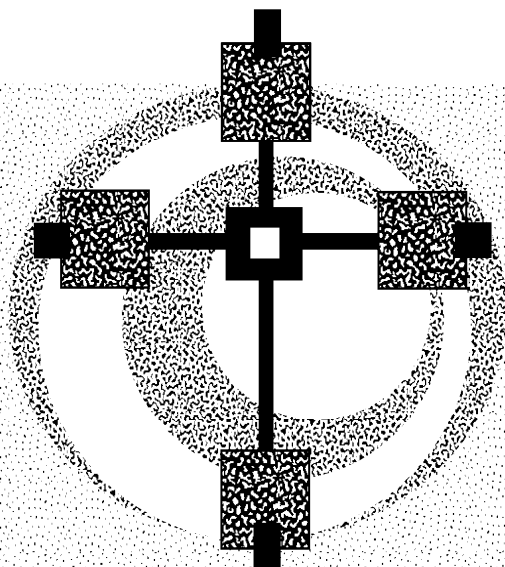


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

4th Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018



**The Lord
Is Kind
and
Merciful**

**How will
we share
God's mercy
with others?**

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 12	7:45 am 9:00 am	Mercedes McDonnell George Scanlon	The McDonnell Family Anne Scanlon
Tuesday, March 13	7:45 am 9:00 am	Claire Sharkey Judy Herbstritt	Jerry & Nancy Johnson Mike Brennan & Family
Wednesday, March 14	7:45 am 9:00 am	Special Intention Joseph Gizynski	Jim & Joan Potsch
Thursday, March 15	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Michael Bannach	Lillian Bannach
Friday, March 16	7:45 am 9:00 am	Mercedes McDonnell Word & Communion Service	The McDonnell Family
Saturday, March 17 Saint Patrick, Bishop	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm	Besse & Dick Parlon Jim Dunne John Swanson Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation	Pam Oplawski The Dunne Family Debbie Brannan

Please Pray For...

Keeley Barr	Judy Magielski
Barbara Bier	Molly Anne McKenna
George Braasch	Emmett Miller
Louis Darovic	Mike Morrison
Diane Discipio	Dan Nash
Blake Donegan	Fr. Jim O'Connor
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Ryan Patyk
William Egbert	Donna Pekarek
Bill Elliott	Carissa Pessetti
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Baby Madison Raupp
Betty Goff	Anna Rose
Lilli Gregory	Marilyn Rutkowski
Wilson Gregory	Matthew Schiek
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	Carl Walsh
Virginia Kottaridis	Dawn Wilmsen
Ayanna Kucera	

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:

Vlasta Vicenik

Mother of Henry, Tom & Debbie

Juan Guerrero

Father of Grace Zwit

Miriam Foley

Wife of Timothy and
Mother of Tim Foley & Jennifer Courier

Enedina Fuentes

Mother of Michael and
Grandmother of Jacqueline Otmanski

Jim Merfeld

Brother of Barb Budak and
Uncle of Melissa Fuentes and Maureen Vulich

Spring ahead one hour as
Daylight savings time
begins today. Don't
forget to replace the
batteries in your smoke
alarms.



Pastor's Notes

"By grace you have been saved."
Ephesians 2:5 and 8

St. Paul believes this truth to be so important that he repeats it. We cannot not earn the salvation that is ours in Christ, no matter the holiness of our actions. Our salvation is the gift of a loving God who asks in return our gratitude and our willingness to give this gift forward to others. My sister reads this column online each week. She commented that she could have done without the detailed description of crucifixion as a Roman instrument of punishment and control. Yet it is only by comprehending the intended hopelessness of the cross that we can comprehend the depth of God's love, which transforms the cross into an instrument of grace. This is the proclamation of Jesus in John 3:16 that is cited and repeated at sports events and other large public gatherings: "God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son."

Our children in the parish elementary school and religious education program have been celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the past few weeks. Our fourth grade children have focused on the individual celebration of Reconciliation, having been introduced to a more communal setting in second and third grade. This

weekend, in one of four services, they will participate in the individual celebration of Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow more deeply into this experience of God's loving forgiveness no matter what. High school teens are invited to a celebration planned especially for them this Sunday evening. Adults are invited to celebrate this Sacrament this Monday at St. Cletus Parish, next Monday at St. Francis Xavier, or the following Tuesday at St. John of the Cross. May we all use this opportunity to let in the loving grace of God by which we are healed and saved.

Last weekend, members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society gathered to celebrate and give thanks for the service and leadership of Paul Saladino, who has given over the leadership position to Patrick Murphy after many years of guiding the group until a new leader came forward. Thank you to both men, and to the other women and men who respond to the needs of families in our area with compassion, confidentiality, and kindness. You are a blessing.

Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflection

**Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Lent
Liturgy Planning Team #2**

Cathy Krepps, Renee Nutt, Bernadette McMahon, Diane Redmond, Joan Stopka

"The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful. Slow to anger, rich in kindness, the Lord is kind and merciful." Psalm 103

Three words stand out from today's readings: compassion, transformation and choice. All of them have something to say about our relationship to God.

First, we see God and ourselves in a parent/child relationship. Sometimes we act selfishly with little regard for anyone else. God the father, who loves us dearly, may raise his voice and sternly warn us. We don't care. We choose to continue our destructive behavior and in the process get hurt or hurt someone else. God throws up his hands in frustration and metes out a punishment. Eventually, because his compassion for us is overwhelming and he can't remain angry, he forgives us. This process repeats itself endless times.

Second, we witness God's compassion and love for all of us who sin against him. This sin causes a death to our relationship. We distance ourselves and turn away, but His tireless and continued care and concern cause a transformation in our lives. We are redeemed and brought back to life. "By grace you have been saved. It is a gift of God." When we live in Christ and imitate Him, we are proof to the world of the richness of God's mercy.

Third, we are presented with choice. The darkness is where evil dwells and its works are hidden. Evil hates the light. The light is where we find the truth and its works are clearly seen. Truth loves the light. We have a decision to make. Let us walk together toward the light. Let our works and words bring peace to all. Let us choose to love. Let us choose Christ.

Lenten Stewardship of Time



What is missing from your prayer life?

Consider joining a Scripture Study Group or go to the Stations of the Cross this week.



The Way of the Cross
DOWNTOWN CHICAGO, GOOD FRIDAY 2018



On Good Friday, March 30, the Lay Ecclesial Movement Communion and Liberation, together with many other Lay Ecclesial Movements, parishes, groups and individuals, will walk the 13th Annual The Way of the Cross around downtown Chicago. We will follow the cross silently through the busy city, living the memory of the Passion of the Lord, with stops that include gospel readings, meditations, and choir music.

We warmly invite you and all members of St. Francis Xavier to join us at 8:45 am at Daley Plaza (Dearborn/Washington). We will then cross the Chicago River over the Michigan Avenue Bridge and conclude at Holy Name Cathedral around 12:00 pm, stopping for meditations along the route.

For more information, please visit www.wayofthecrosschicago.org, call 312-725-7370, or email us at info@wayofthecrosschicago.org. Your questions and comments are welcome.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

EST. APRIL 21, 2018

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COLLEGE

game day

GO! BIDI! WIN!

What:

SFX College Game Day Auction

When:

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Where:

SFX Campus

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Dust off your old college gear and get your game face on!

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.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Please join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with seasonal music, scripture and reflection on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 pm in church. The Lenten Season is a wonderful time to celebrate reconciliation and prepare for the coming of the Lord.

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)



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, 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!

MARCH
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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

SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:

www.youthministry.sfxlg.org

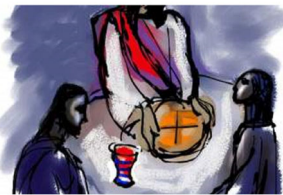
Young Women's Church League

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

YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION 2018

Summer Service Trip

Blessed, Broken, and Shared



We will be going to Detroit, MI through Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) June 24-30. The cost of the trip is \$525 and covers meals, transportation, lodging, and supplies for the week. **THERE WILL BE FUNDRAISING DONE TO**

LOWER THIS COST! For more information or to sign up, stop by the rectory, visit the Youth Ministry section of the Parish website (www.sfxlg.org) or contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxlg.org or (708) 352-0168 x338.

Adults Needed!

We are in need of 7 adults to serve as chaperones on the Summer Service Trip. To be eligible, you must be at least 21 years old and be in compliance with the Archdiocese's child protection policies. For more information or to sign up, contact Olivia Hollman.



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*

Important Dates

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

Third Grade Reconciliation During Class Time in Chapel

Sunday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 14

First Communion Practice

Sunday, April 29 1:15-4:30 pm

First Communion Celebrations

Saturday, May 5 9:00 12:00 3:00

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

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
Sunday, April 1	No Class
Wednesday, April 4	No Class
Sunday, April 8	Class
Wednesday, April 11	Class
Sunday, April 15	Class
Wednesday, April 18	Class

Sunday, April 22
RE Fair All Sessions from
8:45 –10:15 Joyce Hall

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 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

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.

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 began 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 accepted 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



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

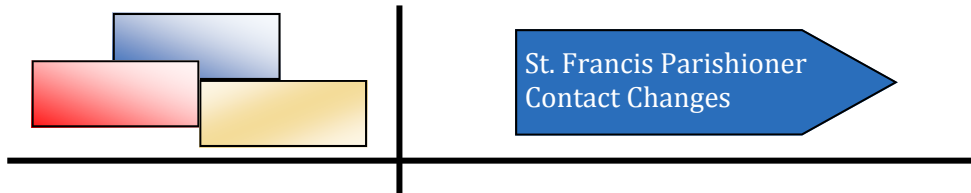
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**Your
Parish
Finances
as of
March 4, 2018**



Prior Month's Offerings:	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	=	<i>February Total</i>
February 2018	\$ 58,081		\$ 58,452		\$ 116,533
February 2017	\$ 42,877		\$ 70,716		\$ 113,593

God bless you for your generosity to St. Francis Xavier Parish!



Please help us keep our records current! We are asking for any changes. Also, if you could please update phone numbers and emails and specify as to who the information is for we would really appreciate it. This will help to keep our data base current. Thank you!

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number Home _____

Mr. Cell _____ Mrs. Cell _____

E-mail Address Family _____

Mr. _____

Mrs. _____



**Advocating for Peace
with
Jerry Levin
Friday, March 16 • 7:00pm**

In the early 1980's, serving as a CNN bureau chief, Jerry Levin was kidnapped by Hezbollah and held captive for almost a year in Lebanon. Emerging from his ordeal, Levin vowed to devote his life to being a peacemaker in the Middle East. Join us at Grace Lutheran in LaGrange as Jerry shares how this experience changed his relationship with God, his view of the world and a commitment to Peace in the Holy Land.

200 North Catherine Ave • LaGrange, Illinois
708.52.0730 • www.gracelg.org

Catholic Women's Club

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Tiziana Lambert at tizianalambert@gmail.com.

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.

**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 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 19.** Please see below for the breakdown:

Cherub Choir (grades 1 and 3).....
Tuesdays: 3:45 pm-4:15 pm
First Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 20

SF Choristers (grades 4 – 8).....
Thursdays: 3:45 pm-4:30 pm
First Rehearsal: Thursday, March 22

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



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Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry



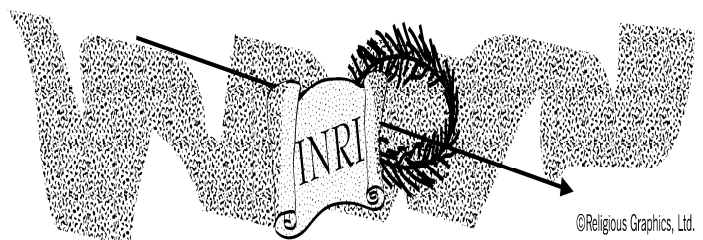
"I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded. -Pope Francis

The fate of nearly 1.8 million Dreamers remains uncertain as Congress has yet to reach a bipartisan deal.

Your advocacy is critical to help the nearly 1.8 million Dreamers, young people who were brought into the United States by their parents as children. They may face deportation unless Congress reaches a bi-partisan deal to protect them. We support these young people who are contributors to our economy and leaders in our parishes and communities.

ACTION: The USCCB asks you to pray, fast and act by urging Congress to work together for a permanent solution for Dreamers. **Call 855-589-5698 to reach the Capitol switchboard.** For resources, talking points and postcards visit the USCCB website: www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees this Lent visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org



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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.



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.

**PLEASE NOTE- DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED
(was originally scheduled for March 24)**

Untying the Knots-Polarization in America. Saturday, June 2 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. Pre-registration greatly appreciated.

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

**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
or 708-352-0168**

**Thank you to all who joined us for
An Evening of Reflection
with
Sr. Kathy Sherman CSJ**



Community Service Project

Do your youth need community service hours? Are you looking for a project that makes a difference right here in our community? LaGrange Knights of Columbus need a total of 40 service hours for the Spring Food Drive. Volunteers can choose their own day and time during Saturday, April 14 to Sunday, April 22. The work is attaching flyers to the doorknobs of homes in the LaGrange area. Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights of Columbus. K of C members will handle pick up of donations. Food Pantry staff and volunteers will handle sorting, storage and distribution of the donations.

Since 2012 the Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drive in April and October helps our most vulnerable neighbors make ends meet. Call, text or email for more information or to join our effort—Mike Hattie, Committee Chair 708-207-2780 and council6483@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



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 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.

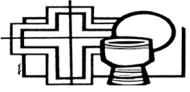
Registration is necessary. Details and the registration form can be found on the parish website: www.sfxlg.org (and click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate DeVries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



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



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—March 17-18, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	D. Mulvenna M. Kanzer M. Bruni	L. Bannach M. Becker D. Dunlap K. Kanzer M. Milligan K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young Not Filled	E. Madden A. Dillon C. Gonzalez	K. Kelly	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	P. Olson B. Ritchie J. Van Gorp	N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch D. Walsh M. Westerhoff	E. Newman R. Newman C. Stetz	G. Adams	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Dillon B. Olson M. Lukanich	M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel A. Gargano L. Hill M. Hull	T. Kelly A. Fix A. McCarty	T. Pangan Gallery Choir	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Muccino	K. McCarthy N. Madell G. Sbrissa	A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník G. Rutkowski K. Witowski	C. Schodrof T. Dudek B. McGovern	C. Sivik Celebration Ensemble	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Dillon E. McGovern C. Borowski	A. Gatsos C. Gatsos K. Johnson N. L. Kampe Not Filled	Q. Siegel C. Kachmarik M. Hayford	C. Jakubisin	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	M. Kelly L. Wojcik	E. Cushing E. O'Hara K. Niedermeyer M. Niedermeyer S. Wojcik		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of March 11, 2018

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

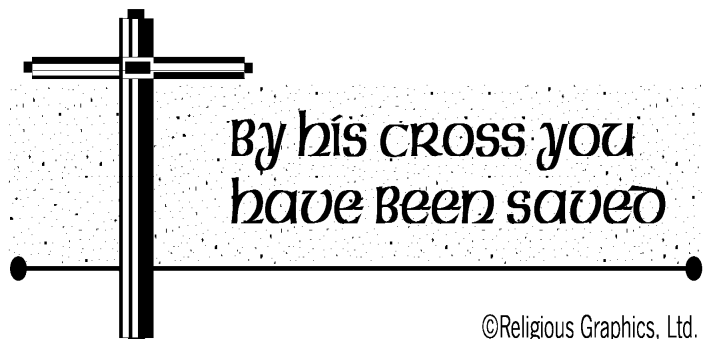
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



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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 Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday.....9:00 am
Friday.....7:45 am
Saturday.....9:00 am

Word Communion Services

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

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the
Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on
a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous
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Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
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
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Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

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

Marriage

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

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and
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