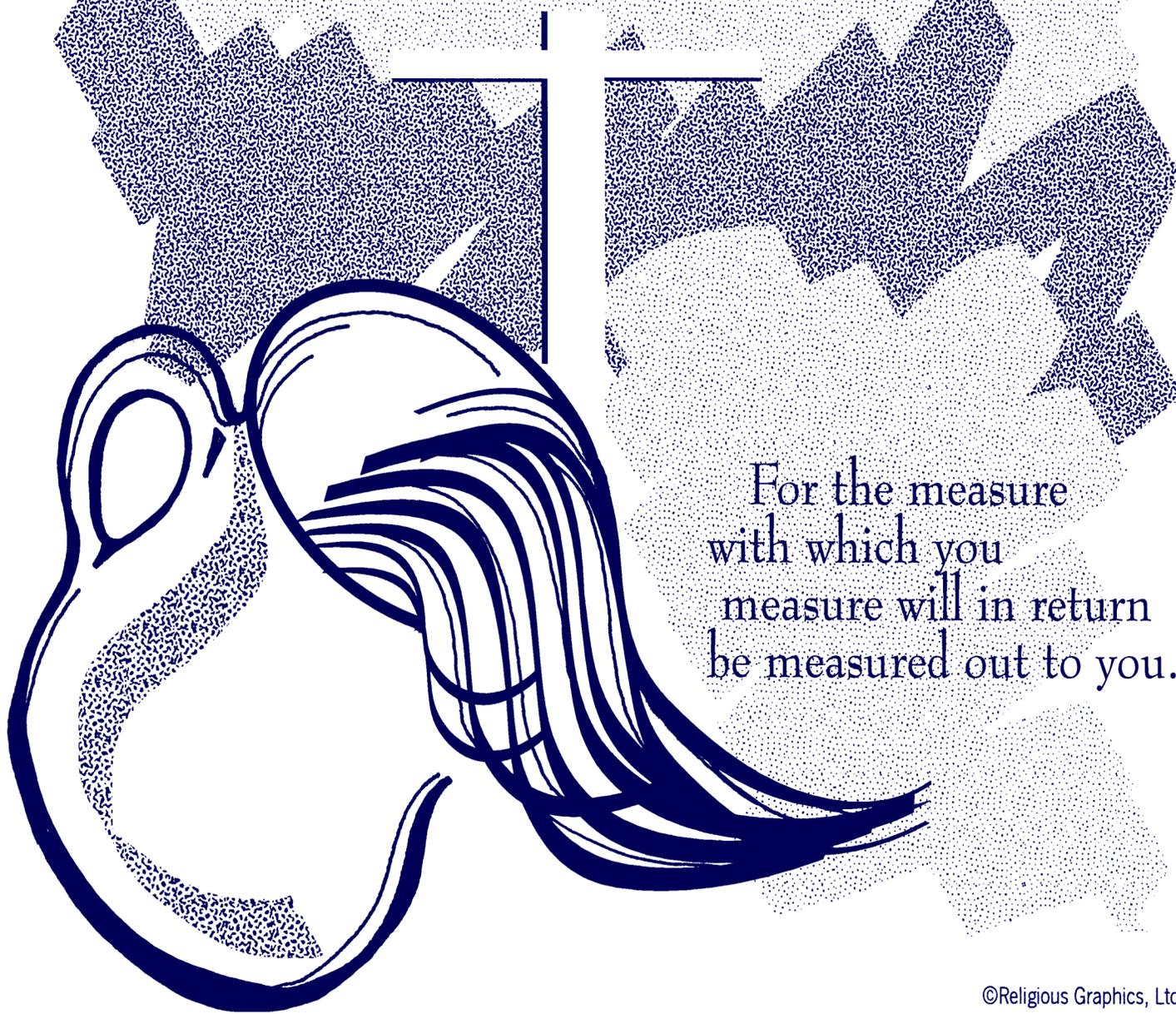


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019



BE MERCIFUL
just as your FATHER in
heaven is merciful



For the measure
with which you
measure will in return
be measured out to you.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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| Monday, February 25 | 7:45 am 9:00 am | James Deslauriers Steve Wendt | Bernard Uehlein The Duelm Family |
| Tuesday, February 26 | 7:45 am 9:00 am | Bob Arbuckle David DiLoreto | The SFX Food Pantry Volunteers Nancy Cozzi |
| Wednesday, February 27 | 7:45 am 9:00 am | Joseph Simeoni Vlasta Vicenik Keely Johnson | The Simeoni Family The Prince Family Jerry & Nancy Johnson |
| Thursday, February 28 | 7:45 am 9:00 am | Word & Communion Service Dorothy Lynch, CSJ | The SFX Food Pantry Volunteers |
| Friday, March 1 | 7:45 am 9:00 am | Judy Eby Word & Communion Service | Eric & Karen Boyd |
| Saturday, March 2 | 9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm | Christina Hall Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Elizabeth Fagan | Bob & Jennifer Driscoll The Kanzer Family |
| Sunday, March 3 | 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm | People of the Parish People of the Parish Jack Capron John Barry People of the Parish | The Urso & Gregory Families Dolores Lewis |

Please Pray For...

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Diane Bell | Edward Kudia |
| Jay Carroll | Gloria Lieber |
| Marjorie Crnkovich | Emmett Miller |
| Anthony Dina | Patrick Morgan |
| Blake Donegan | Mike Morrison |
| Fr. Dave Dowdle | Amanda O'Brien |
| Lynn Doyle | 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 |
| Chuck Joern | Michael Ungari |
| Theresa Kandall | Amanda Valerugo |
| Mike Kelly | Gregory Van Gorp |
| Benny Kilman | Richard Vlcek |
| Jerry Kolman | Julie Wilson |
| Virginia Kottaridis | Virginia York |
| Anita Kronowitz | Malcom Young |

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:

Dennis Hogerty
Father of Reagan

Greg Dold
Brother of Marian Lucas & Uncle of Kate Medlock

Sr. Patricia O'Rourke
Friend of Jim Andreoni

Mary Leahy
Cousin of Jerry Spearman

David Traut
Husband of Rosemary and
Father of Jennifer, Michael & Brian

Richard Dudek
Husband of Joan and
Father of Rich, Len, Michalene & Jeff

LOVE +
one another

Pastor's Notes

"The measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you."

Luke 6:38

What is the measure with which we measure? We live in a time in which instruments can be calibrated to give precise and accurate measurements. Yet many of us have tried to "cheat" the bathroom scale in our favor. We are less able to cheat the scale in matters of commerce. Yet how often do we hold back when it comes to giving away our time, our talents, or our material wealth? Or how often do we try to keep things "even" in our dealings with others, careful not to give away any more than we expect to receive in return? How often do we wait for the other to "give first," whether that be an apology, a sign of compassion, or a loan?

Jesus challenges us to be generous in giving to others. "Stop judging and you will not be judged." "Bless those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you." "Lend expecting nothing back." "Love your enemies and do good to them." Jesus leaves little "wiggle room" in how his disciples must act. Yet he also puts these challenges in context: "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful." Our generosity is not meant as an act of altruism, but rather of *gratitude* for what God already has done for us. Whenever we are tempted to hold back or demand our "fair share," Jesus asks us to consider what God continues to do for us and ask God's grace to do the same for others.

This weekend throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago, parishioners are being asked to contribute to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. This annual pledge drive funds much of the charitable and social justice outreach of the church in Chicago and the work of Catholic Relief Services throughout the world. This includes outreach to parishes in communities with limited resources; neighborhoods plagued by violence in various forms; protection of the unborn; and care for immigrants and refugees in our country and in other parts of the world. Those who benefit from the Appeal may never have the means to repay us and will never know us by name. We reach out to them as sisters and brothers in need; we do so in gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed on us.

If you are not prepared today to make a pledge at Mass, you have several options. You can take home an envelope and return it to the office or place it in the collection basket next weekend. If you prefer to donate online, you can go directly to the Annual Catholic Appeal website (giving.archchicago.org/annual-catholic-appeal) or reach the Appeal website via the parish website (www.sfxlg.org). Please remember to designate St. Francis Xavier – La Grange as your parish. Any donations to the Appeal above our parish goal are given to the parish and used for ongoing maintenance projects on our parish campus. The rebate that we received from the Archdiocese last year will allow us to replace the church air conditioning unit, which made it clear last summer that it is reaching the end of reliable service.

Thank you for your many forms of generosity to the mission of the parish, the mission of the Archdiocese, and the mission of Church in our world.

Peace,

F. Bill

Scripture Reflections

The Gospel today presents the Golden Rule and even raises it up to a higher level. Not only should we treat others as we would want to be treated, not only should we love those from whom we expect love in return, but also we are called to love our enemies and lovingly treat people whom we know will not treat us in the same loving way. In presenting this attitude of life, Jesus surpasses the teachings of all other belief systems. He asks His disciples to love, pray for, and give to others without expecting anything in return, except possibly receiving only hostilities. Jesus emphasizes that even if those whom we love do not respond in kind, the GOD Who Sees All be more generous, more forgiving, and more loving toward us.

Deacon Andy Allison



**Area-wide Adult
Confirmation Preparation
St. Francis Xavier Church**

**Monday nights for 7 sessions between
February 25 and May 9, 2019.**

**Contact Kate DeVries, Pastoral Associate,
708-352-0168 or kdevries@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Church in LaGrange will be hosting an area-wide Confirmation program for any Adult Catholics who have received Holy Communion, but for whatever reason, did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All Adults (18 and older) are most welcome.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights, February 25, March 4, March 18, March 25, April 1, and April 8, in Unity Hall (signs will be posted). Sessions will go from 7:00–8:30 pm, with the exception of April 8, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, to attend the Parish Reconciliation Service. The celebration of Confirmation will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church within Confirmation for the parish Teens, on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm.

Registration is necessary. Details and the registration form can be found on the parish website: www.sfxlg.org (and click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate DeVries by email at kdevries@sfxlg.org or by phone 708-352-0168.

**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 or 708-352-0168

Thank You

Dear Community of St. Francis Xavier Parish,

Thank you for your parish's generous contribution of \$11,922 to the November 2018 collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

In 2018-2019, CCHD invested in 26 local organizations through economic and community development grants that total over half a million dollars. Your gracious support made it possible for low-income communities to:

- Advocate for reforms to restore rights and opportunities for people with criminal records.
- Establish an Office of Labor Standards at City Hall to enforce protections for vulnerable workers.
- Pass a referendum to pen a new community mental health center on the northwest side of Chicago.
- Preserve and expand access to safe, decent, and affordable housing for families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Again, we thank you for your faithful support of CCHD. If you have any questions or if you would like to explore opportunities for your parish community to engage with CCHD beyond the collection, please contact Liz Young at 312-534-3891 or eyoung@archchicago.org.

Peace,
Elena Segura
CCHD Diocesan Director

Thank You

We thank you and all your good people at St. Francis Xavier for the recent donation of \$510 to Ascension-St. Susanna Parish. The money will help to pay bills. We will keep your parish in our prayers always. Thanks again and have a very happy 2019.

*Yours in Christ,
Thomas R. Carvlin
Deacon*

I write on behalf of our pastor, Fr. Mgimba, who is on a sabbatical in Tanzania until the end of this month.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



COME, FOLLOW ME... and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

annualcatholicappeal.com



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.

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 the masses this weekend, February 23 & 24.



The St. Francis Xavier Parish School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board that works throughout the year on behalf of our school and parish community.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Develop, formulate, and adopt policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of eleven members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Development
- Finance
- Marketing/Communications
- Strategic Planning
- Ad Hoc

Interested in Becoming an Advisory School Board Member?

******* FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2019*******

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

Do you have to have experience on a board or had a job in education? NO, you do not have to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.

How much time is this commitment? We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately about 6-8 hours per month.

Do you have to have a child at the school to apply? NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents.

How does the application/selection process work? There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board member Matt Duffy m.duffy@nonnis.com or 708-280-1995.

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site <http://school.sfxlg.org/parents/school-board/>. ***Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.*** We look forward to receiving your application!



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 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

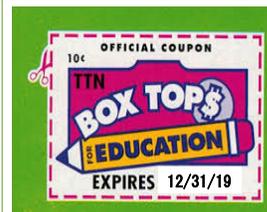
Register online at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/XM85UFPbg0So4OEO2>
Session fee is \$50/due at the first class.
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX.)

Project Connect Us: Parent Workshop "How to Talk to Your Kids About Social Media"

Open to parents and educators
from all area schools!

Thursday February 28
6:30 pm in Unity Hall
There is no cost to attend.

Come and learn how to talk to your kids about the dangers of social media and screen time without the explosive and stressful scene that often occurs when we, the parents, try to approach these tough subjects with our kiddos. Social media has become a scary world for our kids and takes a serious toll on their emotional health and well being. Let's learn the dialogue that makes this tough subject easier to discuss with our kids. Less stress, more talk, happy home, happy kids!



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!

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media:

SFX School Instagram: @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>



Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

February 24 Class
March 3 Class
March 10 Class
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Wednesdays

February 27 Class
March 6 Class
 Ash Wednesday
March 13 Class

Religious Education Important Dates

Grade 7 ~ Reconciliation

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

Grade 2 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, March 10 during Class Time in Chapel
Wednesday, March 13 during Class Time in Chapel
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Fourth Grade Reconciliation (Four Services)

March 9 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm in Church
March 10 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm in Church
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Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, February 24 at 1:30 pm in Church

Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Events

March 20 Rosary Making or
April 7 Banner Making

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:

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):

March 9, 16, 23, & 30
April 27

You can call Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator
or Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music
at 708-352-0168.



Cossitt School, conveniently located at 115 West Cossitt Avenue in LaGrange, will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, March 9th from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Don't miss this huge selection of over 25,000 name-brand items from Infant to Size 16!

Buy! Find amazing deals on gently used items including clothing, shoes, baby equipment, sports gear, bikes, books and so much more!

Sell! Clean out your closets! Sell your gently used Spring and Summer items and keep 60% of the proceeds!

Volunteer! For an opportunity to shop the invitation only presale ahead of the public, consider volunteering a minimum of three hours with flexible time slots!

Come early for the best selection! Many items half-price from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Adults only from 8:00-10:00 am, children admitted with adult from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Please bring a basket or bag to carry your items throughout the sale. For more details, please visit our website at www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale.

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

3v3 Basketball Tournament!

Youth Council is hosting a recreational 3v3 basketball tournament, open to all high school students. The tournament will be Sunday, March 10th in the SFX Gym from 1:00-3:30pm. More details will be released this week on Social Media (Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry, Instagram: @sfxlg_youthministry). Keep an eye out there or contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or (708) 352-0168 for more information!

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 or talk to Katie McCarthy, the 6pm Sacristan, before or after 6pm 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!

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. Visit the Youth Ministry website or stop by the rectory to register. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.



SFX Parish Children's "First Communion" Choir

A special invitation goes out to all children in **grades 1, and 3 – 8**, who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir, to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on **Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 am, 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm**. Children are NOT required to sing at all three Masses.

Please pick up a registration packet from one of the tables located at each of the exits as you leave church or pick one up at the front desk of the Rectory office. Registration information will also be posted on our website at www.sfx-lg.org.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY SINGING IN ONE OF THE PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, THERE IS NO NEED TO RE-REGISTER. **Rehearsals will begin the week of March 18**. Please see below for the breakdown:

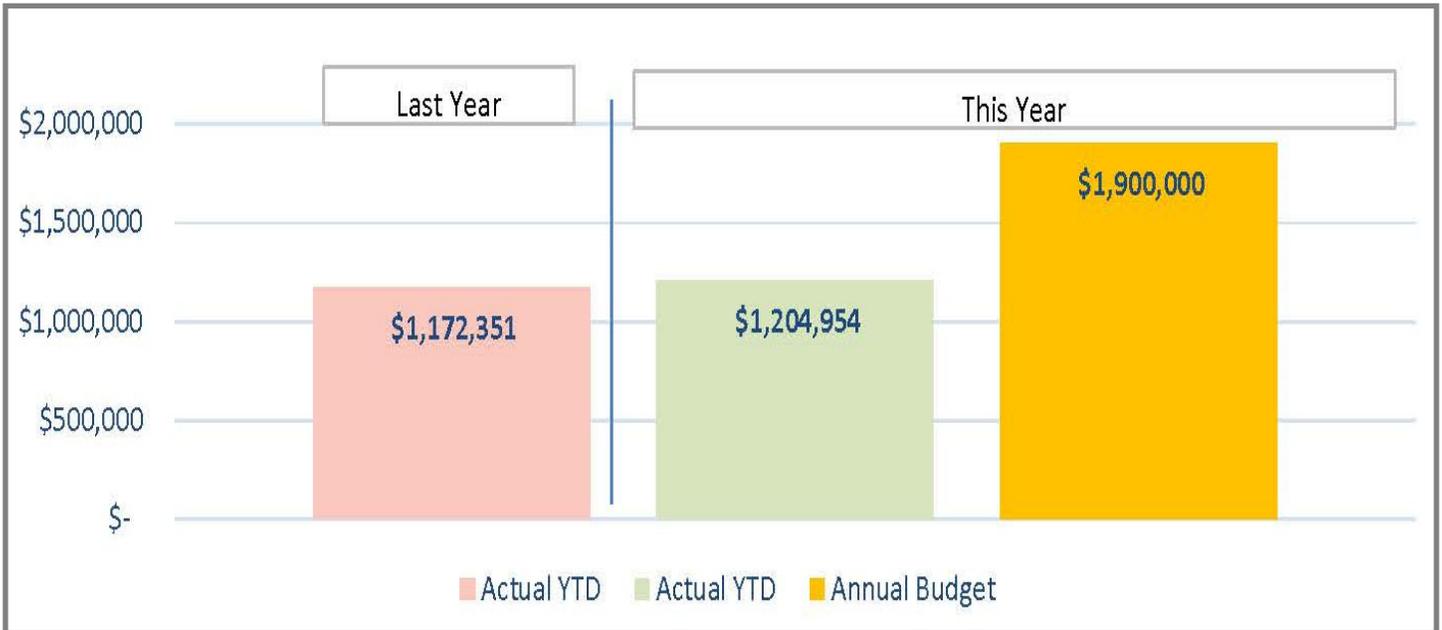
- Cherub Choir (grades 1 and 3).....Tuesdays: 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm
First Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 19
- SF Choristers (grades 4 – 8).....Thursdays: 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm
First Rehearsal: Thursday, March 21



You can contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Liturgical Music with any questions by email at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT
AS OF February 17, 2019



Senior Women's Group

St. Francis Xavier Parish

Thursday, March 14, 2019
Fellowship @ 9:30am
Presentation @10:00 am

Rene Silinis
Professional Landscaper

*Container gardening and spring
time preparation of the garden.*

Bring your questions.

St. Francis Xavier
124 N. Spring Avenue
La Grange
Unity Hall



Time to Register for a Lent Small Faith Group!

Groups meet weekly from March 6 – April 16, for a total of 6 sessions. Conversations are based upon the reflections in the *Living Faith Lent Book*, a daily meditation guide.

Please complete and submit this form. Once the group fills, you will be notified of the location and given additional information. For questions, contact Mary Sue McDonald at marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com or 708-409-9595. Thank You.



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Please indicate your first (1) second (2) and third (3) choices of when you are available to meet. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Sunday 7:15 pm: _____ Tuesday Evening: _____ Wednesday Evening: _____

Monday Evening: _____ Wednesday 9:30 am: _____ Thursday 6:15 pm: _____

Tuesday 1:00 pm: _____ Wednesday 1:00 pm: _____ Saturday Morning: _____

Would you prefer to be in a specific type of group?

Any group that fits my schedule: _____ Married Couples Group: _____

Women’s Group: _____ Moms/Dads and Tots: _____

Men’s Group: _____ Young Adults (20s & 30s): _____

Might you be willing to facilitate a group if needed?

Yes: _____ Perhaps; let’s discuss it: _____ Not at this time: _____

Do you have your own group, or want to propose another time? If so Explain:

Please return this page to Kate DeVries at the Parish Rectory. Thank you!

Domestic Abuse

St. Francis Xavier is committed to serving the needs of the abused in our parish and beyond. For more information regarding our domestic violence outreach ministry efforts here at SFX, please call: 708-352-0168.

Did You Know?

In the United States, one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the U.S. between the ages of 15 and 44—more than car accidents, rapes, and muggings combined.

Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children as adults.

Signs of Abuse:

Is your partner . . .
Controlling you?
Isolating you from people/activities?
Blaming you for his/her problems?
Making all the important decisions?
Humiliating you?
Threatening or using violence?
Making you feel as if you are crazy?
Expecting you to “do as you’re told”?
Abusive to children/past partners?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you are not alone.

Call 911 if you feel you are in immediate danger.

If you or someone you know needs help,
call a 24 hour hotline:
Pillars: 708-485-5254
Family Shelter Services: 630-469-5650

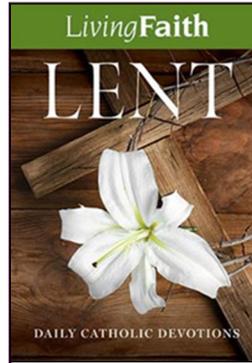
Catholic Women’s Club

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.



What’s New this Lent?

We will be praying with daily Catholic Lenten devotions presented in *Living Faith*. Whether you are able to join a Small Faith Group or not, please consider praying with the *Living Faith Lent Book*. The book contains a brief daily meditation based upon the readings of the day. Books will be distributed in church beginning on Ash Wednesday, and available at the parish rectory.

Create something new this Lent!



*“Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal,
to remind us that it is possible to
create something new within
ourselves and around us.”*

Pope Francis

Sign up to receive weekly on-line resources.

Deepen your Lenten practices and explore what it means to be in communion with Christ as well as with our brothers and sisters in need.

www.solidaritybridge.org/lent

God of all people,

Your compassion invites us to be transformed.

Your love calls us to be one human family.

May our journey this Lent be a time of renewal and growth, so that with changed hearts, we might heal and transform your world.

Amen.

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 critinepope@schoolofhopekenya.org 312-834-6118.

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

Host Family Needed

Interested in hosting a Nazareth Academy International Student? HAMDEN EDUX is looking for a host family willing to welcome an international student into their home for the 2019-2020 school year. Short term and long term hosting is available.

For more information, contact Mary Bridich by phone at 847-767-0696 or email mbridich@hamdenedux.org or visit <http://www.hamdenedux.org/HostingApplication> to apply.

SAVE THE DATE

**5th Annual All Parish Service Day
June 8, 2019 Pentecost!**

Please contact Mary Freeman
mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168
if you have an outreach idea and/or are
interested in being a team leader.

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REFUGEE JOURNEY SIMULATION

March 3, 2019 afternoon

**Online sign-up underway at www.sfxlg.org
under quick links.**

Learn about the Refugee Journey!

Open to all parishioners (suggested 12+ years)

No cost to attend

Note: 7th/8th grade Day School students will participate during school on March 4.

The simulation will last about 2 hours. Participants will **meet in Classrooms (enter through School Parking Lot doors)** and move around two levels of the Education Building (elevator accessibility available).

Everyone will be guided through an interactive, hands-on experience with a reflection at the end. The simulation includes rafts, tents and border security encounters adaptable to age levels.

**RUN FOR
YOUR LIFE**  **EXODUS
WORLD SERVICE**

refugee simulation



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

Contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or
708-352-0168 with any questions



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



New Year, New Church? New Date! Join us on Thursday, February 28 from 7:00-8:30 pm with Facilitator Sallie Latkovich, CSJ. This presentation and discussion will review the troubling events in our institutional church over the last several years, providing history and opinion. There will be time for directed sharing and discussion. Just as the lamentations in our Scriptures always conclude with hope, 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.

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.

From Ashes to Alleluia: Ash Wednesday Prayer and Distribution of Ashes on Wednesday, March 6 from 7:00-8:30 pm with Facilitator Pat Bergen, CSJ. What makes this Lent different from other Lents? Some would say “The world as we see it seems to be crumbling! Everything seems to be falling apart, turning to ashes before our eyes.” What is the transformation to which the ashes are calling us this Lent? Join us as we contemplate our calling to enter the journey of Lenten transformation “From Ashes to Alleluia.” The evening will include the distribution of ashes. Cost: Free-will offering.

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.

Scriptures in Song on Thursday, March 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm, repeated on Friday, March 15 from 10:00-11:30 am with Facilitator Kathy Sherman, CSJ. We all have favorite lines of Scripture that we love and that inspire us on our faith journey. This presentation will give you the opportunity to reflect and to sing original music composed for some familiar and beloved Scripture passages, taking you deeper into your heart and into the heart of the matter. Cost: \$20.

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.

LOVE and you fulfill the whole law



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 Tschaikevsky Family
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—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

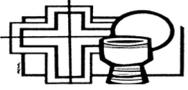
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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—March 2-3, 2019

| Mass Time | Presider | Lectors/ Commentators | Ministers of Communion | Altar Servers | Cantors | Greeters |
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| 5:00 PM | Fr. Tkachuk | Child Liturgy J. Hayford G. Weismantel | C. Cooke J. Denson S. Devitt D. Dunlap K. Kanzer M. Milligan F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Preussner | M. Hayford E. Cushing K. Adams | A. Cherry Cherub Choir | S. Devitt |
| 7:30 AM | Fr. Tkachuk | S. Lindsay J. Van Gorp J. Kelly | S. Augustyn S. Hayes N. Kalkowski K. McInerney D. Walsh | R. Newman A. Brown Open | A. Sterwalt | C. Urbain |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Killeen | J. Schaeffer E. Newman M. Rotert | R. Barker C. Froemel E. Froemel B. Olson P. O'Malley C. Pratali R. Pratali G. Prendergast T. Urchell | R. Wheeler Q. Filbin T. Newcomb | C. Jakubisin | G. Nalumansi |
| 10:30 AM | Fr. Tkachuk | T. Serafin S. Zlatic C. Dillon | B. Boyd R. Caragher N. Cummings L. Egan J. Garreau M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin | A. Holmes D. Collins E. Siffermann | L. DiGianfilippo | M. Joscelyn |
| 12:00 PM | Fr. Killeen | C. Borawski L. Freda L. Freda | K. Borawski A. Chimento N. Dekoker L. Donegan B. Edelmann | R. Garcia A. Edwards A. Grech | J. Petkus | O. Lozano |
| 6:00 PM | Fr. Killeen | Quest Teen | Quest Teens | | Spirit Choir | |

Readings For The Week of February 24, 2019

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16
 Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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