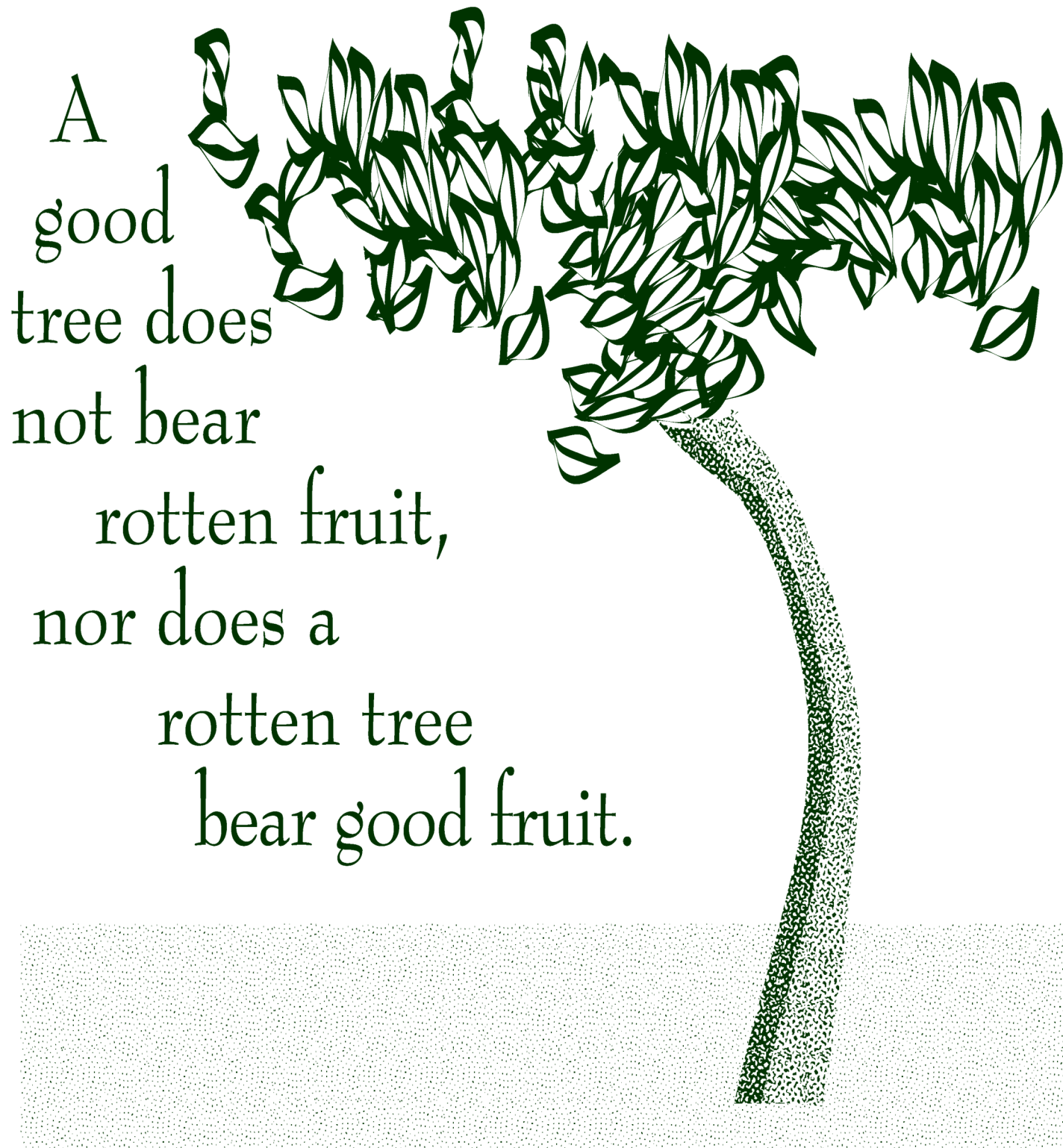


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019



A
good
tree does
not bear
rotten fruit,
nor does a
rotten tree
bear good fruit.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 4	7:45 am 9:00 am	People of St. Francis Guy Glover	The Mulvenna Family
Tuesday, March 5	7:45 am 9:00 am	Jane Foley Dick & Alice Drawllmeier	The Metzger Family The Potsch Family
Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday	7:45 am 9:00 am 12:15 pm 7:00 pm	Herbert & Mary Schrack People of St. Francis Ash Wednesday Prayer Service Ash Wednesday Mass	The Schrack Family
Thursday, March 7	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Louis Mangione	The Alfonso Mangione Family
Friday, March 8	7:45 am 9:00 am	James Heinlein Word & Communion Service	Marlene Heinlein
Saturday, March 9	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Fr. John Tapper Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation John McCrory	The Greyerbiehl Family The Driscoll Family
Sunday, March 10 1st Sunday of Lent	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Thomas Fitzgerald Richard Griffin People of the Parish Maureen Liston People of the Parish	The Fitzgerald Family The Griffin Family The Rogowski Family

Please Pray For...

Diane Bell
Jay Carroll
Marjorie Crnkovich
Anthony Dina
Blake Donegan
Fr. Dave Dowdle
Lynn Doyle
Pat Eaton
Lily Fielding
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick
Tom Flynn
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Patricia Hassler
Linda Hillsman
Diane Hughes
Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Jane Jacobson
Chuck Joern
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
Noah Olson
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
Anne Titzer
Michael Ungari
Amanda Valerugo
Gregory Van Gorp
Richard Vlcek
Julie Wilson
Virginia York
Malcom Young

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:



Richard Dudek

Husband of Joan and
Father of Rich, Len, Michalene & Jeff

Charles Sherlock

Husband of Mary Kay and
Father of John & Matthew

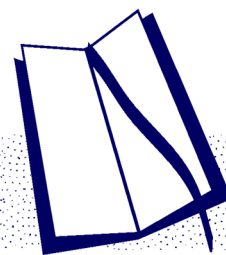
Thomas Rusnak

Husband of Susan and
Father of Katie, Elizabeth & Tom, Jr.

Helen Farnan

Mother of Mary Helen, Karyn, John,
Joe, Jim & Regina

Be firm, steadfast,
and always devoted
to the word of the
Lord



Pastor's Notes

“Can a blind person guide a blind person?”

Luke 6:39

Jesus continues to challenge us to open our hearts and our minds to become instruments of God's mercy rather than self-appointed spokespersons of God's judgment. Jesus roots this challenge to love all others as beloved children of God, friend and foe alike, in God's love for each of us. When we judge others, we tend to be blind to our own faults and failings. When I see myself clearly, I acknowledge my faults and failings; I see myself through the eyes of God's loving mercy. I realize that ***God forgives my sins right away no matter what***; then God patiently waits for me to name my sin so that my heart will allow God's abundant grace to flow in and through me. I become an instrument of God's grace for others, desiring for them the same mercy that God so freely offers me.

Leaders of the Roman Catholic Church at the highest levels have been confronted anew by this teaching as they move to a deeper realization of the harm caused by past inaction of Church leaders, or their direct actions to ignore, hide, or enable ongoing sexual abuse by ministers of the Church. Fifty years ago, we had little understanding of the lifelong harm done to children who are abused by any adult – particularly when the abuser is an ordained minister of the Church. Twenty-five years ago, the psychiatric community realized both the damage caused to the child and the uncertainty of the success of any treatment of the abuser. Cardinal Bernardin in Chicago was ignored by most bishops as he called the Church in this country immediately to adopt the changes in policies and practices in response to this information; he

implemented new policies and procedures in Chicago, including an office to assist and support all reporting past abuse. These changes were neither complete nor perfect; further changes have been made in Chicago as understanding has increased and, sadly, as mistakes have been made. I am deeply saddened by stories that survivors and their family members have shared with me. I also am grateful to be a priest in a diocese that continues to lead the Church in honestly facing the past blindness of the Church and to remove the beam in our own eyes that keep us from seeing clearly and that stand in the way of God's grace. But we are not done yet.

Many have characterized the recent gathering of bishops in Rome as strong words that lack a plan of action. The strong words are *a major step forward* for a world Church that has been slow to respond. However, these words must be followed in months to come by equally strong plans of action to protect the innocent and hold accountable the bishops who hold primary responsibility for ensuring the safety of children and youth. The church, all of us, must insist that the Archdiocese of Chicago continue to lead the church in this country in refining policies and procedures and in holding all Church leaders accountable for adhering to them. Only then can God's healing grace allow the full, honest, truth to bear the fruit of healing for past wounds and inspire action to ensure the protection of *all* children in *all* situations in *all* places.

“Can a blind person guide a blind person?” Only when both admit their blindness and allow God to restore their sight.

Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflections

Have you ever considered why the Church celebrates Lent? According to our tradition, Lent is a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. Through the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and through prayerful reflection, self-examination, repentance and reconciliation, we move closer to being more fully alive, as God has called us to be.

Today's readings are a wonderful prelude to our Lenten journey. They invite us to take our attention off the actions of those around us, and focus on our own behavior. During the precious time between Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday evening, we are encouraged to take inventory and enter into activities and encounters that deepen our relationship to God, and allow the Light of Christ within us to shine for all to see. It's time to consider: What might Lent look like for you this year? What might help you grow deeper in faith, and become more fully alive?

Blessings upon your Lenten journey!

Kate DeVries

Lent 2019 Catholic Lenten Practices

Fasting and Abstinence

All Catholics 14 years of age and older follow the discipline of abstinence from all meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent, including Good Friday.

All Catholics 18 years of age, but not yet 59 years of age, follow the discipline of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We eat only one full meal on a Fast Day and other smaller meals necessary to maintain strength and health.

Almsgiving

This traditional Lenten practice is associated with Fast and Abstinence. Money saved as a result of eating less or from “giving up” is given as alms to others who are hungry. CRS Rice Bowl or the St. Vincent de Paul Society are suggested charities for Lenten alms.

Prayer

During Lent all are called to renewal of our relationship with God through personal prayer. The community has opportunities for Lenten prayer as well:

Stations of the Cross
will be prayed at 8:20 am on Fridays

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
The Lenten Season of Repentance and Renewal is the most appropriate time for Catholics to confess sin and celebrate absolution.

Parish Reconciliation Service
Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm

Individual Private Confession
Saturday morning—9:30 am
Saturday evening—4:15 pm
Private Prayer in church each day.

Scripture Reflection for Ash Wednesday

Liturgy Planning Team #6
Susan Martin, Susan Lindsay, Susie Lehuta,
and Susan Lastres

The call to “return to me with your whole heart” is a strong message to us. There is no season as inviting as Lent to prepare for such a return. We are encouraged to leave behind all that distracts us from entering the inner room where we can build on (or rebuild) our relationship with God. The distractions, whatever they may be, are hard to let go of. But, the reward of really feeling God’s love for each one and being able to bring that love to another is a powerful pull. Prayer gives us the courage to act in love, fasting from the distractions builds our resolve and giving of our time, treasure and talent brings us closer to God. It is in the closeness to God that we find our true selves.

Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

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

Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

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

Fair Trade:

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

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

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



Remember you are dust
and unto dust
you shall return

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Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, March 8
7:30 pm
at
St. Francis Xavier



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind 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.

SFX Parish Children's "First Communion" Choir



A special invitation goes out to all children in **grades 1, and 3 – 8**, who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir, to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on **Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 am, 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm**. Children are NOT required to sing at all three Masses.

Please pick up a registration packet from one of the tables located at each of the exits as you leave church or pick one up at the front desk of the Rectory office. Registration information will also be posted on our website at www.sfx-lg.org.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY SINGING IN ONE OF THE PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, THERE IS NO NEED TO RE-REGISTER. **Rehearsals will begin the week of March 18**. Please see below for the breakdown:

- Cherub Choir (grades 1 and 3)
Tuesdays: 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm
First Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 19
- SF Choristers (grades 4 – 8)
Thursdays: 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm
First Rehearsal: Thursday, March 21

You can contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Liturgical Music with any questions by email asterwalt@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next weekend, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation will help restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit the website at www.usccb.org/cee. Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend, don't forget to
Spring ahead one hour as
Daylight savings time will
begin. Be sure to replace the
batteries in your smoke alarms.



Baptisms

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



Evelina Roe Kupchuk

Daughter of Joseph & Desiree (Jeziorowski) Kupchuk

Hannah Olivia Bennett

Daughter of Paul Bennett & Kathryn DelDebbio

Neely Rose Buchanan

Daughter of Kyle & Emily (Balko) Buchanan

Krew Phillip Cavaliere

Son of Grant & Natalie (Mesi) Cavaliere

Giacomo Angelo Fiordiroso

Son of Giovanni & Patrizia (Ponticiello) Fiordiroso

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of February:

Ken & Megan Holub
Mario & Lilia Rangel
Kyle & Emily Buchanan
Patrick & Molly McDowell





The St. Francis Xavier Parish School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board that works throughout the year on behalf of our school and parish community.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Develop, formulate, and adopt policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of eleven members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Development
- Finance
- Marketing/Communications
- Strategic Planning
- Ad Hoc

Interested in Becoming an Advisory School Board Member?

******* FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2019*******

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

Do you have to have experience on a board or had a job in education? NO, you do not have to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.

How much time is this commitment? We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately about 6-8 hours per month.

Do you have to have a child at the school to apply? NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents.

How does the application/selection process work? There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board member Matt Duffy m.duffy@nonnis.com or 708-280-1995.

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site <http://school.sfxlg.org/parents/school-board/>. ***Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.*** We look forward to receiving your application!

Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

March 3	Class
March 10	Class
March 17	At Home Lesson
March 24	No Class
March 31	No Class

Wednesdays

March 6	Class~Ash Wednesday
March 13	Class
March 20	At Home Lesson
March 27	No Class
April 3	No Class



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 9:00-9:45 am
Twice a Month
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.)

Religious Education Important Dates

Grade 2 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, March 10 during Class Time in Chapel
Wednesday, March 13 during Class Time in Chapel

Fourth Grade Reconciliation (Four Services)

March 9 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm in Church
March 10 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm in Church

Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Events

March 20 Rosary Making or
April 7 Banner Making

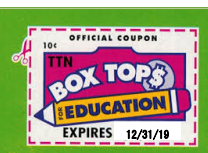
We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media:

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>



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!

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: 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): 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.

What's going on in Youth Ministry???



3v3 Basketball Tournament!

Youth Council is hosting a recreational 3v3 basketball tournament, open to all high school students. The tournament will be Sunday, March 10th in the SFX Gym from 1-3:30pm. Visit the Youth Ministry website to register a team! Contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or (708) 352-0168 for more information!

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

or talk to Katie McCarthy, the 6pm Sacristan, before or after 6pm 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!

2019 Summer Mission Trip

The 2019 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Springfield, KY! St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. Visit the Youth Ministry website or stop by the rectory to register. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.



Host Family Needed

Interested in hosting a Nazareth Academy International Student? HAMDEN EDUX is looking for a host family willing to welcome an international student into their home for the 2019-2020 school year. Short term and long term hosting is available.

For more information, please contact Mary Bridich by phone at 847-767-0696 or email mbridich@hamdenedux.org or visit <http://www.hamdenedux.org/HostingApplication> to apply.

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!

Interfaith Career Network

Career Search and Development Boot Camp

Please join us on Tuesday, March 5 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 15 South Ashland Avenue in LaGrange.

After having to cancel several of our previous sessions, our Workshop will resume with a presentation by co-facilitator, Dennis Hamilton, on identifying your skills and your quantifying accomplishments. These are the keys to preparing a compelling resume and "elevator speech". Not exactly sure what type of job you're interested in? Thinking about making an entire career change? Dennis will discuss how to assess your skills and prepare a strategy to help make the change you want.

There is no cost to attend the Boot Camp. However, everyone is encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of the training. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

Small Faith Groups – Lent 2019

You are cordially invited to join a Small Faith Group. Groups meet weekly from March 6 – April 16 for approximately 1 hour for a total of 6 sessions. Please register here, at www.sfxlg.org or by contacting Mary Sue McDonald (marysuecdonal@yahoo.com or 708-409-9595). As groups fill, participants will receive confirmation and details. Thank you!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Preferred Group Number: _____ Second Choice Group Number: _____

Preferred Group Type: _____ (any, women, men, marrieds, young adults, tots)

Grp #	Day/Time	Leader	Location	Dates
1	Sunday, 7:15 pm All Welcome	Rick & Donna Olund	Olund Home in La Grange	Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7, 14
2	Monday, 7 pm All Welcome	Maureen & Bill Windmoeller	God's Garage	Mar. 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1, 8, 15
3	Tuesday, 1:00 pm All Welcome	Mary Sue & Scott McDonald	McDonald home in Westchester	Mar.12, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16
4	Tuesday, 7:30 pm All Welcome	Joan Stopka	Unity Hall	Mar. 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16
5	Tuesday, 8:30 pm All Welcome	Mary Beth Niziol	Church sacristy	Mar. 5, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16
6	Wed, 9:30 am (except Mar. 6 - after 9 am Mass), All Welcome	Shared Leadership	Unity Hall	Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10
7	Wednesday, 9:30 am Moms/Dads & TOTS	Catherine Hernandez	Rectory (ERM)	Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10
8	Wed, 1:00 pm (except Mar. 6 – after 12:15 ashes) Women's Grp	Martie Lukanich	Courtyard Room	Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10
9	Wednesday, 7 pm (except Mar 6, after 7 pm Mass) All Welcome + RCIA	Tim Hejna	God's Garage	Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10
10	Thursday, 6:15 pm All Welcome	Barb Kalnes & Kate DeVries	Unity Hall	Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11
11	Young Adult Group (20s & 30s)	Kate DeVries	TBA	TBA
12	Saturday, 9:30 am All Welcome	Katie Stetz	Unity Hall	Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr. 6, 13

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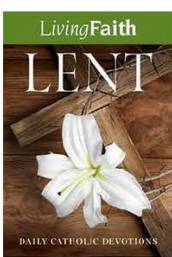
3/6 Ash Wednesday

Mass & Ashes:
7:45 & 9:00 am; 7 pm
Prayer & Ashes at 12:15 pm

Living Faith-Lent

As a parish we will be praying daily Catholic Lenten devotions presented in *Living Faith-Lent*. The book contains brief meditations based upon the readings of the day. Books are available in church and at the parish rectory.

Join a Small Faith Group



Groups meet weekly March 6 – April 16, for 6 sessions. Conversations are based on the *Living Faith Lent Book*. General groups are forming, and groups

for women, men, parents of tots, past RCIA participants, young adults (20s & 30s), and married couples. To register visit www.sfxlg.org or contact Mary Sue McDonald: 708-409-9595 or marysuecdonald@yahoo.com.

3/8 Taizé Prayer

Experience contemplative prayer through simple melodies, scripture, a procession of candles, prayers & silent reflection; 7:30 pm at SFX. Every 2nd Friday of the month, rotating between SFX & Grace Lutheran.

3/21 Eucharistic Adoration 6-7 pm in church.

3/27 Miraculous Healing

Colleen & John Willard will give a powerful and inspirational witness talk on Colleen's miraculous healing. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in Joyce Hall; all are welcome, 7 pm.

Area Reconciliation Services

- 4/2 St. Cletus, 7 pm
- 4/7 SFX Quest Reconciliation after 6 pm Mass; all welcome
- 4/8 St. Francis Xavier, 7 pm
- 4/9 St. John of the Cross, 7 pm

4/11 Eucharistic Adoration 6-7 pm in church.

Immigrant Justice

Through the U.S. Bishops' website, send a postcard to Congress, expressing support for meaningful, compassionate, Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Click the Quicklink at sfxlg.org.

**The Well Spirituality Center
Congregation of St. Joseph**
515 W. Ogden LaGrange Park
www.csjthewell.org

3/8 & 3/9 The Journey

Back to Your Heart

Facilitator: Bruce Sanguin
Friday 7-8:30 pm - free;
Saturday 9:30-3:00 pm \$80

4/6 Conversations that Matter-Creating a New Republic of the Heart

Facilitator: Terry Patten
9 am -3 pm

To register, call 708-482-5048

4/13-4/27 LaGrange Knights of Columbus/Food Pantry Spring Food Drive

Have your donation picked up or donate online at www.MyFoodDrive.org/#LGKofCSpring2019. Call or text Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com. Every \$1 and food donation helps families & seniors struggling to make ends meet.

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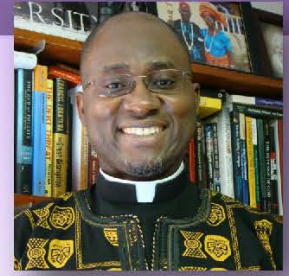
For weekly Lenten resources to deepen your relationship to Christ and those in need, visit: www.solidaritybridge.org/lent.

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The Joy of Lent -

A Lenten Mission led by **Fr. Stan Chu Ilo**

We will keep the Catholic tradition of gathering on three Friday evenings in Lent (the day of the Way of the Cross), 7:00 - 8:15 pm.

**3/15 Someone Beautiful to God:
Discovering God's Love this Lent**

**4/5 Something Beautiful for God:
Discovering God's Purpose
in Our Lives**

**4/12 Loving When it Hurts:
Discovering Healing and Hope
in a Wounded World**

Fr. Stan Chu Ilo, an internationally acclaimed preacher, author, and teacher, is a priest of Awgu Diocese in Eastern Nigeria. He is a research professor at the Center for World Catholicism and Inter-Cultural Theology, DePaul University, Chicago. He shares his gifts with us regularly, as weekend president.

Each evening will include Fr. Stan's talk, reflection, music and prayer.

Light refreshments will be served.

Attend Daily Mass

Mon-Wed, 7:45 & 9 am
Thurs & Sat, 9 am; Fri, 7:45 am;
Communion Services on
Thurs, 7:45 am & Fri, 9 am.

Stations of the Cross

The Fridays of Lent, 8:20 am.

4/12 Living Stations by the
Parish School 8th Graders, 8:30 am.

Holy Week Services:

4/14 Palm Sunday
Sat, 5 pm; Sun 7:30, 9,
10:30 am, Noon, 6 pm

**4/17 Tenebrae - A Service of
Darkness, Wed., 7 pm**
A beautiful tradition of
prayer and scripture, which
portrays the final hours of
our Lord's life on earth

4/18 Holy Thursday
- Morning Prayer, 9 am
- Mass of the Lord's Supper
7 pm; church open for
visitation until midnight

4/19 Good Friday
Morning Prayer, 9 am
Liturgy of the
Lord's Passion, 3 & 7 pm

4/20 Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer, 9 am
Bless Easter Baskets, 1 pm
Easter Vigil, 8 pm

4/21 Easter Sunday Mass
In church: 7:30, 9,
10:30 am & noon
In gym: 9:15 & 10:45 am
No 6 pm Mass

CRS Rice Bowl

Our Religious Ed. Program is
collecting for the CRS Rice Bowl
program to alleviate hunger and
poverty in other countries (65%),
and in our own community (35%).
www.crsricebowl.org

Almsgiving

**Make sacrifices, and give to those
in need. St. Vincent de Paul boxes
are at the church entrances.**



From Ashes to Alleluia: Ash Wednesday Prayer and Distribution of Ashes on Wednesday, March 6 from 7:00-8:30 pm with Facilitator Pat Bergen, CSJ. What makes this Lent different from other Lents? Some would say “The world as we see it seems to be crumbling! Everything seems to be falling apart, turning to ashes before our eyes.” What is the transformation to which the ashes are calling us this Lent? Join us as we contemplate our calling to enter the journey of Lenten transformation “From Ashes to Alleluia.” The evening will include the distribution of ashes. Cost: Free-will offering.

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.

Scriptures in Song on Thursday, March 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm, repeated on Friday, March 15 from 10:00-11:30 am with Facilitator Kathy Sherman, CSJ. We all have favorite lines of Scripture that we love and that inspire us on our faith journey. This presentation will give you the opportunity to reflect and to sing original music composed for some familiar and beloved Scripture passages, taking you deeper into your heart and into the heart of the matter. Cost: \$20.

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.

Earthy Mysticism join us on Thursday, March 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm with Facilitator, Marci Madary. Simply said, a mystic is a person fully in love and in divine union with God. Since the mystic sees God in all things, all of the earth becomes God’s reflection. This evening, we will contemplate God through the senses by reflecting on the sensual poetry of the mystics. Cost: \$15.

Lenten Labyrinth Prayer on Friday, April 5 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm with Facilitator, Janet Bolger, CSJ. Walking a labyrinth is a moving meditation. Drop in and spend an hour or so stretching your limbs and your spirit, walking an indoor labyrinth canvas laid out in Cavanaugh Chapel. Janet Bolger, CSJ who has loved and prayed the labyrinth for decades, will be available to introduce you to labyrinth prayer. Cost: free will offering.

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.

Senior Women’s Group

St. Francis Xavier Parish

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Fellowship @ 9:30-10:00 am

Presentation @10:00-11:00 am

Spring Gardening Presentation With

Rene Silinis

Is your garden ready for spring? Join Master Gardener Rene’ Silinis for a free presentation about spring gardening topics including new plant introductions, container gardening and ideas on how to make this year your easiest and best gardening year ever.

St. Francis Xavier
124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange
Unity Hall
No RSVP Needed

**The Knights of Columbus
La Grange Council
would like you to
Save the Date!**



**Join us for a very
Powerful and Inspirational
evening
with
Colleen & John Willard
Wednesday, March 27th
at 7:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier
Joyce Hall**

As they share with us their anointed testimony that has been received at many parishes, conferences and Marian groups throughout the world witnessing to the:

*“Great Mercy of God and
His Healing Presence of Jesus
in the Holy Eucharist!!”*

Journey with them as they share the unfolding events in their family life after Colleen was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor and in 24 hour pain. It is a talk that will bring a profound awareness to the fruits of suffering and joy in carrying the Cross!




You will be captivated to hear the movements of the Holy Spirit and Our Blessed Mother’s intercession as they were led to take a pilgrimage, not to seek a healing, but to pray for all those she would leave behind. Little did they know that it would be during Mass that Our Lord would heal Colleen physically upon reception of the Holy Eucharist! It is a talk you will not forget, nor want to miss!!



“...I recommend their testimony as a way of helping many people to renew and/or regain their faith in Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother’s intercession!”

Rev. Charles Becker, Archdiocese of Chicago

REFUGEES

PEACE 
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They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or I
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way

(now read from bottom to top)

Brian Bilston

**Thanks to all who signed up to participate in the
Refugee Journey Simulation this afternoon.**



Thursday, March 7, 2019

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**FitzGerald's
6615 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn**

Reservations are \$60 each by March 4 / \$65 after March 4 or at the door.
Includes outstanding hearty Irish fare, beer, wine, and pop.

Featuring

Entertainment by The Shannon Rovers, The McNulty Irish Dancers, and the Irish Musicians Association-Chicago, a Silent Auction and a Grand Raffle with prizes including a Microsoft Surface Pro 6, an iPad Pro, and an Apple Watch!

Benefiting

This fun celebration benefits the New Hope Housing Program, making permanent housing and self-sufficiency a reality for homeless families.

**For more information contact Esmeralda Zepeda at
(708) 329-4022 or ezepeda@catholiccharities.net**

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.catholiccharities.net/stpats

Reservations will be held at the door. The tax deductible value per each advance reservation is \$27.

Area Respect Life Ministry

Illinois Bishops Warn Against Pending Abortion Legislation in General Assembly

As Illinois faces so many pressing issues involving human life and dignity, our elected officials have decided the pressing issue of the day is to enhance the chances that the lives of the most vulnerable and voiceless will be taken. We are encouraged to become aware of House Bills 2495 and 2467, and Senate Bills 1942 and 1594. Opposition to these bills does not require one to assume a pro-life political position. In the days ahead, the IL Bishops will be distributing more information and calls to action. We ask for your prayers and support as you certainly have ours.

IL Catholic Conference Life Advocacy Day 2019

April 3, 2019, is our Life Advocacy Day. We will be taking coach buses to Springfield, IL at 6:00 am and returning by 6:00 pm. The Cost is \$10 which will provide a lunch and training/education by Illinois Catholic Conference. We will also have a chance to pray the rosary as a group in front of the Capitol Building. The pick-up and drop-off site is St. John of the Cross in Western Springs.

Please register and sign up now at: <http://bit.ly/2ThLrvw>.

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.

Create something new this Lent!



*“Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal,
to remind us that it is possible to
create something new within
ourselves and around us.”*

Pope Francis

Sign up to receive weekly on-line resources.
Deepen your Lenten practices and explore what it
means to be in communion with Christ as well as
with our brothers and sisters in need.
www.solidaritybridge.org/lent

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.

SFX Men's Club

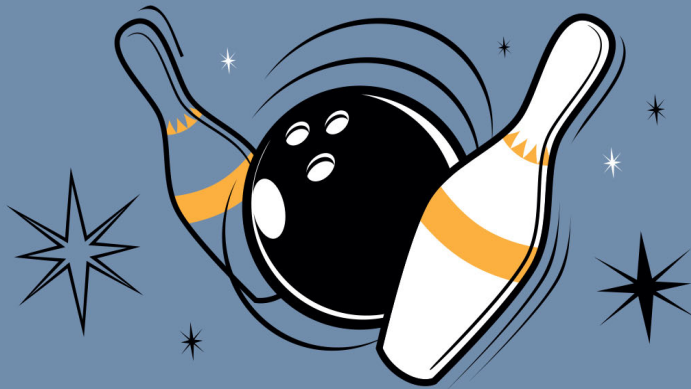
All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:

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.

SFX MEN'S CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS



Couples' Twilight
BOWLING

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

TIVOLI BOWL

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

938 WARREN AVENUE, DOWNERS GROVE

(Across from DG - Main Street Metra Stop)

\$50 per couple (\$25 per person)

Includes Unlimited Bowling from 8:30 - 10:30 pm & Shoe Rental

Beer/Wine Tickets will be available for purchase.

Food may be purchased at Tivoli or ordered in.

Limited
Spots
Available

Book
Your Spot
Now!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR SPOT VISIT:

Michael Fitzpatrick at fitzmike@gmail.com or Brian Mulvenna at mulvennab@yahoo.com



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Sgt. Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschakovsky Family
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux

**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.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Deacon
Pastoral Associate
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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

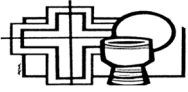
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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—March 9-10, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	H. Fitzpatrick M. Bruni C. Grech	M. Becker T. Conwell L. Bannach D. Dunlap J. Denson M. Milligan C. Witt L. Young D. Mulvenna	B. Culin N. Strayer Open	G. Adams	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Carroll R. Hillsman T. Marthaler	T. Nichol J. Morsch P. Olson K. Stetz J. Van Gorp	B. Griffin N. Olson Open	J. Petkus	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	K. Hull C. Michel J. O'Connor	M. Branecki V. Bracht J. Cogelja A. Gargano M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich L. Nichol L. Weyrauch	C. Gonzalez E. Geraghty E. Cushing	C. Kline Gallery Choir	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Durairaj J. Derus J. Eraci	A. Clark J. Clark P. McGinnis A. Krol J. Nowak M. P. Flaherty L. Ovník K. Parisi G. Rutkowski	H. Labrador M. Merchant Open	T. Pangan Celebration Ensemble	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	J. Jagodzinski C. Anderson C. Pietrzak	N. Dekoker C. Gatsos K. Grimes N.L. Kampe Open	A. Holmes E. Fekrat Open	J. Pfluger	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Cyscon	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of March 3, 2019

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 1:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/k 4:1-13

**LORD YOUR LABOR
IS NOT IN VAIN**