

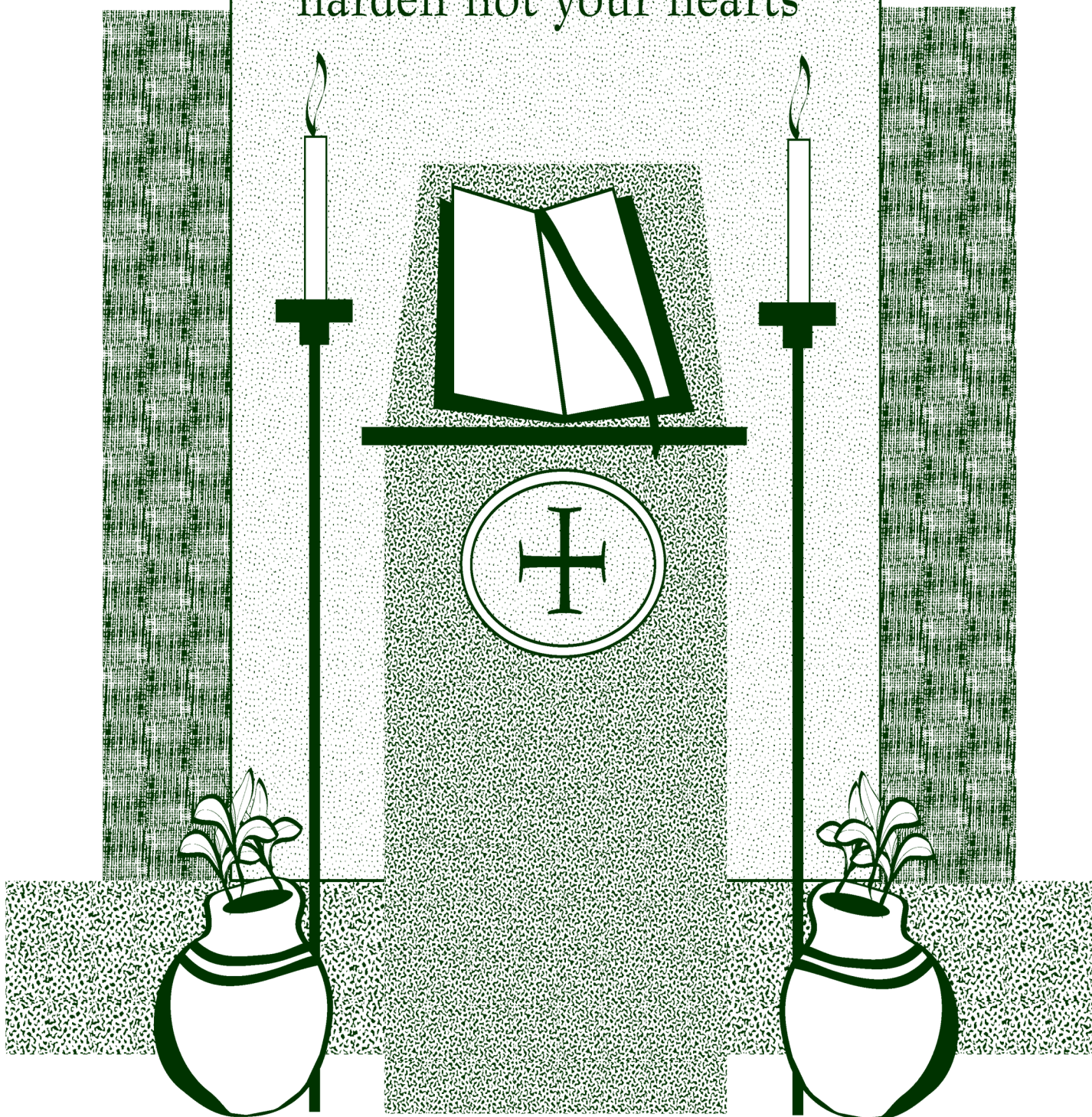
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018



If today you hear his voice
harden not your hearts



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 29	7:45 am	Nell Carroll Bill Riordan	The Carroll Family Steve
	9:00 am	George Scanlon Helen Rizzo	Anne Scanlon The Templeton & Costillo Families
Tuesday, January 30	7:45 am	Collette Stewart	Pat & Bernard Urycki
	9:00 am	Raymond Hassler Patricia Houle	Patricia Hassler Jennifer Driscoll
Wednesday, January 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest	7:45 am	Bill Morrissey	The Roach Family
	9:00 am	John R. Cunnea	Mary F. Russell
Thursday, February 1	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	Jim Dunne Maryanne Blyth	The Dunne Family The Blyth Family
Friday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	7:45 am	Charles Sirridge Stephen Nigida	The Metzger Family Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, February 3 Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop	9:00 am	Vicente Anda Henry & Irene Azzi	The Brkic Family Tammy Wessley
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Please Pray For...

Vince Anzalone
Tony Banda
Keeley Barr
Barbara Bier
George Braasch
Larry Byrne
Louis Darovic
Blake Donegan
Fr. Dave Dowdle
Pat Eaton
Bill Elliott
Lily Fielding
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Frank Grippo
Jim Harris
Patricia Hassler
Linda Hillsman
Rose Ilo
Jane Jacobson
Mike Kelly
Benny Kilman
Jerry Kolman
Virginia Kottaridis

Judy Magielski
Molly Anne McKenna
Emmett Miller
Mike Morrison
Fr. Jim O'Connor
Jane O'Reilly
Ryan Patyk
Donna Pekarek
Carissa Pessetti
Nancy Phillip
James Pridmore
Baby Madison Raupp
Anna Rose
Marilyn Rutkowski
Matthew Schiek
Carol Smolen
Baby Greyson Stanley
Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Jerry Tazic
Marty Thuerk
Anne Titzer
Michael Ungari
Amanda Valerugo
Gregory Van Gorp
Michael Wallace

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

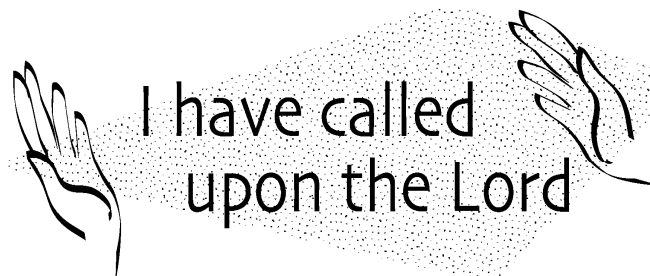


Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died,
as well as their families:

Bernard Niedzielski
Knight of Columbus
LaGrange Council 6483

Martin Meegan
Father of Rose McBride

Rosemary Muldoon
Grandmother of Malachy & Eamon Muldoon



Pastor's Notes

“The people were astonished at his teaching, for Jesus taught them as one having authority.”

Mark 1:22

Something about the teaching style of Jesus amazed his listeners and gathered crowds from the very beginning of his ministry. Mark suggests that this came from the authenticity of Jesus – the congruity of his words and actions. ***Jesus was genuine***; his message of God’s love and mercy was consistent with the physical and emotional healing he brought to those who were suffering. He spoke not to put others down by placing himself above them; rather, he lifted others up and taught us that the least and last among us are the first in the kingdom of God.

One of the three major areas of our mission as parish is ***to learn to live the gospel in word and deed***. And a major part of this mission includes the programs of religious formation we offer to our elementary school children and high school youth. This weekend we highlight our parish elementary school, which has been a core part of the parish mission for over 100 years. We invest a significant portion of our resources to provide an option to families who want their children to complete their elementary school studies in an environment that can incorporate elements of the Catholic faith throughout the day. It is a valuable complement to our Religious Education Elementary Program that shares the Education Building and provides faith formation outside of the school environment.

St. Francis Xavier Elementary School is blessed with a faculty and administrative staff that could easily receive a higher salary in a public or charter school, but who offer their talents to our school because ***they believe in our***

parish and school mission. Our parish school is blessed by the generous support of parishioners who contribute time, talent, and financial resources through Sunday contributions, school fundraisers, and contributions to the school endowment. Our parish school graduates are welcomed, at Lyons Township and several Catholic high schools, as students well prepared for the transition into high school studies. Sports, music, and other extracurricular programs expand student learning beyond the school day. ***Thank you to all the school staff, teachers, and volunteers who make tis possible.***

St. Francis Xavier Elementary School ***welcomes all parishioners to a School Open House*** this Sunday morning, from 10:00-12:30. ***All parishioners are welcome at all school events***, including sports, band concerts, and the spring play. I encourage you to take time to learn about what your commitment and generosity make possible.

The parish school is close to completing a Strategic Plan that will set goals and objectives for the next 3-5 years. Many parishioners contributed their feedback last fall and have played a critical role in shaping this plan. We will publish the plan when it has been finalized. Thanks to all who have contributed their time and talent to this effort.

Astonishing? Perhaps not to those who have come to know our parish elementary school from the inside out.

Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflections

In the 1st Reading we hear Moses promise the Jews another prophet sent from God. Even though several prophets were sent to the Jews, there are only rare instances when they listened and heeded the words from God. They must have been too distracted by other things to take notice. Paul warns us of this in his letter to the Corinthians. We must keep ourselves rooted in God and not distracted by “things of the world”.

With Lent coming up in a few short weeks, now is a great time to start thinking about what things distract us from God. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. During Lent, we are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is often the practice to give something up. This Lent, what distractions can we give up to help us become more fully rooted in God?

Olivia Hollman

**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

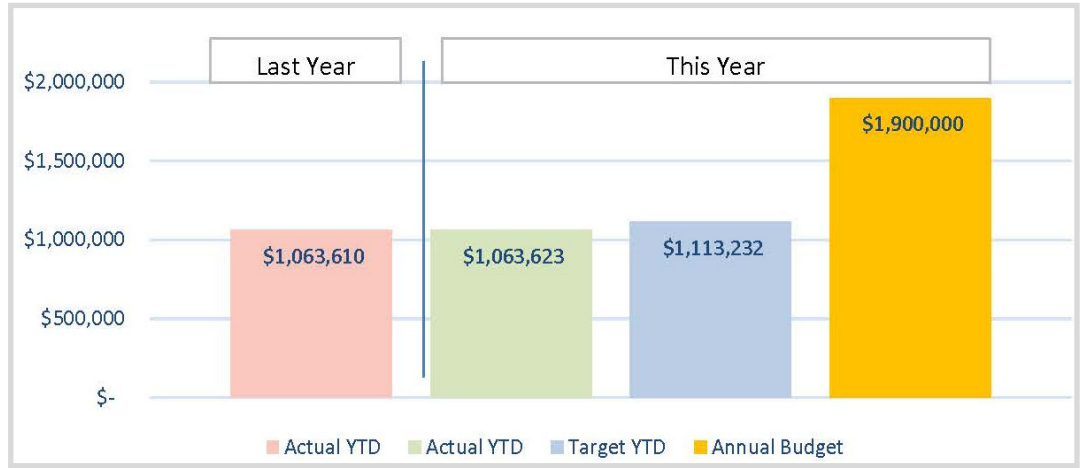
- **Tech Café** - check out all the amazing things our kids do with technology every day!
- **Activities Fair in the Main Campus Gymnasium** - highlighting all extra-curricular activities, clubs and our before and after care program.
- **Student Guided Tours** - both campuses will be open. Let a SFX 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!



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

Your Parish Finances As of January 21, 2018



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

ONCE AGAIN, HERE IS A REPEAT OF OUR REPORT FROM LAST WEEKEND!

At this midpoint in our fiscal year, here are some financial highlights:

- Dozens of responses to the parish’s request for 4% increases in Sunday offertory collections have come in. Our Christmas contributions continue to come in – we have collected about \$148,000 toward our Christmas budget of \$158,000.
- We had a great initial response to the Finance Council’s appeal to parishioners to switch to electronic offertory: 82 additional families enrolled in this system that ensures consistent contributions throughout the year. In addition, many parish households continue to make stock donations and/or use the Sunday envelopes consistently to support parish operations. One of the following pages of this bulletin contains more information regarding electronic giving...check it out!
- Our cash savings, from the generosity of decades of SFX parishioners who came before us, remain strong. Our goal is not to use these savings for ordinary operations so that they are available for campus building improvements and emergencies.
- We are running at an operating deficit for the current fiscal year. Recall that our budget is set so that our income breaks even with expenses. Our expenses are running close to budget. However, total collections are about \$50,000 below what is budgeted at this point in the year.

Meeting our budget enables us to do all we want to do for our parish and our community. Our children learn about Jesus’ love through the liturgy and sacraments (and sing to us at some of the 5pm Masses – check them out!). Our youth experience the Spirit throughout the year in small groups and on retreats and mission trips. Our adults find help along the journey through many SFX ministries. ALL appreciate your support. Please review your situation and the chart below, and increase your contribution if you are able. God bless you all for your continuing support of our parish!

Jennifer Zeisloft
Business Manager

SUGGESTIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN YOUR PARISH INVESTMENT

Please consider the following for increasing your investment in SFX Parish ministries:

- ◆ Locate your current investment.
- ◆ Prayerfully consider investing an additional 4% or more.

CURRENT INVESTMENT

WITH INVESTMENT INCREASE...

	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
\$ 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



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.

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.

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.

Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, February 9
7:30 pm at
Grace Lutheran*



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



**Men's Choir
Rehearsals begin!
New voices are welcome!**

Men's Choir rehearsals will be starting on **Tuesday, February 6th!** A call goes out to all men who have an ear for singing and like to sing but do not have the time to commit to an entire season, or are thinking about joining on a more regular basis and would like to try it. We especially need Tenors (high voice) this year!

This choir will meet for an 8 week rehearsal block starting on **Tuesday, February 6th from 8:30 to 9:30 pm** and will continue through Tuesday, March 27th in preparation for the 7:00 pm **Lord's Passion** on **Good Friday, March 30th** of Holy Week.

An invitation goes out to all past members to return for another season, and a special invitation goes out to all men who have not yet made that move. This is the year! Come be a part of a beautiful tradition.

New singers are asked to please contact our Director of Liturgical Music, **Allen Sterwalt**, in advance of the first rehearsal date if at all possible.

asterwalt@sfxlg.org
708-352-0168

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

“Come, Follow Me”



Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please spend some time this week reflecting on the gifts which come forth from this Appeal. Remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is **much different than a one-time special collection**. It is a **pledge campaign**, in which you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme for 2018 is ***“Come, Follow Me.”***

Each pledge makes a difference: the members of all parishes participate in the campaign; through the gifts of many, our Archdiocese can deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus’ call to ***“Come, Follow Me.”***

After our parish goal of \$110,044 has been received, **100% of any additional funds** come back to our parish to support our local ministries. In the past, we have used excess Appeal funds to cover capital improvements here at the parish, including tuck pointing and roof work.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will have pledge forms and envelopes available at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your generous response in past years and your prayerful consideration this year.

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.

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 date: 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 began in 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.



Crosses Received

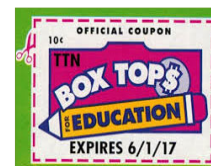
The children preparing to receive their First Communion in May received their crosses last Sunday at a special liturgy. This receiving of the cross is one of their first steps in the preparation process. These children will now receive a special blessing when they come up at communion time. Please encourage them and congratulate them when you see them at Mass these next several months.



Fundraiser For Local Students Who Have Lost A Parent Saturday, February 24

The Legacy Guild, a local nonprofit that provides college scholarships for area students who have lost a parent, hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, February 24, at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn. The Big Spring Event 2018 is a rockin' evening featuring *Mike & Joe*, the Midwest's most renowned cover band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from LaGrange. The Legacy Guild has provided \$478,500 in college scholarships since its inception in 2012. Current Legacy Guild Scholars receive a \$2,500 scholarship renewable for up to four years of college. **Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www.TheLegacyGuild.com.** Contact Tom Cushing at 312-972-8583 with any questions.

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!

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.

THERE WILL BE FUNDRAISING DONE TO LOWER THIS COST! 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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Once again we are participating in the SOUPER Bowl of Caring campaign. All funds collected this year will support the El Nino Rey Scholarship Program, which provides school supplies, transportation, and other support so that the children of Guerrero, Mexico can complete their education. Collections will happen February 3 and 4 at all Masses.



February Cancellations

There will be NO 6pm Mass on February 4th and NO Speaker Event on February 11th.

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.



We're on social media!

Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Search "St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!

~ *Olivia Hollman*

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

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
Sunday, February 18	No Class
Wednesday, February 21	No Class
Sunday, February 25	Class
Wednesday, February 28	Class

Important Dates

Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, February 4 at 1:30 pm

Sunday, February 25

Eucharistic Liturgy

Grade 6 Sunday, February 11 at Noon Mass

Reconciliation During Class Time in Chapel

Grade 6 Sunday, February 4 & Wednesday, February 7

Grade 7 Sunday, February 25 & Wednesday, February 28

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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 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

Pints for Pasta



Donate Blood in January and receive
a FREE Bowl (up to \$13 value)

SFX BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 31st ~ 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Located in Joyce Hall - 145 N. Waiola Ave.

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.

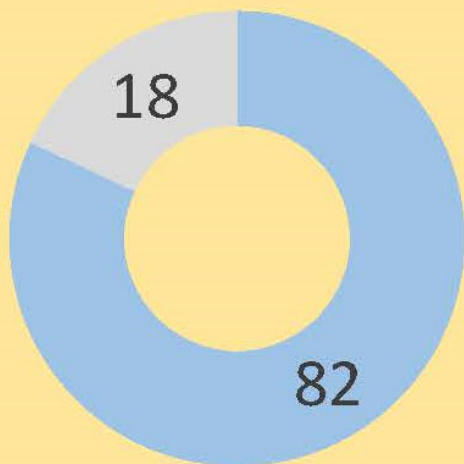
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January 2018



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- New Enrollees
- Needed to Meet Goal

Electronic Giving Update

Support your parish online
via GiveCentral. It's...

- Consistent,
- Secure,
- Easy!

Please visit our website,
www.sfxlg.org, and click
"Donate Online" to connect
to GiveCentral and choose
your options.

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.*

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!



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.

Journey to Easter~Monday, February 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm Give yourself the gift of time for quiet reflection before the journey toward Easter begins. Drawing from the Scripture readings for the Sundays of Lent, we will explore Lenten themes of prayer as openness to God's love, fasting from fractured relationships, and almsgiving of mercy toward ourselves and others. Facilitated by Marianne Race, CSJ. Cost: \$15.

Ash Wednesday Prayer "Remember You Are Stardust!"~Wednesday, February 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm. Prayer, distribution of ashes and a reflection from Carol Crepeau, CSJ. Cost: Free will offering.

Responding to Violence and Conflict: A Restorative Justice Approach~Saturday, February 17 from 9:30 am-Noon. Restorative justice embraces the values of faith communities. Drawing from his years of work with youth and families in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood, Facilitator David Kelly C.P.P.S. will explore violence and trauma, and how restorative justice enables a community to respond to the harm done. Cost: \$30/Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parishes SJC and SFX.

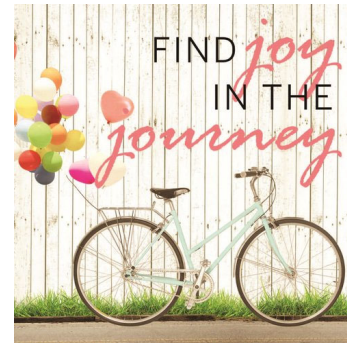
The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. To register: 708-482-5048 or thewell@csjoseph.org; www.csjthewell.org.

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.

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.

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.

Save the Date

Please save the date for the next two Senior Women's Group events. The first will be held on Wednesday, March 7 and the second event will be a luncheon on Wednesday, May 2.

Watch the bulletin for further information.

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.



Small Faith Groups are Forming

You are cordially invited to join a Small faith Group this Lent. Groups will meet weekly from February 14-March 27, for a total of six sessions at various times and places. Conversations will be based upon the reflections presented in the Little Black Book, a daily meditation guide. Details will be announced as groups form.

If you are interested in facilitating a group, or would like to form your own group, please contact Mary Sue McDonald at marysuecdonald@yahoo.com or 708-409-9595. A Leaders Get-Together will take place on Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00 pm.

The Little Black Books are Back!



Whether you are able to join a Small Faith Group or not, please consider praying through the Little Black Book. The book presents a brief daily meditation, along with some interesting element of the Catholic faith. Books will be distributed in church on Ash Wednesday and the following weekend, and available at the parish rectory.

This Lent, Journey with



Solidarity Bridge, together with our Bolivian partners and US supporters, responds to the need for accessible lifesaving surgery and medical care for families with scant resources in Bolivia.

Will you join us in prayer, fasting and almsgiving throughout this holy season? **Sign up for our weekly reflections throughout Lent** and grow in the conviction that we are one human family.

www.solidaritybridge.org/lenet

God of all people,

Your compassion invites us to be transformed.

Your love calls us to be one human family.

May our journey this Lent be a time of renewal and growth, so that with changed hearts, we might heal and transform your world.

Amen.

The Empowerment Project: What would you do if you knew you would succeed?



Sacred Heart Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry and our Pastor Father Jacek Wrona invite you to a screening of The Empowerment Project on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 pm.

The Empowerment Project: Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things is the incredible journey of 5 female filmmakers driving across America to encourage, empower, and inspire the next generation of strong women to go after their career ambitions. Driving over 7,000 miles from Los Angeles to New York over the course of 30 days, the documentary spotlights 17 positive and powerful women leaders across a variety of lifestyles and industries. Along the way, these filmmakers relay the candid insight on how these women define their success, what it takes to be a woman in their position, and valuable advice on how to improve the female role in the workplace. In celebration of the all-female focus in front of and behind the camera, the filmmakers turned the cameras on themselves, capturing their transformational journey. Created for women by women, they challenge the audience to ask themselves, "What would you do if you weren't afraid to fail?" Written and directed by Sarah Moshman and Dana Cook.

Following is the link to this trailer for this screening:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UK_-d9N8KzE

The film is 50 minutes. We recommend ages 10 and older.

The screening will be held at: Sacred Heart Church, Ministry Center, 8245 West 111th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465.

RSVP or any questions, please contact Elizabeth Droel at 708-974-3336 X250 or droel@sacredheartpalos.org.



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, from 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.



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February 1 at 7:00pm



Dr. Khadra Salami



Dr. Sa'ar Hashavya

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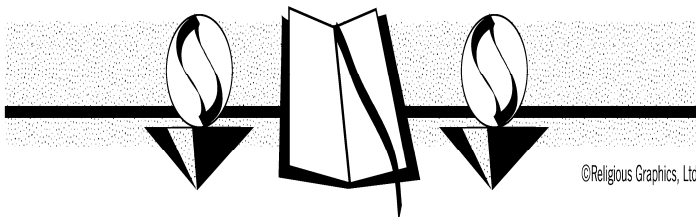
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Interfaith Career Network

Career Transition Boot Camp - Week 2

ICN invites you to join us on Tuesday, January 30 from 7:00-9:00 pm for the second of a 5-week workshop that will help you learn new skills and gain confidence. Workshop co-facilitator, Jim Peterson, will provide a presentation on identifying your skills and quantifying your accomplishments which are the keys to preparing a compelling resume and "elevator speech". Not exactly sure what type of job you are interested in, or thinking about making an entire career change? Jim will also discuss how to assess your skills and prepare a strategy to make the change you want. There is no cost to attend and you are encouraged to attend every session (if possible) to make the most of this experience. Hope to see 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](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please contact our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

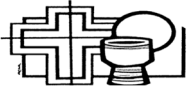




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**Please inform us of those serving in the Military Overseas...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—February 3-4, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	TBA	Children's Liturgy W. Foster M. Bruni	M. Becker J. Denson S. Devitt K. Kanzer J. Kelly M. Milligan D. Mulvenna A. Saladino P. Saladino	T. Duffy H. Labrador A. McCarty	A. Cherry	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	TBA	T. Nichol D. Walsh M. Hermesdorf	D. Challender N. Kalkowski K. McNerney J. Morsch P. Olson	N. Gannon B. Culin C. Stetz	C. Jakubisin	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	TBA	J. Spearman K. Hayes K. Hull	R. Barker A. Gargano M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon D. Nighswander E. Olsen B. Olson	C. Narbutis A. Fix T. Dudek	K. Fron	J. Burson
10:30 AM	TBA	G. Sbrissa S. Lastres B. Boyd	L. Egan M.P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak	B. Michel A. Dillon C. Kachmarik	J. Pfluger	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	TBA	I. Havenaar L. Freda J. Hamilton	A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann M. O'Malley M.K. Pasin	J. Eraci K. Smith B. McGovern	K. DeVries	Religious Education Mass



NO 6:00 PM MASS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Readings For The Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



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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
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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
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Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
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Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to
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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
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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
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Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to
schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner
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