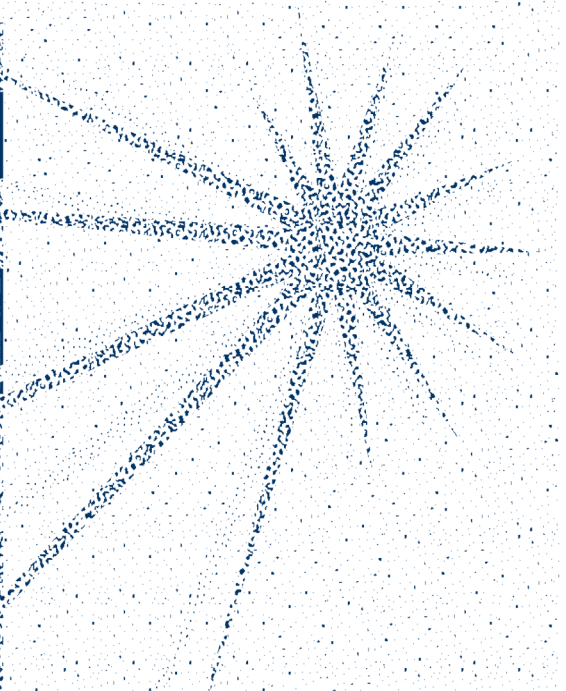
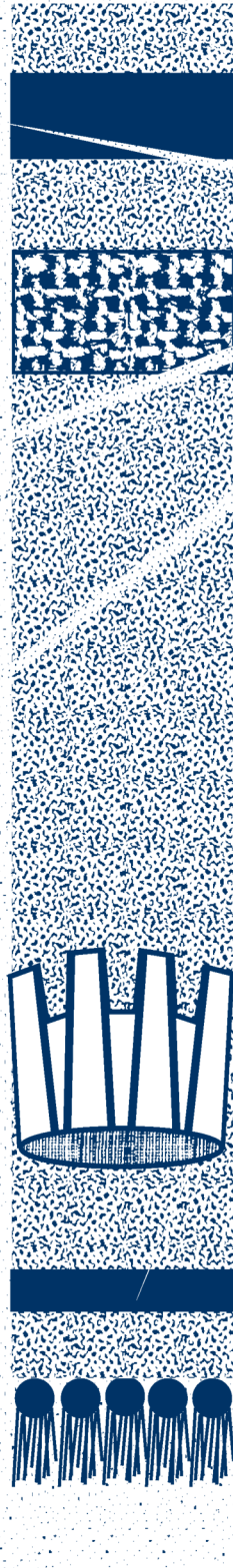
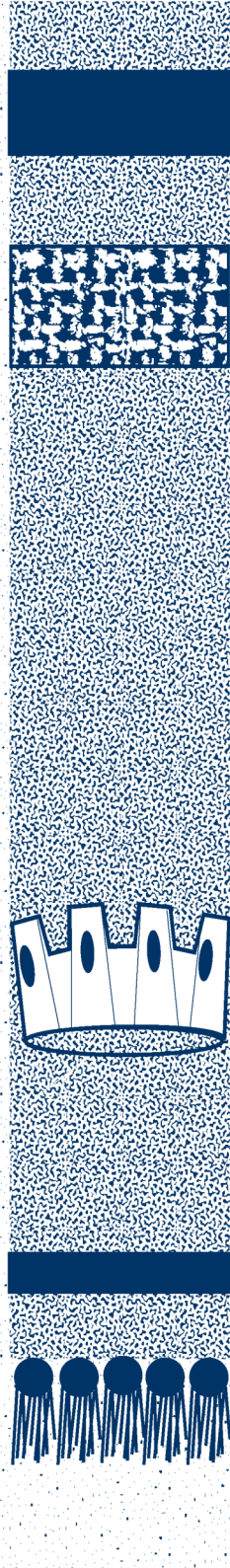


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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018



*We have seen
his star
at its rising
and have come
to do him
homage*

Mass Intentions For The Week

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| Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord | 7:45 am | Ruth & Anthony Bell Rosemary Sherman | The Braasch Family Dave & Kathy Armstrong |
| | 9:00 am | Peter Lucas | Rosemary Lucas |
| Tuesday, January 9 | 7:45 am | Nancy Ryan | The McManaman Family |
| | 9:00 am | Richard Hofstetter Kelly Tarzian | The Hofstetter Family The Westerhoff Family |
| Wednesday, January 10 | 7:45 am | Special Intention Albina Samko | The Samko & Hanks Families |
| | 9:00 am | John & Dorothy McGoldrick | Mary Charleza |
| Thursday, January 11 | 7:45 am | Word & Communion Service | |
| | 9:00 am | Philip Faccenda Douglas Peterson | The Metzger Family The McCarthy & Edwards Families |
| Friday, January 12 | 7:45 am | Beverly Kruggel Robert & Mary Westrick | Bob & Jennifer Driscoll Jeff & Shirley Augustyn |
| | 9:00 am | Word & Communion Service | |
| Saturday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | 9:00 am | Don Cushing Bill Riordan | The McManaman Family John & Marilyn Lux |
| | 9:30 am | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | 4:15 pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |

Please Pray For...

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Vince Anzalone | Virginia Kottaridis |
| Tony Banda | Molly Anne McKenna |
| Keeley Barr | Emmett Miller |
| George Braasch | Mike Morrison |
| Larry Byrne | Fr. Jim O'Connor |
| Carol Domecki | Arnie Oppenheim |
| Blake Donegan | Jane O'Reilly |
| Fr. Dave Dowdle | Ryan Patyk |
| Pat Eaton | Donna Pekarek |
| Bill Elliott | Carissa Pessetti |
| Lily Fielding | James Pridmore |
| Baby Collins Fitzpatrick | Baby Madison Raupp |
| Lilli Gregory | Anna Rose |
| Wilson Gregory | Marilyn Rutkowski |
| Frank Grippo | Matthew Schiek |
| Patricia Hassler | Greyson Edward Stanley |
| Linda Hillsman | Kate Frugoli Sullivan |
| Diane Hughes | Jerry Tazic |
| Rose Ilo | Marty Thuerk |
| Jane Jacobson | Anne Titzer |
| Mike Kelly | Michael Ungari |
| Benny Kilman | Amanda Valerugo |
| Jerry Kolman | 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:

Therese Zwit
Mother of Jim

Richard Chaput, Sr.
Husband of Christine and
Father of Richard, Jr., Nicole and Danielle

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY RECTORY RECEPTIONIST

A part-time receptionist position is available to adults at the rectory.

Hours would be 4:15-8:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If interested in this position, please call Missy Westerhoff at the rectory office 708-352-0168.

Pastor's Notes

"It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Ephesians 3:5-6

Today is the twelfth and final day of our Christmas celebration. Thank you to all of the men, women, and children who offered their time and talent to bring beauty to our Christmas celebrations: through the music; environment; proclamation of scripture; bringing the Eucharist to those at Mass and in homes and facilities throughout the parish; preparing children for the special Masses at Christmas Eve; and providing the staff coordination and office and maintenance support behind the scenes. Thank you to all of the individuals and families who lived out the Christmas miracle of love and light through purchasing gifts for families served by our sharing parish in Chicago; providing food to area families; sharing winter clothing; and many other acts of kindness and generosity. The star shone brightly over our community through your living faith.

The U.S. bishops have asked us to take the opportunity on the Feast of the Epiphany of Jesus to the world to call to mind and heart the refugees and immigrants of our world. Luke tells us that the Holy Family found themselves homeless, in a cave on the outskirts of Bethlehem, on the night Jesus was born. Matthew tells us that the Holy Family lived much of their early life as refugees in Egypt, fleeing from the persecution of King Herod. Between these two experiences, the family was visited by foreigners, magi of other beliefs who traveled far to honor the Child Jesus with precious gifts. We are challenged to see Jesus in each person who is homeless, a refugee or immigrant, or foreign to us in their culture or beliefs. The visit of the magi proclaims that the birth of Christ is a gift to all peoples of the earth, calling us to see our deeper unity among our rich diversity of culture, race, religious belief, or personal perspectives. We are challenged to welcome the visitor who may bring to us a treasure we otherwise would never receive.

The issue of immigration and the undocumented immigrant remains a challenge for us as a nation. Too often in recent decades, partisan voices on all sides of the issue have caused us to lose sight of the individuals, our sisters and brothers, caught in the complications of a system that for some time has needed a comprehensive reform that offers justice for all. One of the groups caught in this struggle includes those brought here as children who know no other homeland but ours, but who risk being sent to a country and culture that is foreign to them. In a few weeks, we will hear the stories of some of these young men and women. Whatever our politics, they

challenge us to see as our sister and brother the individuals who too often become faceless pawns in a political struggle. They call us to compassion as we consider the best path to resolving their status among us. Merry "Little Christmas". May the Light of the Christ Child continue to shine in and through us in the year before us.

Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflections

Reflection on the Epiphany

Liturgy Team #2

**Cathy Krepps, Bernadette McMahon, Renee Nutt,
Diane Redmond, and Joan Stopka**

What is an epiphany? The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language defines it as "a revelatory manifestation of a divine being". It also mentions that it can be a spiritual event in which the essence of a given object of manifestation appears to the subject, as in a sudden flash of recognition. In other words, it is an "aha" moment. What epiphanies have you experienced in your life? When have you suddenly seen a connection and then understood something that maybe previously was puzzling? The Magi saw and were called to a star, brilliant, radiant and perfect in the night sky. They knew it was something special. They brought gifts and paid homage to a child that they realized was the manifestation of a divine being. In a dream they were warned not to tell Herod about what they had witnessed. They had experienced something exceptional. Epiphany is the story of seeking and finding God.

Our team also sensed a strong presence of universality and inclusiveness in the readings. The Magi were not Jews, they were Gentiles. Yet they worshiped and prostrated themselves before the Holy Family. God does not belong to one nation. Today's celebration calls us to a new vision beyond walls and borders. We cannot limit God's mercy. It knows no bounds and includes all.

We are moving out of the Christmas season to ordinary time. We are in a new year with new promises, new challenges and new disappointments. We count on Jesus to be our light and to keep us safe. What stars will you follow this year?

Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, January 12
7:30 pm
at
St. Francis Xavier*



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind of inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.

Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from *Equal Exchange Fairly Traded*. There is a lot behind this coffee. “We work closely with our farmer partners, year after year, to better understand each other’s needs. The result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee.”

Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

Fair Trade builds right relationships between buyers and sellers that are rooted in the principles of human dignity and solidarity.

Fair Trade:

- Respects human dignity
- Promotes the common good
- Advances economic justice
- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- Cultivates global solidarity

The Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program creates opportunities for us to bring these core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Effort is made to see that these coffee farmers are given a fair wage!!!

It’s Flu and Cold Season!

As a reminder during cold and flu season, please remember to protect your health and that of others. Proper steps would include:

- * If you have a serious cold or the flu, please stay home on Sunday. You are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass if you are sick.
- * Be aware that others might not want to shake hands during the Sign of Peace. They might be protecting YOU. Please don’t attempt to force others to shake hands against their will.
- * If you are not feeling up to par, but you are not sick enough to stay home or, if you are coughing or sneezing, please don’t receive Communion from the cup and do not hold hands during the Our Father; do not shake hands or hug other people at the Sign of Peace – a smile and nod of the head with the words, “The Peace of the Lord be with you” will suffice; do not drink from the chalice of the Precious Blood; receive the Host in your hand, not on your tongue. Although there is no evidence that germs are transmitted in this way your fellow communicants might be reluctant to receive.

Show concern for your brothers and sisters in the community, especially the elderly and chronically ill, and follow these simple guidelines to ensure a healthier winter for us all!

What’s Your *Favorite Memory* of St. Francis Xavier?

Another question to consider: **People often say that St. Francis Xavier is a special place. Why do you think people feel this way?**

The SFX Staff, EnlightIN Team, our 125th Anniversary Planners and interested Volunteers are working on our *125th Anniversary Book*, and we invite your input. People of all ages are invited to write a favorite memory or answer the question above, and return it to sfxinlg@sfxlg.org or the rectory. Please include:

- Your memory or thoughts — a sentence, a paragraph, or a page (200 word max)
- Info about You: name, phone number, email address, age (if child), and how long you have been a parishioner
- A photo of yourself or an image related to your memory (optional)

Please return your memory or thoughts to sfxinlg@sfxlg.org or the rectory by **Jan. 15, 2018**.

Memories and thoughts selected by our editors will be highlighted in the 125th Anniversary Book, as well as in the parish bulletin and on the website. Contact Missy Westerhoff for further information: 708-352-0168 or sfxinlg@sfxlg.org.

Christmas 2017 Collections

Your Parish Finances

Collection Year-to-date: \$142,420

Christmas Budget: \$158,000

Welcome 2018! Christmas contributions continue to come in – we have collected about 90% of our projected Christmas budget. Your contributions supported the liturgical and music ministries that made the Advent and Christmas Masses so special!

We will report overall collections next week in order to give parishioners time due to vacations. Peace to all in 2018!



St. Francis Xavier Church will be hosting a Confirmation program for any Adult Catholics who have received Holy Communion, but for whatever reason, did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, April 9, in Unity Hall. Sessions will go from 7:30–9:00 pm, with the exception of March 19, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, attend the Parish Reconciliation Service, and continue until 9:00 pm. Please also plan to be with us Friday, April 20, 7:00-8:30 pm in Church with your sponsor (if possible) for rehearsal. The celebration of Confirmation will take place in St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 10:00 am.

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



Please help us keep our records current! We are asking for any changes.
Also, if you could please update phone numbers and emails and specify
as to who the information is for we would really appreciate it.
This will hope to keep our data base current. Thank you!

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number Home _____

Mr. Cell _____ Mrs. Cell _____

E-mail Address Family _____

Mr. _____

Mrs. _____

Baptisms



We celebrate and welcome the newest members of our faith family, who were baptized:

Jackson Terence Alexa

Son of Austen & Nicole (Milan) Alexa

Lauren Vada Grant

Daughter of Michael & Sara (Farnsworth) Grant

Reagan Elizabeth Krug

Daughter of William & Amanda (Yerkes) Krug

Margaret Fischer Schultz

Daughter of Peter & Lauren (Fischer) Schultz

Brendan Martin Sloan

Son of Martin & Elizabeth (Berger) Sloan

Charles Oremus Hanson

Son of Jordan & Marie (Lorenzi) Hanson

Olivia Anne Gamboa

Daughter of Francisco & Kerry (O'Connor) Gamboa

Anthony Joseph Avram

Son of Joseph & Margaret (Wilson) Avram

William James Maguire

Son of Brian & Megan (Yeats) Maguire

Joachim Nhyira Dumfeh

Son of Jude & Evelyn (Atuahene) Dumfeh

Isabella Frema Dumfeh

Daughter of Jude & Evelyn (Atuahene) Dumfeh

Charlie Thaddeus Bender

Son of Kyle & Jessica (Sulkowski) Bender

Claire Virginia Bender

Daughter of Kyle & Jessica (Sulkowski) Bender

Maxwell Peter Dubas

Son of Dustin & Jamie (Lyons) Dubas

Cameron Hope Lyons

Daughter of Christopher & Sarah (Borghini) Lyons

Thomas Ash Myers

Son of Mike & Jennifer (Krol) Myers

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during December:

Paul & Tammy Colella

Trisha Brannigan

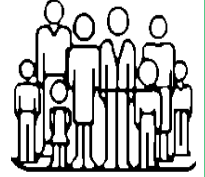
Michael & Jennifer Miller

Ryan & Kara Shanley

Ryan & Laura Sherwood

Jordan & Joan Kraft

Victor & Mary Beth Copeland



Are You Registered As Parishioners? Do We Have A Record of Your Children?

We invite all to register as parishioners. If you are not receiving periodic mailings from the parish, you are not in our database. A registration form can be picked up at the back of the Church or printed out from our website, www.sfx-lg.org.

To help with our planning, we also ask that you let us know about your children, so that they can also be included in the database. Sometimes children are baptized elsewhere or families move into the parish after their children have been baptized. Consequently, we don't know about them until it is time to register for the Day School or for Religious Education. Again, the registration form available at the back of the Church or on the website can be used for this purpose.

Thank you for helping us keep our information as up-to-date as possible!

Accept our gifts also, Lord



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Lost and Found

The Lost and Found cabinet located outside the church restroom is emptied each month. Please check it if you think that you have left something in church. In the upcoming week, items in lost and found will be brought to the Community Nurses' Resale Shop.

Commission/Parish Leader Meeting



Monday, February 12, 7:30—9:00 PM
Unity Hall

On **Monday, February 12th, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM**, the Parish Pastoral Council and Parishioners from all ministries (Spirituality/Worship, Parish Life, Human Concerns and Education & Formation) will gather for the second time under the revised Commission model. **Parish Leaders**, **Ministers**, **Volunteers** & **All Interested Parishioners** are welcome. Our agenda includes:

- ◆ Opening prayer and review of last meeting
- ◆ Presentation: **“Practical Strategies for Welcoming Others into Various Aspects of Parish Life”** by Katie Price from the Stewardship and Development Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- ◆ Breakout discussions within the 4 Commissions (based on ministry and/or interest)
- ◆ Report back with a short synopsis of commission discussions

Please R.S.V.P. to the Rectory so we can plan accordingly.

For details contact Curt Aronson curt.aronson@us.lisega.com or 708-588-0668.



little falcon fun

St. Francis Xavier

who

Two & Fall Three year olds! (turns 3 after 9/1)

A parent or an adult caregiver must be present.
Open to SFX school families, parishioners, and community members

what

Lil Falcon Fun:

Play, sing, meet new friends!
A casual, play-based program that would provide an opportunity to meet, socialize, and play together. Each class will include fun with literacy, music and movement. Younger siblings are welcome!

when

Monday mornings from

9:00 am - 9:45 am

Twice A Month
January 8 & 22
February 12 & 26
March 12 & 26
April 9 & 23
May 7 & 21

where

St. Francis Xavier School - East Campus
21 N. Catherine, LaGrange
Room 22 (first floor)

why

Provide families an opportunity to engage and develop a sense of community.

how

Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yd5p8qn3>

Session fee is \$50 / due at the first class.
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX)

Preschool

We here at St. Francis Xavier School are very excited to announce the expansion of our Preschool Program beginning 2018-2019! Preschool 3 will offer half day classes with three and five day attendance options, and Pre K 4 will run Monday through Friday with half day and full day options.

Our Preschool program combines cognitive and play-based philosophies. We believe purposeful play with experiential learning fully engages the child and develops a true love of learning. In addition, SFX focuses on actively living one's faith and providing an example of character to others in daily life. Our goal is to guide children in their journey to realizing their own personal gifts and learning to value the contribution of others.

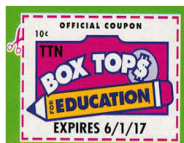
Enrollment will begin mid-November! Please contact our Advancement Director Jennifer Courier at jcourier@sfxlg.org for more information or to be placed on the distribution list for applications.

New Tax Credit Scholarship Program

You may have heard by now about the new tax credit scholarship program created through the Invest in Kids Act. This Christmas, you can give the gift of a Catholic education to children from low-income families while also receiving a tax credit yourself. This program is different from regular charitable giving to St. Francis Xavier or another charity.

Visit archchicago.org/tcs to learn why and to access a step-by-step guide to the program.

Box Tops For Education Collection



Please help in earning cash for our school. We would like your help in collecting Box Tops For Education. There is a drop box located at the back of church in the vestibule. Please place Box Tops that you have collected inside.

Thank you for your help!

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.

2018 Welcome Wednesday dates:
January 17, 2018 & May 16, 2018

Welcome Wednesday kicks off at 8:30 am at our East Campus with an informal presentation from our principal and an early education teacher, and ends with a school tour.

Our East Campus (Pre-school 3 – Kindergarten) at
21 North Catherine Avenue, LaGrange
morning begins at 8:30 am

Families interested in enrolling a child in grades 1-7,
please call the school to arrange for a private tour
at your convenience.

To make reservations, schedule a private tour,
or request a shadow day for your child,
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 to be placed
on distribution list for the application paperwork.

SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:

www.youthministry.sfxlg.org



Juniors and Seniors

Want to know how to stay connected to your Catholic Faith during college? St. John of the Cross is hosting a pizza dinner and conversation with Mychal & Tina Augustine, FOCUS missionary leaders, on Sunday January 7 at 6pm in the SJC Parish. They will provide hands on tools and ways to support teens preparing to head off to college. Parents are welcome to join, too!

Church League

Looking to watch a Church League basketball game and support the young men of St. Francis Xavier? Here is the schedule for the January 6 & 7 games (THIS WEEKEND)

| Saturday, January 6 | | |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Which SFX Team | Time | Location |
| Juniors | 4pm | St. Louise |
| Juniors | 6pm | St. Louise |
| Freshmen | 6:30pm | St. Francis Xavier |
| Seniors | 7pm | Park District of LG |
| Seniors v Seniors! | 7:30pm | St. Francis Xavier |
| Juniors | 7:45pm | WS Recreation |
| Seniors | 8pm | St. Louise |
| Sophomores | 8pm | St. Isaac Jogues |
| Sophomores | 8:30pm | St. Francis Xavier |
| Sunday, January 7 | | |
| Freshmen | 5pm | St. Mary's |

God's Garage Open Hours

God's Garage will be open weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7-8 pm. I (Olivia) will be there during these times with snacks if anyone would like to stop by and say hi, use the space to hang out with friends, do homework, etc. I have set this time up as an opportunity to get to know the teens and parents of St. Francis. Don't be afraid to stop by!

Summer Service Trip

Announcing...the 2018 Service Trip! We will be going to Detroit, MI through Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) June 24-30. The cost of the trip is \$525 and covers meals, transportation, lodging, and supplies for the week. For more information or to sign up, stop by the rectory, visit the Youth Ministry section of the Parish website www.sfxlg.org or contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x338.

~ *Olivia Hollman*

Religious Education

Important Dates & Class Dates

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Sunday, January 7 | At Home Lesson |
| Wednesday, January 10 | At Home Lesson |
| Sunday, January 14 | Class |
| Wednesday, January 17 | Class |
| Sunday, January 21 | Class |
| Wednesday, January 24 | Class |

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Word of the Lord has a message for children as well as adults. Children's Liturgy of the Word offers the children an experience to hear the scripture in words that they can understand. Here at St. Francis we are fortunate and proud to have adult volunteers and Presiders of Liturgy who journey with our children so that they can experience the Word of the Lord with a message that is relevant and fitting for them.

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm. Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades Kindergarten—Fourth to experience hearing and reflecting on the Word of the Lord in a way that is an empowering experience. Children in these grades are invited to follow their Reflectors of the Word to a prayer space away from the gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate to a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing.

Here is the **tentative** schedule:

- January 6—Cherub;
- February 3—Combined Choirs;
- February 24—Choristers;
- March 3—Cherub and
- March 24—Choristers

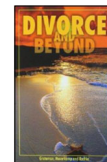
Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflectors in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear The Word of The Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change):

January 13, 20 & 27; February 10 & 17;
March 10 & 17; and April 7, 14, 21 & 28

You can call 708-352-0168
and direct your questions to:
Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator
Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music

Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursday Evenings (7:00-8:30 pm)
January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8



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 committee to fostering the personal, emotional and spiritual growth of all participants.

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.

A Support Ministry for the Bereaved

Seasons of Hope meets for six consecutive weeks, three times per year. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

Monday Evenings: January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26 (7:00-8:30 pm)



Seasons of Hope Prayer

Our Father, in this season of sorrow, we turn to you. Weakened with sadness, we shed tears beyond number. May those you send to help us bring your love and consolation. In this season of sorrow, we lift up our broken hearts to you. Heal us with your tender mercy and make this a season of hope. Trusting in your infinite kindness, we ask this of you with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

Saturdays: January 13, 20 and February 3 (9:00 am-Noon)



Get practical tools and insights to make your marriage thrive!

The 7 Principles Retreat is a positive, must have experience for married couples based on 40+ years of groundbreaking relationship research.

Dr. John Gottman has revolutionized the study of marriage. After four decades of research on all facets of relationships, the Gottman Institute has developed an approach that not only supports and repairs troubled marriages, but strengthens happy ones.

Couples will learn and practice proven tools to:

- * Make conflict work for your relationship
- * Deepen intimacy and build trust
- * Identify solvable vs. perpetual issues
- * Strengthen the foundation of your friendship

Give your Marriage a Gift that will Last

For more information or to register on-line for these programs, please go to:
St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL 60558
<http://www.stjohnofthecross.org> or 708-246-4404



Transformational Breath

Experience what it feels like to open restricted breathing and release negativity, bringing your whole being to a state of relaxation, through the power of your own breath. Monday, January 8 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Cost: \$25 Please register and pay in advance, as spaces are limited.

Practicing Peace

Jackie Schmitz, CSJ facilitates this calming hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets Mondays twice a month; next sessions are Jan. 8 and 22, from 11AM-noon. Cost: \$10.

Restoring Balance

If the hectic speed and endless preparations of the holiday season have left you drained, come join us for a morning of meditation, ritual, restorative yoga and the warmth of female camaraderie. Wear comfortable clothing and feel free to bring your own yoga mat and blanket. Thursday, January 11 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Cost: \$30.

ZOOM Into 21st Century Spirituality with John Surette, SJ

John Surette, The Well's beloved friend, remains in Massachusetts. But thanks to 21st century technology, we will "meet" with him to entertain a discussion around a question of John's choice. Participate from your home in this videoconference call with your computer, or better yet, join us at The Well and gather with a group around a large screen. Monday, January 15 from 1:00-2:00 pm, also same time Monday February 19, and March 19. Cost: \$10/session.

In a Circle of Women

Gather in a circle as women have done for centuries, to share your spiritual journey, deepest desires and questions with other women. Facilitated by Kathy Conway, BVM. Meets every other Wednesday for 9 sessions, beginning Jan. 17, 9:30AM – noon. Advance registration required. Cost \$135.

SAVE THE DATE

The Well Coffeehouse – Fun-raiser

On Friday, February 2 from 7:00-10:00 pm be prepared to be entertained with live performances ranging from comedy to poetry to piano and song, jazz to pop, amateur to professional. Bring your own food and drinks. Sweets available for purchase. Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. To register: 708-482-5048 or thewell@csjoseph.org; www.csjthewell.org.

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.

St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study St. Paul Letters from Prison Colossians, Ephesians Thursdays beginning January 11 9:45 - 11:15 a.m.

How is it that Paul's most joyful letters are written while he was incarcerated?

Come and see. Ten sessions.

Please register with
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ
708-363-6728 or mrace@csjoseph.org

A Call To Ministry

A new year with new challenges! What about that nagging feeling deep in your hearts? Is God calling you to be more fully a part of the ministries here at SFX? Have you thought that maybe you'd like to minister to those assembled as an extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? As a Eucharistic Minister, you would be a sign and carrier of Eucharistic joy. Please consider His call to serve our parish in this way.

At SFX we are in need of ministers especially at the 10:30 am and Noon Masses. To discuss the possibility of becoming a member of this ministry please contact either David at d2rsherman@aol.com or George at Grutkowski@aol.com.

Are you Thriving or Just Surviving?

Welcome. ^{CRHP 2.0}

There is More to Life
Experience the weekend

Registration Form

The Welcome (Christ Renews His Parish/CRHP 2.0) women's retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and share experiences on a journey to renew your relationship with the Lord and build a bond with other women of the parish. All women are welcome on this spiritual journey.

Women's Weekend, January 20th - 21st, 2018

Carmelite Spirituality Center
8433 Bailey Rd., Darien, Illinois

Please arrive between 8:00 am – 8:30 am on the 20th

We conclude @ 3:00 pm on the 21st

Questions: Please contact Tammy Walczyk @ (708)354-7312

Scholarships Available Please Contact Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Please drop off registration form with payment (payable to St. Francis Xavier Parish)
to the Rectory attention Missy Westerhoff by January 10, 2018

Women's Weekend January 20-21, 2018

_____ Single Occupancy \$135
_____ Double Occupancy \$115 Room with. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail : _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Please list 2 people we may contact to ask to pray for you while on retreat. (Optional)

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

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Interfaith Career Network

Transferable Skills!

Join us on Thursday, January 18 from 7:00-9:00 pm for this highly engaging and focused skill building session specifically designed to help you identify the transferable skills that can help create more opportunity in your job search. Transferable skills are your key to making the match, widening your search and expanding your "qualifications" for a new industry, field or role that "fits". Are you stuck on a "one track" job search with limited opportunities? Are your past experiences defining your future opportunities? Are you not exactly qualified but you know you can do the job? Come get the information and inspiration you need to expand your thinking and take your search to the next level. Our speaker is Jody Eriksen, a Certified Professional Career Coach providing customized support and training for individuals who want to expand their vision, take action and achieve results in their careers. She will empower and inspire you to reach for the next level of success. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome.

Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month.

For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

Trivia Night

Hosted by LTHS Booster Club and PTC
February 3, 2018
Doors open at 6 pm, Questions at 7:00 pm
Via Bella 5412 South LaGrange Road
in Countryside

Please register teams by January 21st

- * Teams of eight (8) persons maximum
- * Register a Team for \$200 (That comes to \$25 per person)
- * Individual tickets \$30
- * Best Theme table prize
- * Bring your own food and drink OR order with Via Bella in advance
- * Split the pot raffles
- * Buy an Answer



Buy tickets online at: ltboosters.com/shop-support/
Support your local LIONS
Sponsored by LTHS Boosters & PTC

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Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry



National Migration Week: "Many Journeys, One Family" January 7-14, 2018

"I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone...I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families."
-Pope Francis

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the US has celebrated National Migration Week to reflect on the circumstances confronting immigrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking. Today, more than 65 million people are forcibly displaced around the world, and more than 22 million are refugees. The US is the cornerstone of the international humanitarian system. We must maintain our leadership and protect life-saving U.S. humanitarian assistance.

ACTION: Respond to the call and urge your legislators to protect poverty-reducing international assistance and include passage of the Dream Act (H.R. 3440/S. 1615). Visit the USCCB website: www.JusticeforImmigrants.org.

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org.

And you Bethlehem of Judah,
are by no means least
among the princes
since from you shall come forth
a ruler to shepherd Israel

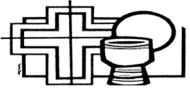
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Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Staff 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
- **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
- **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

**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.**

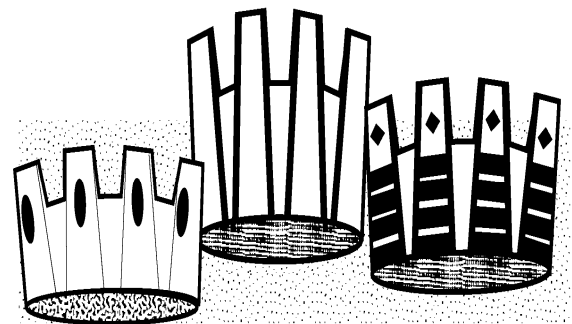


Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—January 13-14, 2018

| Mass Time | Presider | Lectors/ Commentators | Ministers of Communion | Altar Servers | Cantors | Greeters |
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| 5:00 PM | Fr. Tkachuk | M. Kanzer L. Young G. Weismantel | K. Corrigan J. Denson K. Kanzer J. Kelly M. Milligan D. Mulvenna K. Preussner A. Saladino P. Saladino | P. Shanley R. Garcia A. Holmes | TBA | R. MacEntee |
| 7:30 AM | Fr. Tkachuk | M. Kalkowski G. Schuler M. Carroll | D. Challender M. Hermesdorf K. Stetz D. Walsh M. Westerhoff | D. Newcomb C. Stetz L. Nowak | TBA | J. Morsch T. Morsch |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Tkachuk | J. Schaffer C. Michel L. Nichol | M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson J. Cogelja A. Gargano J. Prendergast D. Sherman J. VanGorp L. Weyrauch | J. Reven C. Kachmarik A. Fix | TBA | G. Nalumansi |
| 10:30 AM | Fr. Tkachuk | M. Atseff T. Walsh K. Justak | B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník K. Parisi G. Rutkowski K. Witowski | A. Sullivan N. Havenaar C. McLaughlin | TBA | P. Sbertoli |
| 12:00 PM | Fr. Ilo | K. Pietrzak B. Hemminger J. Jagodzinski | L. Donegan B. Edelmann A. Gatsos C. Gatsos K. Johnson | H. Lisek A. Dillon B. Griffin | TBA | D. Foss |
| 6:00 PM | Fr. Ilo | Quest Teen | Quest Teens | | Spirit Choir | |

Readings For The Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4. 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Weekend Sacramental Ministers
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Religious Education Office Staff
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Mrs. Janice Carr
Mrs. Mary Hoffman
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Coordinator

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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 Wednesday7:45 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.