

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

4th Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019



BEHOLD

new things have come.  
And all this is from

GOD

who has reconciled us  
to himself through

JESUS CHRIST



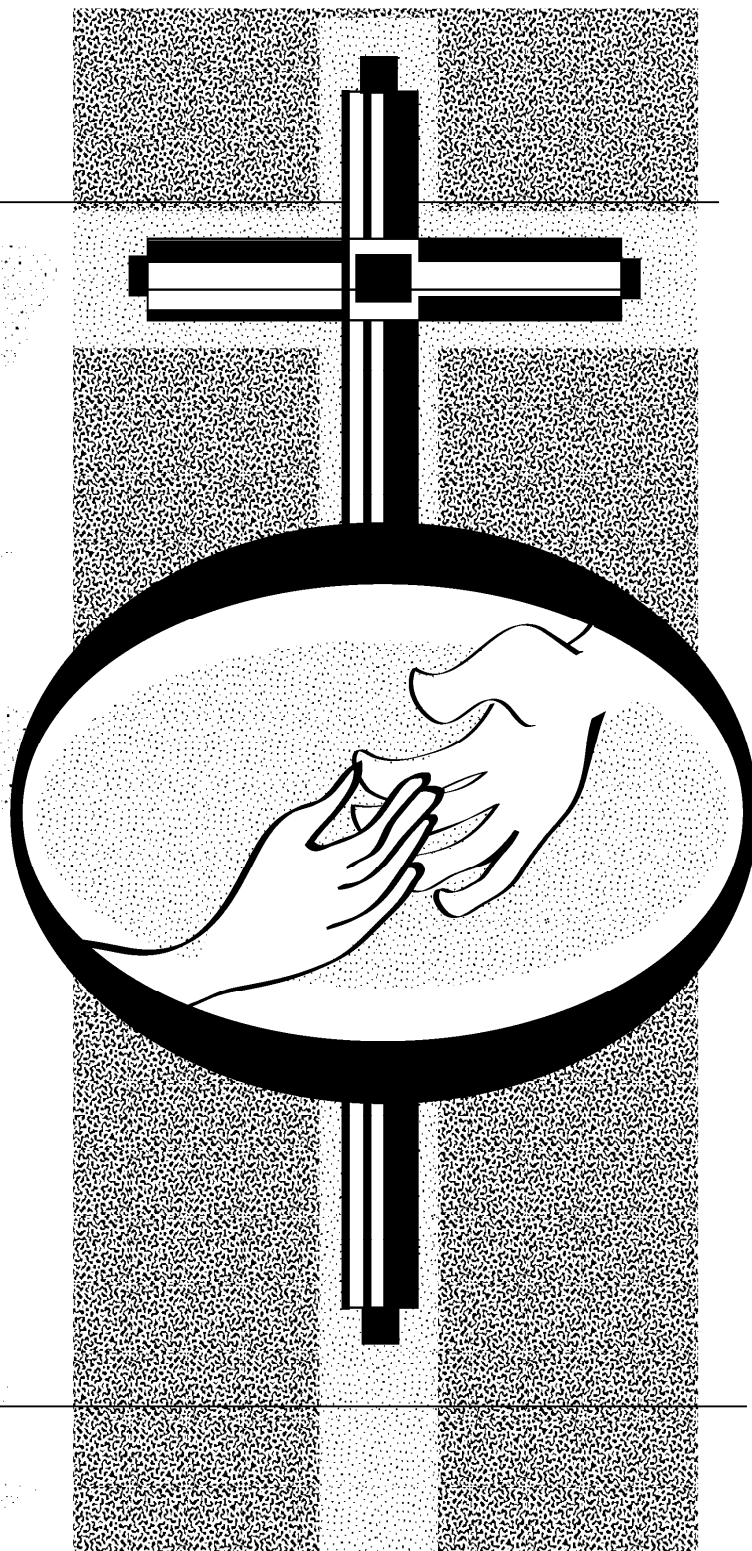
and given us the  
ministry of reconciliation,

entrusting to us  
the message of  
reconciliation

So we are  
ambassadors for

JESUS

CHRIST



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 1	7:45 am 9:00 am	Helen Farnan James Heinlein	The Jim Donahue Family Marlene Heinlein
Tuesday, April 2	7:45 am 9:00 am	Mike Konstant Catherine T. Cunnea	The Konstant Family Mary F. Russell
Wednesday, April 3	7:45 am 9:00 am	Dorothy Reed Eleanor Nelson	The SFX Sunshine Committee Laura Nelson
Thursday, April 4	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Friday, April 5	7:45 am 9:00 am	Lorraine Slot Word & Communion Service	Jim & Mary Donahue
Saturday, April 6	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Special Intention Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Anthony Skokna	The SFX Sunshine Committee
Sunday, April 7	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish Eileen Zubaty Lillian Cunningham Roy Leslie People of the Parish	Mary Lynn Economou Mary & Lou Darovic The Ellena Family

## Please Pray For...

Diane Bell	Gloria Lieber
James Boardman	Emmett Miller
Jay Carroll	Patrick Morgan
Anthony Dina	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Jack Murphy
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Noah Olson
Lynn Doyle	Arnold Oppenheim
Pat Eaton	Jane O'Reilly
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Bruce Gonigam	Gino Pesce
Lilli Gregory	Carissa Pessetti
Wilson Gregory	James Pridmore
Patricia Hassler	Baby Madison Raupp
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Anna Rose
Linda Hillsman	Marilyn Rutkowski
Rose Ilo	Matthew Schiek
Mary J.	Mary Simeoni
Jane Jacobson	Greyson Stanley
Chuck Joern	Sarah Stanley
Theresa Kandall	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Rose Kazan	Baby Emma Tassoni
Mike Kelly	Anne Titzer
Benny Kilman	Michael Ungari
Jerry Kolman	Amanda Valerugo
Virginia Kottaridis	Gregory Van Gorp
Anita Kronowitz	Malcom Young
Edward Kudia	Richard Zeiler

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:

***Katherine Katara***  
Mother of Liz & Mark

***Richard Vlcek***  
Father of David, Thomas, Steven

***Carrie Grech***  
Grandmother of Chris Grech

**LORD YOUR LABOR  
IS NOT IN VAIN**

## Pastor's Notes

*"We must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again."*

Luke 15:32

I imagine that we all have been the older son at some point in our lives. We have refused to celebrate with those whom we judge to be undeserving of a celebration, even if this leaves us standing alone in the cold and dark. We may attempt to recruit others to "our side" to justify our boycott. We may increasingly resent the effects of the cold and the dark; yet this only intensifies our resentment of the one whom we deem responsible for our "inability" to enter the celebration.

Our "Prodigal God" invites us into a renewed relationship with all of God's children. God's deep desire is for everyone to enter the ultimate celebration that is the banquet feast of God's children in heaven. In truth, most of us have been the younger son at various points in our lives, squandering the gifts and graces that God has given us. We might argue that we have not been as "bad" as some others; yet that is not the point. ***God forgives us all right away no matter what.*** God waits with open arms for us to confess our need of God's mercy so that our hearts are open to receive it. God also waits with open arms for us to let go of our resentments against others so that God's mercy can heal the wound these resentments create in our hearts.

What wound is God waiting to heal in *your* heart? Is it something you have yet to confess that is in need of God's healing embrace? Is it some resentment you are holding against a relative, friend, or even group of people that you have yet to surrender to God? Whether you feel that you are starving in an alien land or standing out in the cold and dark, God is waiting with open arms for you to experience God's mercy and enter the celebration. What wound in *another* person's heart might encounter God's healing embrace if you become a messenger to them of God's unconditional mercy? God sometimes asks us to be God's living and merciful presence for those who have not yet found their way home.

***This Monday***, St. Cletus Parish offers the first of three area Lenten Reconciliation Services. Opportunities follow on April 8 at St. Francis Xavier and April 9 at St. John of the Cross. ***This Friday***, Fr. Stan Ilo offers the second of his three-part mission on the Joy of Lent. Those who attended the first night were grateful that they chose to do so. However, you do *not* need to have attended that night to be enriched by Fr. Stan's second-night reflections on "Discovering God's Purpose in Our Lives." I hope you can make this part of your Lenten prayer.

Joyful Lent,

*Fr. Bill*

## Scripture Reflections

**Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Lent 2019**

**Team #4**

**Marci Hermesdorf, OP, Diane Walsh, Beth Olson, and Shirley Augustyn**

Nothing comforts me quite like a hug. It is a gesture and sign of someone's love and total acceptance. So it is no surprise that, in today's Gospel, the father's love and total acceptance of his wayward and estranged son are expressed in a warm embrace. The father reveals his joy – appropriate on this Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday – at his son's return.

In these last weeks of the Lenten season, a resolution we might make is to embrace - if not physically, at least metaphorically. Embrace what? Embrace ourselves – love and totally accept ourselves, even though, like the wayward son, we are not perfect. Embrace friends and family, even though they too are less than perfect and may even have hurt us. Embrace the "others," those different from us – loving and accepting them even when we disagree with their political or religious views and beliefs.

These days we are called to embrace as the father did, as God does. That is, we are called to love and accept, without reservation, ourselves and others.

## Lent 2019 Catholic Lenten Practices

### Fasting and Abstinence

All Catholics 14 years of age and older follow the discipline of abstinence from all meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent, including Good Friday.

All Catholics 18 years of age, but not yet 59 years of age, follow the discipline of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We eat only one full meal on a Fast Day and other smaller meals necessary to maintain strength and health.

### Almsgiving

This traditional Lenten practice is associated with Fast and Abstinence. Money saved as a result of eating less or from “giving up” is given as alms to others who are hungry. CRS Rice Bowl or the St. Vincent de Paul Society are suggested charities for Lenten alms.

### Prayer

During Lent all are called to renewal of our relationship with God through personal prayer. The community has opportunities for Lenten prayer as well:

### Stations of the Cross

will be prayed at 8:20 am on Fridays

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Lenten Season of Repentance and Renewal is the most appropriate time for Catholics to confess sin and celebrate absolution.

### Parish Reconciliation Service

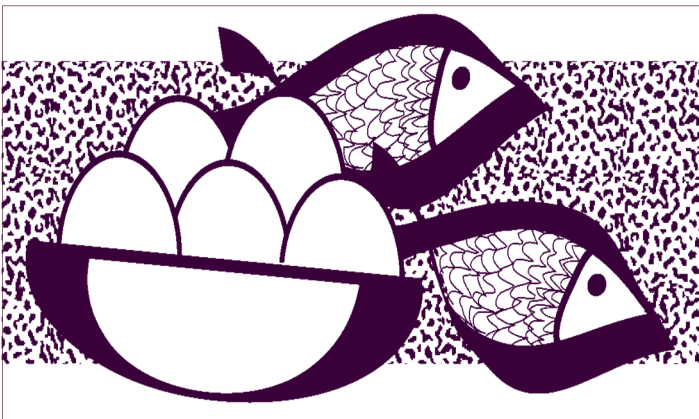
Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm

### Individual Private Confession

Saturday morning—9:30 am

Saturday evening—4:15 pm

Private Prayer in church each day.



## The Pontifical Good Friday Collection Friday, April 19

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**Please be generous!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday).

## St. Francis Xavier Church Holy Week Services 2019

### Palm Sunday – April 14

Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm

### Wednesday – April 17

Tenebrae - 7:00 pm

Church open until 9:00 pm

### Holy Thursday – April 18

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Church open until midnight

### Good Friday – April 19

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 and 7:00 pm

### Holy Saturday – April 20

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets - 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 pm

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

### Easter Sunday – April 21

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm--Church

Masses at 9:15 and 10:45 am--School Gym

(No 6:00 pm Mass)

## 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!!!



### You are invited to Eucharistic Adoration Join us to pray for the special intentions of the Outreach Ministries of St. Francis Xavier

April 11, 2019 from 6:00-7:00pm

**WHAT:** During Eucharistic Adoration, 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. Peter Julian Eymard stated: “...Jesus Christ [is] present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is living; he wants us to speak to him; he will speak to us. And this conversation, which develops between the soul and our Lord, is true Eucharistic mediation; this is adoration.”

**HOW:** Adorers are invited to meditate on Scripture or devotional books, or pray a rosary or another devotion. You may also choose to just simply sit and ‘be’ with Jesus. If you are interested, prayer and reflection suggestions are available as starting points.

The intentions of the St. Francis Xavier parish and parishioners are always brought before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In March, we invite you to remember the special intentions of the **Outreach Ministries**: the volunteers and the people they serve. These groups include: Food Pantry, Kitchen Angels, BEDS Plus, Domestic Violence Outreach, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Peace & Justice, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**WHO:** Jesus waits for us, each one of us, in the Eucharist. He waits when you are joyful, thankful, frustrated, or tired. All are welcome, including children. He specifically calls children to Himself, “Let the children come to me.”

**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.

**WHEN:** The next Eucharistic Adoration will be on April 11. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00 until 7:00 pm. Please come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Kanzer at [k.f.kanzer@gmail.com](mailto:k.f.kanzer@gmail.com).

Adoration is the “face-to-face” that leads to the “heart-to-heart” with Jesus.

## Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier  
and  
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our  
Taizé Evening Prayer  
Friday, April 12  
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.



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](mailto: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  
 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.)

**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!

**Religious Education Class Dates**

**Sundays**

March 31 No Class  
 April 7 Class  
 April 14 Class ~ Palm Sunday  
 April 21 No Class ~ Happy Easter

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**Wednesdays**

April 3 No Class  
 April 10 Class  
 April 17 Class  
 April 24 No Class

**Sunday, April 28 RE Fair ALL Sessions  
 8:45-10:15 am in Joyce Hall**

**Religious Education Important Dates**

**Grade 3 ~ Reconciliation**

Sunday, April 7 during Class Time in Chapel  
 Wednesday, April 10 during Class Time in Chapel

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**Grade 8 ~ Graduation**

Sunday, April 7 12:00 pm in Church

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**Grade 7 ~ Teaching Liturgy**

Sunday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 10

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**Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Event**

April 7 Banner Making

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**First Communion Celebrations**

Saturday, May 4

**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.

The children's choir will sing on 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: April 27.

Please call Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator or Allen Sterwalt,  
 Director of Music at 708-352-0168 with any questions.

## What's going on in Youth Ministry???

### Girls Church League Basketball

Registration for the 2019 Girls Church League season is now open! Practice will be weekly on Wednesdays and begins March 27. Games will run April-May. The registration form can be found online on the Youth Ministry website. Contact Olivia Zurowski at [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 with questions.

### 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.



### 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!

## Nazareth Academy

### Stations of the Cross Prayer Service

The date for Nazareth Academy's community Stations of the Cross Prayer Service has been changed to Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm in the Congregation of St. Joseph Chapel. All are welcome to join us for an inspirational evening of prayer, reflection and music in preparation for the holiest days of the year, the Triduum. This loving reenactment of Christ's final steps allows our Nazareth Family to share personal reflections of our connection to the Paschal Mystery. As we recall Christ's passion, we encourage the young men and women of Nazareth to share their voices and their stories.

If you have any questions, please contact Nazareth Academy's Campus Minister, Janet Rausch at [jrausch@nazarethacademy.com](mailto:jrausch@nazarethacademy.com).

## Thank You

On behalf of the Retired Religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Francis Xavier Parish for your generous donation of \$510 towards the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who selflessly served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the year.

Gratefully,  
Brother Michael S. Segvich, CFC  
Retirement Fund for Religious  
Coordinator

## BACK DOOR THEATER

If you are entering the 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall of 2019 and looking for a creative summer experience in theater

**SUMMER IS COMING**  
GAME OF OLD TESTAMENT THRONES  
BACK DOOR THEATER 2019

and stage production, Back Door Theater is looking for you! The Back Door Theater is a co-operative drama ministry of Grace Lutheran and St. Francis Xavier Churches (members of all churches and denominations are welcome) that offers teens and pre-teens a casual opportunity to explore the theater arts. Entering its 19<sup>th</sup> season this summer, this drama ministry uses the theater arts of acting, voice, dance, instrumental performance, set design and back stage production to explore traditional Biblical stories and characters through a fun, contemporary, original play. The plays are faith based but always include modern references and are written in the language of teens.

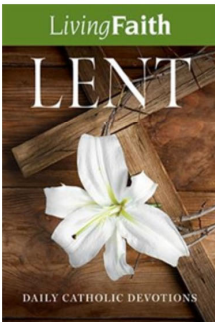
Workshops are held 2 nights a week for 6 weeks. This year's performance will take place on July 13, 2019. We are also looking for adults who would like to join our staff or contribute in any way. BDT alumni this is a great opportunity to give back to the program you loved in your teen years.

Registration packets can be found at the back of church and in the rectory office. For questions or further information, please call Becky Hayes at 708-878-2790 or email at [bechayes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bechayes@sbcglobal.net).



# LENT 2019

## *Living Faith-Lent*



As a parish we will be praying daily Catholic Lenten devotions presented in *Living Faith-Lent*. The book contains brief meditations based upon the readings of the day. Books are available in church and at the parish rectory.

## *Join a Small Faith Group*

Groups meet weekly March 6 – April 16, for 6 sessions. Conversations are based on the *Living Faith Lent Book*. General groups are forming, and groups for women, men, parents of tots, past RCIA participants, young adults (20s & 30s), and married couples. To register visit [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) or please contact Mary Sue McDonald at 708-409-9595 or [marysuecdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:marysuecdonal@yahoo.com).

## *CRS Rice Bowl*

Our Religious Ed. Program is collecting for the CRS Rice Bowl program to alleviate hunger and poverty in other countries (65%), and in our own community (35%). [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)

## *Almsgiving*

Make sacrifices, and give to the poor. St. Vincent de Paul boxes are at the church entrances.

## *Area Reconciliation Services*

- 4/1 St. Cletus, 7 pm
- 4/7 SFX Quest Reconciliation after 6 pm Mass; all welcome
- 4/8 St. Francis Xavier, 7 pm
- 4/9 St. John of the Cross, 7 pm
  
- 4/11 *Eucharistic Adoration*  
Third Thursday of the month, 6-7 pm in church.

## *Immigrant Justice*

Through the U.S. Bishops' website, send a postcard to Congress, expressing support for meaningful, compassionate, Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Click the Quicklink at [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org).

## **The Well Spirituality Center Congregation of St. Joseph**

1515 West Ogden LaGrange Park  
[www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org)

## **4/6 *Conversations that Matter: Creating a New Republic of the Heart***

Facilitator: Terry Patten  
9:00 am-3:00 pm

**To register, call 708-482-5048.**

## **4/13-4/27 *LaGrange Knights of Columbus/Food Pantry Spring Food Drive***

Have your donation picked up or donate online at [www.MyFoodDrive.org/#LGKofCSpring2019](http://www.MyFoodDrive.org/#LGKofCSpring2019). Call or text Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com). Every \$1 and food donation helps families & seniors struggling to make ends meet.



For weekly Lenten resources to deepen your relationship to Christ and those in need, visit:

[www.solidaritybridge.org/lent](http://www.solidaritybridge.org/lent).

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#### **Attend Daily Mass**

Mon-Wed, 7:45 & 9 am  
Thurs & Sat, 9 am; Fri, 7:45 am;  
Communion Services on  
Thurs, 7:45 am & Fri, 9 am.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

The Fridays of Lent, 8:20 am.

#### **4/12 Living Stations** by the

Parish School 8th Graders, 8:30 am.

### **The Joy of Lent -**

A Lenten Mission led by **Fr. Stan Chu Ilo**

*We will keep the Catholic tradition of gathering on three **Friday evenings in Lent** (the day of the Way of the Cross), 7:00 - 8:15 pm.*

#### **4/5 Something Beautiful for God: Discovering God's Purpose in Our Lives**

#### **4/12 Loving When it Hurts: Discovering Healing and Hope in a Wounded World**

Each evening will include Fr. Stan's talk, reflection, music and prayer.

Light refreshments will be served.

#### **The Joy of Lent**

Last Friday, Fr. Stan Ilo began our Lenten Mission by addressing the topic: Something Beautiful to God - Discovering God's Love this Lent. Below are some highlights of his talk.

God made us for happiness, God desires our happiness, and God goes about working for our happiness. Joy is always within us - a seed that God has put in us; but we have to make the effort to discover it, nurture it, work hard at it, and in moments like Lent, remove those obstacles which sin imposes on us which makes it impossible for us to be as happy as we can be.

Find the joy in your life and ask God really to show you - deep within your soul - that you are marvelous in God's eyes.

We are beautiful unto God. In order to find happiness and mediate happiness to others we must find beauty in ourselves, in all circumstances, and in all people.

God's love is God's free act to us - a love that saves, a love that creates, and a love that gives; a love that embraces us into this depth of divine love; a love that forgives and restores; it is a love that makes us whole.

God loves you. The proof of that love is what Jesus did for you on the Cross. If you were the only person on earth Jesus would have died for you. As Isaiah 61: 3 says, "God will visit those who mourn with God's graciousness and give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair."

*Lord, Show each of us something beautiful about our lives. Show each of us something beautiful about our fellow men and women. Give us the grace to do something beautiful for you; something beautiful to show your love which we experience in our lives; something beautiful to make you smile for loving us. Amen.*



Fr. Stan Chu Ilo, an internationally acclaimed preacher, author, and teacher, is a priest of Awgu Diocese in Eastern Nigeria. He is a research professor at the Center for World Catholicism and Inter-Cultural Theology, DePaul University, Chicago. He shares his gifts with us regularly, as weekend president.



**Lenten Labyrinth Prayer** on Friday, April 5 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm with Facilitator, Janet Bolger, CSJ. Walking a labyrinth is a moving

meditation. Drop in and spend an hour or so stretching your limbs and your spirit, walking an indoor labyrinth canvas laid out in Cavanaugh Chapel. Janet Bolger, CSJ who has loved and prayed the labyrinth for decades, will be available to introduce you to labyrinth prayer. Cost: free will offering.

**Conversations that Matter: Creating a New Republic of the Heart** on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm with Facilitator, Terry Patten. In this daylong experiential workshop, we will explore the big questions confronting all of us. Weaving strands from neuroscience, ecology, integral theory, and spiritual wisdom, we will develop an integrated understanding of our collective challenges—then engage in experiential practices that help us understand tangibly how to unite spiritual practice, deeper human relating, and effective social activism. Cost (includes lunch): free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC.

**The Art of Slowing Down—An Introduction to the Deep River Within** on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 am-12:30 pm with Facilitator, Carol Hohle. Within each of us flows a deep river of creativity, clarity, and contentment. Sometimes we need to slow down, when we lose our connection to it. In this workshop for women, participants will be introduced to six core practices to stay connected to our Deep River of purpose and joy. Cost: \$30.

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

## This Lent, Journey with



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**Solidarity Bridge, headquarters in the Archdiocese of Chicago,** brings urgently needed surgery and medical care to Bolivian families with scant resources.

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## Spring Food Drive Service Project

Do your youth need community service hours? Are you looking for a project that makes a difference right here in our community? LaGrange Knights of Columbus need a total of 40 service hours for the Spring Food Drive. Groups and volunteers can take as little or as much as they like in increments of one hour. Volunteers can choose their own day and time during Saturday, April 13 to Sunday, April 21. The work is attaching flyers to the doorknobs of homes in the LaGrange area. Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights of Columbus. Knights of Columbus members will handle pick up of donations. Food Pantry staff and volunteers will handle sorting, storage and distribution of the donations. Since 2012 the Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drives in April and October help our most vulnerable neighbors make ends meet.

Call, text or email for more information or to join our effort~Mike Hattie, Committee Chair at 708-207-2780 and [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## Interfaith Career Network

### Treat Your Job Interview as a Sales Call

The biggest sales call you'll make is selling yourself to the hiring manager! On Thursday, April 11 from 7-9 pm, our speaker, Mike Cooper, will focus on topics that include tough interview questions, accountability and a closing checklist. You'll leave this discussion with easy to use tips, tactics and techniques to help ensure doing your best on your next interview. Mike is a Certified Sales Consultant at a sales training and consulting company he founded in 2008. He can help bring your job search to the next level using the PAPCE selling method. What's the PAPCE selling method? Learn all about it when you join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

## Area Respect Life Ministry

**Wednesday, April 3**

**6:00 am-6:00 pm**

**IL Catholic Conference**

**Life Advocacy Day in Springfield, IL**

Coach buses will depart from St. John of the Cross at 6:00 am and return by 6:00 pm. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch and training/education. The group will also pray the rosary in front of the Capitol Building.

Registration and sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2ThLrvw>.



**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 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 Julie & 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 Tchaikovsky Family
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam

**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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

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*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
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*Coordinator (East Campus)*  
*Advancement Director*  
*Tuition Accounts*  
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*Religious Education Office Staff*  
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*Facilities Manager*

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### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm  
 Friday ..... 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
 Saturday .....9:00 am-5:00 pm  
 Sunday .....9:00 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 morning .....After 9:00 am Mass  
 Saturday afternoon .....4:15 pm  
 The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the  
 tabernacle prayer area.

### **Liturgy Schedule**

Monday through Wednesday .....7:45 and 9:00 am  
 Thursday .....9:00 am  
 Friday .....7:45 am  
 Saturday .....9:00 am

### **Word Communion Services**

Thursday .....7:45 am  
 Friday .....9:00 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**

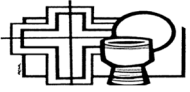
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **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—April 6-7, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Children's Lit D. Newcomb L. Whelton	M. Becker J. Denson S. Devitt F. Kudia T. Conwell C. Witt L. Young K. Kanzer K. Preussner	P. Adams K. Adams N. Olson	Choristers	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	D. Walsh S. Lindsay M. Carroll	K. McInerney J. Morsch R. Nutt T. Nichol P. Olson	R. Garcia E. Geraghty A. Brown	G. Adams	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Muccino	K. Hayes A. Stowe B. L. Nichol	M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Sherman T. Urchell G. Prendergast B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali L. Weyrauch	A. Fix M. Merchant M. Burriesci	S. VanOrdstrand Gallery Choir	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	M. Atseff B. Jouras J. Eraci	B. Boyd N. Cummings M. Joscelyn M. P. Flaherty A. Clark J. Clark B. Sorice G. Rutkowski	M. Hayford E. Cushing	J. Petkus	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Religious Education Mass	K. Borawski A. Chimento C. Gatsos B. Edelmann C. Grimes	R. Newman N. Strayer E. Fekrat	L. DiGianfilippo	Religious Education Mass
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

### **Readings For The Week of March 31, 2019**

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
 Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Be firm, steadfast,  
 and always devoted  
 to the word of the  
 Lord

