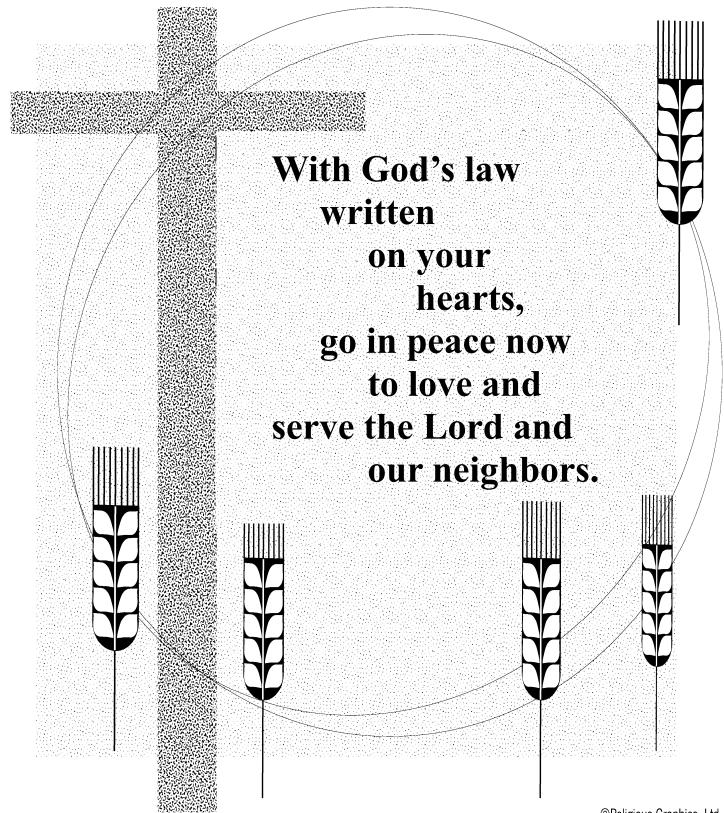
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Chris Killeen	The Six Lakes Country Club Ladies
Friday, March 23	7:45 am 9:00 am	Mercedes McDonnell Bill Purcell, Jr. Word & Communion Service	The McDonnell Family The Bock Family
Saturday, March 24	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm	Albina Samko Judy Herbstritt Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation	The Samko & Hanks Families 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

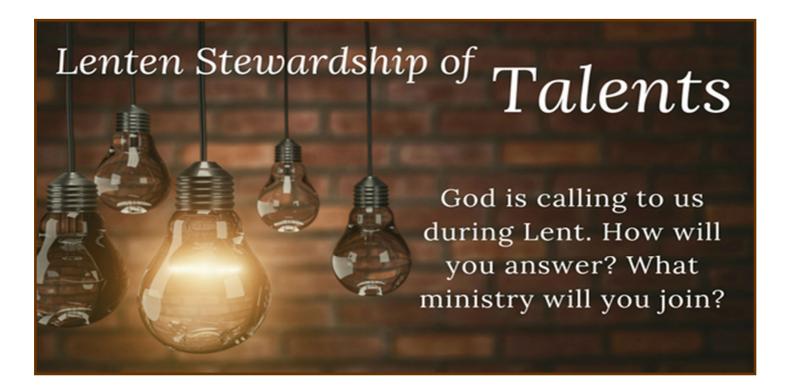
Spring is in the air! Our gardens are showing signs of new life. Time to turn over a new leaf? Indeed, it is time to brush away the dried leaves and make way for the season of rejuvenation and renewal. Are you prepared for the new growth emerging in our midst?

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 http://school.sfxlg.org/parents/school-board/. We look forward to receiving your application!



 $S \star F \star X$

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

create for me a clean beart, OOR O



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 6th through 10th 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 18th 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/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	L. Mackenzie K. Justak C. Borowski	M. Becker C. Cooke K. Corrigan J. Denson A. Fekrut F. Kudia D. Mulvenna A. Saladino P. Saladino	E. Akalaitis F. LaMantia B. Culin	J. Petkus SF Choristers	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	G. Rutkowski M. Kalkowski J. Kelly	D. Challender R. Nutt P. Olson K. Stetz S. Zavala	E. McFadden B. Griffin P. Adams	C. Kline	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	P. Zadeik E. McGovern M. Rotert	M. Lukanich B. McMahon E. Olsen B. Olson P. O'Malley C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast L. Weyrauch	A. Justak C. McLaughlin	J. Spearman Gallery Choir	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Spearman M. Atseff T. Gannon	L. Egan M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovnik K. Parisi	H. Lisek K. Smith R. Garcia	B. Mayo Celebration Ensemble	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Muccino	D. Lewis J. Clark J. Jagodzinski	A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann A. Gatsos K. Johnson		C. Jakubisin	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	ТВА	G. Dimalig B. Dimalig N. Bandyk T. Weyer D. Kilrea		Spirit Choir	

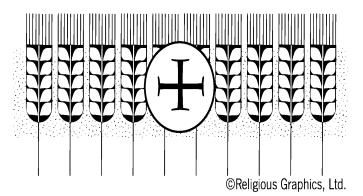
Readings For The Week of March 18, 2018

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



St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor Associate Pastor

Deacon

Pastoral Associate

Weekend Sacramental Ministers

Weekend Sacramental Ministers

Education Ministry

Day School Principal Assistant Principal

Assistant to Day School Principal Day School Secretary (Main Campus)

Day School Secretary (East Campus)

Coordinator (East Campus)

Tuition Accounts

Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep

Religious Education Office Staff Religious Education Office Staff

Youth Ministry

Coordinator **Music Ministry**

Director

Parish Office Staff

Business Manager Parish Accountant Pastor's Secretary

Parish Secretary

Staff Secretary

Food Pantry/Community Outreach

Coordinator

Rev. William Tkachuk Rev. William Killeen Mr. Andrew Allison Dr. Kate DeVries Rev. Stan Ilo

Rev. Keith Muccino, S.J.

Mrs. Sharon Garcia Mrs. Janice Carr Mrs. Mary Hoffman Mrs. Peggy Evans Mrs. Kathie Kinahan Mrs. Margaret Houston Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft Ms. Ťerri Šimeoni Mrs. Cindy Johnson Mrs. Lucile Nichol

Ms. Olivia Hollman

Mr. Allen Sterwalt

Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft Mrs. Jane Bandyk Mrs. Maureen Pipal Mrs. Melissa Westerhoff Ms. Debra Soulje

Mrs. Mary Freeman

wtkachuk@sfxlg.org bkilleen@sfxlg.org aallison@sfxlg.org kdevries@sfxlg.org

sgarcia@sfxlg.org jcarr@sfxlg.org mhoffman@sfxlg.org pevans@sfxlg.org kkinahan@sfxlg.org mhouston@sfxlg.org jzeisloft@sfxlg.org tsimeoni@sfxlg.org cjohnson@sfxlg.org lnichol@sfxlg.org

ohollman@sfxlg.org

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

jzeisloft@sfxlg.org jbandyk@sfxlg.org mpipal@sfxlg.org mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org

dsoulje@sfxlg.org

mfreeman@sfxlg.org

Contact Information

Parish Office124 N. Spring	/08-352-0168
St. Francis Xavier Day School	708-352-2175
School of Religious Education	708-352-4555
S.P.R.E.D. (Special Religious Education)	708-352-0168
Fax Number	708-352-4904
e-Mail	sfxinlg@sfxlg.org
Main Day School e-Mail	sfxmain@sfxlg.org
Main Religious Education e-Mail	sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org
Parish Web Site	www.sfxlg.org

Rectory Hours

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

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
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	
Saturday	

Word Communion Services

I nursaay	 /: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 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.

Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.
Family Owned and Operated For Over 113 Years
Established 1904 — Generations of Dignified Service

Office April 1904

Office April 1904

Office April 1904

Office April 1904

Office April 1904 Pre-Need Insurance and Pre-Need Insurance Payment Plans Available www.HitzemanFuneral.com

9445 W. 31st St., Brookfield, IL 60513

(708) 485-2000



LASSAK Market & Deli

\$5 OFF any purchase of \$50 or more w/ad

Hot Foods • Deli • Dessert Catering Platters - Delicious Meats Delicious Cheeses • Produce & Groceries Polish and Lithuanian Family Owned Business 7145 S. Kingery Hwy. Route 83

Willowbrook, Il 630.655.2200



find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!

App Store Google play

Download Our Free App or Visit MY.ONEPARISH.COM



708.482.4900

9675 W. 55th St., Countryside www.HighlineAutoRepair.com

Carolyn Bronke Wind, DDS, SC Member: American Dental Assoc. Illinois State Dental Society 47 S. 6th Ave., Suite F 708-354-1335

The Most Complete **Online National** Directory of Catholic Parishes

Protecting **Seniors** Nationwide



\$29.95/MO. billed quarterly

- One Free Month No Long-Term Contract
 - Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608



"WHERE NEIGHBORS BECOME FRIENDS (708) 482-7127

56 South La Grange Rd., La Grange, IL 60525 Steve & Jenny Palmer - Parishioners



For more information go to www.usccb.org/respectlife

neral Home 10501 W. Cermak Rd. hester, IL 708-562-5900 Westchester, IL **ED THE PLUMBER**

Conboy's Westchester

ED THE CARPENTER Best Work • Best Rate Satisfaction Guaranteed As We Do All Our Own Work Lic# 055-026066 \$\$ Parishioner Discount \$\$

708-652-1444

Check It Out Today!

ANTONIETTI & ASSOCIATES

FINDaPARISH.com

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

HANDLING CRIMINAL & FAMILY LAW

630-230-0101 www.AntoniettiLaw.com

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You

Patronize One of Our Advertisers

Thank you for advertising in

our church bulletin.

I am patronizing your business

because of it!

15 Salt Creek Ln. Suite 321 • Hinsdale, IL



PROFESSIONAL HOME
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST Quality Work 25 yrs. Experience At Reasonable Prices Carpentry, Painting, Flooring & Remodeling • Misc. Jobs Interior-Exterior Parishioner Discounts

Paul Ruzicka 708-602-9366 References - Free Estimates

Complete Psychological Evaluation & Treatment Individual - Marital - Fan

Lorraine D. D'Asta, Ph.D. and Associates HINSDALE 630-655-9040



708-387-9400

Expert Troubleshooting Electrical Rehab/Repair

Greg Fiflis - Parishioner www.duplexelectricservice.com

KIRSCHBAUM'S BAKERY

Quality and Variety Full Service Bakery 825 Burlington Ave. Western Springs 708-246.2894

Donald J. Veverka ATTORNEY AT LAW



ESTATE PLANNING WILLS & TRUSTS PERSONAL INJURY NURSING HOME

FREE CONSULTATION

Cell 312 560 8649 Home 708 354 4839

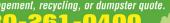
Your Local Attorney Here To Serve You



DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES

Contact us today for a customized, reliable waste management, recycling, or dumpster quote.

630-261-0400



FUN AND FAITH-FILLED MUSIC

for little ones, with 10 songs based on Bible stories and the teachings of Jesus. This is a new music collection for preschool children and those who are in early grade school. \$17.00 + S&H



WORLD LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS



Grow Your Business, Advertise Here. Support Your Church & Bulletin. Free professional ad design & my help!

www.jspaluch.com email: biancow@jspaluch.com

Call Wanda Bianco

800.566.6170 800-566-6150 • www.wlp.jspaluch.com/14028.htm INNOVATIVE COUNSELING PARTNERS Store Systems Technology **COMPASSIONATE HOME CARE** Se Habla Español Depression · Anxiety · Child & Family Therapy $tom \varepsilon$ Point of Sale Equipment Grief/Trauma Counseling Marriage Counseling

708-588-1773

Parishioner



• Meals • Personal Care • Companionship • Light Housekeeping • Laundry • Errands 708-783-1220 www.MaryAndMikeCare.cor Michael & Mary Doepke, RN

Offices in Oak Park, North Riverside & Hirisuum 773-312-3612 • www.lnnovativeCounselingPartners.com You Need You 24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!

Ambulance Solutions as Low as \$19.95 a month Police Fire FREE Shipping Friends/Family



CALL 800.809.3352 No Landline? No Problem! * Real Time GPS Tracking * Fall Detection

No Landline? No Problem! LIFEWatchUSA



INSTALL

GIFT CARD with purchase Offer ends February 28th!

MONEY DOWN INTEREST PAYMENTS 0 WE OFFER
MILITARY DISCOUNT

CALL NOW! (630) 599-7

s VISA gift card with purchase will be mailed after installation and payment in full. New orders only. Loans provided by EnerBank USA (1245 Brit. 0, Salt Lake City, UT 84106) on approved credit, for a limited time. Repayment terms vary from 24 to 132 months. Interest waived if repaid in 36'ed APR, effective as of 12/1/17, subject to change. Other restrictions may apply. Not valid with any other offer or previous job. Offer expires 2/2'



Providing Distinguished Service Since 1923

FAMILY OWNED & **OPERATED** 1025 W. 55th Street, Countryside (708) 352-6500

www.HJfunerals.com



Kevin E. Collins, DDS 475 W. 55th St., La Ĝrange Office 708-354-5575 After Hours Emergency 708-408-367 Parishioner



Specialist in Creating Tax Advantaged
Retirement Income Solutions
Mike Corrigan 708-482-3800

Parishioner 913 Hillgrove LaGrange, IL.

mike@corriganfs.com Working with Families & Business Owners Since 1980



 Breakfast • Lunch Catering/Parties

49 S. La Grange Road La Grange 708.352.4900 www.blueberrybreakfastcafe.com

Jim Donahue **AGENT**

Protecting The SFX Community For Over 25 Years 708.354.1616

www.jimdonahue.com State Farm

The Lehman Group



Selling homes in St. Francis Parish for 40 years!

Patricia Lehman & Kathleen Henneberry 708-507-0162

RESIDENTAL BROKERAGE

219 W. Hillgrove, LaGrange, IL 60525

Richard A. Battistoni, DDS William Beam, DDS, MS

B

922 S. La Grange Road • La Grange 708.352.4500 awesomebraces.com awesomebraces.com



PC MD
PC & MAC Sales & S

ndusa@gmail.com www.pcmd.com WE STILL MAKE HOUSE CALLS!

Networking • WIFI • Internet

(630) 789-3971 Tom

REGISTER NOW!

Monday- Friday 5am-10pm Saturday 6am-8pm Sunday 7am-6pm

Carol L. Martin

Attorney Licensed in Illinois & Florida

Real Estate • Wills • Trusts • Probate

708-246-7570

Register in person at La Grange Fitness

536 East Avenue., La Grange IL







FOREST

Home & Hearth Caregivers

Personal Care, Meals, Light Housekeeping, Laundry, Transportation & more Live-in or hourly service, and no minimums

708-352-4663

www.homeandhearthcare.com

708-354-1003

THREE SOUTH WAIOLA AVE., LA GRANGE

PARISH MEMBER

ROBERT T. CORTE, D.D.S.

DENTAL CARE www.cortedental.com

SavWay

WINE TASTINGS • EVENT PLANNING • GIFTS On York • 1/2 Block North of Ogden Ave. 3821 S. York Road, Oak Brook

630-325-6550



Saint Margaret

Sunday Missal

An ideal companion for personal prayer.

uccas

SUNDAY & SATURDAY BRUNCH 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PIZZERIA

nch Menu & New Kids Menu

HAPPY HOUR Monday - Thursday • 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Appetizers 1/2 OFF

EVENTS ON AND OFF PREMISES

Catering • Groups 20 to 150 Funeral Lunches · Baby Showers DISCOUNTS on Large Pizza Orders

DINE IN, TAKE OUT & DELIVERY Open 7 Days 798-354-9990

www.LuccasPizzeria.com



JoAnn May

CPA / PFS MBA CFP®



Fee Only Certified Financial Planner

708.447.7086

CatholicMatch.com/**myll**

DONATELLI & COULES, LTD.

PATRICK C. McGINNIS

Direct Line: (630) 920-0406

Patrick@donatellicoules.com

Parishioner

Attorney at Law

• REAL ESTATE

ESTATE



COLDWELL BANKER G

Parishioner Day School Parent

KARA KENNEDY O'CONNELL

Broker

Named Top 10 Broker LaGrange/LaGrange Park Market 2016

(708) 207-5311

karaohomes@gmail.com

BOBBIE CLEANING SERVICE

32 YEARS EXPERIENCE

REFERENCES AVAILABLE 708.259.9116

PLUMBING, INC. **Since 1988 Catholic Cruises and Tours**

708-579-3321

IL license # 055-017412 Guaranteed

7 day, 24 Hour Service

Scotts 1

Brian or Sally, coordinators 860.399.1785 an Official Travel Agency of Apostleship of the Sea-USA www.CatholicCruisesAndTours.com



In Stock & Ready to Order Today.

CALL OR ORDER ONLINE. \$39.95

WORLD LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

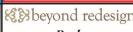
800-566-6150 • www.wlpmusic.com

Providing quality gymnastics instruction in a nurturing & positive atmosphere for kids age 3 & up Register Today 708-352-2977 La Grange



Servina Chicago and Chicagoland Suburbs" daprileproperties.com

joe@daprileproperties.com Full Time Broker and Parishioner Licensed since 2004



Bath, Kitchen, and Decor

Beth Bernardi 630.640.5953 beyondredesign.com







LAGRANGE PARK, LTD. 539 N. LAGRANGE ROAD SUITE 1 708.354.1070

ILLINOIS BRICK COMPANY B

> Palos Hills, IL 60465 (708) 344-1000 www.illinoisbrick.com

8995 W. 95th Street

John F. O'Connell III, D.D.S. Parishioner



DR. KEVIN J. SALVINO

Hinsdale Foot and Ankle Specialist

Board Certified 630-789-1700

Affiliated with Hinsdale Hospital

Restorative & Implant General Dentistry

> 930 N. York Rd., Suite 120

630-455-1666 Hinsdale



Tom Cunningham - Parishioner & Alum Kensington & Hillgrove 780.352.3535 Carpet | Wood | Rugs | Tile | Stone