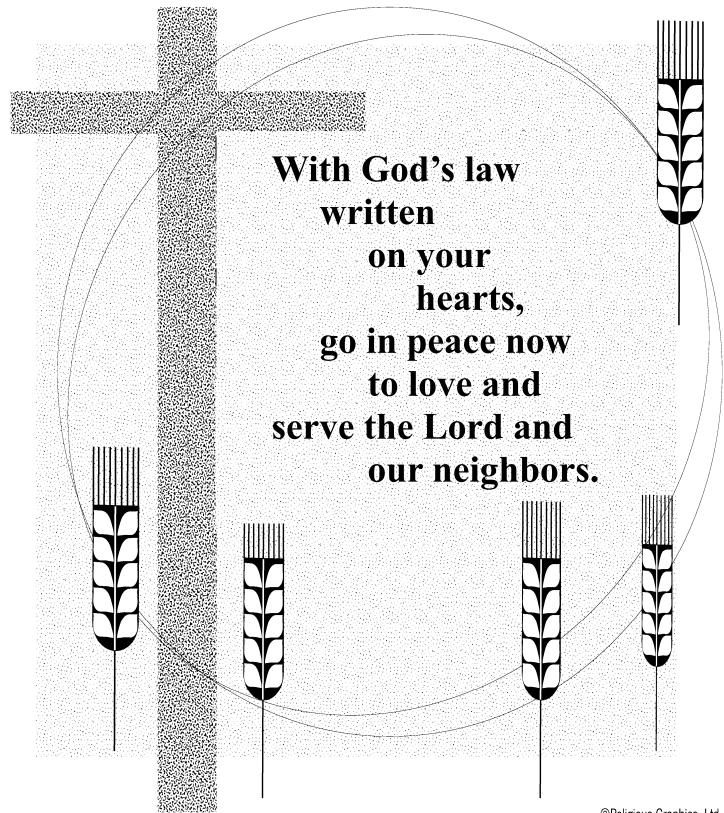
# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

5th Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018





#### **Mass Intentions For The Week**

| Monday, March 19    | 7:45 am                       | Nancy Ryan   | John & Marilynn Lux                                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
|                     | 9:00 am                       | Phil Malone  | The Baumgart Family                                 |
| Tuesday, March 20   | 7:45 am                       | Herbert & Mary Schrack   | The Schrack Family                                  |
|                     | 9:00 am                       | Ginger Gies  | The Filbin Family                                   |
| Wednesday, March 21 | 7:45 am                       | Ronald Kroll   | Bob & Jennifer Driscoll                             |
|                     | 9:00 am                       | Phil Malone  | Pam Oplawski  |
| Thursday, March 22  | 7:45 am<br>9:00 am            | Word & Communion Service<br>Chris Killeen  | The Six Lakes Country Club Ladies                   |
| Friday, March 23    | 7:45 am<br>9:00 am            | Mercedes McDonnell<br>Bill Purcell, Jr.<br>Word & Communion Service                  | The McDonnell Family The Bock Family                |
| Saturday, March 24  | 9:00 am<br>9:30 am<br>4:15 pm | Albina Samko Judy Herbstritt Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation | The Samko & Hanks Families<br>Mike Brennan & Family |

# Please Pray For...

Keeley Barr Molly Anne McKenna **Emmett Miller** Barbara Bier George Braasch Mike Morrison Louis Darovic Dan Nash Diane Discipio Fr. Jim O'Connor Blake Donegan Arnie Oppenheim Fr. Dave Dowdle Jane O'Reilly Rvan Patvk Pat Eaton William Egbert Donna Pekarek Carissa Pessetti Bill Elliott 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 Dawn Wilmsen Virginia Kottaridis Charles Witt Ayanna Kucera Judy Magielski

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:

*Julia Jordan*Niece of Michelle Jordan

Ann Fitzmaurice
Past Parishioner

Orlando Lascola
Father of Lance & Heather and
Grandfather of Bryonna & Bryce

# **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.

### Pastor's Notes

"God forgives us, no matter what and right away." "That just can't be right," someone said to me after hearing these words in my homily last Sunday. It was the "right away" part that created the greatest discomfort. Does this mean that we are free to do whatever we want and be assured of God's forgiveness? Yes. Does this mean that we do not need to be sorry or even ask forgiveness before God forgives us? Yes. Does this mean that God has forgiven the cruel despots, malicious terrorists, and violent criminals throughout history? Yes.

In the story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus places the father *outside* the gates of the town, waiting each day for the return of his son. The father does this to protect his son from those in the town who would otherwise punish the son if he were to return. The father does not need to hear his son's rehearsed apology. He interrupts his son with a loving embrace and orders a feast to be prepared. When his elder son refuses to join the celebration, the father goes out to plead for him to come home. At the end of the story, it is the elder son who remains out in the cold and dark for his refusal to accept his father's mercy toward his brother. We are left unsure as to whether this son will stubbornly remain in the darkness, or join the celebration to which he is invited.

God forgives us, **no matter what** and **right away**. So why do we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation? *The process of forgiveness is a two-part exchange*: one person chooses to *offer* forgiveness and the other chooses whether to *receive* it. God loves us so deeply that God offered the life of God's Son to free us from the power of sin. There is <u>nothing</u> we can do that God

will not forgive, and God chooses to forgive us <u>immediately</u>. However, God leaves it to us whether to accept the forgiveness that God offers. Our acceptance involves <u>acknowledging</u> that we have sinned and *confessing our sorrow* for having done so. So, does God forgive the perpetrators of hatred and violence? *Yes.* Does each of them open his or her heart to accept that forgiveness? *I cannot know until I reach the gates of heaven.* But I pray to be willing to share a place with anyone who does so, lest I find myself stubbornly out in the cold darkness, unwilling to share in the banquet table of heaven because "they" have been invited.

I encourage you to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation *this Monday night* at St. Francis Xavier or Tuesday night at St. John of the Cross. Join the children and youth of our parish who have celebrated this sacrament in recent weeks. Accept God's forgiveness into your heart to transform your life.

A blessed St. Patrick's Day to the Irish among us; and thank you to the members of the Irish American Musicians who join us at the 5:00 Saturday Mass this weekend. A blessed St. Joseph's Day to the Italian, Polish, and those of other nationalities who celebrate Joseph as their patron. May the all the saints encourage and guide us!

Peace,

F. Bill

# Scripture Reflection

Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Lent
Liturgy Planning Team #3
David Sherman, Barbara Kalnes, Gertrude Nalumansi, Charles Brewick, and George Rutkowski

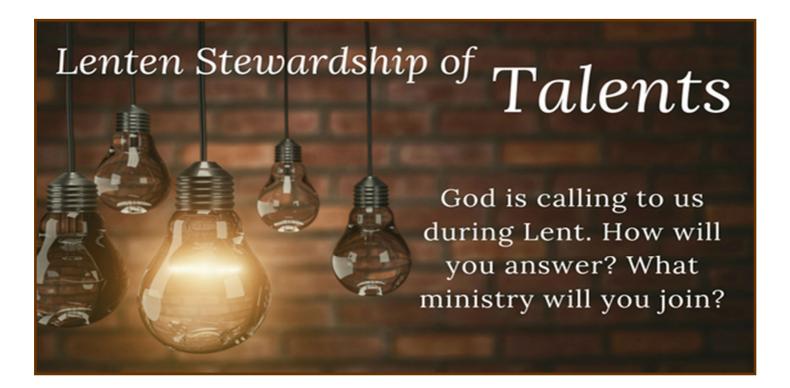
**Spring is in the air! Our gardens are showing signs of new life.** Time to turn over a new leaf? Indeed, it is time to brush away the dried leaves and make way for the season of rejuvenation and renewal. Are you prepared for the new growth emerging in our midst?

Today and each day, God extends to us a new covenant, a holy bond to live by, more accessible and intimate a relationship than ever before. Like seeds planted in fertile ground, God instills the wonder and wisdom of the divine in each of us. Spiritual gifts rise up from deep within us like fresh shoots reaching out from within the "garden" of our heart.

The hectic pace, stress, and ongoing distractions of everyday life, however, can make it difficult to stay rooted in our Christian values. Keeping our part of the covenant can be challenging, yet our cooperation is essential to God's plan.

No doubt, our world is greatly troubled and, too often, evil gets the upper hand. Yes, we do trust that God is present in all circumstances, yet sometimes it's difficult to get past the confusion and pain we experience. Suffering comes in many forms: physical, mental, emotional. Yet, by the Cross of Jesus, we are set free and made whole, healed and perfected through the suffering we share with Christ who loves us no matter what.

**Graces abound in this divine relationship,** which is so deeply rooted in our hearts that it can never be taken away. As dedicated disciples in Christ, let us keep the Lord's presence and his new covenant at the forefront of life. This will help us make right choices and grow closer to God as we go forth to share the Lord's love and mercy with all we meet each day.





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.

#### VOTER INFORMATION

"As Catholics we are not single issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support." Faithful Citizenship NCCB 2016

Since it is difficult for the average citizen to find accurate information about how the many candidates stand on the life issues, **Illinois Right to Life Action** has prepared non-partisan voter information based on responses to a questionnaire, public statements, and/or voting records. *This guide is not an endorsement and may not be used to advance the candidacy of any individual.* 

For information go to the IRL Action web site at www.VoteProLifeIllinois.com or call 630-358-0042 for assistance. In light of the HB 40 Bill that forces all people of faith to pay for unlimited abortion with their tax dollars, it is more critical than ever to know how candidates stand on the life issues.

# 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 this 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 <u>not</u> 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 <a href="http://school.sfxlg.org/parents/school-board/">http://school.sfxlg.org/parents/school-board/</a>. We look forward to receiving your application!



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# COLLEGE game day

— SATURDAY—APRIL 21, 2018

SFX CAMPUS (SCHOOL PARKING LOT)

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM** 

Ticket prices include food, drinks and entertainment.

Purchase tickets and sponsorships at **SFX18.gesture.com** 



DUST OFF YOUR COLLEGE SPIRIT WEAR AND GET YOUR GAME FACE ON!



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

#### **Good Friday Services**

Looking to be part of the services on Good Friday? Services are at 3pm and 7pm and we need 4 volunteers for each. Contact Olivia Hollman for more information and to sign up!

#### **Summer Service Trip**

YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION 2018





We will be going to Detroit, Blessed, Broken, and Shared 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 Francis Xavier Youth Ministry" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!

We also have an Instagram page. Search "SFX Youth Ministry" on Instagram and make sure to follow us!



~ Olivia Hollman

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# **Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates**

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

### **Important Dates**

**First Communion Practice** 1:15-4:30 pm Sunday, April 29

**First Communion Celebrations** 

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

# 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 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

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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



# 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!

#### 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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>NOT</u> 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.

# BACK DOOR THEATER

If you are entering the 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2018 and looking for a creative summer experience in theater and stage production, Back Door Theatre is looking for you! The Back Door Theater is a co-operative drama ministry of Grace Lutheran and St Francis Xavier Churches that can offer teens and pre-teens a casual opportunity to explore the theater arts either as a beginner or to further an existing dramatic interest. Entering its 18<sup>th</sup> season this summer, this drama ministry uses the theater arts of acting, voice, dance, instrumental performance, set design and back stage production to explore traditional Biblical stories and characters through a fun, contemporary, original play. The plays are faith based but always include modern references and are written in the language of teens.

> Workshop Dates: Tuesday & Wednesday evenings June 5 & 6

> Monday & Wednesday evenings June 12– July 9 6:00 – 9:00 pm Every evening July 10-12

Two Performances on: July 13, 2017 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm

We are also looking for Teen Assistants (grades 11 and 12) and/or Adults who think they would like to contribute in some way.

For questions or further information, please call Becky Hayes at 708-878-2790 or email at bechayes@sbcglobal.net.

Registration packets are available at the back of church and in the rectory office. Registrations will be accepted through mid-May but space is limited, register early to insure a spot.



**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 Sperduto. 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 <u>They Will Inherit the Earth</u>, 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. Preregistration 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 cosponsoring 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. Preregistration greatly appreciated.

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



# 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.



# Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—March 24-25, 2018

| Mass Time | Presider    | Lectors/<br>Commentators                 | Ministers of<br>Communion  | Altar Servers                           | Cantors                            | Greeters     |
|-----------|-------------|--|--|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 5:00 PM   | Fr. Killeen | L. Mackenzie<br>K. Justak<br>C. Borowski | M. Becker C. Cooke K. Corrigan J. Denson A. Fekrut F. Kudia D. Mulvenna A. Saladino P. Saladino                  | E. Akalaitis<br>F. LaMantia<br>B. Culin | J. Petkus<br>SF Choristers         | M. Becker    |
| 7:30 AM   | Fr. Killeen | G. Rutkowski<br>M. Kalkowski<br>J. Kelly | D. Challender<br>R. Nutt<br>P. Olson<br>K. Stetz<br>S. Zavala  | E. McFadden<br>B. Griffin<br>P. Adams   | C. Kline                           | C. Urbain    |
| 9:00 AM   | Fr. Tkachuk | P. Zadeik<br>E. McGovern<br>M. Rotert    | M. Lukanich B. McMahon E. Olsen B. Olson P. O'Malley C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast L. Weyrauch            | A. Justak<br>C. McLaughlin              | J. Spearman<br>Gallery Choir       | G. Nalumansi |
| 10:30 AM  | Fr. Killeen | J. Spearman<br>M. Atseff<br>T. Gannon    | L. Egan<br>M. Joscelyn<br>A. Krol<br>O. Lastres<br>S. Martin<br>P. McGinnis<br>J. Nowak<br>L. Ovnik<br>K. Parisi | H. Lisek<br>K. Smith<br>R. Garcia       | B. Mayo<br>Celebration<br>Ensemble | M. Joscelyn  |
| 12:00 PM  | Fr. Muccino | D. Lewis<br>J. Clark<br>J. Jagodzinski   | A. Chimento<br>L. Donegan<br>B. Edelmann<br>A. Gatsos<br>K. Johnson  |   | C. Jakubisin                       | D. Foss      |
| 6:00 PM   | Fr. Tkachuk | ТВА                                      | G. Dimalig<br>B. Dimalig<br>N. Bandyk<br>T. Weyer<br>D. Kilrea   |   | Spirit Choir                       |              |

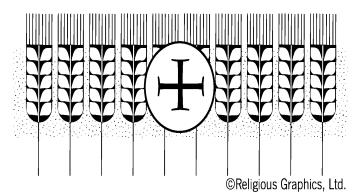
#### Readings For The Week of March 18, 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 unday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Js 50

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



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#### **Rectory Hours**

| Monday-Friday                           | 8:30 am-8:30 pm                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday                                | 9:00 am-5:00 pm                       |
| Sunday                                  |                                       |
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#### 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               |                    |
| The Reconciliation room is locat |                    |
| tabernacle prayer area.          | ,                  |

Liturgy Schedule

| Monday through Wednesday | 7:45 and 9:00 am |
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| Thursday                 | 9:00 am          |
| Friday                   |                  |
| Saturday                 |                  |
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#### **Word Communion Services**

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| Friday    | <br>9:00 am |
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#### **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 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, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.

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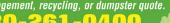
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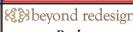
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