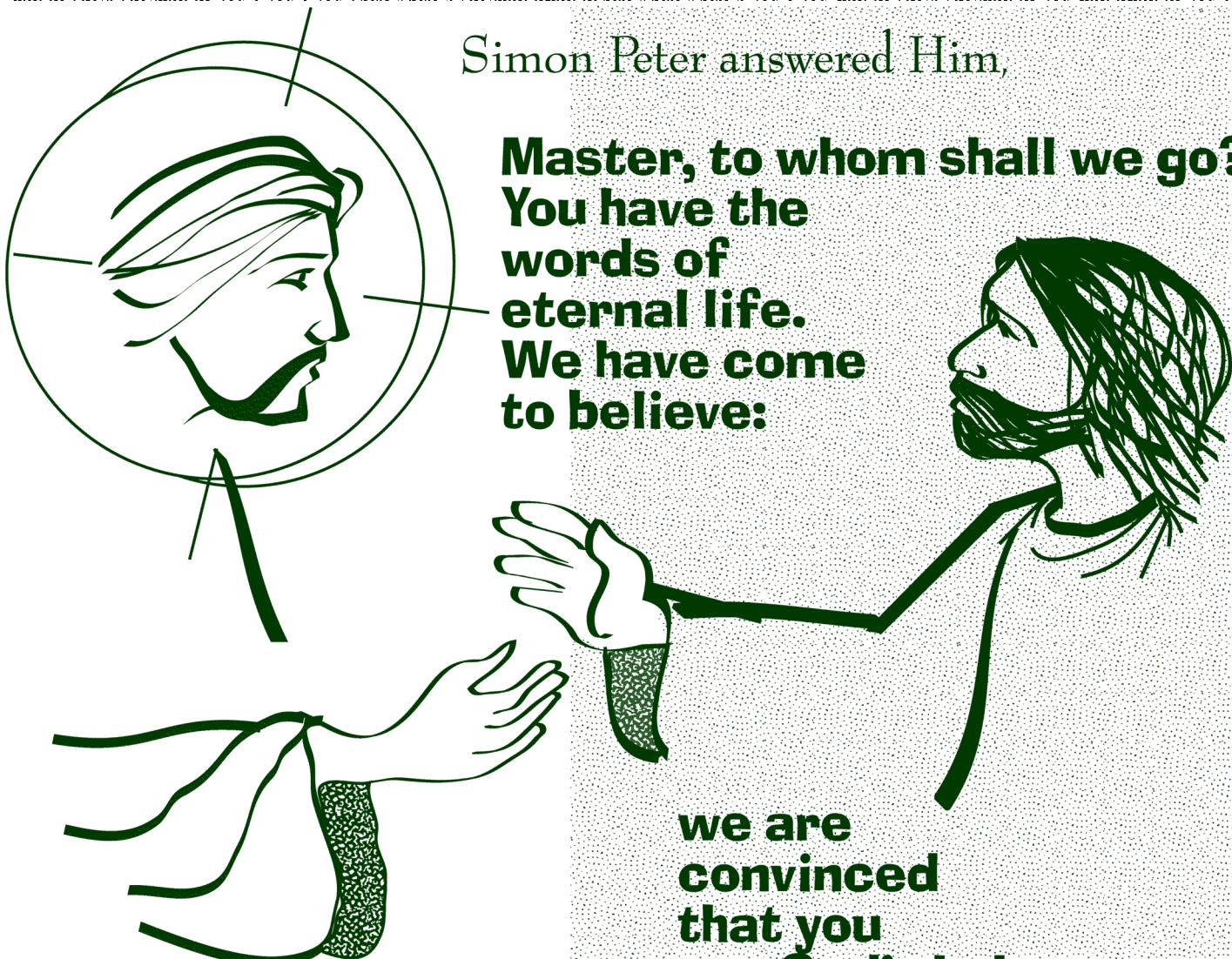
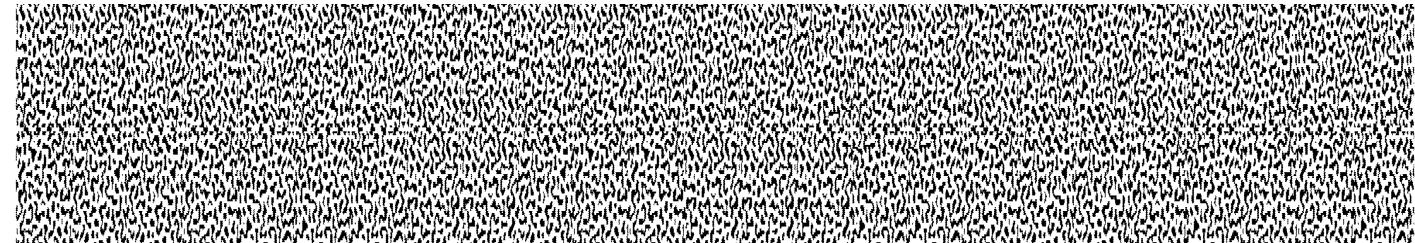


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 26, 2018**



Simon Peter answered Him,

**Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the  
words of  
eternal life.  
We have come  
to believe:**

**we are  
convinced  
that you  
are God's holy one.**

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, August 27 Saint Monica	7:45 am 9:00 am	Rosemary Quane Casey & McGrath Families Virginia Hersch	Doug Aller Marge McGrath The Wieglos Family
Tuesday, August 28 Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Juan Guerrero Mick Kelly Maria Schuessler Kelly Gunkelman	Gus Sundermaier & Regina League The Nelligan Family The Coticchio Family The Gunkelman Family
Wednesday, August 29 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	7:45 am 9:00 am	Jean Condon Murphy James Stukel Roman Van Gorp Brooks Tonn	Daniel Murphy Tom & Lucile Nichol The Van Gorp Family The Blyth Family
Thursday, August 30	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service John Mirecki	Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Friday, August 31	7:45 am 9:00 am	Bill Shanley Janice Nigida Word & Communion Service	Joyce & Joe Shanley Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
Saturday, September 1	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Gerard Grace Don Cushing Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish	The Yelnick Family The Cushing Family
Sunday, September 2	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm	Thomas R. Fitzgerald People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish Wedding~Kelly Rehr & Kevin Scarriot	The Fitzgerald Family

## Please Pray For...

Keeley Barr  
Jay Carroll  
Lillian Cunningham  
Louis Darovic  
Blake Donegan  
Fr. Dave Dowdle  
Pat Eaton  
William Egbert  
Bill Elliott  
Sharon Elliott  
John Fennell  
Lily Fielding  
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick  
Paulina Frustaci  
Lilli Gregory  
Wilson Gregory  
Patricia Hassler  
Loretta Haxel  
Linda Hillsman  
Rose Ilo  
Jane Jacobson  
Mike Kelly  
Benny Kilman  
Jerry Kolman

Virginia Kottaridis  
Edward Kudia  
Emmett Miller  
Patrick Morgan  
Mike Morrison  
Jane O'Reilly  
Ryan Patyk  
Donna Pekarek  
Carissa Pessetti  
James Pridmore  
Baby Madison Raupp  
Anna Rose  
Marilyn Rutkowski  
Anthony Scafide  
Matthew Schiek  
Greyson Stanley  
Sarah Stanley  
Kate Frugoli Sullivan  
Jerry Tazic  
Marty Thuerk  
Anne Titzer  
Michael Ungari  
Amanda Valerugo  
Gregory Van Gorp

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:



**Thomas Horan**  
Father of James

**Linda Denno**  
Mother of Janet & James

**Charles Bertling**  
Brother-in-Law of Bernie & Sue Martin

**Georgia Clark**  
Sister of Karen St. Peter

**Mary Rodgers**  
Sister of Chris Rodgers and Sister-in-Law of Theresa

**Peter Ligurotis**  
Husband of Selva



## Weddings

Kelly Rehr & Kevin Scarriot  
Gina Rogers & Stephen Getty  
Meghan Noonan & Joseph McDermott  
Cassandra Pritchard & Christopher Frigo  
Ashley Albito & John Sifferman

## Pastor's Notes

*Jesus said, "Do you also want to leave?"  
Simon Peter answered, "Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life."  
John 6:67-68*

At some point, many who had been following Jesus walked away. As John writes his gospel some 70 years later, early Christian communities had seen many others walk away for various reasons, including to avoid persecution or because of the scandalous behavior of leaders who failed to be servant leaders in the way of Jesus. So why did so many remain? Peter answers for many Christians throughout the ages. Christ is the path to wholeness, healing, and life; coming together as church -- becoming the Body of Christ in Eucharist -- forms, nourishes, and sends us as his life for the world.

I share the anger, grief, and sense of betrayal felt by many following the Pennsylvania grand jury report about the sexual abuse of over 1,000 children by over 300 priests over 70 years, made worse by the ongoing attempts of several bishops to cover it up. There is no excuse for church leaders who considered anything to be more important than the protection of children and youth. I grieve for those who were abused in western Pennsylvania; I also grieve for those among us who were abused as children or youth by an adult whom they should have been able to trust. Some of them will be traumatized anew by the failure of these bishops to act; some of them live and worship among us -- unknown to us because they choose not to share their story. Each of the bishops or church officials involved in the Pennsylvania cover-up over the past 16 years is responsible for the pain their deception has caused each person who suffers anew.

We must express our anger; we must share our grief; we must pray for the wounded in Pennsylvania and among us; and we must hold our bishops and other church officials accountable for their actions and inaction. I am

heartened by the strong statement of Cardinal Cupich, calling his brother bishops to account for past, present, and future actions. In 1992, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin removed Chicago priests from ministry who had been credibly accused of the sexual abuse of a minor; the psychological community had just reversed its belief that proper treatment and follow-up could ensure that some abusers would never abuse again. He began to publish the names of these priests; he established clear guidelines for how future accusations would be handled, and a healing ministry for the abused. Had all bishops in this country followed his lead, how many children and youth might have been spared abuse by someone already identified as an abuser. There is no excuse!

**Will I leave the Church?** No. I stand with Simon Peter. "Lord, to whom shall we go?" I firmly believe that in Christ, living in us as church, is the path to healing for those who have been devastated by abuse and those devastated by the inaction of bishops. Christ alone can hold our anger, our shame, and our demand for accountability and transform them into redeeming action. I refuse to define church as the abusers, whether done through illness or malice, or by bishops who protected the abuser at the expense of the innocent. Failed leaders, like Simon Peter and all of us, must acknowledge their failure. In Christ, we are the Church! I choose to be part of the Body of Christ in which healing and forgiveness are available to all who approach with humble, broken, aching hearts. I choose to be one with those seeking to bring his life and light into the world.

**Peace,**

*J. Bill*

**Note:** We will host an open forum of prayer, sharing and questions **this Thursday, August 30, at 7pm** in Unity Hall. All are invited.

## Scripture Reflection

Peter's response can be our own when faced with the overwhelming mystery of the gift of faith in the one sent from God. Yet, we should be humble with respect to this mystery, for the gift is not given to all, but only to those whom the Father grants it. In light of this it is good to be patient with those who do not share our faith. And when another does come to faith we can be assured that it is not because of our wondrous evangelization, our dedication to a particular program, or our having memorized specific Scripture verses. God grants faith to those to whom he will.

Even Jesus himself allowed many of his disciples (not merely the crowds) to return to their former way of life when his teaching seemed too hard. Our faith is not subject to scientific scrutiny after which a demonstrable proof will be accepted by a rational mind. Instead, faith is a gift.

We can be thankful for this gift of faith that leads to eternal life. We can share it with others. But ultimately it is God the Father who is the giver. Once granted this gift, we, like the disciples, have nowhere to turn but to Jesus. In light of his challenging teachings, the response of Peter is our own. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

## Please Help Spread the Word...to those who might want to become Catholic, or complete their sacraments

In the fall, St. Francis Xavier & St. John of the Cross will start a new round of our collaborative RCIA Process. RCIA—The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—is the process of spiritual and educational formation through which adults become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. We are asking for your help identifying and personally inviting anyone who might be considering becoming Catholic. They could be unbaptized, or baptized Christians who want to accept the Catholic faith. RCIA is also designed for Catholics who did not yet receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.



*RCIA Group from 2017-18,*



The number one reason women and men join the RCIA process is that someone they trust invited them to consider it. Please give it some thought. Additional details can be found on the parish website: [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org), under Parish/Sacramental Preparation, or contact Kate DeVries at [kdevries@sfxlg.org](mailto:kdevries@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



### Why say “Yes!” to RCIA?

Last Easter, 3 adults were Baptized Catholic, and received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. An additional 5 adults, already baptized Christians, were welcomed into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Here are some thoughts from past participants.

*“Going through the RCIA journey has not only strengthened my relationship with God and deepened my understanding about the rich traditions of the Catholic Church, but it has also offered a sense of community and fellowship that I didn’t know I was lacking. This experience has had a profoundly positive impact on me, and I would strongly encourage anyone considering RCIA to reach out and speak with a team member to find more information!”* --Andrea Dekoj, 2017-18



*“The RCIA Program at SFX was exceptional! It’s all about how God is in your life and what you do with it. RCIA and SFX helped me feel God’s love. My RCIA team and the people of SFX do a great job spreading love, caring and generosity throughout the experience. I was proud to be a part of it!”*

-- Scott Schram, RCIA Participant, 2016-17



Consider joining one of our **CHOIRS**  
this Fall!

**The Gallery Choir—9:00 a.m. Mass**

\*voices needed: **Soprano (high female voice),  
Alto (low female voice) & Tenor (high male voice)**

**Celebration Ensemble—10:30 a.m. Mass**

\*voices needed: **Alto (low female voice),  
Tenor (high male voice) & Bass (low male voice)**

**Spirit Youth Choir—6:00 p.m. Mass**

\*voices needed: **teenage singers (grades 9–12)**

**Resurrection Funeral Choir**

**10:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. weekdays/Saturdays**

Please contact our Music Director, Allen Sterwalt  
[sterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:sterwalt@sfxlg.org) / 708-352-0168

### Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier  
and  
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our  
Taizé Evening Prayer  
Friday, September 14  
7:30 pm  
@  
St. Francis Xavier*



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.

# Letter From Cardinal Cupich

*This section of the August 17 letter of Cardinal Cupich focuses on the Cardinal's reaction to the Pennsylvania grand jury report, issued on August 14. Next week we will provide the Cardinal's summary of what the church in the United States and Chicago is doing to ensure the safety of children and youth. The Cardinal's full letter can be found at [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Anger, shock, grief, shame. What other words can we summon to describe the experience of learning about the devastating revelations of sexual abuse – and the failures of bishops to safeguard the children entrusted to their care – published in the Pennsylvania grand jury report...? ...And yet whatever words we may use to describe the anguish of reading about these heinous acts, they can never capture the reality of suffering endured by victims of sexual abuse, suffering compounded by the woeful responses of bishops who failed to protect the people they were ordained to serve. As the Holy See put it in its August 16 statement on the grand jury report: “The church must learn hard lessons from its past, and there should be accountability for both abusers and those who permitted abuse to occur.”

I know that many of you are asking: How could this be happening again? Didn’t the U.S. bishops address this crisis sixteen years ago when they met in Dallas? What are they doing now, and why should we trust that this time they will do the right thing?

These are precisely the questions that ought to be asked. ...I have asked them myself. And sorrow, disgust, outrage – these are righteous feelings, the stirrings of the conscience of a people scandalized by the terrible reality that too many of the men who promised to protect their children, and strengthen their faith, have been responsible for wounding both.

We know this not only because of the admirable work of the many members of the news media who played an essential role in bringing this crisis into the light. Now, we have been made to face these scandals first and foremost by the courage of victim-survivors – the men and women who found the strength, even when doing so meant suffering again unimaginable pain, to come forward and seek justice from an institution that grievously failed them. ...

The abuses contained in the Pennsylvania grand jury report are, as you know, appallingly familiar. And while it is true that the vast majority of abuses contained in that report occurred decades ago, that is of no comfort to victims, nor should it be to any of us. We cannot say this enough: the abuses should never have happened, and no one should have acted in ways that enabled them. ...

Anger, shock, grief, shame. There is one other word that we bishops must summon: resolve. We must resolve to face our failures and hold each other accountable. We must resolve to be clear-eyed about what we have done, what we have failed to do, and what remains to be done. We must resolve to live in the light of humility, of repentance, of honesty – the light of Christ. As your bishop, I pledge to continue holding firm to that resolve. And I ask you to pray for all victims of abuse. I also invite you ... to make suggestions for improving our safe environment standards, ever heeding the Second Vatican Council’s “Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” which called on the laity, “by reason of the knowledge, competence or outstanding ability which they may enjoy... to express their opinion on those things which concern the good of the church.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Cardinal Blase Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

# Children's Choir

*We sing as one family of faith!*

**REGISTRATION FORM NEXT PAGE -----→**

*\*Registration Forms and Rehearsal/Mass Schedules also available at all of the EXITS and on our website ([sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org)) under "quick links" and the Music Ministry page!*

**\*Cherub Choir (Girls and Boys \*Grades 1-3)**

*Weekly commitment: Tuesday rehearsals 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.*

*\*3:15 snack time & activity for early arrivals.*

*Sing once a month at the 5:00 p.m. Mass (Saturday)*

**First rehearsal: Tuesday, September 25 (in church)**

**\*SF Choristers (Boys and Girls \*Grades 4-8)**

*Weekly commitment: Thursday rehearsals 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

*\*3:15 snack time & activity for early arrivals.*

*Sing once a month at the 5:00 p.m. Mass (Saturday)*

**First rehearsal: Thursday, September 27 (in church)**

**\*Registration Due Date:**

**Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

# St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form 2018 - 2019

## **PLEASE PRINT**

**Name of Child** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_      **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday (month/day)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cherub Choir (Grades 1 – 3)** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Rehearsals start Tuesday, September 25  
3:45 to 4:15 pm

**SF Choristers (Grades 4 – 8)** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Rehearsals start Thursday, September 27  
3:45 to 4:30 pm

I am available to be a parent helper at rehearsals. (circle one)      Yes      No

I am available to be a parent helper at Masses. (circle one)      Yes      No

\*Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by September 24<sup>th</sup> to the attention of:

Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Music Director

St. Francis Xavier Church~124 N. Spring Avenue~LaGrange, IL 60525  
[sterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:sterwalt@sfxlg.org)



## St. Francis Xavier School Enrollment Session Now Open!

St. Francis Xavier School provides students from Preschool 3 through 8th grade with an extraordinary educational experience firmly rooted in our Catholic faith.

### We Pray

Students receive daily religion instruction and celebrate the presence of our faith throughout each and every day. Grade levels participate in liturgy planning and attend mass on a regular basis.

### We Learn

Our students are continuously encouraged and challenged by a talented and dedicated staff to perform at their highest academic level. We continue to outscore schools in district in standardized testing and our graduates realize a 100% acceptance rate to high schools of their choice.

### We Serve

Our nationally recognized Service Program inspires our students to be the hands and feet of Christ. Serving communities throughout Chicago, our students impact change and embrace the gift of service enriching their lives and the lives of those around us.

### AT SFX...

We offer half day and full kindergarten classes, a Before and After Care program, non-cut sports with a 98% participation rate, and many extra-circulars and leadership opportunities.

Contact Mary Hoffman  
at 708-352-2175 for more information.

## Job Openings

### Lunch/Recess Monitor Position

St. Francis Xavier School is in need of a lunch and/or recess monitor for two hours per day at \$10/hour.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
10:45 am – 12:45 pm  
Wednesday  
10:15 am – 12:15 pm

Lunch: supervise students as they eat lunch  
clean tables

Recess: monitor students as they play outside  
escort students in and out of the building

Please contact Janice Carr at the school office: 708-352-2175 or jcarr@sfxl.org.

### Half-time PreK4 teacher Monday-Friday

Must hold valid teaching license. If interested please see the Archdiocese of Chicago Employment website and contact SFX Principal at sgarcia@sfxl.org.

**SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:**  
<http://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Youth%20Ministry>



### IMPORTANT

### Quest Confirmation Registration

Registration forms for the Quest Confirmation program can be found on the Youth Ministry website. Please fill these out and turn them into the rectory office. **Your teen must be signed up by September 1 to participate!**

Once you have completed the registration form, have your teen fill out the group preference form, also found on the Youth Ministry website. This helps us place your teen in a Quest Confirmation group.

Contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxl.org or 708-352-0168 with any questions!

### We Need YOU!

We are still looking for adult volunteers to lead **10 MORE** Quest Confirmation groups. You do not need to be a parent of a teen seeking to be Confirmed to lead a group! The Quest Confirmation program is based on discussion rather than catechesis and lasts from September to April/May.

For more information or to sign up, contact Olivia Hollman.

### Quest Leader Formation

There will be formation meetings for all Quest leaders (Confirmation year and post-Confirmation years) in September. The Quest Confirmation leader formation is Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm in Unity Hall and the formation for Quest post-Confirmation leaders is Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm in Unity Hall.

### Freshman/Sophomore Retreat Leader Application

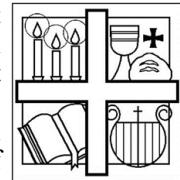
The application for the leader team for the Freshman/Sophomore Retreat is now available on the Youth Ministry website under Retretes. The Application is due August 31.

### 6PM Mass

6pm Mass returns Sunday, September 9 with an ice cream social in the courtyard following the liturgy. See you there!

### Liturgical Ministers!

Are you interested in singing in the Spirit Choir? Or how about lecturing at the 6pm Mass? Or being a Eucharistic Minister at the 6pm Mass? All high school students are invited (and encouraged!) to participate in these very important ministries. If interested, contact Olivia Hollman.



~ **Olivia Hollman**

## Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration will close on August 31. Parents are reminded to get their child(ren)'s registration form in to the RE Office. We need to close registration on that date so that children can be placed in classrooms. Classroom placement will be emailed to families the week of September 10. Religious Education begins for ALL sessions on September 16 with Meet & Greet anytime from 8:45am-10:15am. ALL are EXPECTED to come with parent(s) to meet catechists and receive important information. Registration will reopen AFTER September 16. Thank you for helping us to get the year off to a great start!



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September 14th

**11:30 AM CHECK-IN & LUNCH**

**1:15 PM SHOTGUN START  
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Old Oak Country Club, 14200 Parker Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491

Any questions? Email Sandy & Jeremy Toczyłowski at [sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com)

**FIND YOUR FORESOME**

Buy your tickets now!



# Oktoberfest

BRATS ★ BEER ★ MUSIC

— Saturday, September 29, 2018 —

7:00 - 11:00 PM - SFX Parking Lot

Mark your calendars and secure your babysitters for THE adult social of the year! Join us in our school parking lot for live music, beer, brats and good old-fashioned fun. *Lederhosen optional!*

**Buy your tickets at [SFXoktoberfest.com](http://SFXoktoberfest.com)**

Questions? Contact Mary Cormier at [mccormier4@gmail.com](mailto:mccormier4@gmail.com)



**Come for the stein hoisting contest, stay for the dancing!**

Ripped right out of your high school yearbook pages,  
The Student Body will play all your favorite high energy party anthems!



**Thank you to this year's  
generous sponsors!**

## 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](mailto:tizianalambert@gmail.com).

SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP



*Fr. Bill Killeen,  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
PRESENTS  
Pope Francis.  
The Man And His Theology*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018  
9:30AM GATHERING  
10:00AM PRESENTATION

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
124 N. SPRING AVENUE, LA GRANGE  
UNITY HALL  
QUESTIONS CALL THE RECTORY 708-352-0168

## Bridge Marathon



Come join the St. Francis Bridge Marathon, newcomers always welcome. If you don't have a partner, we will help you find one. If you're not great at the game—you can still play, and you will always get better. So please contact me, and let me know if you would like to be part of our marathon. We meet the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. From September through May; we play eighteen hands and are finished before 10:00 pm. We take turns at people's houses, and your turn to host will probably come up only once—then you provide snacks and set up two tables with two decks of cards for each table and pencils and paper on which to keep scores. Give me a call or send an email by Friday, September 7 so we can get the schedule together and send it to all of the players. Thanks and see you in September. Ellie Kudia at [ellie.kudia@gmail.com](mailto:ellie.kudia@gmail.com) or 708-502-8619.

## SAVE THE DATE!!



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...**

## SFX Men's Club

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

Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or  
Joseph Enright at [joseph\\_owen@hotmail.com](mailto:joseph_owen@hotmail.com).

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES THANK YOU



A heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated funds and shopped for school supplies for our pantry families!! We assisted 82 kids. Families are so grateful for assistance with the additional expenses needed to prepare kids for a new school year. Thanks for your continued generosity to this annual outreach.



## Seasons of Hope

### Bereavement Support Group

The loss of a loved one is a time of deep sorrow in life and our grief can be 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 will be strengthened in the sure knowledge that one day we will all be reunited with our loved ones.

Participants meet weekly in a small group that is guided by leaders who care and truly understand 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 fall season is at SJC. Call their parish to register at 708-246-4405 (The winter session will be here at SFX with details to be announced.)

Monday evenings: 7:00-8:30 pm  
September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 15 and 22  
St. John of the Cross~5005 Wolf Road~Western Springs



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM



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Messages are subject to approval.

Please return this form to the Rectory with check payment payable to:  
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Email all Questions to:

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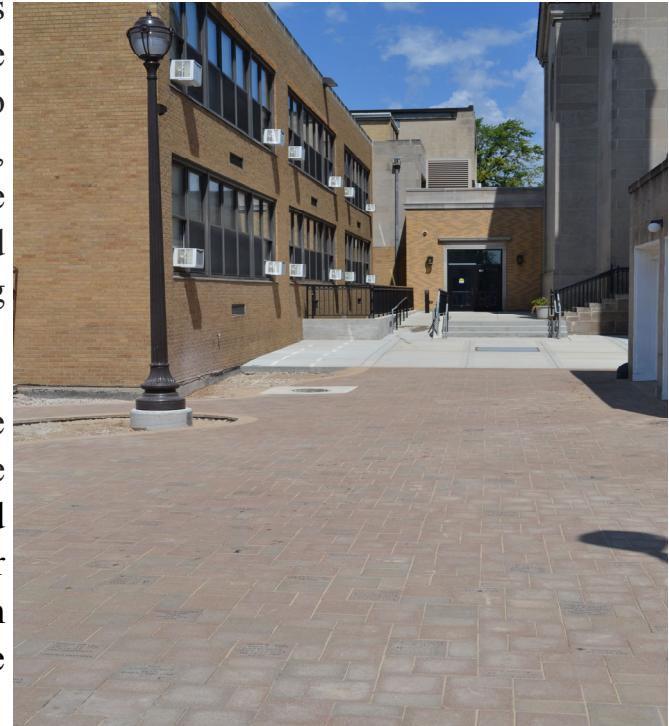
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### Brick Pavers

**We are SO excited to give you this update  
on the outdoor site improvements made possible through the  
contributors to the Capital Campaign!**

The approach to Unity Hall has undergone a major transformation into a beautiful plaza! Decorative lighting brightens the plaza at night, and new concrete provides for better drainage and a brighter look to the area. And of course, the pavers look fabulous! When we contacted the Oremus and Hanson families, both SFX parishioners, to ask if they could assist us with procuring the brick stock, they generously offered to donate all the pavers through their company, Illinois Brick. Representatives of Illinois Brick worked with us to select the color scheme and then deliver them onsite. Illinois Brick also delivered over 400 bricks to Impressions in Stone, where our first batch of engraved orders were completed. A HUGE thank you to the Oremus and Hanson families, and Illinois Brick, for sharing their gifts of talent and treasure!

As you can see when you walk the plaza area, there are many blank pavers that still can be engraved! Our next installation of engraved pavers will occur at the end of October 2018 or during the summer of 2019; timing will depend on the engraver's availability, the number of orders we receive, and weather conditions.



For further information please visit the Saint Francis Xavier Parish website [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org).  
Brick Paver order information is on the facing page.

Landscaping is still to come! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions by calling the rectory or at [jzeisloft@sfxlg.org](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlg.org).

*Jennifer Zeisloft, Business Manager*



**Online Course!** Integral Conscious Evolution: 10 Currents of Change A Course to Promote Healing and Health for Yourself, Your Organization and Your Planet on September 5–

November 18 with Facilitator Pat Bombard, BVM. What are the currents of change positively affecting our personal and collective conscious evolution in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Work through the material (readings, videos, reflections) in this ten week course at your own pace, sharing with other participants through online conversation. Cost: \$100.

**Women's Spirituality Circle** on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:30 pm. September 12, 26; October 17, 31; November 14, 28 and December 12. Facilitator: Kathy Conway, BVM. Women have gathered in circles to share their experiences for centuries. Where do women go today to share their spiritual journey, their deepest desires and questions; to tell their stories in a listening, supportive environment? The Women's Spirituality Circle is being called to meet this need. Limited to six participants. Cost: \$105.

**Our Evolving Region: West Beach Dune Succession Trail**, Portage, IN on Saturday, September 15 from 9:30 am–3:30 pm. We'll start our hike on a bare sand beach and end in an oak forest, tracing a process of plant succession that took thousands of years, and seeing an incredible variety of plants, butterflies, birds, and maybe a lizard or two. Experience the dunes anew with naturalist Cathy Martin from Save The Dunes. Cost: \$30.

**Restorative Yoga** on Mondays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. September 17, October 1, 15, 29 and December 3, 17 with Facilitator Nina Ginochio. Restorative yoga is the art of practicing relaxation, an opportunity for the nervous system to relax. It is perfect for the brand new beginner as well as for someone with years of experience. Cost: \$60 or \$10 per session.

**Embracing Wisdom** on Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 am September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 13 with Facilitator Bridget Sperduto. Touch into the wisdom that is within you: the same Wisdom that creates galaxies and life itself. Through touching into the depth of wisdom and love at the heart of the Universe we hope our time together will weave a firmer fabric of planetary love. Advance registration requested. Cost \$60 or \$15 per session.

The Well Spirituality Center  
1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park

**St. Francis Xavier  
Scripture Study  
Thursdays**

**September 13-November 8, 2018**  
9:45 – 11:15 am Unity Hall

**St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians**

(Contains the most information about Paul's life)  
and

**Women in the Old Testament**

(Queens and slaves, assassins and victims of rape,  
mothers, wives, sisters and in-laws,  
each story is food for the imagination)

Please register with  
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ  
708-363-6728  
or  
[mrace@csjoseph.org](mailto:mrace@csjoseph.org)

## 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!!!

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



### Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry

*"Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbor:  
we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers,  
wherever they live."*

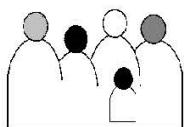
*—Pope Francis*

Right now, your members of Congress are evaluating the funding levels for critical accounts in the FY19 budget that support migrants and refugees around the world. U.S. humanitarian assistance provides shelter, water, education, and hope to refugees. Development assistance addresses the root causes of poverty like violence and lack of economic opportunity, which helps families build better futures in their home countries.

**ACTION:** Call on Congress to Address Root Causes of Migration. Visit the USCCB's site at:

<https://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org>  
for ways to contact your officials.

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees visit: [www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)



# Diversity Days In La Grange

## 27th Annual Race Unity Rally

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.**

Village of La Grange, Village Hall Auditorium  
53 S. La Grange Road, La Grange

**THEME: 50 YEARS AFTER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT: THE COST OF SEGREGATION**

### Featuring:

- Kendra Freeman, Metropolitan Planning Council
- Village of La Grange Unity Proclamation
- “Watch My Feet” Performers, The LeaderShop
- CDG Diversity Achievement Award: F. Willis (Bill) Caruso, Clinical Professor Emeritus, The John Marshall Law School

**Invocation:** Rev. Ellen Ekevag, Emmanuel Episcopal Church of La Grange

### Introducing:

- Dr. Emily Crement, Principal, Hodgkins School
- Kurt Bluder, Police Chief, Village of La Grange



### FRIDAY NIGHT - FREE MOVIE and DISCUSSION

Sept. 7, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. La Grange Public Library  
Refreshments Will Be Served – All Are Welcome!

Screening and discussion of the American Masters documentary, *Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise*, which showcases the remarkable writer, poet, actress and activist, with interviews of Angelou, numerous associates and family. Angelou’s life (1928 to 2014) provides an opportunity to reflect on America’s journey with race for the last 90 years. Presented in partnership with the La Grange Public Library.

Pizza and Networking: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Movie: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Discussion: 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Further Discussion: Palmer Place: 9:00-?



Sponsored by the CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange  
For more information, contact Linda Eastman, 708-579-5114 or visit [www.communitydiversity.org](http://www.communitydiversity.org)



**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
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—  
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and  
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,  
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz

**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

*Pastor*  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Deacon*  
*Pastoral Associate*  
*Weekend Sacramental Ministers*  
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*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
*Rev. William Killeen*  
*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
*Dr. Kate DeVries*  
*Rev. Stan Ilo*  
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### Education Ministry

*Day School Principal*  
*Assistant Principal*  
*Assistant to Day School Principal*  
*Day School Secretary (Main Campus)*  
*Day School Secretary (East Campus)*  
*Coordinator (East Campus)*  
*Advancement Director*  
*Tuition Accounts*  
*Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep*  
*Religious Education Office Staff*

*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
*Mrs. Peggy Evans*  
*Mrs. Kathie Kinahan*  
*Mrs. Margaret Houston*  
*Mrs. Mary Tassi*  
*Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft*  
*Ms. Terri Simeoni*  
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### Youth Ministry

*Coordinator*  
**Music Ministry**

*Director*

### **Parish Office Staff**

*Business Manager*  
*Parish Accountant*  
*Pastor's Secretary*  
*Parish Secretary*  
*Staff Secretary*

*Ms. Olivia Hollman*

ohollman@sfxlg.org

*Mr. Allen Sterwalt*

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

### **Food Pantry/Community Outreach**

*Coordinator*

*Mrs. Mary Freeman*

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### **Contact Information**

Parish Office 124 N. Spring ..... 708-352-0168  
St. Francis Xavier Day School ..... 708-352-2175  
School of Religious Education ..... 708-352-4555  
S.P.R.E.D. (Special Religious Education) ..... 708-352-0168  
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Main Day School e-Mail ..... sfxmain@sfxlg.org  
Main Religious Education e-Mail ..... sfxreligious@sfxlg.org  
Parish Web Site ..... www.sfxlg.org

### **Summer Rectory Hours**

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30 am-7:30 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**

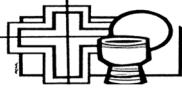
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **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**

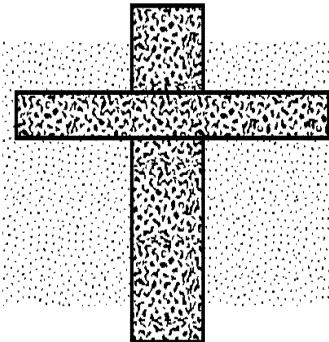
All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—September 1-2, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	G. Weismantal J. Hayford N. Whelton	L. Bannach M. Becker D. Dunlap K. Kanzer D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young Not Filled	P. Adams M. Duff A. Edwards	A. Cherry	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	B. Ritchie T. Marthaler D. Walsh	M. Hermesdorf N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch P. Olson	L. Nowak A. Grech M. Kachmarik	T. Pangan	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	P. Zadeik M. Lukanich B. Olson	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel A. Gargano J. Prendergast T. Urchell	A. McCarty E. Geraghty M. Burriesci	S. VanOrdstrand	J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	S. Lastres K. Justak J. Nowak	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings L. Egan G. Rutkowski B. Sorice J. Tvrduk K. Witkowski	C. McLaughlin N. Strayer Not Filled	L. DiGianifilippo	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Jagodzinski J. Word T. Downey	A. Chimento L. Donegan C. Grimes K. Johnson N.L. Kampe	F. LaMantia Not Filled Not Filled	J. Pfluger	D. Foss

The 6:00 PM Mass will Resume on Sunday, September 9th.



**Decide today  
to follow  
the LORD**

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### Readings For The Week of August 26, 2018

- Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/  
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69  
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mk 6:17-29  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23