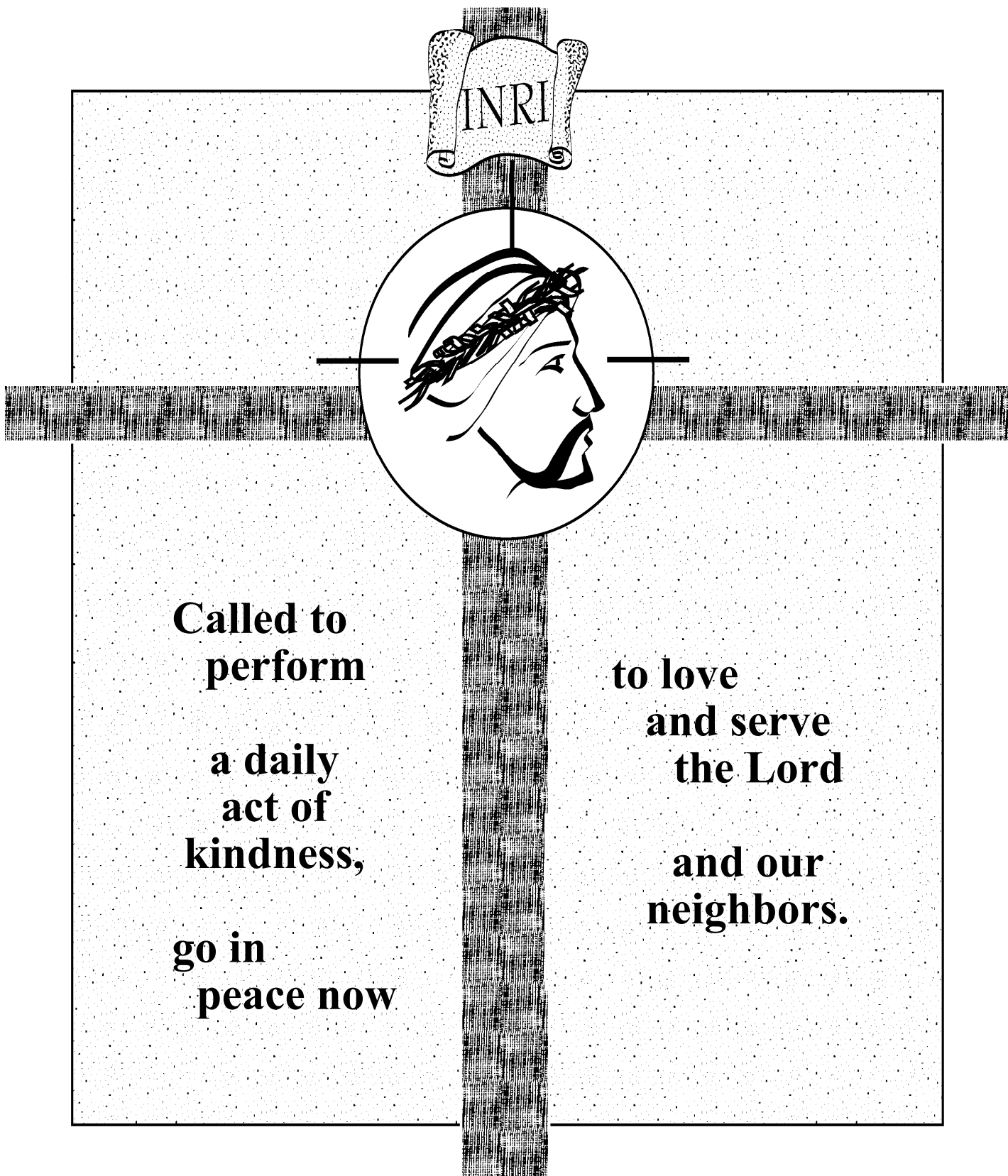


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**March 4, 2018**



**Called to  
perform**

**a daily  
act of  
kindness,**

**go in  
peace now**

**to love  
and serve  
the Lord**

**and our  
neighbors.**

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 5	7:45 am 9:00 am	Elaine Siegel Eileen Fahy	John Barry Anne Scanlon
Tuesday, March 6	7:45 am 9:00 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Marie Ann Barry Mary Kay Gibbons Patricia Jacobs	The Schrack Family Ellie & Tom Carroll The SFX Sunshine Committee The Barker Family
Wednesday, March 7 Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	7:45 am 9:00 am	Bob Vida Amy Nelson Louis Mangione	The Vida Family George Braasch Family The Mangione Family
Thursday, March 8 Saint John of God, Religious	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Hank Ranft	The Driscoll Family
Friday, March 9 Saint Frances of Rome, Religious	7:45 am 9:00 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Mary Virginia Roberts Word & Communion Service	The Miles Family
Saturday, March 10	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm	Suzanne Griffin Joan Flynn Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation	The Griffin Family Rosemary Swanson

## Please Pray For...

Vince Anzalone	Judy Magielski
Tony Banda	Molly Anne McKenna
Keeley Barr	Emmett Miller
Barbara Bier	Mike Morrison
George Braasch	Dan Nash
Louis Darovic	Fr. Jim O'Connor
Diane Discipio	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Donna Pekarek
Pat Eaton	Carissa Pessetti
William Egbert	Nancy Phillip
Bill Elliott	James Pridmore
Lily Fielding	Baby Madison Raupp
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Anna Rose
Betty Goff	Marilyn Rutkowski
Lilli Gregory	Matthew Schiek
Wilson Gregory	Carol Smolen
Frank Grippo	Baby Greyson Stanley
Jim Harris	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Patricia Hassler	Sharon Sullivan
Loretta Haxel	Jerry Tazic
Linda Hillsman	Marty Thuerk
Rose Ilo	Anne Titzer
Jane Jacobson	Michael Ungari
Mike Kelly	Amanda Valerugo
Benny Kilman	Gregory Van Gorp
Jerry Kolman	Vlasta Vicenik
Virginia Kottaridis	Carl Walsh
Ayanna Kucera	Dawn Wilmsen

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:

*Amy Nelson*  
Wife of Jason,  
Mother of Emma & Dylan,  
Daughter of Don & Marge Schwendner,  
sister of Traci & Erica

## 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.

## Pastor's Notes

*"We proclaim Christ crucified.... For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."*  
1 Corinthians 1:23,25

No movie depiction, however graphic, could depict the full horror of crucifixion in first century Palestine. The Roman Empire deliberately chose crucifixion, both as a torturous death for those found guilty and a deterrent to any who would consider challenging Roman rule or law. The moment of crucifixion was only the beginning of their intent. Crucifixions usually occurred outside the city gates or along frequently travelled roads. Bodies often were left on the cross to decay, or to become the food of vultures. The cross was a constant and effective reminder of Roman power and the consequences of opposing that power.

Early Christians were confronted by many who struggled to understand why the followers of Jesus would hold up the cross – an instrument of cruelty, humiliation, and control – as their symbol. How could the cross be viewed as holy or a means to salvation? For those steeped in the tradition of the prophets and the covenant with Abraham and Moses, venerating the cross was foolishness. For those who had once ruled the Mediterranean before being conquered by the Romans, the cross was a sign of weakness. Yet Paul insists that Christians proclaim Christ crucified as the very proof of God's wisdom and strength.

Paul's challenge is set before us at the heart of our Lenten journey. While the cross itself may have been "sanitized" in our time, we each have some form of the cross in our lives. Perhaps it is an illness, hardship, death, or broken relationship. Perhaps it is a tension within the family or community, or circumstances in the nation or world that gnaw at our spirit of hope. Good Friday will confront us with *the cross as we know it*, and will *lift up that cross* as the instrument of God's salvation. *Through that cross*, we will proclaim God's deep love and power to overcome the worst we may encounter. *With that cross* we will proclaim God's resurrection triumph even amid suffering, confusion, and struggle. May the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of the remainder of our Lenten journey give us the courage and faith to *bring that cross* to the Cross of Jesus, and *carry that cross* through death to new life.

March 1<sup>st</sup> marked a significant anniversary in our parish history. The sixth pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Fr. Jim Kill, died on that date in 1992. Fr. Pierce Joyce, our fifth pastor, died on the same date eight years later. We give thanks for what each brought to our parish, and for what each encouraged in others. God bless them both with much joy.

*Peace,*

*J. Bill*

## Scripture Reflection

### Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Liturgy Planning Team #1

**Marge Branecki, Jude Dumfeh, Maureen Lang, Ed & Michelle Mirecki, Lisa Young**

We think of Lent as a time of penitence; and indeed it is. We're reminded of that in the first reading which lists the commandments. But Lent is also a time when we are called to open our eyes and hearts to be more aware of God in us and with us—that's what we hear in the Gospel.

In today's Gospel, we're challenged to look at our respect for the Temple of God. But first, what IS the Temple of God? Certainly our well-loved SFX is God's Temple, but Jesus tells us that HE is the Temple of God, and so, likewise, WE and those around us, are the Temple of God. Do we respect *ourselves* as we ought—caring for our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs? Do we respect the Temple of others by caring for *their* physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs?

This week, give some thought to how you can take better care of yourself. More rest? Less stress? More time with the Lord? Better balance between worldly goods and the truly-important eternal treasures? How can you take better care of others? By giving of your treasure, time, effort, loving outreach? This week, remember that YOU and *all people* are the Temple of God.

**Lent 2018**  
**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, March 19 at 7:00 pm

**Individual Private Confession**

Saturday morning—9:30 am

Saturday evening—4:15 pm

Private Prayer in church each day.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH**  
**Holy Week Services 2018**

**Palm Sunday – March 25th**

Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday  
and Sunday at

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm

**Wednesday – March 28th**

Tenebrae - 7:00 pm

Church open until 9:00 pm

**Holy Thursday – March 29th**

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Church open until midnight

**Good Friday – March 30th**

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3:00 and 7:00 pm

**Holy Saturday – March 31st**

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Blessing of Easter

Food Baskets - 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 pm

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

**Easter Sunday – April 1st**

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am

and 12:00 pm - Church

Masses at 9:15 and 10:45 am – SFX School Gym

(No 6:00 pm Mass)

CHRIST  
the power & wisdom  
of GOD



## Easter Flower Donation

If you would like to donate to the Easter Flowers in Memory and/or Honor of a Loved One, please take an envelope that can be found at the entrances of the church. Place your donation into the envelope and write the name on the envelope. We will publish the names in the Easter Sunday and following bulletins.

Thank you for making our worship space prayerful and lovely for this liturgical season.

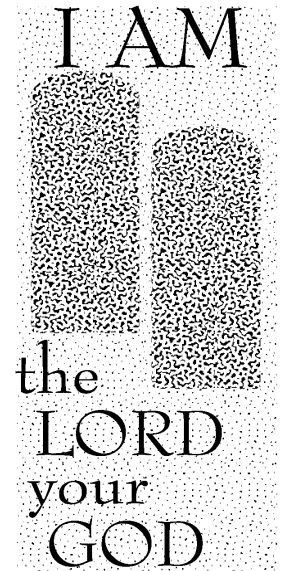
## The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps 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](http://www.usccb.org/cee). Thank you for your generosity.

## Lenten Stewardship of Talents

*God calls us  
to share our gifts.*

*With whom  
and where  
do you  
share yours?*



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## REVISED PARISH MASS INTENTION POLICY

A long-standing Catholic practice has been to offer a Mass for the soul of someone who has died. Some also ask that a Mass be offered for a special intention, such as a birthday or wedding anniversary. Local policy recommends a \$10 donation, which the presider at that Mass receives as part of his income. If we accept additional intentions for any Mass, the additional donation is used to support parish ministries. Every parish is asked to accept multiple intentions for no more than two Masses each week.

We will begin accepting Mass intentions for 2019 on Thursday, March 1. To align parish policies with those of the Archdiocese, as of March 1, 2018 the parish office will accept new intention requests as follows.

- *We will accept intentions for Sunday Masses as of the weekend of April 7-8. On a rotating basis, two Masses each weekend will be reserved as follows.*
  - One Mass each weekend will be reserved for the "People of the Parish."  
Per Archdiocesan policy, no other intentions will be accepted for this Mass.
  - One Mass each weekend will be reserved for "Multiple Intentions."  
More than one intention will be accepted for this Mass.
- We will accept more than one intention for the *Monday 9:00 Mass each week.*
- We will accept only one intention for the remaining Sunday or weekday Masses.
- *We will honor all multiple Mass intentions that we already have accepted.*
- We will do our best to make *exceptions for special circumstances*, such as the anniversary of a death.

We appreciate your patience as the office staff transitions to these new procedures,

*F. Bill*

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## St. Francis Xavier School Early Childhood Evening 6:00 - 6:45pm

Have a child entering Preschool 3 or Prekindergarten 4?

You are invited to join us for an Early Childhood Information Event!

Highlights:

- Three and five day Preschool 3 program
- Overview of Prekindergarten 4 curriculum with proposed option for full-day attendance
- Sneak peek into Kindergarten program

St. Francis Xavier School East Campus  
21 N. Catherine Avenue  
LaGrange, IL 60525

Questions? 708-588-1472 or [mhouston@sfxlg.org](mailto:mhouston@sfxlg.org)

## Baptism



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

***Sophia Rose Egbert***

Daughter of William & Rosalia (Moreci) Egbert, Jr.

***William Remington Egbert***

Son of William & Rosalia (Moreci) Egbert, Jr.

***Molly Lynn Bentley***

Daughter of David & Cristy (Jancaric) Bentley

***Shae Elizabeth Hayes***

Daughter of Michael & Stacey (Green) Hayes

***Wyatt Thomas Karaway***

Son of Nathan & Casey (Armbruster) Karaway

***Grace Elizabeth Kunkel***

Daughter of Robert & Emily (Keach) Kunkel

***Nicholas James Mikuta, Jr.***

Son of Nicholas & Gina (Mollo) Mikuta, Sr.

***Edward James Passananti***

Son of Michael & Kathleen (Bazzetta) Passananti

***Finley Eileen Laga***

Daughter of Nicholas & Caitlin (Lopata) Laga

***Quincie Ann Metcalf***

Daughter of Robert & Carrie (Doll) Metcalf

***Owen Edward Dalgaard***

Son of Benjamin & Alissa (Stauffer) Dalgaard

### A UNITY HALL OPTION FOR PARENTS

A long-standing tradition of St. Francis Xavier Parish is to welcome and encourage the presence of children of all ages at Sunday Mass. Jesus taught that children reveal the attitudes that we all must adopt if we want to be prepared for the kingdom of heaven. Their presence is a blessing for all of us. The blessing of young families in church is a gift to all of us.

Some parents recently spoke to us of the moments when their little children need a break through a change of scenery or the opportunity to walk. Many use the grounds surrounding the church for this purpose in warm weather. The narthex has minimally served the need in cold or inclement weather. These parents asked whether it would be possible to activate the speakers in Unity Hall during Sunday Mass so that parents could allow their child a break in any season without having to leave the building, and allowing the accompanying parent to stay connected with what was occurring in church.

Unity Hall will provide a natural extension of the narthex and a gesture of hospitality to younger families. However, we want to emphasize that Unity Hall is not a "cry room" to which we expect parents with little children to gather. It is a space for little children who need a break. We continue to welcome within the church the giggles, cries, squirms, outbursts, and other expressions of little children who are comfortable where they are. We hope that the parents of these children will know that they are welcome to remain, and are surrounded by more than a few "older parents" who remember what it was like.

The sound system in Unity Hall will be connected to the church sound system for the 9:00, 10:30, and Noon Masses each Sunday, unless a group is using Unity Hall for a gathering during that Mass. We will evaluate whether there also is a need at the remaining three Mass that we are able to accommodate.

Let us all remember the importance of hospitality and welcome as hallmarks of a vibrant community of faith.





The St. Francis Xavier Day 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 achieving the goals and objectives of the new St. Francis Xavier Elementary School Three-Year Strategic Plan
- 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. The School Advisory Board will be reviewing its structure in light of the new School Strategic Plan. Currently, board members are organized across five main areas of concern:

- Tenet 1: Inspire our students to do God's work
- Tenet 2: Offer an excellent academic experience
- Tenet 3: Provide a sustainable Catholic education
- Tenet 4: Engage the community
- Tenet 5: Create and maintain a physical space that inspires

## Interested in Becoming an Advisory School Board Member?

\*\*\*\*\* FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2018 \*\*\*\*\*

Interested in giving back to the children of SFX? The SFX 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 6-10 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.

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 Derrick Hesser at [derrick.hesser@icloud.com](mailto:derrick.hesser@icloud.com), 847-650-4971 (cell), or 708-579-0608 (home).

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/>. We look forward to receiving your application!

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

**Young Women's Church League**

Registration for the 2018 Young Women's Church League season is now available! Pick up a registration on the Youth Ministry section of the Parish website ([www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)) or in the rectory. Registration form and fee are due Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Player/Parent/Coach meeting will also be Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in **UNITY HALL**. Contact Olivia Hollman with questions.

**YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION 2018**

*Blessed, Broken, and Shared*



**Summer 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](http://www.sfxlg.org)) or contact Olivia Hollman at [ohollman@sfxlg.org](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338.

**Young Men's 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](http://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, March 4	Class
Wednesday, March 7	Class
Sunday, March 11	Class
Wednesday, March 14	Class
Sunday, March 18	At Home Lesson
Wednesday, March 21	At Home Lesson
Sunday, March 25	No Class
Wednesday, March 28	No Class

**Important Dates**

**Reconciliation During Class Time in Chapel**

Grade 2~Sunday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 7  
Grade 3~Sunday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 14

**Fourth Grade Reconciliation (Four Services)**

March 10      1:00 and 3:00 pm in Church  
March 11      1:30 and 3:30 pm in Church

**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:

March 3—Cherub  
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): 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



# DACA



**Prayer Service and Reflection**  
**Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals**  
**(DACA)**

**Monday, March 5, 2018**  
**7pm**

**St. Francis Xavier Church**

**Sponsored by: Peace & Justice Ministry**



*LORD, you have the words  
of everlasting life*

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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, March 5, March 12, March 19, and 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](http://www.sfxlg.org) (and click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate DeVries at [kdevries@sfxlg.org](mailto:kdevries@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.

# Small Faith Groups – Lent 2018

## *It's Not Too Late to Join!*

Join others to discuss faith in everyday life, based upon the reflections presented in the *Little Black Books* which are being distributed in church. Please register here, at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) or by contacting Mary Sue McDonald ([marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com) or 708-409-9595). As groups fill, participants will receive confirmation and details.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grp #	Day/Time	Leader	Location	Dates
1	Sunday, 7:15 pm All Welcome	Rick & Donna Olund	Olund's Home in LaGrange Park	March 4, 11, 18, 25
2	Monday, 7 pm All Welcome	Maureen & Bill Windmoeller	God's Garage	March 5, 12, 19, 26
3	Tuesday, 1:00 pm All Welcome	Mary Sue & Scott McDonald	McDonald Home in Westchester	March 6, 13, 20, 27
4	Tuesday, 7:30 pm Women's Group	Joan Stopka	Unity Hall (except 2/20- M. Freeman's Office)	March 6, 13, 20, 27
5	Tuesday, 8:30 pm All Welcome	Mary Beth Niziol	Church Sacristy	March 6, 13, 20, 27
6	Wed, 9:30-10:30 am All Welcome	Shared Leadership	Unity Hall	March 7, 14, 21
7	Wed. 1:00 pm (except 2/14, noon) Women's Group	Martie Lukanich	Courtyard Room	March 7, 14, 21
8	Wednesday, 7 pm All Welcome	Julie Hoover & Tim Hejna	God's Garage	March 7, 14, 21
9	Thursday, 6:15-7:15 pm All Welcome	Barb Kalnes & Kate DeVries	Unity Hall	March 1, 8, 15, 22
10	Moms/Dads & TOTS 9:30 am	Cathy Hernandez	East Rectory Meeting Room	March 7, 14, 21, 28
11	Young Married Couples Grp (20s & 30s), 7:30 pm	Shared Leadership	TBA	TBA (possibly Tuesday evenings)
12	Saturday, 9:30 am All Welcome	Katie Stetz	Unity Hall (except 3/24 in Church Sacristy)	March 3, 10, 17, 24

## 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 5 at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** 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](http://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 19.** Please see below for the breakdown:

Cherub Choir (grades 1 and 3).....  
Tuesdays: 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
***First Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 20***

SF Choristers (grades 4 – 8).....  
Thursdays: 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
***First Rehearsal: Thursday, March 22***

You can contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Liturgical Music with any questions at [asterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.

## Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier  
and  
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our  
Taizé Evening Prayer  
Friday, March 9  
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.

## 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!!!

SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP

*Dr. Kate DeVries*  
SFX Pastoral Associate  
Presents

*Lent, Liturgy and Everyday Life*

Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
9:30am Coffee  
10:00am Presentation

St. Francis Xavier  
124 N. Spring Avenue, La Grange  
Unity Hall  
Questions Call the Rectory 708-352-0168





St. Francis Xavier Parish

**“First Communion”**  
**CHILDREN’S CHOIR**  
Grades 1 & 3 - 8

Registration Form...next page

**\*Rehearsals begin March 20 & 22!**

Cherub Choir (grades 1 & 3): Tuesdays 3:45 – 4:15

SF Choristers (grades 4 – 8): Thursdays 3:45 – 4:30





**First Communion Children's Choir (Grades 1 & 3 – 8)**  
**Registration Form (2018)**  
*(please print)*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please check which Mass(es) you are interested in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, May 5 at 12:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.

**\*Rehearsals begin:**

**Tuesday, March 20 - 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. (grades 1 & 3)**

**Thursday, March 22 – 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (grades 4 – 8)**

***Please return this completed form to the rectory office by March 14.***

***Attention: Allen Sterwalt, Director of Liturgical Music***

***124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525***

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## 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Thursday, March 8  
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Reservations are \$60 each by March 5; \$65 after March 5 or at the door. Includes outstanding hearty Irish fare, beer, wine, and pop.

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This 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](mailto:ezepeda@catholiccharities.net).

Register online at [www.catholiccharities.net/stpats](http://www.catholiccharities.net/stpats).

## First Annual Magdalene House Chicago Benefit Concert

Come gather for music, conversation and celebration! Magdalene House Chicago, Inc. warmly invites the congregation of St. Francis Xavier to join us for All Our Voices: 1st Annual Benefit Concert, featuring award-winning singer-songwriter, Bobby Joe Valentine. The concert will take place March 9th at 8:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Park. All proceeds will support MHC's work to build a safe home for women survivors of sex trafficking in Chicago.

For tickets, go to:  
[www.magdalenehousechicago.org/events](http://www.magdalenehousechicago.org/events)  
or call 516-384-1169.

Our team will also be speaking at Emmanuel Episcopal Church as part of their Lenten series. The date is Monday, February 26th at 7:00 pm at 203 South Kensington Avenue in LaGrange. Please feel free to join us!

# SAVE THE DATE JUNE 9, 2018

## ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY

### Outreach ideas? Interested in being a team leader?

Contact  
**Mary Freeman**  
Community Outreach  
[mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org)  
or 708-352-0168

### 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](mailto:tizianalambert@gmail.com).

### SFX Men's Club

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

Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or  
Joseph Enright at [joseph\\_owen@hotmail.com](mailto:joseph_owen@hotmail.com).

### Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during February:

Joseph & Mary Megan Florczak  
Donald Piattoni  
Jessica Lopez  
Elnora Willis  
John & Annette Neiweem  
Paul & Megan McCormick  
Mark & Adriana Borrelli  
David & Angela McMurray





**Practicing Peace:** In our world where anger, hatred and fear lead to so much suffering, more than ever, we need to

find ways to cultivate peace, kindness, and reverence for life. Jackie Schmitz, CSJ leads us in an hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets on the second and fourth Mondays each month; next session is Monday, March 12 from 11:00 am-noon. Cost: \$10.

**Untying the Knots-Polarization in America.** Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Licensed Clinical Social Worker Mike McGillicuddy is convinced that there is an accelerating crisis of polarization in American society. In this interactive workshop, Mike will invite participants to step outside their comfort zones and explore the worldviews of others with curiosity and humility, while refraining from persuasion and judgement. Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parish SFX. Prior registration greatly appreciated.

**Discover Your Core of Love: Awaken the Larger Love That Wants to Free You!** Wednesdays, April 11, 18; May 2, 16, 30; June 13, 27; and July 11 from 1:00-3:00 pm. The deepest, truest part of who we are is LOVE: yet often this identity eludes us. Come and discover the unconscious patterns expressed through our way of being that are obstacles to love, in this 8 week workshop facilitated by Carol Cummins and The Well's Bridget Spurduto. Participants will learn about and practice a unique process to free us from these old patterns. Cost: \$250 Pre-registration required.

**They Will Inherit the Earth.** Sunday, April 15 from 3:30-5:00 pm. Join author, activist and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee John Dear for a presentation and book signing of his latest book They Will Inherit the Earth, which shows how our global epidemic of violence and war could only lead to catastrophic climate change. John will invite us to deepen our nonviolence and take new steps into active solidarity with Earth and suffering humanity. Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parish SFX. Pre-registration greatly appreciated.

**Inspiration in a Time of Climate Change: Marya Grathwahl, OSF and Helen Prejean, CSJ.** Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 am-Noon. On this Earth Day, Franciscan Sister Marya Grathwahl, founder of Earth Hope, will receive the 2017 Sacred Universe Award. Join us as Marya and Sister Helen Prejean, world-renowned writer and speaker, weave stories of justice, oneness, and hope for our Universe. Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parish SFX. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. To register: 708-482-5048 or [thewell@csjoseph.org](mailto:thewell@csjoseph.org); [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org).

## Interfaith Career Network

### Using Twitter and Social Media in Your Job Search

ICN invites you to join us on Thursday, March 15 from 7:00-9:00 pm to learn more about using this powerful social media tool in your job search. With TweetMyJobs listing over one-and-a-half-million job tweets in just 30 days, there's no question that Twitter and social media are a must-use resource for job seekers. Our speaker this evening is Falise Platt. She has worked with a wide variety of companies providing them with strategic direction in establishing their social media presence. Falise will explain why you should sign up, how to sign up and why you'll want to incorporate Twitter and Facebook as part of your search. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to welcoming you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs.

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please contact our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

### Mother's Day Material for Prisoners

As you know, each year Companions Journeying Together supplies packets of pretty writing materials to imprisoned women and juveniles so they have something nice to send their mothers or children at Mother's Day. Once again, we ask your help.

Materials Needed:  
*(nothing with pasted, taped, or glued decorations is allowed)*

- \* Postage stamps
- \* Mother's Day, Thinking of You, or blank cards
- \* Stationery *(not old or yellowed)*
- \* Gallon zip-lock bags
- \* Donations (checks made to Companions Journeying Together)

Please place donations in the box at the back of the church on or before March 4<sup>th</sup>.

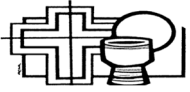


## Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—  
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—  
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and  
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,  
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz

**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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**





## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—March 10-11, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	L. MacKenzie C. Grech H. Fitzpatrick	C. Cooke D. Dunlap A. Fekrat K. Kanzer D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young Not Filled	P. Shanley A. Justak	A. Cherry	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	G. Rutkowski S. Zavala J. Kelly	S. Augustyn D. Challender M. Hermesdorf K. Stetz J. Van Gorp	W. Carroll C. Carroll B. Griffin	S. VanOrdstrand	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Ilo	T. Gannon L. Nichol C. Broderick	R. Barker B. McMahon B. Olson P. O'Malley C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast D. Sherman L. Weyrauch	J. Reven F. LaMantia R. Garcia	C. Kline Gallery Choir	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	K. Justak B. Jouras T. Serafin	Clark J. Clark N. Cummings L. Egan M. P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn A. Krol K. Witowski	J. Eraci L. Nowak	B. Kalnes	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	T. Bezouska J. Jagodzinski L. Freda	A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann C. Gatsos N.L. Kampe	B. Michel L. Nowak H. Labrador	L. Hoigard	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Hoffman	D. Kilrea S. Carr	M. Kelly C. Ganzel J. Sedlacek C. Sedlacek R. Shanley		Spirit Choir	

### Readings For The Week of March 4, 2018

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

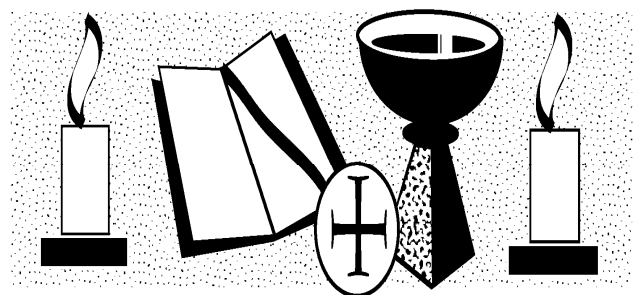
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21



## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Weekend Sacramental Ministers  
Weekend Sacramental Ministers

*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
*Rev. William Killeen*  
*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
*Dr. Kate DeVries*  
*Rev. Stan Ilo*  
*Rev. Keith Muccino, S.J.*

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### Education Ministry

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Assistant to Day School Principal  
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Coordinator (East Campus)  
Advancement Director  
Tuition Accounts  
Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep  
Religious Education Office Staff  
Religious Education Office Staff

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*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
*Mrs. Peggy Evans*  
*Mrs. Kathie Kinahan*  
*Mrs. Margaret Houston*  
*Mrs. Jennifer Courier*  
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### Youth Ministry

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### Music Ministry

Director

*Mr. Allen Sterwalt*

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### Parish Office Staff

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Parish Accountant  
Pastor's Secretary  
Parish Secretary  
Staff Secretary

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*Mrs. Jane Bandyk*  
*Mrs. Maureen Pipal*  
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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

Coordinator

*Mrs. Mary Freeman*

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### Contact Information

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### Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-8:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:00 am-2:00 pm

### Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and  
(6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass  
Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the  
tabernacle prayer area.

### Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday .....7:45 and 9:00 am  
Thursday.....9:00 am  
Friday.....7:45 am  
Saturday.....9:00 am

### Word Communion Services

Thursday.....7:45 am  
Friday.....9:00 am

### Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the  
Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on  
a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous  
Thursday. All articles must be emailed to the  
bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

### Domestic Violence Resources

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

### Food Pantry

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

### Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

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

### Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to  
schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner  
for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding  
times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on  
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  
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