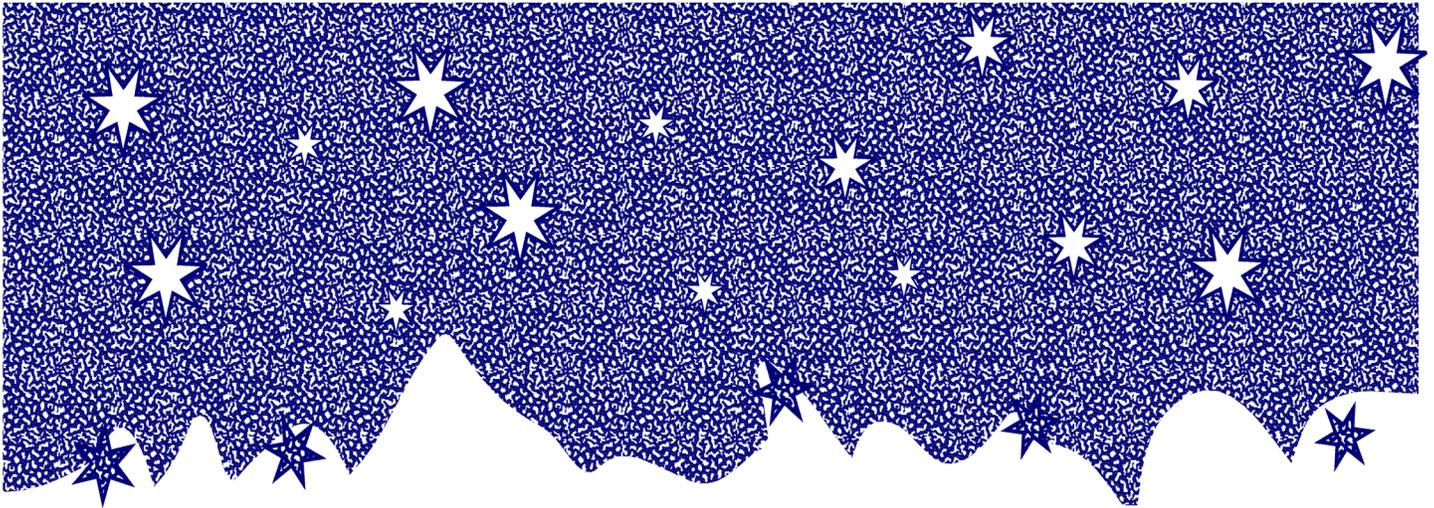
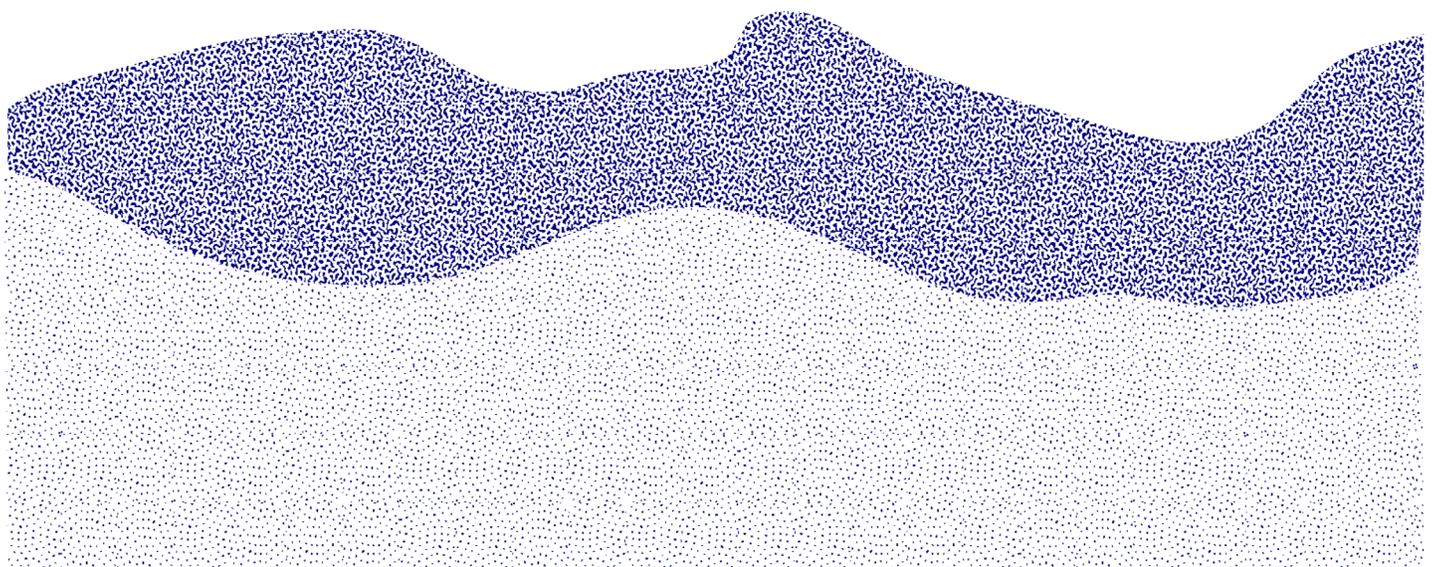


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 24, 2017**



*As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.*



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 25	7:45 am 9:00 am	Mary Gizynski Jean Murphy Russell Baica	Jim & Joan Potsch Dan Murphy The McKenna Family
Tuesday, September 26 Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	7:45 am 9:00 am	Agnes Pouba Bill Riordan Joseph Wynn William Riordan	The Pouba Family Kathy & Dave Armstrong Nancy Cozzi The SFX Sunshine Committee
Wednesday, September 27 Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	7:45 am 9:00 am	Henry Gazdziak Michael Bannach John Yelnick Ralph Kolinski	The Gazdziak Family Lillian Bannach Jill & Scott Burson The Driscoll Family
Thursday, September 28 Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Chris Killeen Nancy Cairo	Lynn Regan Jacquelyn Van Gorp & Marge Branecki
Friday, September 29 Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	7:45 am 9:00 am	Susan Plesha Troyke Albin Stravinskias Word & Communion Service	The Donahue Family The Metzger Family
Saturday, September 30 Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm	Mercedes McDonnell Ben Lisek Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation	The McDonnell Family The SFX 7th Grade Girl Scouts

## Please Pray For...

Tony Banda	Emmett Miller
Keeley Barr	Mike Morrison
Marjorie Crnkovich	Megan Morton
Blake Donegan	Jane O'Reilly
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Michael Patena
Marian Dudek	Ryan Patyk
Pat Eaton	Donna Pekarek
Bill Elliott	Carissa Pessetti
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Baby Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Karen Reato
Wilson Gregory	Anna Rose
Frank Grippo	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Linda Sychala
Jane Jacobson	Greyson Edward Stanley
Mike Kelly	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Benny Kilman	Jerry Tazic
Joan Kirby	Marty Thuerk
Shirley Kollenberg	Anne Titzer
Jerry Kolman	Michael Ungari
Virginia Kottaridis	Amanda Valerugo
Michael Marro	Gregory Van Gorp, Sr.
Molly Anne McKenna	Dawn Wilmsen
Steven McKinnon	

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:

***Marlene Hauch***

Daughter of Nancy Morgan

***Carolyn Asperger***

Mother of James, Jonathan, & Jeffrey

***Jack "John" Ryan***

Husband of Suzanne and Father of Julie, Patrick,  
Elizabeth, Stephen & Jennifer

***Sr. Bonaventure Hill, CSJ***

***Collette Stewart***

## Weddings



Donna O'Neill & Mike Keenan  
Mary Leigh Hayes & Robert Klaus  
Julie Spidale & Matt Schiffler

## Pastor's Notes

*"So high are my ways above your ways and  
my thoughts above your thoughts."  
Isaiah 55:9*

What is "fair"? Jesus challenges us repeatedly to examine our judgments of right and wrong, just and unjust. He teaches us that God's ways are ways of mercy that often clash with our view of what is "fair" – especially in the spheres of politics, business, and society. We tend to bring Jesus onto "our side" in the public debate. Yet Jesus places God at the center – the heart of mercy. He challenges us to listen to one another and to place the needs of the powerless and overlooked, from conception to natural death, above any dispute that delays action at the expense of those most in need.

Cardinal Cupich recently established an Archdiocesan policy that prohibits firearms on Archdiocesan property with few exceptions. Some may attempt to make this about the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution – a statement either for or against the right to bear arms. It is neither. It is a statement that, for Catholics, our house of worship is a place of peace in which the only firearms are those carried by persons legally required to do so for our protection. We gather in trust of one another, which involves some risk. In this place, we intend no harm toward another, and expect no harm from another.

Schools are among the few institutions in which guns are banned automatically by the Illinois concealed carry law. At the time the law was passed, there was a dispute over whether to include houses of worship that included a dispute among religious groups. The last two parishes in which I served as pastor chose to display the "no firearms" symbol (a black revolver within a red circle and red line through the revolver), which is required by Illinois for firearms to be prohibited in non-exempt institutions. The new Archdiocesan policy requires all parishes display this sign on all parish buildings.

The complete policy statement has been posted on the parish website [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org). Key elements of this policy can be found in this bulletin on page 6. May we allow God's ways to guide our ways, and seek the Lord where God is to be found. May we nurture peace within all parish gatherings and carry that peace into our world.

**Welcome back, students in our School of Religious Education!** It is good to have you in our classrooms once more.

*Peace,  
Fr. Bill*

## Scripture Reflection



This past Monday, Lucile Nichol from our Religious Education staff and her husband Tom attended morning mass at St. Louise de Marillac Church. When it came time for the gifts to be brought forward, the presider asked for volunteers. With a gentle nudge from Lucile, she and Tom stood up, and assumed that role. When they arrived at the altar, Lucile shared, "Forty-six years ago, Tom and I walked up this same aisle. Today is our anniversary!" She reflected that evening of how blessed they felt to have answered God's call. *Happy Anniversary, Lucile & Tom!*

Theologian John Shea writes, "From the Lord of the Vineyard's point of view, what really matters is not what you get, but that you work in the vineyard." He adds, "...The joy is in the contribution; the work itself is the reward." As our first reading reminds us, "God is generous and forgiving." In God's own words we hear, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." Isaiah 55:8. Rather than focusing on places we feel jealous or cheated, let us embrace opportunities to share our gifts, count our blessings, and delight in our God of abundance, who always pays a full day's wages.

*Kate DeVries*

Save the Date!

Installation of Fr. Bill Tkachuk as  
the Tenth Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish

Saturday, October 14  
at the 5:00 pm Mass

Reception in Joyce Hall to follow.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop  
835 North Rush Street  
Chicago, IL 60611-2030  
312-534-8230  
archchicago.org

September 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago through our second collection. By offering our financial support we provide these young men with the critical education and training they need to shepherd our parishes and administer the sacraments. Last year, more than \$978,000 was collected and I am thankful for your past and present support.

Pope Francis reminds us that, "The Church and the world need mature and balanced priests, intrepid and generous Pastors, capable of closeness, of listening and mercy." There are currently 54 seminarians preparing for a life of service as your future parish priests. Our seminarians' motivation and enthusiasm in their pursuit to answer God's call is inspiring. They are the future guides for the spiritual and intellectual formation of our Catholic communities and are well deserving of our prayers and financial support.

Contributions made to this collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees (\$1,672) room and board (\$638), and health insurance (\$171) for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. You may utilize the remittance envelopes provided to your parish or should you find it more convenient, feel free to contribute through our website at [www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund](http://www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund).

For your generous support in the past and for your consideration of support again this year, I thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Card. Blase Cupich".

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

## EXCERPTS FROM THE NEW ARCHDIOCESAN POLICY REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF FIREARMS ON ARCHDIOCESAN PROPERTY

The complete policy statement has been posted on the parish website [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org).

### I. FIREARMS POLICY

It is the policy of the Archdiocese of Chicago that no firearm will be permitted on any property owned and controlled by the Archdiocese. This prohibition applies to any church, school, administrative facility, or other facility owned and controlled by the Archdiocese, except as otherwise permitted herein.

### IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Signs stating that the carrying of firearms is prohibited shall be clearly and conspicuously posted at the entrance of all Archdiocesan owned and controlled facilities. These signs shall be of the uniform design established by the Illinois Department of State Police.

### V. EXCEPTIONS

*(The policy lists exceptions for those authorized by law to carry a firearm; clergy who possess a weapon for hunting or sport and store it in a lockbox or safe; firearms stored in a vehicle within a locked or secured compartment; and specific exceptions granted by the Archbishop when necessary for the protection of Archdiocesan persons or property.)*

## DACA RECIPIENTS DINNER

On September 5 an end was put to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program by President Trump. These Dreamers, many of whom are now young adults who contribute greatly to our society and to our Church, have an unknown and potentially frightening future ahead of them.

Cardinal Blase Cupich is asking each parish to reach out to the Dreamers by inviting DACA recipients to a dinner in our rectory for an evening of conversation, pastoral accompaniment and support.

We would like to invite any DACA recipients to have dinner at the St. Francis Rectory on Monday, October 23 or Monday, October 24 at 5:30 pm. To RSVP please call Fr. Bill Tkachuk's Assistant, Maureen Pipal at 708-352-0168 or email her at [mpipal@sfxlg.org](mailto:mpipal@sfxlg.org).

This is just one small way St. Francis can show our support and let our immigrant brothers and sisters know that they are not alone. Please pass this invitation on to any DACA recipients in our area who may not read our bulletin.

# Your Parish Finances



**Sunday Basket Collection Sept 17, 2017:**

**\$ 17,052**

Prior Month's Offerings:	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	=	August Total
August 2017	\$ 43,882		\$ 59,369		\$ 103,251
August 2016	\$ 37,051		\$ 66,903		\$ 103,954

**God bless you for your generosity to St. Francis Xavier Parish!**

SUGGESTIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN YOUR PARISH INVESTMENT	CURRENT WEEKLY INVESTMENT WITH WEEKLY INVESTMENT INCREASE...				
		2.5%	4.0%	5.0%	7.0%
Please consider the following for increasing your investment in SFX Parish ministries:  > Locate your current weekly investment. > Prayerfully consider investing an additional 4% or more.	\$ 10	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.40	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.70
	\$ 25	\$ 25.63	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.25	\$ 26.75
	\$ 50	\$ 51.25	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 53.50
	\$ 100	\$ 102.50	\$ 104.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 107.00
	\$ 250	\$ 256.25	\$ 260.00	\$ 262.50	\$ 267.50



## ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM

Sign up to have your contribution to the Parish transferred conveniently each month from your checking account directly to St. Francis Xavier. **A voided check is required.**

I/We hereby authorize St. Francis Xavier, to initiate debit entries and, if necessary, debit correction and adjustment entries to my/our account at the financial institution listed on the **voided check attached.** This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Francis Xavier has received written notification from the recipient of its termination in such a time and manner as to afford St. Francis Xavier a reasonable time to act upon it.

**Option 1:**  
Please transfer my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Twice a month** on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Option 2:**  
Please transfer my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Once a month** on the \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> or \_\_\_\_\_ 20<sup>th</sup>.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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## School Scoop

**Sunday, September 24**  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible distribution  
All Masses

**Tuesday, September 26**  
Pizza Day

**Wednesday, September 27**  
2:00 PM Dismissal

**Saturday, September 30**  
Oktoberfest 2017  
7:00-11:00 PM School Parking lot



### Join us for the first St. Francis Xavier Oktoberfest!

**When:** Saturday, September 30, 2017, 7:00-11:00 pm  
**Where:** The school parking lot  
**Cost:** \$40 per person. Buy your tickets online (school website), order form, or at the door.  
Ticket price includes beer, wine, brats and music by Kickin' Jimmy.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Return information and \$ to the school office at 145 North Waiola Avenue.

**Please Note: The School parking lot will be closed for 5 PM Mass on 9/30 and will have reduced parking available on Sunday, 10/1.**

## Welcome Wednesdays at St. Francis Xavier School



We would like to invite you to attend a Welcome Wednesday admissions event and learn all about our programs and tour our school. Reservations are suggested, but not required.

### Dates

**October 18, 2017**  
**November 15, 2017**  
**December 20, 2017**  
**February 21, 2018**  
**March 21, 2018**  
**April 18, 2018**

9:00 AM at East Campus  
(preschool 3 – Kindergarten)  
21 N. Catherine Avenue, LaGrange  
10:15 AM at Main Campus  
(First grade – Eighth grade)  
145 N. Waiola Avenue, LaGrange  
To make reservations, schedule a private tour, or request a shadow day for your child, please contact Jennifer Courier at 708-352-2175.

Our all-school **Open House** is **January 28, 2018.**

The “Gym Fair” at the Main Campus will showcase all clubs and extracurricular activities, and teachers will be in their class rooms at both campuses to answer any questions you may have.

Open Enrollment begins mid November.  
Our early education classes reach capacity very quickly.

### Contact

Jennifer Courier [jcourier@sfxlg.org](mailto:jcourier@sfxlg.org)  
to be placed on the distribution list for the application paperwork.



Be a part of the fun.

Register to join us on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>!  
8:00 am Kid's Fun Run  
8:30 am 5K Run/Walk

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

## SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:

[www.youthministry.sfxlg.org](http://www.youthministry.sfxlg.org)

### Quest Speaker Event

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quest Speaker Event of the year is THIS Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:45 in Joyce Hall. Three DePaul University students will be joining us to have a conversation about living our faith outside of Mass. Don't miss out on this engaging event! While this is geared towards high school students, all are welcome!

### We're on social media!



Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Scan the QR code below or search "SFX – Quest" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!



### Your Help Needed!

If you are interested in singing in the Spirit Choir, lecturing, or serving as a Eucharistic Minister at 6pm Mass, please contact Olivia Hollman at [ohollman@sfxlg.org](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338. We are in need of new (and returning!) ministers.

### Service Opportunity for all Freshmen!

Are you a high school freshman and want to participate in service with other high school freshmen? We have booked 100 slots at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville for November 11, from 12-2pm. This is a few months away but we want you to get the date on the calendar! If you are interested in participating or being an adult volunteer, please contact Olivia Hollman to sign up!

~Olivia

## Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates



### 6th Grade Bible Distribution

September 23 & 24 during all masses

Sunday, September 24

Class

Wednesday, September 27

Class

## Upcoming Events

### Pizza Fundraiser:

Starts~October 1

All Orders Due~October 29

Pizza Order Pick-up~November 8



## St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

The St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry Group is excited to share the following service opportunities for the 2017/2018 school year! SFX families are invited to participate in these service events. The idea behind the Family Ministry is to give families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please help us make a difference.

### September

On Saturday, September 16, SFX is encouraging families with teenagers to join us as we volunteer with the Saturday Meals Program at First Congregational Church of LaGrange. We will be preparing and serving lunch to as many as 40 people at the church, located at 100 6th Avenue in LaGrange.

There are two options to volunteer at this event: The Cooking shift runs from 9 am-1 pm. Cooking volunteers must be at least 16 years old and must be comfortable prepping and cooking a meal. There are 5 volunteer spots for cooking.

Lunch set up and serving is from 10:45 am-1 pm. Lunch volunteers plate desserts, serve hot foods to guests in a buffet line, run the dishwasher, and wipe down tables and chairs following the meal. The minimum age is 13 years old, accompanied by an adult, and there are 7 volunteer openings. Please contact Rachel Peterson at [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net) for more information and to register.

### November

A parish-wide Thanksgiving Pie Drive, benefitting our SFX Food Pantry, will take place at masses the weekend of November 18. The food pantry is trying to reach a goal of 150 non-refrigerated pies for Thanksgiving. We are looking for 10 families to help deliver pies to home bound seniors and spend 30 minutes visiting and socializing with them. Please let us know if you are interested in helping email Elizabeth Fanta at [elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com) to RSVP.

### December

Join us for Christmas Caroling at the Helping Hand Center's residential homes for adults with disabilities. On Sunday, December 10 from 1-3 pm we will be traveling to various group homes in the LaGrange area to sing and share some hot chocolate and cookies with the residents. We will supply the song sheets and treats, you just need to bring your best singing voices and holiday cheer. Contact Rachel Peterson at [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net).

On Saturday, December 30 we will meet at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Aurora for a great service project. We have reserved 63 spots from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. At FMSC, the two-hour session begins with an orientation and then meals are packed by hand for the worlds hungriest children. Moments of prayer and reflection end the session. This service opportunity, unlike most of the others, has a minimum age requirement of 5 years old and there is a 1-1 adult to child ratio for children in grades K-2. Contact Ana Dimailig for sign up [apd3@core.com](mailto:apd3@core.com).

### February

In February, we will be doing a senior event spending time with seniors and celebrating Valentine's Day. More details to follow.

### April

We are partnering with the Salt Creek Watershed Network to clean garbage out at Salt Creek forest preserve on Earth day, April 21. All supplies will be provided. Please join us and contact Elizabeth at [elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com), if you are interested.

### May

After a long day at the hospital, many families are in need of a home-cooked meal. We are inviting volunteers to plan a menu, purchase the ingredients, and prepare a meal at one of two Ronald McDonald Houses, at either the Advocate Oak Lawn or the Central DuPage Ronald McDonald house. Join us on May 5 for a great and exciting event. Please reach out to Theresa Sullivan to let her know if you can attend, [thsully28@yahoo.com](mailto:thsully28@yahoo.com).

### October through May

Every Monday evening October through May, two SFX Family Ministry volunteers provide dessert for BEDS Plus clients. Families drop off homemade or store bought baked goods at Joyce Hall by 7 pm. Email Rebecca Daly at [rebeccadaly@rebkdaly.com](mailto:rebeccadaly@rebkdaly.com); phone or text 773-699-4802.



Be a part of the magic that has supported our community for over 30 years! Cossitt School will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, September 30th from 8:00 am-1:00pm. SELL! Clean out your closets! Sell your gently used fall and winter items and keep 60% of proceeds. BUY! Find amazing deals on gently used fall/winter items...Halloween costumes, holiday dresses, coats & boots, dance leotards/outfits, sports shoes & equipment, infant clothing & gear, strollers, high chairs...SHOP THE PRESALE! Volunteer for 4 hours and gain access to the INVITATION ONLY pre-sale on September 29. Details for sellers, buyers and volunteers can be found at:

[www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale/](http://www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale/)



Sponsorship opportunities, Bags Tourney and Dinner tickets are available for The Legacy Guild Fall Golf Outing on Friday, September 29<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.

More information can be found at:  
<http://www.thelegacyguild.com/>  
 or by contacting Tim Sullivan at 708-205-0207  
 or Bob Bock at 708-646-9047.

## Nazareth Academy Hosts Coffee & Conversation Dates

Prospective parents are invited to join us for Coffee and Conversation with the Nazareth Administration. Guests will be treated to a light breakfast, informal conversation and a tour of the school. The event begins at 8:30 am and will conclude at 10:00 am. Enter through the main entrance on the west side of the building. Parents are welcome on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 4  
 Wednesday, November 15

Registration is required, visit [nazarethacademy.com](http://nazarethacademy.com) and click "Admissions" or contact Kristen Stojetz at 708-387-8505 or [kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com](mailto:kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com).

## Last Call For This Season



RCIA is a process of questioning and conversation for non-Catholics who wish to know more about the Church, and for Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

**New this year: St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier have combined efforts, to present the best of our three programs to participants.** Leaders from all three churches will walk with you throughout the process. *If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments, please consider joining us.*

**How it works:** We meet on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 pm, and on some Sundays at various times from September 26-April 24. There are 4 stages in the Process:

1. **Inquiry** – a time to explore where God is calling you, ask questions, experience and learn about the faith, including: God, Jesus, the role of community, prayer, scripture, Mary, the saints; also, a tour of St. Francis Xavier Church. September 26-November 5; meets primarily at St. John of the Cross.
2. **Catechumenate**– a time to dive deeper into key elements of Catholicism including: our approach to scripture, why we do what we do, signs & symbols, ritual, church history, what we believe, the 7 sacraments, and the mass. November 7-February 13; meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier.
3. **Enlightenment**– a time of reflection and prayer before receiving the sacraments. February 20-March 24; meets primarily at St. John of the Cross; Sacraments will take place at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 1 at 8:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier.
4. **Mystagogy**– a time to reflect on your experience, and what it means to live out your new life as part of the Body of Christ. April 10-24; meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier.

### Next Step:

Please contact Kate DeVries at [kdevries@sfxlg.org](mailto:kdevries@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 to make an appointment to discuss your desires and how the RCIA Process can support your journey of faith.

## 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).

## 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).

## Tax Advantaged Way To Support the Parish

Have you considered making a donation of appreciated common stock? Gifts of appreciated securities provide an immediate income tax deduction in the amount of the value of the stock and are not subject to capital gains tax.

*If it seems appropriate, please consider taking advantage of this for your Capital Campaign pledge payment.*

For more details, please call Jane Bandyk at the rectory office 708-352-0168.

*This article is not intended to provide legal or tax advice. Please consult your professional advisors before taking action.*

## Leave A Legacy

We are grateful for the generous support that you give to St. Francis through your weekly contributions. Have you considered providing for the continuation of that support by including the parish in your Will? Bequests given to the parish through Wills are for the sole use of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

To include the parish in your Will, the correct language is: "I give (a percentage or amount) to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago—A Corporation Sole, for the sole benefit of St. Francis Xavier Parish, LaGrange."

Thanks for giving consideration to leaving a legacy!

# interfaith community partners

## 15th Annual Fall Benefit Drive Me to the Moon II

Join us for an evening of music, friendship, and philanthropy on Friday, October 6 from 7:00-10:00 pm at Capri Banquets, 6240 Joliet Road in Countryside. Entertainment includes The Nick Pontarelli Band playing favorites from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Frankie Valli, and more! Please RSVP by September 29 to Interfaith Community Partners. If you would like to purchase tickets and to learn more about ICP, call 708-354-9328 or visit the website [www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org](http://www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org). Ticket price is \$60 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, silent auction, and paddle raise. Checks are payable to Interfaith Community Partners, 111 West Harris Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525. Cash bar for other cocktails. For more information or if you would like to donate, sponsor, or volunteer please call our office.

All proceeds benefit Interfaith Community Partners.

## From The Inside

Helping prisoners tell their stories  
by sharing their art



An art exhibit of works by men and women in prison  
Presented in cooperation with  
Crossroads Prison Ministries

**Sunday, September 24**

Representatives from Crossroads Ministries will be  
interviewed during all Sunday Worship Services  
(8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am)

Exhibit will be on display all morning  
with coffee and conversation.



Grace Lutheran Church  
200 N. Catherine Avenue  
LaGrange  
708-352-0730

# Getting to know our new Pastor: Interview with Fr Bill



The Junior High students of the parish were asked what they'd like to know about Fr Bill Tkachuk, our new pastor. They collectively came up with over 300 questions and Nicole Grimes, 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Aidan Sullivan, 8<sup>th</sup> grader, and Luke Whelton, 8<sup>th</sup> grader, sat down to ask him some questions.

*Aidan: Where did you grow up and what was your childhood like? Who is in your family? Did where you grow up and your family influence your faith?*

**Fr Bill:** I grew up in a great neighborhood on the Northwest side of the city. I am the oldest of four children and I had a very fun and loving childhood. We lived one block away from our church, St

Edward. My Dad served in the Navy and my Irish-Catholic Grandmother lived with us. My mom and Grandmother were both devout and prayerful women.

*Nicole: When did you know you wanted to become a priest? Were there signs that helped you make your decision? How did your family and friends react when you told them you were going into the seminary?*

**Fr Bill:** I knew I wanted to become a priest when I was in second grade. I went all the way through grade school knowing it was the only thing that made sense to me. I still went to dances, went on dates, but ultimately, I knew it was my path. I recall, at a young age, praying to the wooden carved statues next to the Mary Shrine at church. I had conversations with Jesus that led me to follow this path. It wasn't until years later, the night before my ordination, that my mom told me that she prayed to Mary at that same shrine that if her child were a boy and healthy, she would give him back to God to serve. My family and friends were very supportive of my decision to become a priest and they still are.

*Luke: What did you like to do in your spare time as a kid? Were you a good student? What were your favorite subjects?*

**Fr Bill:** We had a lot fun growing up. There were few worries and lots of free time to play in the neighborhood. We knew it was time to go home when the streetlights came on. We played softball, roamed the empty fields, went to the movies. I studied the violin, and was very active in Boy Scouts, which led to my love of camping. I enjoyed family picnics and trips to visit cousins.

I'd say I was a strong student. I didn't have to work as hard to get good grades. God gave me a gift. My favorite subjects were reading and history.

*Aidan: Where did you go to grade school and high school? What college did you go to and what did you major in?*

**Fr Bill:** I went to St Edward grade school, Quigley North High School, and Loyola University (Niles) where I majored in English Literature and Philosophy.

*Nicole: Have you always been a Cubs fan and why?*

**Fr Bill:** Yes! Growing up on the Northside, we lived close to Wrigley and my mom was a big Cubs Fan. In those days, the Cubs games were always televised so we watched every game. My Dad was a Sox fan and I loved going to the old Comiskey Park and watching the fireworks. The Sox are only rivals when they are playing the Cubs. The Cardinals on the other hand....

*Luke: What do you like to do in your free time?*

**Fr Bill:** I love to read and to go hiking by the lake or in the country. I also practice yoga, just not as often as I'd like to.

*Aidan: If you were not a priest, what would you want to do?*

**Fr Bill:** If I were not a priest, I would be a social worker or some type of counselor. Some years ago, in the mid-90's, I stepped away from the priesthood. I had a successful career for 6 years in managing support for software. It was during this time that I realized I always wanted to be a priest; it was my true calling and I happily returned to my vocation.

*Nicole: What is your favorite food? Least favorite food?*

**Fr Bill:** I love mom's meatloaf, swordfish, and eggplant parmesan. My sister still makes my favorite dessert—homemade chocolate cake with bananas and white frosting. My least favorite food is brussel sprouts.

*Luke: What is your favorite season?*

**Fr Bill:** I love fall: the change of colors, crisp air, no bugs. It's a nice time to go camping, be in the outdoors.

*Aidan: What kind of music do you like? Favorite band or performer?*

I love classical music, and any type of ethnic folk music: Irish, Italian, Polish, Mexican. I am a fan of Steely Dan, Liza Minelli, Bette Midler. But, I also think Beyonce is a pretty good performer.

*Nicole: How did you learn to speak Spanish and to use sign language? Do you like when others use sign language during Mass?*

I studied Latin and German in High School but knew I wanted to serve in a Spanish-speaking Parish so before I was ordained, I spent 2 summers living with a family in Mexico and studying at a Spanish language school. I was completely immersed in the language as the family spoke no English and the television shows were also only in Spanish.

In my previous parish, there was a deaf community and they requested the Mass to be in sign language. That is where I picked up how to sign parts of the Mass such as The Gloria refrain and Alleulia. Yes--I love when folks perform sign language along with me!

*Luke: Who, besides Jesus, is your role model?*

**Fr Bill:** Cardinal Bernardin. He assigned me my first pastor position and encouraged me to come back to the priesthood when I took time away. He was a humble and holy man who taught me a lot about being a pastor, a priest, and a man.

*Aidan: Do you have a favorite disciple?*

**Fr Bill:** I have two for different reasons. Peter—he wasn't afraid to make a mistake and learn from his mistakes. John—he was the youngest but he had the ability to stay close and listen to Jesus.

*Nicole: What can we do as kids to connect with God?*

**Fr Bill:** Of course, you can learn formal prayers, and how to pray at Mass, but I think that just talking to God through the day is important. Ask God when you need help, learn the stories of Jesus and what they tell us about how we should live. That is the way kids can connect to God.

*Luke: If you could describe your experience at SFX so far, in 3 words, what would they be?*

**Fr. Bill:** Three words to describe my experience at SFX so far? **Spirited, welcoming, engaged with community, and all ages.** That's more than 3, I know. I love seeing people of all ages at church—families with young children, teens, and seniors.

*Aidan: What else would you like the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier to know about you?*

**Fr Bill:** I would like the people of St. Francis to know that I am still learning and that it is a real gift to be here.





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Council 6483**  
Established May 1973

## Did You Know?

Knights of Columbus Established the \$2 million Pacem in Terris Fund for the benefit of the Church's pastoral mission to the Christian communities in the Holy Land.

Learn more about your local council at [sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483](https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483) or call or text 708-207-2780.

## The Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food For Families Fall Drive Needs Volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to put flyers about the food drive on the front door of local residents. Flyers and rubber bands are provided. A different team of volunteers will handle pick-up of the food donations. Flyers will be distributed October 7-15. Volunteers can choose their own day and time within that week to distribute flyers. Volunteers are asked to choose a street in their community to distribute flyers. One volunteer can do four blocks, both sides of the street, in about one hour. Two volunteers working together can do eight blocks in about one hour. More information about the food drive, food pantry, online option, and the Knights of Columbus can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483> and [www.myfooddrive.org/?LGKnights2017Fall](http://www.myfooddrive.org/?LGKnights2017Fall). To volunteer or for more information call, text or email 708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com). Mike Hattie. Thank you for your support!



Coat and Outerwear Drive V  
Drop-off Boxes at St. Francis Xavier Church  
Saturday, November 11 and  
Sunday, November 12  
(Church Entrances - all Masses)



The Knights of Columbus SFX Council 6483 is coordinating it's 5th Annual Coat Drive and will be collecting clean, pre-worn outerwear for those in need this winter.

There will be drop off boxes at church entrances to deposit outerwear before each mass on November 11 & 12. Clothing will be donated to Catholic Charities which distributes the coats, sweaters, hats and gloves to the needy, without charge. The Knights thank you for your generosity these past four years. Tax receipts will be provided. God bless you.

Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions at 708-380-3101 or go to <https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/about-the-knights> for more information.

Thank you for your support!

While September may be designated as *Hunger Action Month*, our SFX Food Pantry is grateful for all 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.
- DONATE** food and funds. See parish website for list of needed items.
- VOLUNTEER** at the Greater Chicago Food Depository ([www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org)) and designate our pantry (agency #A00419) so we receive labor credits (\$5/hour) for food purchases.
- Special thanks to our weekly corps of volunteers at the pantry.
- WALK** to raise awareness and funds. Please visit: [www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk).
- CROP Hunger Walk** on **October 15<sup>th</sup>** in LaGrange.
- SHARE** your fresh garden produce with our pantry. Special thanks to *Share the Harvest* partners for their ongoing garden donations.
- GIVE THANKS** to Trader Joes, Panera, Aracely's Bakery and Marianos for ongoing food donations.
- WATCH** the documentary *A Place at the Table* with your family.



Any questions, please contact Mary Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org).

## Food For Families Fall Drive 2017

- ◆ Saturday, October 21 9:00 am-Noon food pick-up.
- ◆ Please leave non-perishable food items on your porch by 9:00 am Saturday morning.
- ◆ Please check the expiration date on your donation. (Expired food cannot be distributed to families)
- ◆ Or donate online to the Greater Chicago Food Depository at:  
[www.myfooddrive.org](http://www.myfooddrive.org) LGKnights2017Fall

Nonperishable food items we need include:

Non-sugared cereal, rice, peanut butter, low sodium canned vegetable, pasta, potatoes, jelly, mac n' cheese, tomato sauce, low sugar canned fruits, soup and beans.

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry mission is twofold: (1) provide supplemental nutritious food assistance to those in need in a safe, respectful and prayerful environment, and (2) partner with our community to support the pantry through food drives and volunteer opportunities. We serve an average of 90 families (or approximately 275 individuals) each week. Each family receives non-perishable and perishable food as well as toilet paper. We also provide "specials" when available, including: coffee, tea, snacks, condiments, baking goods, personal hygiene products, baby items, laundry and dish detergent and paper towels. Our homeless clients receive a bag especially packed to meet their needs (read-to-eat, pop-top cans, paper plates, bowls, utensils, cold drinks, etc.) Leftover perishables are donated to the Constance Morris House, a home for abused women and children. We also share food with BEDS Plus, and overnight shelter organization. We have about 25 weekly volunteers who assist with food pick-ups and preparing and packing the food bags. We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our generous community!

Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 partners with local community groups to distribute flyers and collect food in the community and deliver it to local food pantries. Projects help local teens get community service hours and help the food pantry to provide nutritional assistance to local residents of the community. Aligning the needs of the local council, local community groups, the local food pantry and local residents benefits all of us when we work together. Experiencing the cooperation and generosity of the community and volunteers renews my faith in God and my neighbors, and our ability to make the world a better place.

Thank you for your Support!

Questions, Missed pick-up? Call, text, or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com) or visit [sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483](http://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483).



**Sunday, October 15**

**First Congregational Church of LaGrange  
(corner of Cossitt and LaGrange Road)**

12:30 pm~Registration;  
5K Walk (3.2 miles) begins at 1:15 pm

Suggested Donation: \$5/pp + a nonperishable food item for local pantries.

**Calling All QUEST Groups, Scouts, Teens,  
Individuals and Families!**

Please show your solidarity with people in underdeveloped nations who walk miles each day for access to food and clean water.

**CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)** provides a means to bring awareness to this daily challenge for so many people.

Questions? Contact Mary Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



## Family Outreach Ministry

On Saturday, September 16, thirteen SFX parishioners and friends visited First Congregational Church of LaGrange and helped prepare and serve lunch during the Saturday Meals Program.

The SFX Family Ministry Committee prepared spaghetti and meatballs, served food and cleaned dishes for approximately 45 guests. We had a great time & hope to return again!

## Seasons of Hope Grief Support

Monday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 pm)  
October 23, 30  
November 6, 13, 20, 27



St. John of the Cross Parish in Western Springs will host a 'Seasons of Hope' support group for anyone grieving the loss of a family member or loved one.

'Seasons of Hope' is a six-session support ministry designed to help participants navigate the grieving process. Weekly sessions present a faith-based topic and include discussion, prayer, personal reflection and Scripture. There is no obligation to share, however it is recommended that participants allow 3-6 months from time of loss before attending.

Seasons of Hope is facilitated by experienced, caring adults who are familiar with the grief process.

### To Registration Online:

[www.stjohnofthecross.org/grief-ministry](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/grief-ministry)

### To Register by Phone:

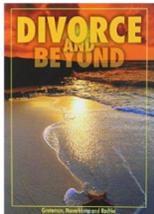
708-246-4404 ext. 137

**'Grief only exists where love lived first.'**  
Franchesca Cox

**Disclaimer:** 'Seasons of Hope' support groups are not intended to provide or replace professional counseling or individual therapy.

## Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 pm)  
October 26  
November 2, 9, 16, 30  
December 7, 14, 21



The Divorce and Beyond process provides emotional and spiritual support to those who have experienced divorce or those in the dissolution process. It is a faith-based, Catholic Christian support ministry that welcomes other faith traditions as well.

Each session highlights an aspect of the divorce-recovery process. Topics include: *Healing, managing emotions, blame, loneliness, and achieving growth and personal happiness.* Sessions are led by experienced Divorce and Beyond graduates committed to fostering the personal, emotional and spiritual growth of all participants.

### To Register Online:

[www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond)

**Cost:** \$10.00 fee (Participant Manual)

**Disclaimer:** 'Divorce and Beyond' support groups neither provide nor replace the possible need for professional counseling or individual therapy.



Rev. Monsignor Michael M. Boland  
*President of Catholic Charities*  
and members of the  
West Regional Advisory Board  
cordially invite you to the

**West Region Social**  
**Thursday, October 5, 2017**  
6:30-8:30 pm

Oak Park Country Club  
2001 N. Thatcher Avenue in River Grove

Learn more about the important work  
of Catholic Charities and the valuable role  
of the West Regional Advisory Board.

Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

For additional Information and to RSVP contact:

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*West Regional Director*  
708-329-4022

[ezpeda@catholiccharities.net](mailto:ezpeda@catholiccharities.net)

or

Scott Schram

*Catholic Charities Regional Advisory Board*  
*member and SFX Parishioner 708-606-2854*



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## Journey Toward Healing

Grief & Bereavement Support Groups

### Evening Grief Group

For any adult grieving loss of a loved one.  
6 consecutive weeks starting Monday:  
October 30th-December 4th  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Location to be determined

### Parental Loss Grief Group

For any adult grieving loss of a parent.  
6 consecutive weeks starting Monday:  
January 8-February 12  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Location to be determined

Advance registration is necessary to ensure small groups for sharing. Cost: There are no fees, but donations are accepted.

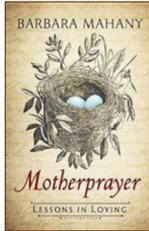
To register or if you have questions, contact our Bereavement Coordinator, Chaplain Dave Melzer at 773-570-6606 [damelzer@lumc.edu](mailto:damelzer@lumc.edu).

Loyola Medicine Hospice, 2301 West 22nd Street,  
Suite 107, Oak Brook, IL 60523, 630-861-5200.



***Motherprayer: Lessons in Loving***  
An evening with author Barbara Mahany  
Thursday, October 5 from 7:00-9:00 pm

Author Barbara Mahany will peel back the pages of her exploration into the depths of mothering — its heartache, its joys, its occasional triumphs and certainly, its sacred wisdoms. We promise good conversation and a reading or two, maybe a tear and plenty of laughter. Book signing included. Join us for this “Mom’s/Grandma’s night out.” Refreshments will be served.



Barbara Mahany is an author and freelance journalist in Chicago, who writes these days about stumbling on the sacred amid the cacophony of the modern-day domestic melee. She was a reporter and feature writer at the Chicago Tribune for nearly 30 years, and before that a pediatric oncology nurse at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Mahany’s first book, *Slowing Time: Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door*, has been called “a field guide into the depths of your holiest hours.” A sought after speaker, retreat leader, and writing teacher, she lives in the Chicago area with her husband, the Tribune’s Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic, Blair Kamin, and their two sons.

The program is free for St. Francis Xavier parishioners. Advance registration is requested, please call The Well office at 708-482-5048 or [thewell@csjoseph.org](mailto:thewell@csjoseph.org).

We look forward to welcoming you into our new space and our new program year. We have some exciting new programs coming up – among them:

**Practicing Peace:** an hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets twice a month; next session is Monday, September 25, 11:00 am-Noon.

**Forest Therapy Walk:** This three-hour sensory-focused guided excursion in the forested area behind the Well will offer encounters with other-than-human nature. Thursday, October 12, 9:00 am-Noon.

**Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith:** Based on a DVD series featuring Christian evolutionary theologians, this group meets once a month for guided discussion, ritual, and other opportunities to integrate this transformative material into our spiritual lives. First session is Tuesday, September 26, 9:30 am-Noon.

**The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World:** Explore JOY! every week for 8 weeks through discussion and conversation, as our book group considers the delightful spiritual exchange between the Dali Lama and Desmond Tutu. One group meets at The Well on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 pm starting September 28; the other group meets Fridays from 9:00 -11:00 am in River Forest starting on September 29.

**Motherprayer: Lessons in Loving:** A “Mom’s/Grandma’s night out” with celebrated author and journalist Barbara Mahany. We promise good conversation and a reading or two, maybe a tear, plenty of laughter, and refreshments. Co-sponsored with St. Francis Xavier parish. Thursday, October 5, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Please see our website [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) to register and for further details on these and many other wonderful programs. Or call us at 708-482-5048.

## Archbishop’s Mass in Cathedral to Focus on Domestic Violence

Archbishop Blase J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, September 30 at 5:15 pm in Holy Name Cathedral. Everyone is invited. He will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families. A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

For more information, contact Jan Burdulis at 773-841-3956 or [jmburdulis@gmail.com](mailto:jmburdulis@gmail.com).



## Prayers to End Domestic Violence

The Domestic Violence ministries of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes invite you to join in an ecumenical prayer service for victims and families who have been impacted by domestic abuse. Prayer and song will be highlighted by a survivor’s own story on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm in St. Francis Xavier Church. All are welcome.



Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel

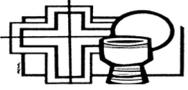


## Please Pray For...all those serving in the military including:

- **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
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **U.S. Navy James Lynch & Christopher Cugier, Air Force**—cousin and nephew of Sr. Helen Sullivan
- **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
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **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
- **SPC Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschakovsky Family
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Ensign Julia McKenna, U.S. Navy**—friend of John Rogers
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio

**Please inform us of others serving in the military...and let us know when  
friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas.**

**Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—September 30-October 1, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	M. Perkovich E. Kudia L. MacKenzie	M. Becker C. Cooke J. Denson S. Devitt J. Kelly Fr. Kudia C. Witt L. Young Not Filled	D. Newcomb C. McLaughlin A. Fix	K. Kelly	S. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	T. Nichol J. Van Gorp M. Kalkowski	L. Allabastro D. Chandler R. Nutt K. Stetz D. Walsh	P. Shanley C. Stetz P. Adams	J. Pfluger	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Spearman K. Hull J. O'Connor	V. Bracht D. Carlson J. Cogelja A. Gargano M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich D. Nighswander P. O'Malley	W. Carroll C. Carroll C. Kachmarik	S. VanOrdstrand Gallery Choir	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Ilo	J. Eraci M. Atseff E. Witowski	A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings L. Egan C. Gatsos A. Krol O. Lastres G. Rutkowski K. Witowski	J. Reven A. Dillon L. Nowak	T. Pangan Celebration Ensemble	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Dillon C. Pietrzak D. Lewis	L. Donegan B. Edelmann K. Johnson N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley	D. Walsh R. Garcia A. Justak	K. DeVries	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

### Readings For The Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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is LORD

## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
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Weekend Sacramental Ministers

*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
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*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
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Day School Secretary (East Campus)  
Coordinator (East Campus)  
Advancement Director  
Tuition Accounts  
Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep  
Religious Education Office Staff  
Religious Education Office Staff

*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
*Mrs. Peggy Evans*  
*Mrs. Kathie Kinahan*  
*Mrs. Margaret Houston*  
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Main Religious Education e-Mail.....sfxreligious@sfxlg.org  
Parish Web Site .....www.sfxlg.org

### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-8:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:00 am-2:00 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 9:00 am on the  
Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on  
a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous  
Thursday. All articles must be emailed 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.