

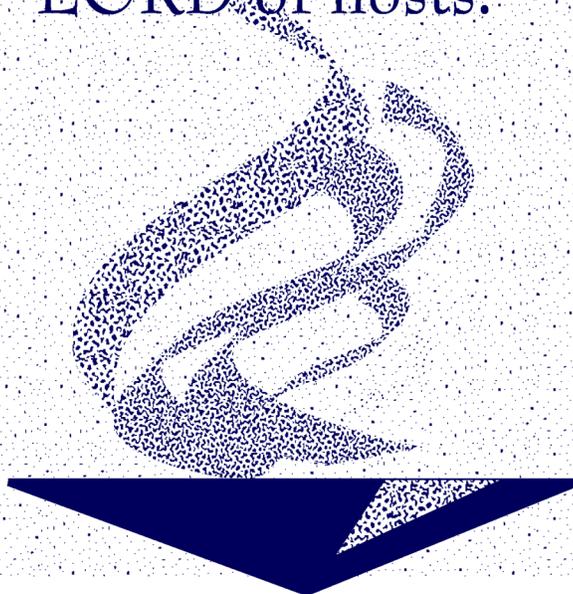
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 10, 2019



In the sight of
your angels
I will sing
your praises
O LORD.
I will worship
you in your
holy temple.



HOLY, HOLY
HOLY
is the
LORD of hosts!



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes	7:45 am 9:00 am	Dolores Kemme Lu Stewart	The Barker Family The Food Pantry Volunteers
Tuesday, February 12	7:45 am 9:00 am	Patricia Fitzgerald Antonio & Teresa Franzese	The Bill Johnson Family
Wednesday, February 13	7:45 am 9:00 am	Victoria Fahey John Rafferty	North Shore University Health System Colleagues The Potsch Family
Thursday, February 14 Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service George, Jim & Roman Raymond & Marie Ann Barry	The Wives The Barry Family
Friday, February 15	7:45 am 9:00 am	James Elwood John & Joan Stopka 50th Wedding Anniversary Word & Communion Service	Mary Tio
Saturday, February 16	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	James Heinlein Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish	Marlene Heinlein
Sunday, February 17	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Paul Lucas Elizabeth Barker Elaine Muldoon Monica Doody People of the Parish	Marian Lucas The Jacobs Family The Mattucci Family Bernard & Pat Urycki

Please Pray For...

Jim Boardman
Jay Carroll
Sam Cibula
Marjorie Crnkovich
Anthony Dina
Blake Donegan
Fr. Dave Dowdle
Pat Eaton
Lily Fielding
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick
Tom Flynn
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Patricia Hassler
Linda Hillsman
Barbara Hudson
Diane Hughes

Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Jane Jacobson
Theresa Kandall
Mike Kelly
Benny Kilman
Jerry Kolman
Virginia Kottaridis
Anita Kronowitz
Edward Kudia
Gloria Lieber
Emmett Miller
Patrick Morgan
Mike Morrison
Amanda O'Brien
Jane O'Reilly
Ryan Patyk
Donna Pekarek

Carissa Pessetti
James Pridmore
Baby Madison Raupp
Anna Rose
Marilyn Rutkowski
Matthew Schiek
Greyson Stanley
Sarah Stanley
Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Kristi Tannehill
Anne Titzer
Michael Ungari
Amanda Valerugo
Gregory Van Gorp
Richard Vlcek
Julie Wilson
Virginia York

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.

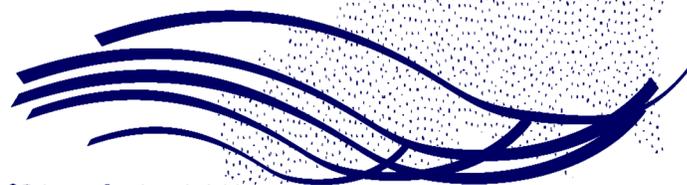
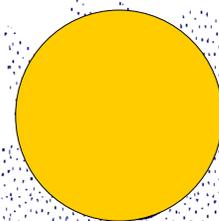


Born Into Eternal Life

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

Ann Rasch
Mother of Rick, Drew & Marianna

All the earth
is filled with
the glory of God



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Pastor's Notes

By the grace of God, I am what I am... the grace of God that is with me.
1 Corinthians 15:10

The first part of this scripture quote has been sung by Popeye the Sailor Man and Albin Mougeotte in the play "La Cage aux Folle." In each case, they are proclaimed not as an excuse, but rather as bold self-insight. So, St. Paul, in opening his heart to the people of Corinth, openly admits his unworthiness to be an apostle of Jesus, given his vehement persecution of the followers of Christ prior to his conversion and call. The scriptures of this Sunday present us with the calls of the prophet Isaiah and the apostles Paul and Peter. In all three, the one who is being called is overwhelmed with a sense of their own unworthiness to respond to God's call. Each of them comes to realize that their worthiness is not a matter of human merit, but rather the deep love of God that knows us for all of who we are and calls us to be our best selves, fully aware of our limitations and weaknesses.

These stories can lead us to believe that God's call comes in a dramatic moment of angels, trumpets, or bucking horses; or that God's call comes in the flash of a sudden transformation that most of us have never experienced. Yet the call of Peter in Luke's gospel suggests something much different. Luke has told us that Jesus has spent much time preaching and healing in Capernaum, Peter's hometown and port for his fishing trade. It is easy to presume that Peter already knew Jesus and had heard his preaching and even witnessed some of his miracles well before this day on which Jesus asks to step into his boat and be taken a bit offshore, so he can address the large crowd that has gathered at the seashore. Jesus steps into Peter's everyday life after having gently plowed the soil of Peter's mind and heart. He speaks to Peter through Peter's language, a fisherman bringing in an incredibly large amount of fish. It is only after having established this relationship with Peter that Jesus asks Peter to follow him. It may seem that the call comes in a sudden moment; yet it is something that God has planted and been nurturing in Peter's heart for some time.

What is the call whose seed God has planted in our hearts and continues to nurture? Perhaps it is something we have come to realize; perhaps it is still coming into our consciousness. Are we open to hearing that call and willing to follow when we become aware? Are we willing to meet God as God steps into our ordinary lives, knowing all of who we are, and asks us to live out our place within the body and mission of Christ? Are we willing to encourage others, especially our children and youth, to listen and follow wherever God leads them? Are we willing to see ourselves as we are seen by a loving God, and live out of that love?

Peace,
F. Bill

Scripture Reflections

"Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, only say the word and I shall be healed." That was what we used to say every time we received Communion. Now, after the translation that was done a few years ago, we reflect a story from scripture and say, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof..." the words are slightly different but it basically means the same as what used to be said. "Lord, you know me and I am not always my best, but I know you want to come to me and so I ask you to help remove anything that would hinder my fully welcoming you into my life." Every time we said it, we presumed that Christ would do that. Why do we presume that?

In today's scripture, we hear three individuals say the same thing. "O God I am unworthy;" Isaiah in the first reading, Paul in the second, and Peter in the Gospel. Each witness the wonder and beauty of God and recognize how poorly they compare. Yet, for each, God does not turn away, but only shows love. Even with flaws, God accepts them and even invites them into a deeper relationship. Despite how they may see themselves, God sees something deeper and calls each of them to help invite others into the mystery of God's Kingdom. While each of them lived their ministry in a different way, it all began with each of them trusting that God loved them.

Therefore, why do we say what we say before receiving Communion? We believe that God loves us. Warts and all. Just like Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, we do not initiate the relationship, God does. God's unconditional love embraces us and affirms our basic goodness. We see hope in our better selves and welcome the Spirit of God that comes in Communion. Thank you God. Amen.

F. Bill Killian

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HOW YOUR GIFT WAS USED

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

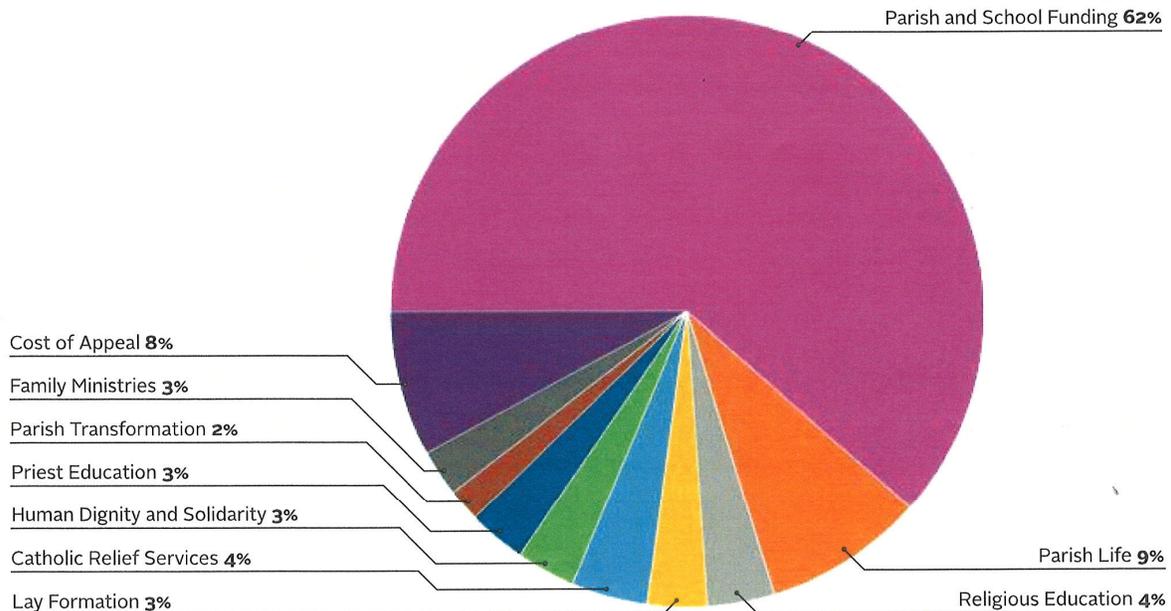
\$9,511,345	Parish and School Funding	Funds raised in excess of parish goals as well as support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities.
\$1,358,737	Parish Life	Programs to support parish vitality - evangelization initiatives, liturgy enhancements
\$564,730	Religious Education	Support for youth, young adult, campus and adult religious education ministries
\$503,667	Lay Formation	Continuing education for lay volunteers and staff serving parish communities
\$640,000	Catholic Relief Services	Assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
\$499,915	Human Dignity and Solidarity	Activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House prison ministry and Peace & Justice initiatives
\$483,552	Priest Education	Continuing education for seminarians and priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$275,000	Parish Transformation	Programs to revitalize local parish communities
\$397,942	Family Ministries	Programs for marriage preparation, marriage support and family ministry
\$14,234,890	MINISTRIES TOTAL	
\$1,217,478	Cost of Appeal	Design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors for the Annual Catholic Appeal

This chart shows how your Annual Catholic Appeal funds were used in 2017 to support these many initiatives and programs.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

No money donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been, or will be, used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.

\$15,452,368 TOTAL



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COME, FOLLOW ME... and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

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Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word”

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to *“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word.”*

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. The opposite page of this bulletin reports the distribution of contributions in 2017.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our Parish. This year, St. Francis Xavier parish will be using the excess **2018 Appeal** funds (approximately \$43,000) to cover the new Air Conditioning Tower for the church.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$109,400 in paid pledges, 100% of any additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

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, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. We will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses the weekend of February 23 and 24.

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



Men's Choir rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, February 26th!** 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 give it a try.

This choir will meet for an 8 week rehearsal block starting on **Tuesday, February 26th from 8:30 to 9:30 pm** in the church and will continue through Tuesday, April 16th in preparation for the 7:00 pm *Lord's Passion* on **Good Friday, April 19th** 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



Area-wide Adult Confirmation Preparation St. Francis Xavier Church

**Monday nights for 7 sessions between
February 25 and May 9, 2019.**

**Contact Kate DeVries, Pastoral Associate,
708-352-0168 or kdevries@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Church in LaGrange will be hosting an area-wide Confirmation program for any Adult Catholics who have received Holy Communion, but for whatever reason, did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All Adults (18 and older) are most welcome.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights, February 25, March 4, March 18, March 25, April 1, and April 8, in Unity Hall (signs will be posted). Sessions will go from 7:00–8:30 pm, with the exception of April 8, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, to attend the Parish Reconciliation Service. The celebration of Confirmation will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church within Confirmation for the parish Teens, on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm.

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.

It's Flu and Cold Season!

As a reminder during cold and flu season, please remember to protect your health and that of others. Recommended steps 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 or hold hands during the Our Father. They might be protecting YOU. Please don't attempt to force others to shake or hold 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 receive the Host in your hand, not on your tongue; refrain from receiving Communion from the cup; 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. Although there is no evidence that germs are transmitted in this way, your fellow communicants might be reluctant to receive.

We show concern for our brothers and sisters in the community, especially the elderly and chronically ill, when we follow these simple guidelines to ensure a healthier winter for us all!

Social Media Drawing Winners Announced!

The winners of the social media drawing for \$10 La Grange Business Association Gift Certificates:

Sean McCarthy
Karen D
Eric Struiber

If you haven't already, please visit the rectory to pick up your prize!



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St. Francis Xavier Parish, La Grange, IL

2018 Donation Statements

A statement of your 2018 donations was sent out on January 25th via email unless we don't have your email address or you specifically requested it to be sent via USPS mail. Please note that the email comes from notifications@ondemandmail.com as a PDF attachment.



CHRIST our SAVIOR



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All Parishioners are welcome to a Parish Conversation

Monday, Feb. 11, 7-8:30 pm in Unity Hall

Come and see what's being talked about at parish council meetings.
Share what you think we need to discuss.
Join in the conversation: Where do we go from here?
Your voice is important to us!

RSVP to the Rectory: 708-352-0168 or sfxinlg@sfxlg.org.
For details, contact Curt Aronson, PPC Chair at curt.aronson@us.lisega.com or 708-588-0668.

❖ Spirituality ❖ Community ❖ Lifelong Learning ❖ Justice
❖ Service ❖ Worship ❖ Youth Involvement ❖ Family Ministry ❖



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 9:00-9:45 am
Twice a Month
February 11 & 25; March 11 & 25;
April 8 & 29 and May 6 & 20

where

SFX Early Childhood Building
21 North Catherine Avenue, LaGrange
Room 25 (second floor)

why

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

how

Register online at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/XM85UFPbg0So4OEO2>
Session fee is \$50/due at the first class.
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX.)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades K-4 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 Reflector 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 a little more readily. The children in Grades K-4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs:

February 23; March 2; and April 6

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector 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):

February 16; March 9, 16, 23, & 30; and April 27

You can call Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator or Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music at 708-352-0168.



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 will be 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!

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media:

SFX School Instagram: [@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

Facebook SFX School site: <https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site: <https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni/>

SFX School Website: <https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>



Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

February 10	Class
February 17	No Class
February 24	Class

Wednesdays

February 13	Class
February 20	No Class
February 27	Class

Religious Education Important Dates

Grade 7 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, February 24 during Class Time in Chapel
Wednesday, February 27 during Class Time in Chapel

Grade 6 ~ Eucharistic Liturgy

February 10 at 12:00 Noon in Church

Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, February 24 at 1:30 pm in Church

What's going on in Youth Ministry???



Kairos Retreat: K32

Calling all current Juniors and Seniors! The next Kairos retreat will be Thursday, March 14-Sunday, March 17 and is hosted by St. John of the Cross. To sign up, visit the SFX Youth Ministry website. For more information, contact Olivia Zurowski at 708-352-0168 or ozurowski@sfxlg.org.

Are you called?

Do you like to read and are a good public speaker? Are you looking for a way to connect deeper with the



- Eucharist? Are you looking for a way to use your gifts? St. Francis is always looking for teens to share their gifts with our community during Mass.
- Teens are invited and encouraged to sign up to be Lectors and/or Eucharistic Ministers at any Mass, but especially the 6pm Mass, which is teen-led! If you are interested in learning more or signing up, contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 or talk to Katie McCarthy, the 6pm Sacristan, before or after Mass.



Questions?

Do you have questions about your faith or just want to talk to someone about your faith journey? Olivia is available! Teens (or parents!), if you've been looking for someone to answer questions you may have or chat about life and your faith journey, your youth minister is a great resource... and she can help point you toward other resources if needed. Olivia Zurowski has a very flexible schedule, so just contact her to set something up!

Family Outreach Ministry Volunteer Event

On Saturday, February 23rd, SFX is encouraging families with teenagers to join us as we volunteer with the Saturday Meals Program at the First Congressional Church of LaGrange, located at 100 6th Avenue. We will be preparing and serving breakfast and lunch to as many as 40 people. Our volunteers will be preparing and serving hot foods to guests in a buffet line, run the dishwasher, and wipe down tables and chairs following the meal. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old and accompanied by an adult. We also ask that all volunteers donate \$5 per person to help cover the cost of food, which we supply.

There are two options to volunteer at this event: The Breakfast shift runs from 7:00-10:00 am. There are six volunteer spots for the Breakfast session. The Lunch shift runs from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. There are twelve volunteer spots for the Lunch session.

Please contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in the Breakfast session and Rebecca Daly at rebeccadaly@rebkdaly.com for the Lunch session.



THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

2019 Ladies Pre-Lent Event

PROVERBS 31:31

**“Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let
her work bring her praise at the city gate.”**

Saturday, March 2, 2019

La Grange Country Club

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

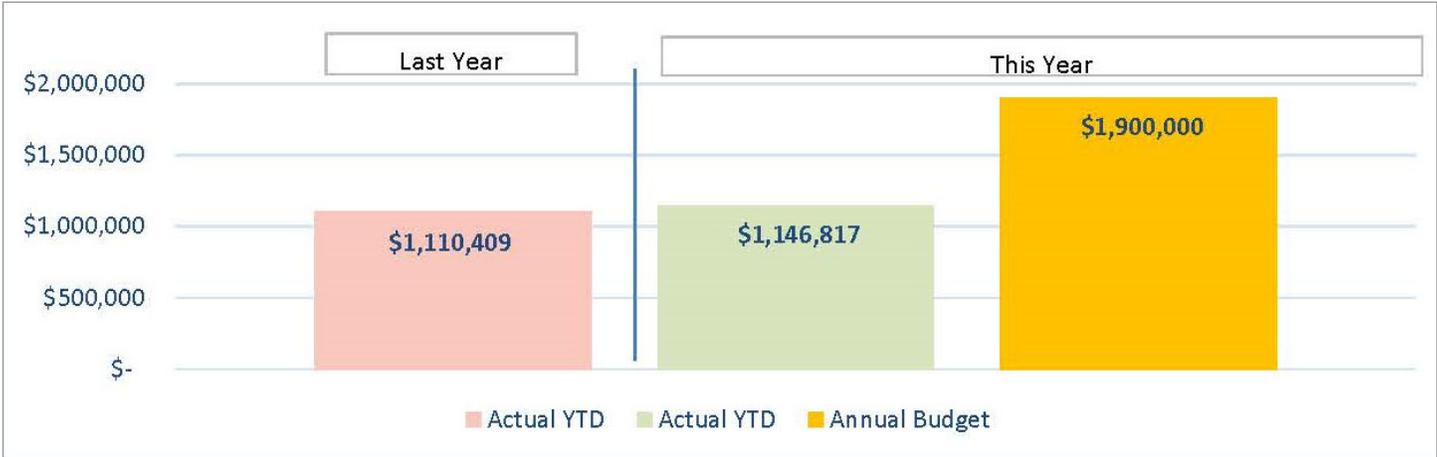
Open House style, come and go as your schedule permits.

PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES AND FOOD STATIONS
CASH BAR / LIVE MUSIC / BINGO / VENDORS

Register online at www.prelevent.com



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT
AS OF February 3, 2019



Prior Month's Offerings:	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	=	January Total
January 2019	\$ 68,536		\$ 51,992		\$ 120,528
January 2018	\$ 54,103		\$ 60,259		\$ 114,362

As we approach 500 enrollees in our automatic giving program, the reporting of weekly giving and weekly targets is proving to be less valuable as families move toward monthly (rather than weekly) donations. Therefore, the graph above excludes our target for year-to-date (which was computed on a weekly basis). We are revising our model, and will report YTD offertory against YTD target after February's collections have been recorded.

God bless you all for responding to our stewardship request for an increase in offertory! Your investment in the parish is MUCH appreciated!

Jennifer Zeisloft, Business Manager

Tax Reform and Charitable Giving

In December 2017, Congress approved the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which led to the most far-reaching changes to the tax code in more than 30 years. Taxpayer ability to take itemized deductions is subject to certain limitations. As a result of this tax code change, SFX has seen an increase in donations from donor-advised funds in the past few months as parishioners adjust their giving strategies.

Other strategies that could help taxpayers maximize the benefits of the new tax laws on charitable giving include:

- If you are age 70½ or older, consider making a tax-free gift to SFX through an IRA charitable rollover.
- If you have experienced gains in the financial markets this year, consider donating appreciated securities to avoid paying capital gain taxes.

SFX does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice. Please consult your attorney or tax advisor to evaluate your tax deductibility limits and benefits for any of these options.

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.

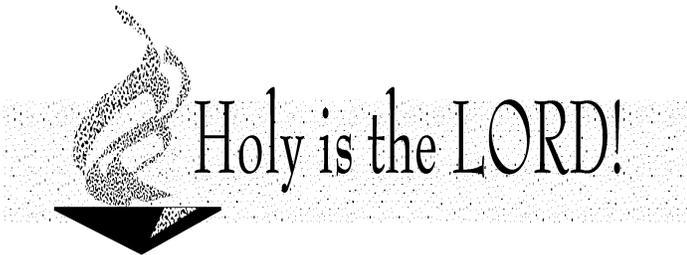
Catholic Women's Club

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.

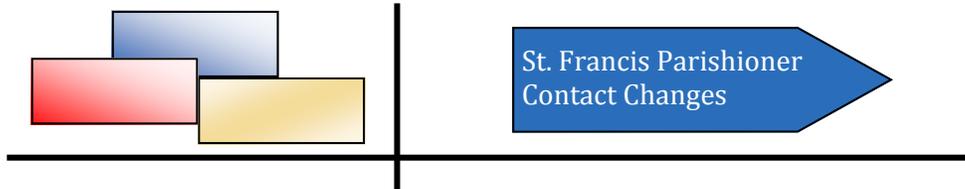


Fundraiser For Local Students Who Have Lost A Parent Saturday, February 23

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 23, at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. The Big Spring Event 2019 is a rockin' evening featuring a live band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from LaGrange. The Legacy Guild has provided almost \$700,000 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 Ryan Williamson with any questions at 312-714-7665 or by email at ryan.williamson@lpl.com.



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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 help 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. _____



Seasons of Hope

The loss of a loved one is a time of deep sorrow in our lives and grief is expressed in many ways.

SEASONS OF HOPE is a faith-based, healing program for those who have suffered such a loss.

To begin healing does not mean forgetting — our loved ones will be remembered forever. We can however, deepen our spirituality and faith by reflecting and sharing while being guided toward a path of healing. Our hope is strengthened in the sure knowledge that one day we will be reunited with our loved ones.

Participants meet in a small group setting guided by leaders who care and can relate to the depth of your sorrow as they too have experienced the loss of a loved one.

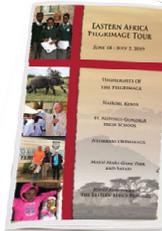
SEASONS OF HOPE is co-sponsored by St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross. The upcoming winter season will be at SFX.

**One more Saturday morning at 9:45 am
February 16
To register call our office 708-352-0168
or do so at www.sfxlg.org.**

For Your Consideration

June 2019 Pilgrimage to Nairobi

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual and cultural journey on a two-week pilgrimage to Nairobi, Kenya to visit the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School, nearby Jesuit works, other sites in Nairobi, and take a three day safari to Masai Mara Game Park.



For more information, please contact Cristine Pope at cristinepope@schoolofhopekenya.org 312-834-6118.

Donations will be accepted at:
School of Hope Foundation
1010 North Hooker Street
Chicago, IL 60642

REFUGEE SIMULATION



March 3, 2019 afternoon

Online sign-up will be week of February 11.

The SFX Peace & Justice Ministry's focus this year is to bring awareness of the refugee journey to our parishioners. We have invited Exodus World Service to facilitate their *Run For Your Life* refugee simulation for our 7th grade Rel Ed, Youth Ministry and parishioners (suggested 12+years). *Note: 7th/8th grade Day School will participate during school on March 4.*

The simulation will last approximately 1.5 hours. Participants will meet in Church and move around the Education Bldg. In each location, a facilitator will guide participants through an interactive, hands-on experience, including a reflection at the end. The simulation includes rafts, tents and border security encounters adaptable to age levels. No cost to attend. The program is funded by participating ministries. Questions? Contact Mary Freeman (mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168).



“Jesus was a refugee. He had to flee to save his life.”
Pope Francis

Peace & Justice Ministry meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:15-8:30 pm in the Rector's Courtyard Room. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

**5th Annual All Parish Service Day
June 8, 2019 Pentecost!**

Please contact Mary Freeman
mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168
if you have an outreach idea and/or are interested in being a team leader.

Interfaith Career Network

Winter 2019 Career Search and Development Boot Camp

Join us on Tuesday, February 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Being able to articulate and tell your story is one of the most critical elements of a job search. This week, co-facilitator Jim Peterson will help you craft that all important "Elevator Speech" Time will be allowed to practice your personal elevator speech with fellow attendees. You are encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of this training. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Organizing Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 pm when our speaker, Steve Rosenblum, will discuss the process of a job search. Whether you are unemployed or employed seeking another opportunity, it is still a process. One of the most important parts of successfully making it through a search is to STAY ORGANIZED. This lively, interactive and informative presentation will offer insight, tools, resources and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate, lead and succeed in your search. Steve will also share many of his learnings, experiences and best practices, while encouraging others to do the same. We hope to see you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs.

There is no cost to attend either of these programs and everyone is welcome.



St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier parishes have graciously co-sponsored the following upcoming, exciting programs. Please come, and register ahead so that we can plan for your presence.

Moving Through the Energy of Grief. Join us on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00-11:30 am with Facilitator: JoAnne Scullin. Grief is a powerful emotion that affects us energetically and can leave one bereft. Come join us for a morning of education, the experience of being with ourselves and our grief, and of connecting with others—all from an energy perspective. Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC.

The Journey Back to Your Beautiful Heart our Friday presentation will be held on March 8 from 7:00-8:30 pm and the Saturday Workshop, March 9 from 9:30 am-3:00 pm with Facilitator: Bruce Sanguin. What enabled Jesus to realize his own human, divine and cosmic heart? What are the major obstacles that prevent us from evolving more deeply into our radiant hearts? We will look at the devastating impact of shame on the evolution of heart intelligence, and specific practices that can lift the burden of shame so that we can each be the radiant human being that is our soul's destiny. Cost: the Friday Presentation is free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC; the Saturday Workshop is \$80 and includes lunch.

Start off **St. Patrick's Day** with a festive Mass and Irish Brunch for the benefit of The Well on Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 am. Register soon to save your place.

Conversations that Matter: Creating a New Republic of the Heart on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm with Facilitator: Terry Patten. How do we cultivate a culture that reflects love in all our systems? Join us as author Terry Patten weaves strands from neuroscience, ecology, integral theory and spiritual wisdom to offer a path of social activism. Terry invites us to consider new ways of conversing to reknit the social fabric required for our collective future! Cost (includes lunch): free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC.

Tending the Holy...Letting be, Letting Go, Letting Come Thursday on May 2, 7:00-9:00 pm with Facilitator: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM. Through poetry, scripture, and the lived experience of other women on a spiritual path, we will glean some of the wisdom of the Spirit and listen for ways to "let be, let go, and let come" as we turn over the soil of our everyday lives and make room for new growth and welcome the Season of Spring! Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC

To register online and see a complete list of our new 2019 Winter-Spring Programs, go to www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

Prison Ministry Mother's Day

In the midst of this cold and snow can you believe it's time to start planning for Mother's Day? The prison ministry of Companions Journeying Together will be providing cards and stationery to juveniles and women so they have pretty materials to use. Once again, we are asking for your help.

We need • postage stamps • stationery, Mother's Day cards, Thinking of You cards, blank note cards • gallon zip lock bags • reams of colored paper • donations to help cover delivery costs. We **cannot** use cards with glitter or anything pasted/glued on.

Please put your donation in the box in the vestibule by February 24. And thank you very much.



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday9:00 am-1:00 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 12:00 pm on the Friday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

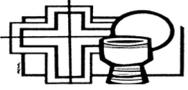
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.

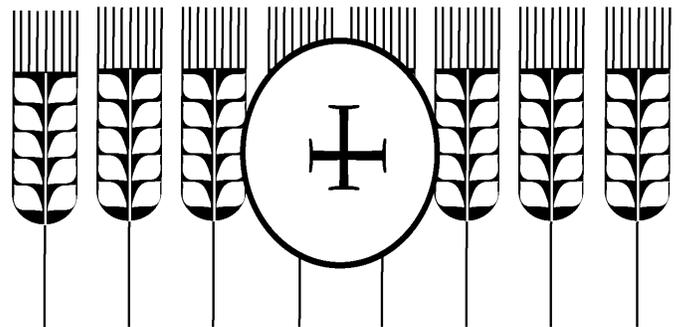


Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—February 16-17, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	B. Bock L. Whelton M. Kanzer	M. Becker S. Devitt D. Dunlap K. Kanzer F. Kudia M. Milligan D. Mulvenna C. Witt L. Young	P. Adams K. Adams Open	P. Mirocha	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Van Gorp M. Kalkowski P. Olson	S. Augustyn S. Hayes M. Hermesdorf N. Kalkowski D. Walsh	T. Dudek A. Brown T. Newcomb	J. Petkus	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	E. Newman E. Fix A. Stowe	C. Froemel E. Froemel M. Hull M. Lukanich L. Nichol D. Nighswander B. Olson D. Sherman L. Weyrauch	R. Wheeler E. Cushing A. Edwards	C. Kline Gallery Choir	J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Eraci M. Durairaj S. Lastres	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark M. P. Flaherty J. Garreau S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník	A. Holmes D. Collins Open	L. DiGianfilippo Celebration Ensemble	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	T. Downey M. Dillon J. Hamilton	K. Borawski A. Chimento N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley Open	A. McCarty E. Siffermann Q. Filbin	L. Hoigard	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of February 10, 2018

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



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