket or drop off at the Rectory to the attention of Jane Bandyk along with payment (payable to St. Francis Xavier Parish).



Women's Retreat Weekend



February 2 - 3, 2019

_____ **Single Occupancy: \$140**

_____ **Double Occupancy: \$120; Room with:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Music preference: (please check): CD **OR** Digital Playlist
Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please list two people we may contact to ask to pray for you while on the **WELCOME** retreat (optional)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please visit our Facebook page for more details
<https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWomenSFX/>

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HATS

We Wear

THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

2019 Ladies Pre-Lent Event

PROVERBS 31:31

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let
her work bring her praise at the city gate."



Saturday, March 2, 2019

La Grange Country Club

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Open House style, come and go as your schedule permits.

PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES AND FOOD STATIONS
CASH BAR / LIVE MUSIC / BINGO / VENDORS

Register online at www.prelentevent.com

Interfaith Career Network

Winter 2019 Career Search and Development Boot Camp Week 1

Join us on Tuesday, January 15, from 7:00-9:00 pm for the first of a 5-week workshop at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Week 1 will kick off with an overview of the State of the Job Market. Keynote speaker, Heather Davis, will share her success story in re-entering the workforce after a lengthy absence and Dr. Joe Yount will deliver a special presentation on building self-confidence for your career search. There is no cost to attend and you are encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of this training. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

How to Use The Internet to Find Your Next Opportunity

Are you tired of applying to job postings and not getting any response? Join us on Thursday, January 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm and learn how to stop doing that time consuming chore that gets very little results and instead, do what will get you noticed by recruiters and hiring managers. We will explore ways to find contact information as well as other tools to network your way into your next opportunity. Our speaker, Kevin Crews, has over 25 years of experience as a recruiter and over 15 years as a career coach. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Catholic Women's Club

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Tiziana Lambert at tizianalambert@gmail.com.

SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.



The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue
LaGrange Park

To register online and see a complete list of our new 2019 Winter-Spring Programs, please go to www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Incarnation Book Study:

Conversation and Contemplation

Thursdays 1:00-2:30 pm begins January 24 with Facilitator Diane Pfahler, SND *or* Fridays 9:00-11:00 am begins January 18, Facilitator Bridget Sperduto (meets in River Forest) Diarmuid O'Murchu's latest book "Incarnation: A New Evolutionary Threshold" shows how all forms of embodiment - from bacteria to the stars, from our children to strangers - evidence a God who loves bodies. O'Murchu says he wrote this myth-shattering and challenging book for wise elders (and precocious youngsters) because they will understand what he is talking about. Cost: \$165 or \$18/session.

Growing Your Knowing

Thursday, January 24 from 9:30 am-Noon with Facilitator: Tim Sperduto. We send and receive communication all the time, on all levels, whether we are aware of it or not. How can we tap into and cultivate our innate abilities to know, to see clearly, to hear clearly, to intuit, to feel, to empathize, to sense, to be still? Cost: \$20.

Midwinter Reprieve and Restoration

Saturday, January 26 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm with Facilitators: Kate Wester and Bridget Sperduto. Do you feel a little blue facing the grey, cold, dark days and nights of January and February in Chicago? Rejuvenate your mind, body and spirit in this morning of meditation, reiki, restorative yoga and movement. Cost: free to members of cosponsoring parishes SFX and SJC. Please register in advance.

New Year, New Church?

Thursday, January 31 from 7:00-8:30 pm with Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ. This presentation will review the troubling events in our institutional church over the last several years, providing history and opinion, and leaving time for directed sharing and discussion. May our lamentations this evening come to a hopeful conclusion of actively claiming what is ours to do at this point in time. Cost: \$20.



Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson

**Please inform us of those serving in the Military Overseas...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday9:00 am-1:00 pm

Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and
(6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)
Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morningAfter 9:00 am Mass
Saturday afternoon4:15 pm
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the
tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday9:00 am
Friday7:45 am
Saturday9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday7:45 am
Friday9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 12:00 pm on the Friday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

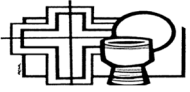
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—January 19-20, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	H. McCormick L. Lach M. Bruni	M. Becker T. Conwell S. Devitt D. Dunlap D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young Open	A. Holmes T. Newcomb	TBA	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Carroll J. Kelly J. Van Gorp	N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch T. Nichol P. Olson	C. Carroll E. Cushing	TBA	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Muccino	O. Washburn J. Spearman J. Stopka	M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich L. Nichol D. Nighswander B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Premdergast	C. Kachmarik M. Kachmarik D. Collins	TBA	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Hoffman	J. Eraci T. Serafin T. Hill	B. Boyd N. Cummings L. Egan M. P. Flaherty S. Martin P. McGinnis L. Ovník K. Parisi B. Sorice	A. Justak A. Edwards Q. Filbin	TBA	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Religious Education Mass	A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann C. Gatsos K. Johnson	C. McLaughlin A. Grech A. Brown	TBA	Religious Education Mass
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of January 13, 2018

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

*The Spirit
of God
came upon him*

