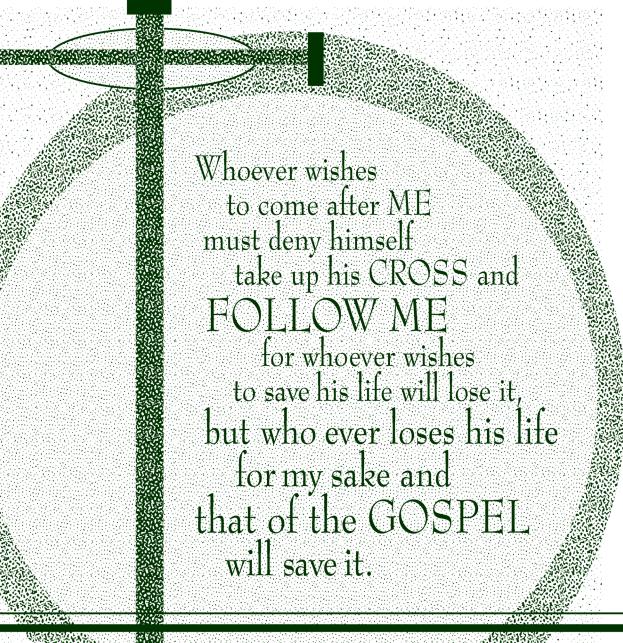
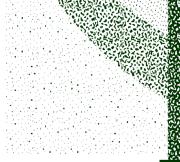
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## **Mass Intentions For The Week**

Monday, September 17 Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Marie Westhoff Nola Virruso Marie Ann Barry	The Barry Family Gina & Tim Prendergast Dolores Lewis
Tuesday, September 18	7:45 am 9:00 am	Frank P. Christiano Mary Alice Hoffman	The Christiano Family Dolores Lewis
Wednesday, September 19 Saint Januaris, Bishop and Martyr	7:45 am 9:00 am	Marie Ann Barry Eleanor Nelson	Lenore Gordon Beatrice Murphy
Thursday, September 20 Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Tyler Duelm	The Duelm Family
Friday, September 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	7:45 am 9:00 am	Salvatore, Joseph & Jeffy Frustaci Margaret Nichol Word & Communion Service	The Frustaci Family Tom & Lucile Nichol
Saturday, September 22	9:00 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Douglas W. Peterson Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding~Cecilia DiTommaso & Charlie Penicook Sacrament of Reconciliation Jim Harris	The Newcomb Family Maryanne Kelly
Sunday, September 23	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Francis Aubry Lois & Thomas Ryan People of the Parish Charles "Chuck" Doonan People of the Parish	The Fitzgerald Family Bob & Marie O'Malley

#### **Please Pray For...**

Whitney Austin Keeley Barr Linda Bienik Linda Carpinella Jay Carroll Lillian Cunningham Louis Darovic Blake Donegan Fr. Dave Dowdle Pat Eaton William Egbert Bill Elliott Sharon Elliott John Fennell Mike 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 Amanda O'Brien Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Carissa Pessetti James Pridmore Baby Madison Raupp Anna Rose Marilyn Rutkowski Anthony Scafide Matthew Schiek Mary Sherman Margaret Sims 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:

> Anne Saye Mother of Jean & Maggie

*George Zurowski* Grandfather of Peter Zurowski and Peter's Fiancée Olivia Hollman



## Weddings

Cecilia DiTommaso & Charlie Penicook Samantha Marousek & Daniel Summers Jenny Harper & Michael Brems

## **Pastor's Notes**

Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:17

Roman Catholics and Lutherans argued for centuries over what "saves" the Christian: *faith* in Christ Jesus; *or works* of prayer, penance, and charity. Near the end of the last century, we mutually agreed that the argument is misleading at best. Faith in Jesus and a decision to follow in his path is the heart of our journey in faith; no amount of works, however pious or charitable they might be, can "earn" the grace of salvation. However, St. James affirms in today's second reading that a faith that does not lead to faithful works is lifeless. Works of justice and charity do not, of themselves, lead to faith; but a living faith leads directly into acts of charity and justice. This is the natural movement of grace in the mind and heart of the believer.

In the practical realities of life, our faith needs ongoing nourishment to remain alive. Scripture tells us that Jesus preceded his public ministry with thirty days of prayer and fasting in the desert and he regularly went off to quiet places to pray; prayer grounded his teachings, his healings, and the final offering of his life for us. Prayer deepened his human relationship with the Father; teaching and healing allowed the power of the Spirit to flow through him. Prayer and ministry deepened his faith, and a deeper faith led to more intense prayer and greater sacrifice. In our parish mission statement, we commit to ongoing prayer, learning, and service. It is not enough to *say* that we are a Catholic people who believe in Jesus Christ. We gather weekly for Eucharist to be shaped and sent anew as one Body in Christ; and we strive to give some time each day to prayer. We allow the scriptures to guide and form our words and actions. We share our gifts with others and seek to live out our vocation in family, community, and parish. We give away a part of our material treasure to support the mission of the parish and larger Church. *Prayer, learning, and service deepen our faith; and a deeper faith inspires us to live out our mission.* 

The next few months offer many, diverse opportunities to engage in this interchange of faith and works. We begin with the basics of coming together for Word and Eucharist and sharing our gifts with others. We also have opportunities to spend time with one another at an Oktoberfest, a Teen Concert, a Theater Night, a Pig Roast, and/or a Falcon 5K. We can engage in scripture study, one of several CSJ workshops, and Taize or silent prayer in church. We can join a choir, help develop a parish welcoming ministry, or lead a freshman Quest small faith group. We need only listen and act as God invites us, each and all, to bring our faith into action. *How will you respond*?

Peace,

7. Bill

## **Scripture Reflection**

It's so much more convenient and easy to be an admirer of Jesus rather than a follower. But Jesus is not calling admirers. He wants those who will take up their own cross in following him. Our crosses will be those burdens we carry by their own cross in following him. Our crosses will be those burdens we carry by doing justice, as Jesus did. We will bear our crosses when we tend to the sick, shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, and more. In classical Catholic terms, we refer to these as the corporal works of mercy. Performing these acts of mercy takes us outside of ourselves. It places others' needs ahead of our own. We die to self so that others might live. Following Jesus is not about convenience, easy living, or mere admiration. We only need to see the image of the cross to be reminded of that. As Jesus had his cross, we have ours. To be his disciples, we are to take it up and carry it.

#### **Seminary Collection**

Next weekend, we celebrate Seminary Sunday in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago. On this occasion, we honor the ministry of the many priests who serve you faithfully each day, as well as those who are preparing to serve you with that same charity in the future.

#### Join Us

Former and future pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela (Way of St. James) are invited to a gathering on September 19, 2018 at Ascension Parish in Oak Park, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Come to hear from French *hôtes* who welcome pilgrims from all over the world to their homes on the *Via Turonensis* (Paris-St. Jean Pied-de Port). Come for table discussion on our own camino: life lessons learned, friends made, graces received. Refreshments will be served.

Ascension Parish is at 808 South East Avenue in Oak Park. Free parking.

For more information call Ascension at 708-848-2703.

#### Altar Committee Needs Help

SFX has been served for many years by a group of women behind the scenes. They wash and iron the many purificators used to wipe clean the chalices for Holy Communion. They keep things neat in the sacristies and clean and dust the altar spaces. We presently have teams working on a rotational basis, one Friday a month following the 9:00 am Prayer Service. If interested, please call and leave your name and phone number for Lorraine Ovnik at 708-246-6062, a member of the Altar Committee for more information. Men and women can participate and you do not need to be "long retired."

### Welcome Committee

A Welcome Committee is being formed to connect with new parishioners and introduce them to the stewardship opportunities here at SFX.

If you are interested in learning more about this new outreach, please contact Alex David at: alex.p.david91@gmail.com.



TENORS needed! \*(high male voice)

Gallery Choir – 9:00 am Mass Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

\*music reading skills NOT required... ...just an ear and a love for singing!

## COME AND JOIN US!!

Please contact our Music Director, Allen Sterwalt asterwalt@sfxlg.org 708-352-0168

#### Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier and Grace Lutheran

All are invited to our Taizé Evening Prayer Friday, October 12 7:30 pm @ 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 to 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.

## WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP

Our willingness to... Acknowledge the blessings we have in our lives Reflect how we can continue to use our time, talents, and treasure Act as Jesus' hands and feet in the world



**Stewardship of Time** calls us not only to daily and weekly prayer together; it also invites us to spend time together and develop relationships within our community. Check out the bulletin for more information on the following social events coming up!

- September 21: Tyler's Toy Drive all ages
- September 22: 2+One Band (a Christian music concert) all ages
- September 28: Oktober fest a La Grange community event for 21 and over
- October 19: Men's Club Pig Roast all adult men of the community
- October 24 (Wednesday): SFX Night at the Theatre of Western Springs (appropriate for teenagers and above due to suspenseful themes)
- November 3: Falcon 5K run (or walk!) all ages

God bless all volunteers involved in these social events as they **share their talents** within our community!

**Stewardship of Treasure** invites us to give of our financial resources to support Christ's mission. Within this bulletin is more information on the upcoming collection for the Seminary Education Fund.

Also, to donate to Sunday offertory with your credit card or bank account, please visit our website at <u>www.sfxlg.org</u>, and click Donate Online.

Please prayerfully consider how you can steward your parish this year!

## BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## SFX Science Class Looking For...

The 4th Grade Science class is looking for members of the SFX Parish that have a background in Engineering or Architecture. The students have been learning about what engineers do and the students would love to chat with you! Please email SFX 4th Grade Science Teacher, Mrs. Jaclyn Farley at jfarley@sfxlg.org. The students thank you for sharing your time and talent!

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Thank you to this year's generous sponsors!



Friendly Reminder! Due to the Oktoberfest event, there will be no parking in the School parking lot for the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, September 29.

Reserve your tickets for Oktoberfest today! Come join in on the fun! Tickets may be purchased online at https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/13644. Would you like to volunteer for Oktoberfest? Please sign up to volunteer your time at http://signup.com/go/GepMNtn.

## SAVE THE DATE



# An exclusive night at the theatre for SFX parishioners and their guests!





Join us on Wednesday, October 24 for when the internationally-recognized Theatre of Western Springs presents Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," the 1978 hit that was nominated for four Tony Awards, including Best Play. Deathtrap holds the record for the longest-running, comedy-thriller on Broadway, and critics call it "a rare thriller that delivers both laughs and unexpected twists."

Now SFX parishioners and their friends can thrill to the plot twists and turns of this memorable performance that includes a VIP reception before the show and features beer, wine, soft drinks and delicious bites from notable restaurants. Tickets are available for purchase on our website at www.sfxlg.org. All proceeds from this delightful evening will benefit SFX Parish.

#### Attention Alumni from the SFX Class of 1964!

Your classmates are gathering for a tour of the school on Saturday morning, October 13th and would like to connect with you! If you are a member of the SFX Class of 1964, please contact Mary Tassi, Advancement Director at mtassi@sfxlg.org or 708-352-2175 x331.

Join us for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual

#### Sign up today for the St. Francis Falcon 5K!

https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/LaGrangePark/StFrancisFalcon5KRunWalk



#### Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kids' Fun Run (~0.5 mile), Junior Falcon 100 yd. Dash, 3.1 mile Run/Walk

Be a part of the fun, start training today Strollers, walkers, non-SFX parishioners, and all ages welcome!

• USATF certified\*, chip timed, flat, tree lined La Grange Park neighborhood course

- 5K and Kids Fun Run participants receive a technical t-shirt. Under 19 discount
- Indoor post-race celebration with Flash Magnets & fabulous treats from local vendors!

Want to volunteer? Questions? Please contact Meghan Fijal at Falcon5KSFX@gmail.com

\*IL 17026WR Race benefits St. Francis Xavier School, a not-for-profit organization.

BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



# 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) 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)SF Choristers (Grades 4 – 8)*Rehearsals start Tuesday, September 25*Rehearsals start Thursday, September 273:45 to 4:15 pm3:45 to 4:30 pm	
I am available to be a parent helper at <u>rehearsals</u> . <i>(circle one)</i> Yes No	
I am available to be a parent helper at <u>Masses</u> . <i>(circle one)</i> Yes No	
*Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by <u>September 24<sup>th</sup></u> to the attention of: Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Music Director St. Francis Xavier Church~124 N. Spring Avenue~LaGrange, IL 60525 asterwalt@sfxlg.org	





## **Job Opening**

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 Sharon Garcia at sgarcia@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 Tassi at 708-352-2175 for more information.

## SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:

http://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Youth%20Ministry

#### Concert!



Who: 2+One What: Christian music concert geared towards teens and open to everyone! When: Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm Where: Joyce Hall Cost: Free will offering

#### We Need YOU!

We are <u>STILL</u> looking for adult volunteers to lead <u>6 MORE</u> Quest Confirmation groups. <u>You do not need to be a parent</u> 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 at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

#### **Quest Confirmation Registration**

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED YOUR TEEN FOR THE QUEST CONFIRMATION PROGRAM, PLEASE DO SO ASAP! Registration forms can be

found on the Youth Ministry website.

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 with any questions!

#### 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

## New Parish Instagram & Twitter Accounts

We are increasing our social media presence and are now on Instagram and Twitter! Make sure to like and follow us for updates on SFX happenings, upcoming events, and more!

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## Start Up for Religious Education

Registered RE Families should have received class placement the week of September 10 via email.

This Sunday, September 16, is the start of Religious Education with **MEET & GREET**.

Meet & Greet for ALL Sessions is from 8:45-10:15am

ALL registered families are expected to come to the Meet & Greet with parent(s) to meet catechists and receive important information!

See you soon in the Education Building!

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

> 6th Grade Bible Distribution September 22 & 23 during all masses

Sunday, September 23	Class
Wednesday, September 26	Class
Sunday, September 30	Class
Pizza Fundraiser Begins	
Wednesday, October 3	Class
Pizza Fundraiser Begins	



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## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – How it Works:



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the official process of welcoming adults into the Catholic faith. It is modeled after the process used in the early Church for the initiation of new members. RCIA is for those not yet baptized, persons who have

been baptized in another Christian denomination, and Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

The first phase of the RCIA process is called the period of "Inquiry." This is a period of searching, questioning, and investigation into Catholicism. It is a time to recognize and name your experience of faith, and how God is calling you to conversion. The Inquiry phase begins on September 18, and will last through the end of November. Then, you will be asked if you would like to continue by preparing to receive the sacraments, or not. Details about the remaining three phases can be found at: www.sfxlg.org/RCIA.

Registration is necessary. Please contact Kate DeVries, kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

#### RCIA – Inquiry Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 pm St. John of the Cross Parish Center 5005 South Wolf Road Western Springs

## **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.



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## **ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM**



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Small 4"x 8" **\$175 each** Large 8" x 8" **\$300 each** 

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## 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 17, 24 and October 1, 15 and 22 St. John of the Cross~5005 Wolf Road~Western Springs

#### **Interfaith Career Network**

#### Career Search and Development Boot Camp Week 1

We invite you to join us on Tuesday, September 18 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. This fall's five-week Boot Camp will kick off with an overview of the State of the Job Market. Keynote speaker, Heather Davis, will share her success story in re-entering the workforce after a lengthy absence and Dr. Joe Yount will deliver a special presentation on building your self-confidence for your career search. There is no cost for attending the Boot Camp and everyone is encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of the training. Meetings will be in Westminster Hall; please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

#### **Attaining and Retaining Job Search Referrals**

Join us on Thursday, September 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. Key takeaways covered at this presentation will include...the importance of having employee referrals as a key part of your job search. Steps in preparing to search, find and select employee referrals. How to get an internal sponsor to help your cause. How to write effective introduction messages. What to say and do with targeted individuals in face-to-face new networking conversations. Our speakers, Bob Johnson and Bob Rosell, have helped place job seekers through sponsored referrals, as well as shortened the transition time for people looking for work. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to welcoming you.



I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIGHT

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## Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive



The Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 will be collecting donations

after each mass next weekend Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 for the Intellectually Disabled Tootsie Roll Drive 2018.

Donations collected help fund SPRED and other Intellectual Disabilities programs. Donations are greatly appreciated.

## Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drive



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 Fall Food Drive. Groups and volunteers can take as little or as much as they like in increments of 1 hour. Volunteers can choose their own day and time during Saturday, September 29 to Sunday, October 7. 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. The 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 effect. Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 and council6483@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



## Sponsorship Opportunities



Bags Tourney and Dinner tickets are available for The Legacy Guild Fall Golf Outing to be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the LaGrange

Country Club. Donation of raffle prizes would also be appreciated!

Help provide college scholarships for local students who have lost a parent.

For more information, please go to: https://thelegacyguild.com/golf-event/

Thanks so much for all your support of the Legacy Guild. We were able to help 78 scholars with \$195,000 in scholarships in June.

There are a few golf spots left and we're in great need for sponsors, bag players, evening dinner participants and raffle prizes.

Contact by phone Bob Brogan at 708-243-7004 or Bob Bock at 708-646-9047.



Pancake Breakfast Bake Sale & Raffle Saturday, September 29 8:00 am-Noon First Baptist Church of LaGrange 20 North Ashland Avenue

\$6.00 in advance \$7.00 at the door 6 and under FREE

Tickets are being sold by scouts or calling 617-548-6544 to order.



Boy Scouts of America Troop #39 LaGrange

#### Special Circumstances For Receiving The Eucharist

The Catholic Church has historically recognized the intimate relationship of wheat hosts and wine as matter for the Eucharist. However, if you have Celiac Sprue Disease or a family member suffers from a gluten intolerance or if you are alcohol intolerant, receiving the Eucharist is life-involving in seriously challenging ways. The logistics or manner of accommodating lay persons with gluten or wine intolerance in a parish setting during the Liturgy of the Eucharist is left to the afflicated party and the pastor to decide the best way during Mass for the afflicted party to safely receive the Precious Body or the Precious Blood.

If you or a member of your family is affected by this circumstance, please contact our pastor, Fr. Bill Tkachuk, to discuss the particulars of your situation. Fr. Bill can be reached by calling the Rectory Office at 708-352-0168.



**Restorative Yoga** on Mondays from 11:30 am -12:30 pm starting on September 17, October 1, 15, 29, December 3, 17 with Facilitator Nina Ginocchio. Restorative yoga gives the blessing of knowing what your body feels like in a relaxed state. It's gentle, and doesn't require stretching or involve strengthening. Yoga for all ages, it is perfect for the brand new

beginner as well as for someone with years of experience. Cost: \$60 or \$10 per session.

**Season of Creation Special Harvest Celebration** on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> starting 5:45 pm Prayer and 6:30 pm Supper. Readings from Laudato Si, Scripture, song, prayers and reflection will unite us with Christians around the world who are gathering during the Season of Creation (September 1–October 4) to pray for our Sacred Earth and all her beings. Bring the harvest from your garden to share as our supper and to share with the poor. Please register in advance for this free program, by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Embracing Wisdom** on Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 am on 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 More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know is Possible: Conversation and Contemplation** on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 pm on September 20, 27; October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15 with Facilitator Jackie Schmitz, CSJ Fridays from 9:00-11:00 am (meets in River Forest) September 7, 21, 28; October 5, 19, 26; November 2, 19, 26 Facilitator: Bridget Sperduto Our book groups will explore *The More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know is Possible*, by Charles Eisenstein. Real life stories throughout the book show how small, individual acts of courage, kindness, and self-trust can change our present narrative of separation, a narrative that has generated our current planetary crisis. In this time of social and ecological crisis, what can each of us do to make this world even more beautiful? Cost: \$120 book available in Joseph's Corner.

**Toward a More Beautiful World** on Tuesdays from 9:30 pm–Noon on September 25, November 6 and December 4 with Facilitator: Bridget Sperduto Toward a More Beautiful World will challenge and support you in developing an integral heart, one that can embrace our "wicked predicament" of unprecedented social, ecological, and spiritual crises. Together we will nurture an evolved consciousness, grounded in the wholeness of God, leading to awakened activism. Cost: \$75.

**Growing Downward: Day Retreat** with Gail Worcelo, SGM on Saturday, October 6 at 9:30 am–3:00 pm. There is a line in a poem by the poet/farmer Wendell Berry that says, "I am growing downward." This beautiful image suggests rooting ourselves more fully within the sacred community of life. During our time together, we will explore what it means to "grow downward" through the work of Thomas Berry, discovering the "Footprints of God" inside our own lives and translating them into action for our world. Includes lunch. Please register in advance by October 1.

**Sara Thomsen: Concert and Sacred Universe Award** on Saturday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. Sara Thomsen's music draws us inward and outward – in, to the movements of what is deep within, and out, into the humanity we all share. She is a staunch supporter of struggles for human dignity and ecological sustainability. Join us for a concert that is sure to inspire you and also to thank Sara for her gift of music and depth of feeling for all Creation.

**Matthew Fox: Naming the Unnameable Presentation and Book Signing** on Thursday, October 25 from 7:00-9:00 pm. What do we mean by "God" in today's world? How many names for Divinity are there? Do the names for God change as we mature and evolve? Renowned theologian and author Matthew Fox will ignite our imaginations, offering a colorful range of Divine Names gathered from scientists, poets and mystics past and present.

**Pat Bergen, CSJ: Something Wonderful and New is Happening** on Monday, December 17 from 7:00-8:30 pm and Tuesday, December 18 from 9:30-11:00 am. We know it is difficult to perceive, but something wonderful is happening in our time. Join us during this final week of Advent, as we attend, reflect and respond to the newness emerging in ourselves and our culture. The unseen God of Love is making a new breakthrough in our time. This program will be offered in the evening and repeated the following morning.

The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue~LaGrange Park To register online and see complete list of programs: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

## **HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

While September may be designated as *Hunger Action Month*, our SFX Food Pantry is grateful for the blessings we receive throughout the year! Some ways to continue your generous support:

**PRAY** for an end to food insecurity in our community, nation, and world.

Volunteers say this prayer at the opening of the pantry each week. Loving God, Give us our daily bread and remind us to share what we have so all people have their daily bread. Amen

**DONATE** food and funds. See parish website for list of needed items.

The Pantry receives weekly donations from Trader Joes, Panera, and Aracely's Bakery and ongoing donations from parishioners, other faith communities and school groups.

**VOLUNTEER** at the Greater Chicago Food Depository (www.chicagosfoodbank.org) and designate our pantry (agency #A00419) so we receive labor credits (\$5/pp/ hour).

Last year, we received \$1,395 for food purchases and donated additional credits to Ascension St. Susanna Food Pantry.

Special thanks to our 35 weekly volunteers + 340 additional service hours so far this year.

WALK to raise awareness and funds. CROP Hunger Walk on October 21, 2018. Watch bulletin for details.

Last year, the Pantry received \$855 from the CROP Walk.

**SHARE** your fresh garden produce with our pantry.

Special thanks to <u>Share the Harvest</u> partners for their ongoing garden donations.

**GIVE THANKS** for the generosity of our community.

The Pantry provides weekly food assistance to an average of 70 families, totaling 225 individuals.

**WATCH** the documentary *A Place at the Table*.

**PEACE BEGINS WHEN THE HUNGRY ARE FED** Dorothy Day

Any questions, contact Mary Freeman, Food Pantry Coordinator at mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

#### Global Refugee Crisis Simulation

#### FORCED FROM HOME

One Week Only! September 23-30, 2018 Daley Center Free! Open to the Public Weekdays 4:00-8:00 pm Weekend 10:00 am-6:00 pm

An interactive exhibition that takes you behind the headlines of the global refugee crisis.

It is a tour with 9 educational interactive experiences. Event is fully accessible and the tour is approximately one hour.

Learn more: FORCEDFROM HOME.COM/IL.

(See large poster posted on the front lobby bulletin board in the St. Francis Xavier church.)

"This exhibition brings some humanity and understanding of the issues refugees around the world face every day." Jason Cone, Executive Director, Doctors Without Borders

For more information, please contact Sr. Marlene Schemmel mschemmel@csjoseph.org.

#### Catholic Social Teaching on Refugees and Forced Migration

"Hope is the Force that drives the hearts of those who depart, leaving homeland, at times their relatives, in search of a better life which is worthier of them and their loved ones... Let us not be afraid of sharing the journey! Have no fear! Let us not be afraid of sharing hope!" Pope Francis

Catholic social teaching calls on the global community to offer protection to individuals fleeing wars and persecution. Our church views welcoming the stranger as a duty that is derived directly from the life of mercy of Christ. We are called to support refugees and other forcibly displaced people overseas. We are called to welcome these new neighbors with the same love and compassion we would want ourselves to be shown in time of persecution.

#### TAKE ACTION:

Contact your elected official asking them to commit to resettling 75,000 refugees for FY 2019.

The SFX Peace & Justice Ministry Mission is to: (1) carry out the Sermon on the Mount, (2) work for Peace & Justice on behalf of all Creation, (3) involve SFX and surrounding communities, (4) create awareness through education, dialogue and action.

Group meets first Wednesday of the month September-May, 7:15-8:30 pm in the Rectory. All are Welcome!

Questions: Contact Sr. Marlene Schemmel mschemmel@csjoseph.org

(Adapted from Congregation of St. Joseph Peace and Justice Report.)

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- *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.

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#### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Thursday	
Friday	. 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday	
Sunday	

#### 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	
tabernacle prayer area.	, second s

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

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

#### 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 22-23, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	D. Mulvenna L. Lach H. Fitzpatrick	M. Becker C. Cooke K. Corrigan J. Denson D. Dunlap A. Fekrat K. Kanzer C. Witt L. Young	P. Adams N. Olson M. Kachmarik	P. Mirocha	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Kelly M. Kalkowski G. Schuler	J. Morsch P. Olson K. Stetz J. Van Gorp D. Walsh	M. Duff D. Grech Q. Filbin	L. DiGianfilippo	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Ilo	L. Nichol A. Stowe K. Hull	M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon D. Nighswander E. Olsen B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali	R. Wheeler E. Geraghty A. Edwards	S. VanOrdstrand	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	E. Anderson M. Atseff B. Jouras	<ul> <li>B. Boyd</li> <li>A. Clark</li> <li>J. Clark</li> <li>N. Cummings</li> <li>M. P. Flaherty</li> <li>J. Garreau</li> <li>G. Rutkowski</li> <li>B. Sorice</li> <li>K. Witowski</li> </ul>	K. Smith T. Newcomb J. Crandall	B. Mayo	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Malloy	D. Lewis B. Hemminger J. Hamilton	A. Chimento C. Gatsos K. Johnson N. L. Kampe Not Filled	A. Justak A. Brown E. Cushing	T. Pangan	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



#### **Readings For The Week of September 16, 2018**

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50 Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:33-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37