

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2019



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 4	7:45 am 9:00 am	Bill Riordan James Heinlein	Trudi Riordan Marlene Heinlein
Tuesday, February 5 Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	7:45 am 9:00 am	Thomas Fitzgerald David Askman	The Fitzgerald Family The Driscoll Family
Wednesday, February 6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	7:45 am 9:00 am	Marian Dudek Dolores Alonso	The Mulcahy Family Deb Dybalski
Thursday, February 7	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Special Intention	
Friday, February 8	7:45 am 9:00 am	People of St. Francis Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, February 9	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Kathryn Chlapcik Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Terry Conwell John McAndrews	The Radville Family Lillian Bannach Monica McAndrews
Sunday, February 10	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Barbara Hickey Chuck Rubin Leonard Stanczyk Sister Dorothy Lynch People of the Parish	Dan & Pam Hennebry The Rubin Family The Stanczyk Family Jim & Joan Potsch

Please Pray For...

Jim Boardman	Anita Kronowitz
Jay Carroll	Edward Kudia
Sam Cibula	Emmett Miller
Marjorie Crnkovich	Patrick Morgan
Anthony Dina	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Amanda O'Brien
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Ryan Patyk
Lily Fielding	Donna Pekarek
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Carissa Pessetti
Tom Flynn	James Pridmore
Lilli Gregory	Baby Madison Raupp
Wilson Gregory	Anna Rose
Patricia Hassler	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Barbara Hudson	Greyson Stanley
Diane Hughes	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
	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:

Francis Lococo
Husband of Mary

Rosemary Kaiser
Mother of Robert

Dolores Alonso
Mother of Philip, Marilu, Debbie, Paul & Peter

Jack Adams
Father of Fletch Adams

Mary Hamrogue
Mother of Angela, Gerrard, Michael & Marie

Bernice Fijal
Mother of Zack Fijal

John W. Capron, Sr.
Grandfather of Meghan Fijal

Pastor's Notes

If I do not have love... I am a resounding gong or a clashing symbol.... I am nothing.... I gain nothing.... Love rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:1,2,3,6-8

Love is the life breath of the Spirit in and among us. The love of God's Spirit inspires us, stretches us, frees us, challenges us, and binds us to one another in a bond that is stronger than death. We first know love as we develop as preconscious, vulnerable persons within the womb of the woman who gives us birth. Most of us who are members of the St. Francis Xavier Parish community experience love in the comfort, encouragement, and physical, emotional and spiritual nourishment of our childhood family. We experience the flashier sparks of love in teen crushes and early romances. We come to know the love of which St. Paul speaks as we grow and mature over decades. This love reveals to us the deepest parts of who we are and allows us to see the best in others. This love is the lifeblood of the significant commitments of our lives and carries us through the moments when we fail or are tempted to walk away. This love inspires the saints among us to do "small things with great love" that transform lives and systems. This love *discourages* us from the gossip or judgment or partisan thought that would set us at odds and *encourages* the patience and forgiveness and kindness that strengthens our connections.

The love of God's Spirit is offered to us as gift. Yet it challenges us to consider new ways of thought and being with one another. Those in the Nazareth synagogue on the day Jesus proclaimed his mission to "bring glad tidings" could not open their minds and hearts to the possibility that God's love could dwell so deeply in one they thought they knew well as "the son of Joseph." How often do we fail to recognize God's love in the one we think we know too well to consider that possibility? In fact, do we see the Spirit of God's love alive in each person, especially in those whom we are tempted to discount as ordinary or unimportant, or whom we judge as unworthy or sinful? Love never fails. All that can fail is our willingness to let God's love live in and through us.

Last weekend we all were invited to explore what happens inside the walls of our education building when it operates as St. Francis Xavier Elementary School. Five school families and one former school parent and teacher spoke of how living stewardship through their involvement in the parish school community has enriched the faith lives of their family. This week the School Advisory Board asks parishioners to consider a special contribution to our mission to make a Catholic school education available to parish families who seek this for their children. Thank you for the many ways parishioners support this mission. Our investment continues to bear much rich fruit.

Peace, Fr. Bill

Scripture Reflections

Living our baptismal call can at times be challenging. In our head, we know very well what is expected of us as Christians on life's journey. We can name the qualities that would be a good job description of being a Christian. The description is pretty generic: A good Christian is loving, caring, and shares resources with those in need. We do that very well. We teach our children to do that through example and encouragement, and they do it well. We make sure the food pantry gets stocked, we make meals for B.E.D.S., we visit the sick, we take up collections of both monetary and basic necessities for those in need. The list can and does go on and on. We do it well!!

I can recall the look on my students' faces years ago, when I ended my discussion question with...."And I want more than the generic answer." I can still remember the student who said to me..."What do you mean by that?" I responded with..."Tell me more than, loving, caring, or sharing, because that's a given. To be a follower of Jesus means we will love, care, and share. I challenge you to live beyond the given." Hands didn't go up as quickly as usual, but a good discussion followed based on the challenge.

I believe that's what St. Paul was talking about when he wrote the familiar words we hear in today's second reading to the Corinthians. Some people may refer to this reading as a "feeling good" scripture reading. But just as Paul was challenging the Corinthians some 2,000 years ago, we are faced with the same challenge today. Paul was challenging the Corinthians and getting on their case because Jesus' law of love that he commanded was far from what some of them were living. Jesus law of love is sometimes far from what we live. Sure it's easy to say I need to show love to others, I need to care for others, I need to share with others. We all know that and can do the generic part very well in word and in action. But what about the challenge we hear today? How can we be stretched to live Jesus' law of love so that:

***Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrong doing but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.***

What do you think? Are we willing to get stretched beyond the given a little more and live up to this challenge?

Jeri Simeoni

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HOW YOUR GIFT WAS USED

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

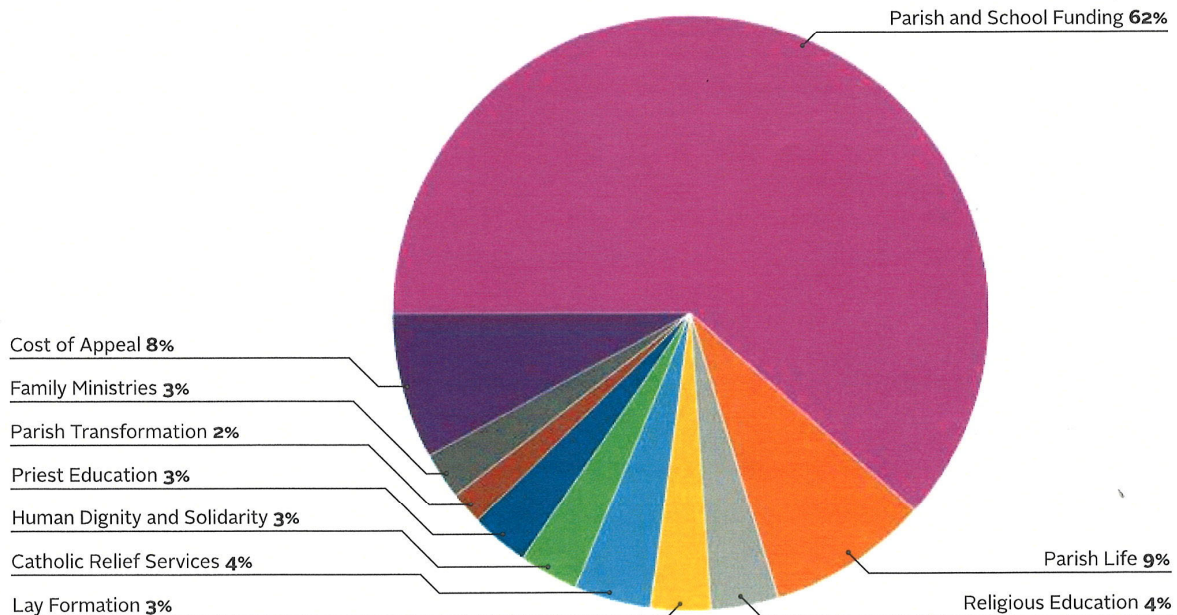
\$9,511,345	Parish and School Funding	Funds raised in excess of parish goals as well as support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities.
\$1,358,737	Parish Life	Programs to support parish vitality - evangelization initiatives, liturgy enhancements
\$564,730	Religious Education	Support for youth, young adult, campus and adult religious education ministries
\$503,667	Lay Formation	Continuing education for lay volunteers and staff serving parish communities
\$640,000	Catholic Relief Services	Assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
\$499,915	Human Dignity and Solidarity	Activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House prison ministry and Peace & Justice initiatives
\$483,552	Priest Education	Continuing education for seminarians and priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$275,000	Parish Transformation	Programs to revitalize local parish communities
\$397,942	Family Ministries	Programs for marriage preparation, marriage support and family ministry
\$14,234,890	MINISTRIES TOTAL	
\$1,217,478	Cost of Appeal	Design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors for the Annual Catholic Appeal

This chart shows how your Annual Catholic Appeal funds were used in 2017 to support these many initiatives and programs.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

No money donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been, or will be, used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.

\$15,452,368 TOTAL



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COME, FOLLOW ME... and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

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Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word”

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to *“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word.”*

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. The opposite page of this bulletin reports the distribution of contributions in 2017.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our Parish. This year, St. Francis Xavier parish will be using the excess **2018 Appeal** funds (approximately \$43,000) to cover the new Air Conditioning Tower for the church.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$109,400 in paid pledges, 100% of any additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. We will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses the weekend of February 23 and 24.

Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, February 8
7:30 pm
at
Grace Lutheran*



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind of inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.

Men's Choir Rehearsals begin soon! New voices are welcome!



Men's Choir rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, February 26th!** A call goes out to all men who have an ear for singing and like to sing but, do not have the time to commit to an entire season, or are thinking about joining on a more regular basis and would like to give it a try.

This choir will meet for an 8 week rehearsal block starting on **Tuesday, February 26th from 8:30 to 9:30 pm** in the church and will continue through Tuesday, April 16th in preparation for the 7:00 pm **Lord's Passion** on **Good Friday, April 19th** of Holy Week.

An invitation goes out to all past members to return for another season, and a special invitation goes out to all men who have not yet made that move. This is the year! Come be a part of a beautiful tradition.

New singers are asked to please contact our Director of Liturgical Music, **Allen Sterwalt**, in advance of the first rehearsal date if at all possible.

asterwalt@sfxlg.org
708-352-0168

Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from *Equal Exchange Fairly Traded*. There is a lot behind this coffee. "We work closely with our farmer partners, year after year, to better understand each other's needs. The result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee." Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

Fair Trade builds right relationships between buyers and sellers that are rooted in the principles of human dignity and solidarity.

Fair Trade:

- Respects human dignity
- Promotes the common good
- Advances economic justice
- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- Cultivates global solidarity



The Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program creates opportunities for us to bring these core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Effort is made to see that these coffee farmers are given a fair wage!!!

Job Openings:

Main Campus Receptionist at SFX Parish School.
Part time: 7:45 am-12:00 pm on school days.

Responsibilities include:

- Assist with office operations:
 - * Maintain positive work environment
 - * Greet visitors
 - * Answer phones
 - * Manage student needs during the day
 - * Provide support to Administrative Assistant and School Secretary
 - * Maintain professional level of confidentiality
- Skills required:
 - * Attention to detail
 - * Communication, customer service
 - * Use of technology

Please contact the school office at 708-352-2175 or email mhoffman@sfxlg.org.

Tax Reform and Charitable Giving

In December 2017, Congress approved the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which led to the most far-reaching changes to the tax code in more than 30 years. Taxpayer ability to take itemized deductions is subject to certain limitations. As a result of this tax code change, SFX has seen an increase in donations from donor-advised funds in the past few months as parishioners adjust their giving strategies.

Other strategies that could help taxpayers maximize the benefits of the new tax laws on charitable giving include:

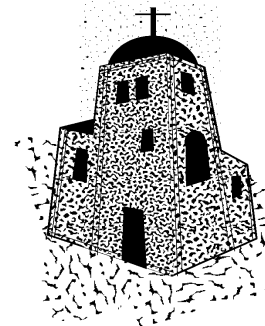
- If you are age 70½ or older, consider making a tax-free gift to SFX through an IRA charitable rollover.
- If you have experienced gains in the financial markets this year, consider donating appreciated securities to avoid paying capital gain taxes.

SFX does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice. Please consult your attorney or tax advisor to evaluate your tax deductibility limits and benefits for any of these options.

2018 Donation Statements

A statement of your 2018 donations was sent out on January 25th via email unless we don't have your email address or you specifically requested it to be sent via USPS mail. Please note that the email comes from notifications@ondemandmail.com as a PDF attachment.

Be my rock
of refuge,
a stronghold
for me
for you are
my rock,
O God



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All Parishioners are welcome to a **Parish Conversation**

Monday, Feb. 11, 7-8:30 pm in Unity Hall

Come and see what's being talked about at parish council meetings.
Share what you think we need to discuss.
Join in the conversation: Where do we go from here?
Your voice is important to us!

RSVP to the Rectory: 708-352-0168 or sfxinlg@sfxlg.org.
For details, contact Curt Aronson, PPC Chair at curt.aronson@us.lisega.com or 708-588-0668.

❖ Spirituality ❖ Community ❖ Lifelong Learning ❖ Justice
❖ Service ❖ Worship ❖ Youth Involvement ❖ Family Ministry ❖



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
February 11 & 25; March 11 & 25;
April 8 & 29 and May 6 & 20

where

SFX Early Childhood Building
21 North Catherine Avenue, 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.)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades K-4 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-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:

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):

February 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:

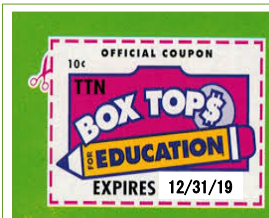


SFX School Instagram:
[@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

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!



Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Families,

As we prepare to graduate the 102nd class from St. Francis Xavier this year, we reflect on the significant role our entire parish community has played in supporting our school's valuable mission. So much has changed over the years, but the mission has remained the same: St. Francis Xavier Elementary School provides students with the Catholic values of faith, prayer, and service integrated within an excellent academic environment.

We are all blessed to live in a community with vibrant schools and a strong parish. You, the parishioners of St. Francis, have been so generous to our school over the years, and we sincerely thank you.

As we look to the future, [it is our goal to insure OUR parish school is accessible and affordable to all families, for generations to come.](#) With this in mind, we would like to ask you to consider supporting our annual campaign, **Building our Future**. This fund helps fill the financial gap between the tuition paid by parents and the consistently growing cost of educating our children. We are especially asking for your support due to extra costs being incurred as our early childhood program moves this summer to the main education building, placing all of our students "Under One Roof".

Gifts can be made by visiting the parish website: www.sfxlg.org. Click Donate online to find the School's Building Our Future link via Give Central, or send your donation to the parish office in an envelope marked Building Our Future. Any donation you provide will be an investment in the future of our parish's school where nearly 500 students are learning to live the Gospels out loud, every day.

To see the impact of your donations and support on our parish school, staff and students, we strongly encourage you to follow our parish school on Facebook (St. Francis Xavier School, LaGrange, IL) and Instagram (sfxlg_school).

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless you!
Katie Mulcahy
Chairperson
School Advisory Board

Chris Grech
Matt Duffy
Michael Fitzpatrick

Diane Asleson
Dan Hayes
James Ward

Tim Rhatigan
Dave Becker
Patrick Zahren

Katie Mulcahy
Katy Newcomb
Mo Cormier

Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

February 3	Class
February 10	Class
February 17	No Class
February 24	Class

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Wednesdays

February 6	Class
February 13	Class
February 20	No Class
February 27	Class

Religious Education Important Dates

Grade 6 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, February 3 during Class Time in Chapel
Wednesday, February 6 during Class Time in Chapel

Grade 7 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, February 24 during Class Time in Chapel
Wednesday, February 27 during Class Time in Chapel

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Grade 6 ~ Eucharistic Liturgy

February 10 at 12:00 Noon in Church

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Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, February 3 at 1:30 pm in Church
Sunday, February 24 at 1:30 pm 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!

Are you called?

Do you like to read and are a good public speaker? Are you looking for a way to connect deeper with the Eucharist? Are you looking for a way to



- use your gifts? St. Francis is always looking for teens to share their gifts with our community during Mass. Teens are invited and encouraged to sign up to be Lectors and/or Eucharistic Ministers at any Mass, but especially the 6pm Mass, which is teen-led! If you are interested in learning more or signing up, contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 or talk to Katie McCarthy, the 6pm Sacristan, before or after Mass.

Questions?

Do you have questions about your faith or just want to talk to someone about your faith journey? Olivia is available! Teens (or parents!), if you've been looking for someone to answer questions you may have or chat about life and your faith journey, your youth minister is a great resource... and she can help point you toward other resources if needed. Olivia Zurowski has a very flexible schedule, so just contact her to set something up!

Family Outreach Ministry Volunteer Event

On Saturday, February 23rd, SFX is encouraging families with teenagers to join us as we volunteer with the Saturday Meals Program at the First Congressional Church of LaGrange, located at 100 6th Avenue. We will be preparing and serving breakfast and lunch to as many as 40 people. Our volunteers will be preparing and serving hot foods to guests in a buffet line, run the dishwasher, and wipe down tables and chairs following the meal. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old and accompanied by an adult. We also ask that all volunteers donate \$5 per person to help cover the cost of food, which we supply.

There are two options to volunteer at this event: The Breakfast shift runs from 7:00-10:00 am. There are six volunteer spots for the Breakfast session. The Lunch shift runs from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. There are twelve volunteer spots for the Lunch session.

Please contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in the Breakfast session and Rebecca Daly at rebeccadaly@rebkdaly.com for the Lunch session.

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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

Baptisms

We celebrate and welcome the newest members of our faith family, who were baptized:



Patrick James Cody

Son of Adam & Lisa (Olson) Cody

Nolan Rhys Cunningham

Son of John & Kristin (Lewis) Cunningham

George Auric Patariu

Son of David & Sarah (Allison) Patariu

Theodore Raymond Betlinski

Son of Paul & Cynthia (Jurinak) Betlinski

Ryan Francis Czerwien

Son of Paul & Katie (Radville) Czerwien

Andrew Robert Kartholl

Son of Brad & Terese (Molinaro) Kartholl

Ira Lopez

Son of Antonio & Liliana (Esquivel) Lopez

Sean Michael Selimos

Son of Steve & Colleen (Wilkie) Selimos



Fundraiser For Local Students Who Have Lost A Parent Saturday, February 23

The Legacy Guild, a local nonprofit that provides college scholarships for area students who have lost a parent, hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, February 23, at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. The Big Spring Event 2019 is a rockin' evening featuring a live band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from LaGrange. The Legacy Guild has provided almost \$700,000 in college scholarships since its inception in 2012. Current Legacy Guild Scholars receive a \$2,500 scholarship renewable for up to four years of college. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www.TheLegacyGuild.com. Contact Ryan Williamson with any questions at 312-714-7665 or by email at ryan.williamson@lpl.com.

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of January:

Randy & Karolina Woolley

Michael & Kathleen McKeon

Keith & Diane Cappel

Kathryn Cragg

Anthony Pasquinelli

Corey & Megan Dyke

Stephen & Heidi Long

James & Mary Connelly-Calzada

Maribeth Lenz



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.

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.



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.

**Two more Saturday mornings at 9:45 am
February 9, 16**

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

PEACE
CORNER

The news and other outlets give a glimpse of the realities of what **REFUGEES** face as they flee for their lives.

The SFX Peace & Justice Ministry invites parishioners age 12 years and older to an interactive, hands-on simulation that will engage you physically and emotionally in the refugee experience, including a guided reflection at the end.

SAVE THE DATE: March 3, 2019.
More details to follow about sign-up.



“Jesus was a refugee. He had to flee to save his life.”
Pope Francis

Peace & Justice Ministry meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:15-8:30 pm in the Rector's Courtyard Room.

Focus for 2018-19: Refugees. The Peace & Justice mission is to carry out the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount; to work for peace and justice in our community, the world and on behalf of all creation; to involve the parish and the broader community in this mission; and to create awareness through education, dialogue and action. All Are Welcome!

For Your Consideration

June 2019 Pilgrimage to Nairobi

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual and cultural journey on a two-week pilgrimage to Nairobi, Kenya to visit the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School, nearby Jesuit works, other sites in Nairobi, and take a three day safari to Masai Mara Game Park.



For more information, please contact Cristine Pope at cristinepope@schoolofhopekenya.org 312-834-6118.

Donations will be accepted at:
School of Hope Foundation
1010 North Hooker Street
Chicago, IL 60642

Food Pantry Outreach To Our Parishioners

We encounter many people outside the parish who are in need of food assistance and we give thanks for the generosity of our parishioners to provide help to anyone who comes to our door. We also recognize that our own parishioners need help along the way for a variety of reasons. Please know that the food pantry is open and available to all who could use help easing grocery bills. This is our mission--to love and serve one another. To make confidential pick-up arrangements, please contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org or Fr. Bill Tkachuk wtkachuk@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168.

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, February 8 4:00-8:00 pm



Adults \$9
Children 5-10 \$4
Under 5 Free

Spaghetti with Meat Balls or Marinara Sauce, Salad,
Garlic Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Cash Bar

Robert E. Coulter Jr.
American Legion Post 1941
51st & LaGrange Road



The Countryside Women's Club will also be hosting a
Gift Basket Raffle to benefit local scholarship funds.



Dreams as a Spiritual Practice – Part 1

Join us on Thursday, February 7 from 10:00-11:30 am with Facilitator: Ann Letourneau, Psy.D, CSJ. Dream work can help us grow into the people God desires us to be. To prepare for this program, write down your dreams upon waking (before the dreams fade with the light) with as much dream detail as possible and bring them to the workshop. Cost: \$20. (Part 2 is on Thursday, February 28 from 10:00-11:30 am.)

Moving Through the Energy of Grief

Join us on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00-11:30 am with Facilitator: JoAnne Scullin. Grief is a powerful emotion that affects us energetically and can leave one bereft. Come join us for a morning of education, the experience of being with ourselves and our grief, and of connecting with others—all from an energy perspective. Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC.

The Journey Back to Your Beautiful Heart

Our Friday presentation will be held on March 8 from 7:00-8:30 pm and the Saturday Workshop, March 9 from 9:30 am-3:00 pm with Facilitator: Bruce Sanguin. What enabled Jesus to realize his own human, divine and cosmic heart? What are the major obstacles that prevent us from evolving more deeply into our radiant hearts? We will look at the devastating impact of shame on the evolution of heart intelligence, and specific practices that can lift the burden of shame so that we can each be the radiant human being that is our soul's destiny. Cost: the Friday Presentation is free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC; the Saturday Workshop is \$80 and includes lunch.

Start off **St. Patrick's Day** with a festive Mass and Irish Brunch for the benefit of The Well on Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 am. Register soon to save your place.

To register online and see a complete list of our new 2019 Winter-Spring Programs, go to www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

Interfaith Career Network

Quarterly Resume Review

Join us on Saturday, February 9 from 9:30-11:30 am for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching on your "elevator speech"? This is a great opportunity for you or someone you know who is in a job search. There is no charge for this service; everyone is welcome. Please join us at the St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

Prison Ministry Mother's Day

In the midst of this cold and snow can you believe it's time to start planning for Mother's Day? The prison ministry of Companions Journeying Together will be providing cards and stationery to juveniles and women so they have pretty materials to use. Once again, we are asking for your help.

We need • postage stamps • stationery, Mother's Day cards, Thinking of You cards, blank note cards • gallon zip lock bags • reams of colored paper • donations to help cover delivery costs. We **cannot** use cards with glitter or anything pasted/glued on.

Please put your donation in the box in the vestibule by February 24. And thank you very much.



Receive the LORD JESUS

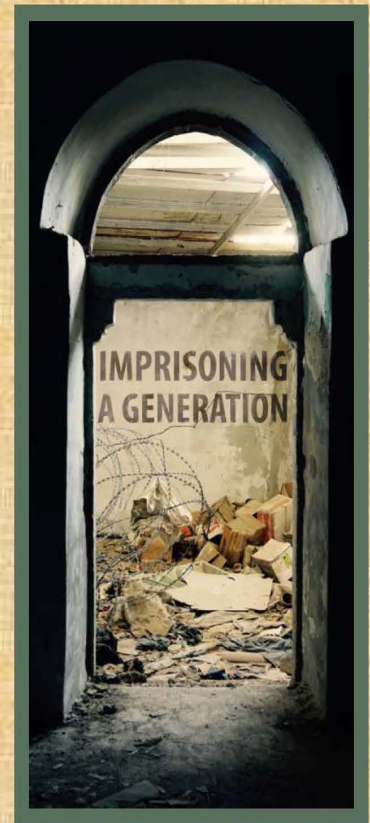
Palestinian Film Screening and Discussion

Thursday, February 7

10am and 7 pm

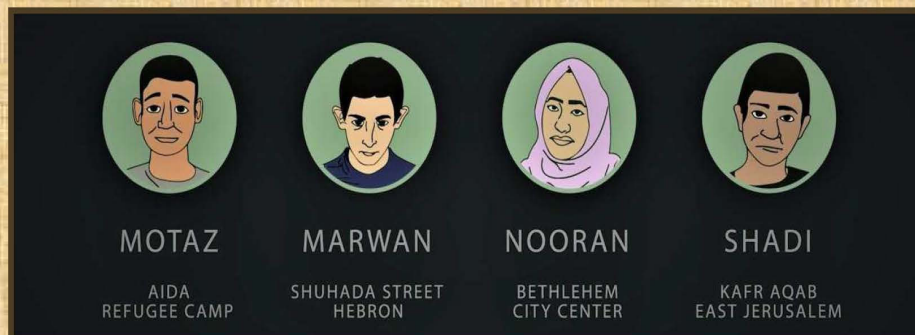
Grace Lutheran Church

200 N. Catherine, La Grange



"IMPRISONING A GENERATION"

This 50-minute film follows four young Palestinians who have been detained and imprisoned by the Israeli military. Their stories offer a personal look into the structures of oppression that extend well beyond the prison walls.



Facilitated small group discussion will take place immediately following the screening.

Please RSVP with total number attending to b.sloss@gracelg.org

Walk-ins are always welcome!



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
- **Staff 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
- **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
- **Sgt. Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschakovsky Family
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USFA**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux

**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

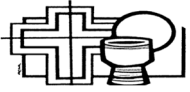
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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—February 9-10, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	K. Murphy K. Prenger L. MacKenzie	T. Conwell C. Cooke K. Corrigan S. Devitt K. Kanzer M. Milligan K. Preussner L. Young Open	A. Holmes M. Kachmarik A. Edwards	A. Sterwalt Cherub Choir	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	G. Rutkowski T. Nichol D. Walsh	S. Hayes M. Hermesdorf N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch	C. Stetz M. Merchant Open	S. Van Ordstrand	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Muccino	C. Michel G. Prendergast K. Hull	M. Hull M. Lukanich B. McMahon L. Nichol D. Nighswander B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast	F. LaMantia E. Geraghty E. Fekrat	K. Fron Gallery Choir	J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Justak D. Titzer M. Atseff	B. Boyd M. P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník K. Parisi	L. Nowak T. Newcomb N. Strayer	B. Mayo Celebration Ensemble	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	L.G. Dillon B. Hemminger C. Anderson	B. Edelmann C. Gatsos K. Johnson N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley	M. Duff N. Olson Open	J. Pfluger	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of January 27, 2018

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13
or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or
15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

