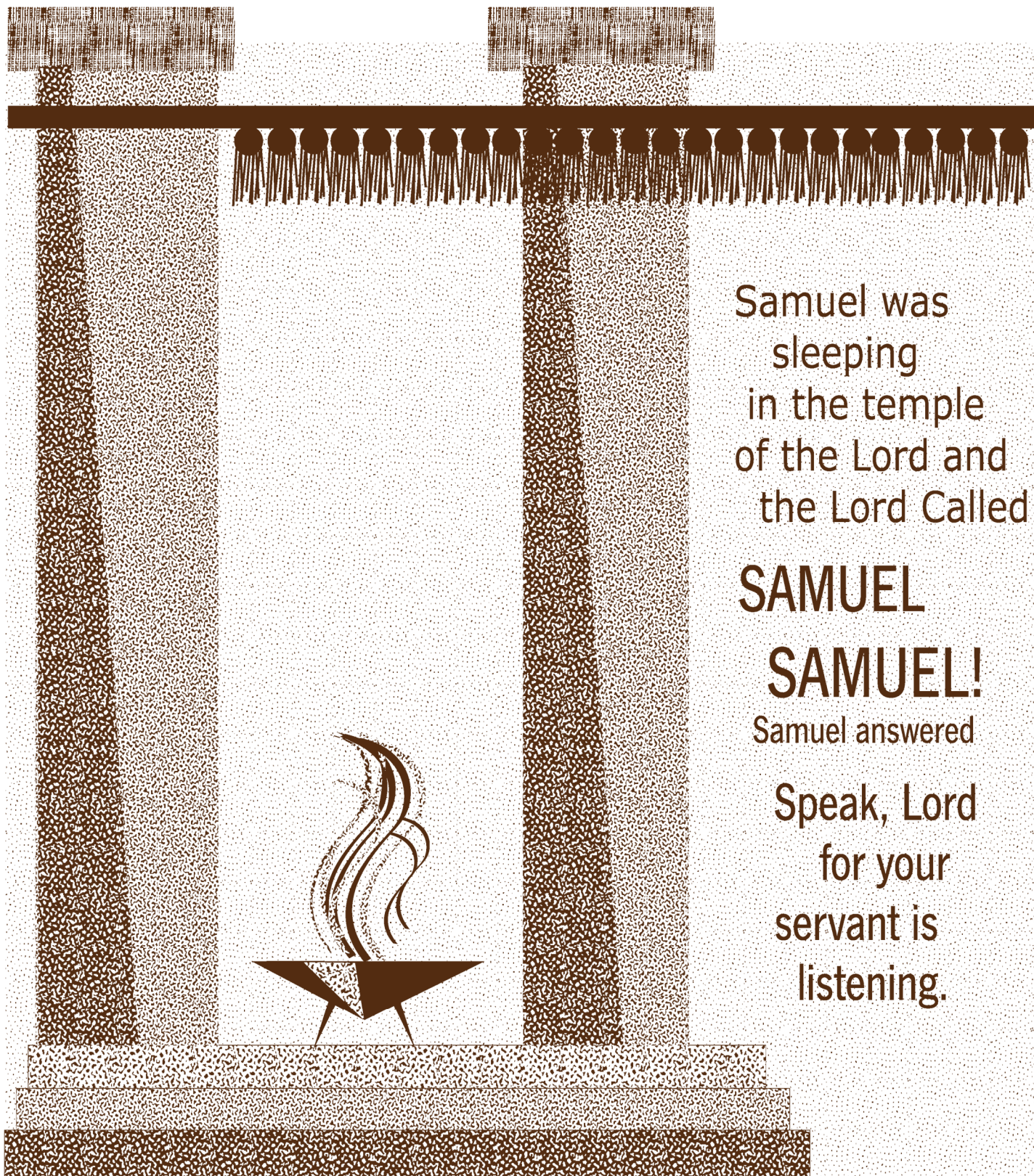


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018



Samuel was
sleeping
in the temple
of the Lord and
the Lord Called

SAMUEL

SAMUEL!

Samuel answered

Speak, Lord
for your
servant is
listening.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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| Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday | 9:00 am | Collette Stewart James McMahan | Marge McGrath The Maier Family |
| Tuesday, January 16 | 7:45 am 9:00 am | Oscar Hernandez Andrea Matray Antoni Lutostanski | The Brian Stephenson Family The Potsch Family The Lietz Family |
| Wednesday, January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbott | 7:45 am 9:00 am | McCormick & Urycki Families Thomas Fitzgerald | Pat & Bernard Urycki Gayle Fitzgerald |
| Thursday, January 18 | 7:45 am 9:00 am | Word & Communion Service Word & Communion Service | |
| Friday, January 19 | 7:45 am 9:00 am | Dr. William Wise John Herbstritt Word & Communion Service | The Molter Family The Roach Family |
| Saturday, January 20 Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr | 9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm | Michael Bannach Margaret Hammer Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation | The Bannach Family John & Marilynn Lux |

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 | Nancy Phillip |
| Baby Collins Fitzpatrick | James Pridmore |
| Lilli Gregory | Baby Madison Raupp |
| Wilson Gregory | Anna Rose |
| Frank Grippo | Marilyn Rutkowski |
| Jim Harris | 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:

Peggy Beggan

Mother of Sheila, Kevin, Barbara,
Patrick, Margaret and the Late Stephen

Joseph Marthaler

Father of Tom

Please Note Word & Communion Services

On Thursday, January 18 there will be **NO** masses. Both times of 7:45 and 9:00 am will be Word & Communion Services. Thank you for your understanding.

Weddings



Jessica Janus & Westin Stahl

Pastor's Notes

*"Jesus said to them, 'Come, and you will see.'
So, they stayed with him that day."
John 1:39*

We re-enter a season in which we use ordinal numbers to name each Sunday (hence, "ordinary" time). We hear anew stories of the life and teachings of Jesus as proclaimed by the evangelists. It is a time to listen, to learn, and to reflect upon how the gospel is alive in our words and actions, as individuals and as a community. We consider how we are being invited to go deeper in faith and action.

We begin with John's account of the call of the first disciples, which echoes the call of Samuel in the first reading. We might marvel at Samuel's ability to hear the call of the Lord in the middle of the night; we might be struck by the humility of John the Baptist as he sends his disciples to follow Jesus; or be amazed by the instant response of John, Andrew, and Simon Peter. But are we willing to be *challenged* to hear and respond to God's call to each of us, and to us as a parish community? How does this happen?

First, like Samuel, John, Andrew, and Simon Peter, *we listen*. We listen to the mentors and spiritual guides in our lives; those who inspire us through their word and action. We give serious consideration to what they tell us, and allow it to 'roll around' in us. We listen by giving God some quality time at some point in each day. We allow God to nudge us in ways that we often cannot easily explain, but that lead us to a sense of what God is asking of us; of how or where God is leading us. I admit that this is still a struggle for me. I get caught up in the world's "wisdom" that tells me that there is too much to do; I cannot set aside time to be quiet and 'do nothing'. Yet these quiet moments often are the moments in which God finds fertile soil in which to plant the seeds of what God seeks to do with and through me.

Second, *we respond* to God's call. We accept that *each person*, and each community of faith, has a vocation: a calling from God that expresses God's specific desire to be present in the world through me/us. 'Vocation' is not limited to the segment of the faith community called to ordained ministry, religious life, or lay ecclesial ministry. Nor is it limited to volunteer parish ministers or leaders. My vocation may be as spouse, parent, single person, or adult child to an aging parent. My vocation may be lived

out in how I make a living, my ongoing studies, or my volunteer work in the community. And my vocation will change during my lifetime, either because of what I am physically or emotionally able to do at the various stages and circumstances of my life, or because of new situations into which God sends me or my faith community.

Finally, *we follow* the example of Eli and John the Baptist. We recognize and encourage the vocations of those around us. We help them to listen, and encourage them to enter the journey of responding to God's call. We proclaim to them what we have seen for ourselves, and invite others to "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

May God's call be alive in each and all of us.

Peace,

J. Bill

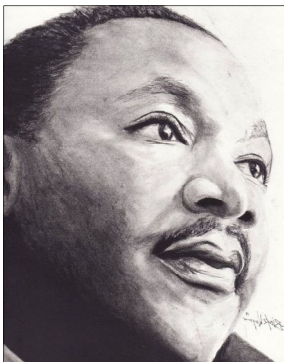
Scripture Reflections

Despite all the slick, hi-tech forms of advertising around today, "word of mouth" is still an effective way to find out about things. Take movies, for example. If people are talking about a film around the water cooler at work, you can be sure the weekend attendance figures for that movie will increase.

Today's Gospel depicts the effectiveness of word of mouth in spreading the news about Jesus. John the Baptist points out Jesus to two disciples, who meet the Lord and then in turn begin to share what they've found with others. Their early "evangelization" efforts continue beyond the verses we read in today's selection. One disciple after another invites a friend to "come and see" Jesus. Each new disciple shares what he has discovered. Eventually a small circle of disciples gathers around Jesus—all through word of mouth.

Catholics don't often consider themselves "evangelizers." We may see other Christian denominations making more aggressive efforts to acquaint people with Jesus. But perhaps we should take a cue from John the Baptist, Andrew and the other disciples portrayed in John's Gospel. What might we tell others about Jesus today? How has he changed our lives? Can we confidently invite others to "come and see"—and perhaps find the new life that flows from him?

Deacon Andy Allison



Rectory Closed

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 15. Also, on Monday, there will only be one mass at 9:00 am. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30 am.

Collection For the Church In Latin America

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift to the Collection will fund catechesis, youth ministry programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. One participant in catechetical training, Andrea, said that the experience was informative and enriching—the catechists were able to meet each other and share their diverse experiences. The support you give today will fund formation programs and provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean and be generous in today's collection.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have received some requests for Mass Intentions in 2019. The Mass Book for 2019 will be available as of March 1.

There are still dates and times available for Mass Intentions in 2018. Please contact the Rectory for availability.

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.

TIME
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NO 6PM MASS ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Due to low attendance in recent years and the difficulty in scheduling ministers on that day, there will be **NO 6PM MASS** on **Sunday, February 4th, Super Bowl Sunday**. Please make plans accordingly.

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!

Your Parish Finances



| Prior Month's Offerings: | EFT/Credit Card | + | Basket | = | December Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------|---|----------------|
| December 2017 | \$ 66,210 | | \$ 72,919 | | \$ 139,129 |
| December 2016 | \$ 42,263 | | \$ 67,265 | | \$ 109,528 |

| Christmas collected through January 7, 2018 | |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| Year-to-date | \$ 146,325 |
| Total Last Year | \$ 156,465 |
| Christmas Budget | \$ 158,000 |

Christmas contributions continue to come in! Visit our webpage to make your own Christmas and/or regular Sunday offering (www.sfxlg.org). Next week, we will provide a status of our income and expenses for the first six months of our fiscal year (ending December 31, 2017).

God bless you all for your continuing support of St. Francis Xavier Parish's mission of prayer and service!

Please Make Your Gift to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Come, Follow Me"



Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to **"Come, Follow Me."**

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish. This includes our parish school and religious education programs and our youth group programs for high school teens, and marriage preparation and leadership development programs.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$110,044 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

May Christ's Peace be with you all throughout 2018!

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.



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.

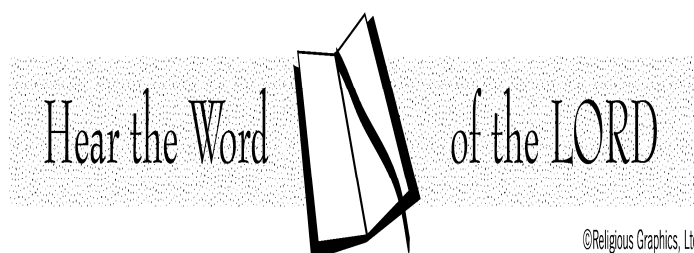
Sessions will be held on Monday nights, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, April 9, in Unity Hall. Sessions will go from 7:30–9:00 pm, with the exception of March 19, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, attend the Parish Reconciliation Service, and continue until 9:00 pm. Please also plan to be with 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.

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.



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St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry

On Saturday, December 30 SFX parishioners, family and friends met at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora and packed meals for the world's hungriest children. In just two hours, our group packed 251 boxes of food, containing 54,216 meals—enough to feed 148 children for one entire year!

We wanted to thank the Dimailig, McVady, Ohlman, McGovern Robertson, Vlcek, Dziad, Blasco, Doran, and Paliakas families for helping us reach our goals.



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: names, 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 **January 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.

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.

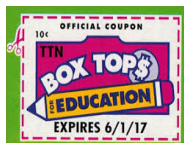
Enrollment will begin mid-November! Please contact our Advancement Director Jennifer Courier at jcourier@sfxlg.org for more information or to be placed on the distribution list for applications.

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.

Presentation: How to raise a socially and emotionally adept child in an anxious world.

Laura B. Kaehler, LCSW, LLC

January 25, 2018
6:30 PM

Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Church

Parents, do you ever wonder:

- What is anxiety versus normal stress?
- How to parent through tough situations?
- How to build competence in your child?

Laura Kaehler will hold a special, adult only, presentation helping parents recognize the impact of anxiety on academic performance. She will explain how anxiety may sometimes stem from deeper academic issues and how to intervene.

Please join us for this informative and timely presentation! Questions? Please contact the school at 708-352-2175.

**St. Francis Xavier School
Open House
Sunday, January 28
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**



East Campus (Preschool – Kindergarten)
21 North Catherine Avenue

Main Campus (1st - 8th Grade)
145 North Waiola Avenue

Highlights

- **Tech Café** - check out all the amazing things our kids do with technology every day!
- **Activities Fair in the Main Campus Gymnasium** - highlighting all extra-curricular activities, clubs and our before and after care program.
- **Student Guided Tours** - both campuses will be open. Let a SFX student take you through the halls and share their personal experiences with you.
- **Teachers in Classrooms** - all teachers will be in their classrooms at both campuses. They are excited to meet new friends, greet familiar faces and say hello to former students.

Whether you're beginning your search for a school or just simply want to stop by and say "hello!" please stop by! We'd love to see you!



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**SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:
www.youthministry.sfxlg.org**

YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION 2018

Blessed, Broken, and Shared



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.

Church League

Looking to watch a Church League basketball game and support the young men of St. Francis Xavier? Check the Youth Ministry website for the schedule! Go to www.sfxlg.org then click on the "Youth Ministry" tab. There you will find a "Church League" section. Click on the "Men" tab.

God's Garage Open Hours

God's Garage will be open weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 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!

~ *Olivia Hollman*



little falcon fun

St. Francis Xavier

who

Two & Fall Three year olds!
A parent or an adult caregiver must be present.
Open to SFX school families, parishioners, and community members

what

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

when

Monday mornings from
9:00 am - 9:45 am
Twice A Month
January 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)

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday, January 14 | Class |
| Wednesday, January 17 | Class |
| Sunday, January 21 | Class |
| Wednesday, January 24 | Class |
| Sunday, January 28 | At Home Lesson |
| Wednesday, January 31 | At Home Lesson |
| Sunday, February 4 | Class |
| Wednesday, February 7 | Class |
| Sunday, February 11 | Class |
| Wednesday, February 14 | Class |
| | Ash Wednesday |

Important Dates

Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, January 14 at 1:30 pm
 Sunday, February 4 at 1:30 pm
 Sunday, February 25

Eucharistic Liturgy

Grade 5 Sunday, January 21 at Noon Mass
 Grade 6 Sunday, February 11 at Noon Mass

Reconciliation During Class Time in Chapel

Grade 5 Sunday, January 21 & Wednesday, January 24
 Grade 6 Sunday, February 4 & Wednesday, February 7
 Grade 7 Sunday, February 25 & Wednesday, February 28

SFX ANNUAL WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

**Wednesday, January 31
 3:30-7:30 pm**

*Located in Joyce Hall
 145 North Waiola Avenue*

To schedule your appointment please email Andy at aj nukem1@hotmail.com or call 815-263-3636 (leave a message of when you'd like to donate and you'll receive a confirmation call back) or visit www.heartlandbc.org.

Photo ID required.

**Eligibility Questions?
 Call Heartland Blood Centers at
 1-800-7-TO-GIVE**



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:
 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
 or
 Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music



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 January 17, 9:30 am -noon. Advance registration required. Cost \$135.

Embracing Wisdom~Touch into the wisdom that is within you: the same Wisdom that creates galaxies and life itself. Through touching into the depth of wisdom and love at the heart of the Universe we hope our time together will weave a firmer fabric of planetary love. Facilitated by Bridget Sperduto. Meets Thursdays January 18, February 22, March 15, April 19, and May 17, 9:30-11:00 am. Advance registration requested. Cost \$75.

The Beatitudes of Peace~The Beatitudes are “the hope and prayer and vision of Jesus, the blueprint for Christian discipleship, the job description for every Christian,” says John Dear in his new book *The Beatitudes of Peace*. Come join our book discussion and share how peace is alive and at work among us. Facilitated by Jackie Schmitz, CSJ. Meets Thursdays January 25, February 1, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1:00-2:30 pm. Advance registration requested. Cost \$120.

Holy Daring: The Earthy Mysticism of St. Teresa~Do you enjoy gathering with friends, fashionable clothes, banging on drums, travel, quiet moments, good wine and praying? Teresa of Avila did and she taught us that this is the stuff of sanctity. Gather with a group at The Well using the book *Holy Daring: The Earthy Mysticism of St. Teresa, the Wild Woman of Avila* by Teresa Bielecki as a guide. Facilitated by Carol Crepeau, CSJ. Meets Mondays January 29, February 26, and March 26, 7:00-8:30 pm. Advance registration requested, limit 10 participants. Cost \$45.

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.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Women's Club
2018 Ladies Pre-Lenten Luncheon
"Find Joy in the Journey"
Saturday, February 10
11:30 am-3:00 pm
LaGrange Country Club

sfxcwcluncheon2018.com

SFX CWC is going green! Please visit our website for more information and to buy luncheon and raffle tickets. But, please don't fear, if you're not technically inclined you can call Lauren Fay 312-498-1828 for assistance.

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

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.

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.

Winter 2018 Career Transition Boot Camp

Start the New Year with support and direction in your job search. Learn new skills and gain confidence. Join us for a 5-week workshop that will teach you the tools to land the right job! We meet on five consecutive Tuesday evenings starting January 23 from 7:00-9:00 pm. There is no cost to attend and you are encouraged to attend every session (if possible) to make the most of your training. We look forward to seeing you at The First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For additional information, please contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South 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.

Share the Journey Interfaith Prayer Service

January 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm

St. Viator Church, 4170 West Addison Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641

Please join Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, at the end of Migration Week, as we reflect on sharing our journey with prayer, song, and reflections by members of diverse faiths and populations. Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on January 7 marked the opening. An Interfaith Prayer Service: *Share the Journey* has been designed to close it.

Light refreshments to follow. Free parking is available north of the church. For more information, please contact: mgosch@viatorians.com or www.sistersandbrothersofimmigrants.org.

Support the Clean Dream Act

January 19, 2018 is the day when the continuing resolution on the federal budget ends, and we must urge congress to pass a Clean Dream Act without harmful border enforcements by this date. Lives of up to 800,000 young Dreamers in the country need our advocacy as well as lives of the unborn, those on death row, people enslaved by trafficking, those who are made poor and hungry by unjust structures, and Earth herself.

We ask you to consider what you have done to support the Clean Dream Act in 2017, and to escalate your actions before January 19, 2018. If you have made calls, visited an office, prayed by yourself or with others or even considered writing an Op-Ed. We are grateful. Thank you for this act of justice.

Pope Francis and several American Cardinals have made it clear that support for immigrants is a life issue. Pope Francis has said, "The church in the U.S. knows like few others the hopes present in the hearts of immigrants. So do not be afraid to welcome them. Offer them the warmth of the love of Christ and you will unlock the mystery of their heart. I am certain these people will enrich America." Many DACA recipients worship with us, teach in our schools, attend our colleges, serve us in hospitals and contribute to American life and its economy.

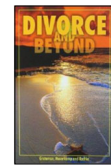
What action can you take this week?

Taken from Franciscan Action Network with additional inserts.

The St. Francis Peace and Justice Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the rectory. If interested in attending, please check ahead of time to make sure that we will be meeting in case of a date change. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Marlene Schemmel at 708-387-7234.



Divorce and Beyond Support



Thursday Evenings (7:00-8:30 pm)
January 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 20 and February 3 (9:00 am-Noon) Cost: \$195

Get practical tools and insights to make your marriage thrive!

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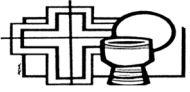
For more information or to register on-line for these programs, please go to:
St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL 60558
<http://www.stjohnofthecross.org> or 708-246-4404



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

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- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
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- **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
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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
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- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
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- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
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- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Airman Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci

**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 20-21, 2018

| Mass Time | Presider | Lectors/ Commentators | Ministers of Communion | Altar Servers | Cantors | Greeters |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 5:00 PM | Fr. Hoffman | H. Fitzpatrick E. Kudia M. Perkovich | L. Bannach M. Becker C. Cooke S. Devitt K. Kanzer M. Milligan F. Kudia C. Witt L. Young | E. Madden B. McGovern H. Labrador | C. Kline | P. Devitt |
| 7:30 AM | Fr. Hoffman | G. Rutkowski B. Ritchie S. Lindsay | N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch R. Nutt P. Olson | E. Newman R. Newman M. Hayford | G. Adams | C. Urbain |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Tkachuk | N. Madell E. Fix J. Dillon | R. Barker L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon D. Nighswander E. Olsen B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali | T. Kelly C. Gonzalez T. Dudek | S. VanOrdstrand | J. Virella |
| 10:30 AM | Fr. Ilo | T. Hill J. Eraci B. Jouras | R. Caragher N. Cummings L. Egan M. P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin | D. Walsh K. Smith A. McCarty | B. Mayo | M. Joscelyn |
| 12:00 PM | Fr. Tkachuk | Religious Education Mass | A. Chimento L. Donegan N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley M. K. Pasin | W. Carroll C. Carroll B. Culin | T. Pangan | Religious Education Mass |
| 6:00 PM | Fr. Tkachuk | D. Kilrea S. Carr | J. Eraci M. Hennessey A. Walls J. Walls D. McKenna | | Spirit Choir | |

Readings For The Week of January 14, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday8:30 am-8:30 pm
Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday9:00 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 morningAfter 9:00 am Mass
Saturday afternoon4:15 pm
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the
tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday9:00 am
Friday7:45 am
Saturday9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday7:45 am
Friday9:00 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
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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
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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
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Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and
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