### SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH 3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday May 5, 2019



#### **Our First Communicants**

Nellie Ahrens Chelsea Dudek John Akalaitis Mollie Dwyer Jayden Atkinson Lillian Dziad Charlotte Bagato Emily Eagan Alexander Barrett Sophia Egbert Margaret Betlinski William Egbert Gabriela Bickham Luca Eorio Colin Biebel Michael Erickson Jake Blasco William Evans Avery Bloedorn Matthew Fekrat Genevieve Burda Abigail Fijal John Callahan Charles Fitzpatrick Joseph Callahan Kane Fox Olivia Capraro Tatum Fridrych Noah Carmona Benjamin Fries Quinn Carroll Patrick Gabriel Shannon Carroll Tess Gallen Francesca Casamassimo Clare Garrity Liam Cherry Clara Giese Dante Chierici Genevieve Greyerbiehl Luke Cisek Sloane Groetsema Madeline Clark Catherine Hannon Molly Collins Tyler Hanson Mary Connors Benjamin Hartman Chloe Cortese **Nelly Herrera** Joseph Crandall Anna Hertz **Emily Culin** Caellum Hinton Myles Hinton Julia Cultra Cian Curran Ava Hoag Mira Cuthbert Harlow Hoehn Henry D'Apice Henry Hoover Jack Denja Joseph Jacobs Nicole DiBraccio William Jandrain Peter Dillenbeck Jordynn Janiszewski Landon Donoho Luke Janiszewski Alice Doyle Hayden Johns

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Claire Kelly Lauren Kerrigan Wyatt Klitchman Mia Kmiec Lily Kopczynski Timothy Kozak Joy Kubly Ellinor Lach Jacob Lanoue Audrey Leahy Hannah Lee Nicholas Longfield Rosemary Longfield Owen Loughney Ava Maciasz Elizabeth Mackenzie Samuel Mahoney Samantha Maloney Charlotte Maltman Nicco Manzo Allie Maresso **Grant Martens** Owen Martin Thomas Matthys Campbell McCarthy Quinn McCarthy Audrey McCormick Abigail McKenna William McLaughlin John McMahon Elizabeth McManama Jonathan Meadors Mariaelena Melendez Jane Merchant Julia Merchant

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Monica Miranda

Grace Mogensen Oscar Moran Emma Murphy Adam Musser Addison Neel Greyson Neidetcher Elliot O'Brien Molly O'Brien Quinn O'Connor Samuel Ogden Anneliese Ohlman Michael Olszowka Luke O'Reilly Camila Ortiz Emilio Ortiz Erin Owen Ellery Palcer Owen Paquet Kelly Parkes Joseph Parkhill Giada Paul Joshua Pelling Charles Peto Matthew Piszczor Olivia Pold Olivia Pora Savannah Porter William Powell Alexander Prenger William Prenger Caitlin Quick Grace Quinn Eleanor Raber Matthew Reilly John Remiasz

Nathan Remus

Lily Reynolds

Robert Riboul Anne Rimkus Aiden Rivan Madeleine Rodgers Dante Rodriguez Jakob Roman Layla Rucinski **Emily Ryan** Louise Schlichter **Eleanor Schmitz** Alyssa Schoenberg Nora Schultz **Beatrice Scouffas** Michael Shaver **Emmett Shea** Peter Siffermann Kevin Smith Mary Clare Smith Katherine Smolen Caley Spain Jane Stamer Cristina Strama Linden Stritch Brendan Sullivan Declan Sullivan Kaitlyn Sullivan Naomi Sullivan Camila Svejcar Kara Tharp Sadie Thomas Noelle Thornton Chloe Turek Emma Washburn **Bridget Webster** Maeve Wysocki **Emily Young** 

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

Monday, May 6	7:45 am 9:00 am	Paul E. Flood Joe Uehlein	Kathy Duffy Bernard Uehlein
Tuesday, May 7	7:45 am 9:00 am	James Heinlein Frank R. Cunnea, Jr. Rosemarie Agnello	Marlene Heinlein Mary F. Russell Yvonne Agnello-Adams
Wednesday, May 8	7:45 am 9:00 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack George Scanlon	The Schrack Family Anne Scanlon
Thursday, May 9	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Agnes & Charles Simmons	The Vida Family
Friday, May 10 Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest	7:45 am 9:00 pm	Stanley Humecke Word & Communion Service	Jerry & Nancy Johnson
Saturday, May 11	9:00 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Barbara DeBasilio Sacrament of Reconciliation WeddingMeghan Manetti & Michael Palm Sacrament of Reconciliation Robert J. Cahill	The Kanzer Family  The Farnan Family
Sunday, May 12 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Domininkas, Erna E. & Monas Audrey Walsh Coletta O'Brien Patricia Fitzgerald	The Vizgirda Family David & Katie Hanfland The Mulvenna Family The McKenna Family

#### Please Pray For...

Edward Kudia

James Boardman **Emmett Miller** Jay Carroll Patrick Morgan Peter Coughlan Mike Morrison Anthony Dina Jack Murphy Blake Donegan Noah Olson Arnold Oppenheim Pat Eaton Jane O'Reilly Harriet Edwards Ryan Patyk Lily Fielding Baby Collins Fitzpatrick Donna Pekarek Lilli Gregory Gino Pesce Wilson Gregory Carissa Pessetti Patricia Hassler Norm Petrancosta Linda Hillsman James Pridmore Rose Ilo Baby Madison Raupp Mary J. Anna Rose Marilyn Rutkowski Jane Jacobson Chuck Joern Matthew Schiek Theresa Kandall **Greyson Stanley** Rose Kazan Sarah Stanley Kate Frugoli Sullivan Mike Kelly Benny Kilman John Thoms Jerry Kolman Anne Titzer Virginia Kottaridis Michael Ungari Lou Ellen Krueger Amanda Valerugo

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.

Gregory Van Gorp

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:

#### Mary Simeoni

Mother of Santa, Terri and Sylvia Nonna to her grandchildren and great grandchildren and "Nonna" to so many



#### Weddings

Meghan Manetti & Michael Palm Katie Calvert & Joe Simonelli



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#### Pastor's Notes

Jesus said, "Do you love me?" John 21:17

Rosa and Benita (ages 5 and 6) sit side by side with their mothers on a cot. They are asylum seekers from Guatemala who had just been released from several days in an El Paso detention center. Sharp increases of those seeking asylum from Central and South America have pushed detention centers beyond the limits of available resources. Border agents are grateful to be able to bring asylum seekers to transition centers such as the one in which I visited with Rosa and Benita as soon as their initial paperwork has been processed. The people and limited resources of the Catholic Church in Texas and New Mexico have established these centers of hospitality to assist families as they prepare to join family members already living in the United States.

When Rosa and Benita arrived at this center, located on the grounds of the El Paso diocesan offices, they were welcomed with smiles and applause. They were among over 70 women, men, and children who arrive at this center each day. They were able to shower, select clean clothes, have their first full meal in days or weeks, and address medical needs. Adults contacted family members to arrange transportation from El Paso to cities across the nation in which relatives live, and in which their first asylum hearing will take place. If all goes well, families board a bus or plane to their destination within two days. Those travelling by bus are given food for the journey, until then, children play with super heroes (the most popular toy) and soccer (the most popular activity). The gift of hospitality begins to heal the indignities that these families had suffered on the journey toward asylum.

The center in which I met Benita and Rosa is one of many sponsored by the local Catholic church, staffed by professionals and volunteers, and supported by larger Catholic organizations. In Easter Week, I was blessed to participate in a border immersion trip funded by a grant to Catholic Extension Society, a major supporter of the mission church in places like El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico. I was awed by the vibrancy of church in these two "mission" dioceses. Both are experiencing tremendous growth and vibrancy as people live their faith through a ministry of hospitality to those in desperate need. Many who donate time and resources have little themselves; but they feel called to share the little they have with those with even less. Their living faith has awakened a vibrant church: the Word of God made flesh through loving hospitality to the stranger, the hungry, the unclothed, the ill, and the imprisoned.

The heart of the question Jesus asks Simon Peter, "Do you love me?" gets lost in translation. Jesus asks Peter if he will *love Jesus in the people of God* as sisters and

brothers, especially the poor and needy. Peter responds that *he loves the person of Jesus*. Jesus asks Peter to follow him, trusting that as Peter follows, his heart will be awakened to this fuller, deeper love. This is the Easter conversion that I experienced among people of faith on the border: *a living, active faith* that transforms both the one serving and the one served. This is the Easter church. May we all be so changed.

This weekend we **welcome** the newest communicants to the Eucharist. One hundred eighty-three parish children celebrated First Eucharist at one of three Masses on Saturday. May they learn from our example how to carry this precious gift into our daily lives.

This weekend we also celebrate *the last Sunday 6PM Mass of the season.* **Thank you** to our Spirit Choir musicians, our sacristan, and our youth lectors and ministers of communion. See you on the second Sunday of September!

Easter Peace,

7. Bill

#### **Scripture Reflections**

Easter season – What a joy! As the earth is bursting with new life, our sanctuary is beautifully decorated with fragrant spring flowers, majestic gold banners, and elaborate embroidery and lace. The Alleluia's and Gloria's have returned, with an abundance of other inspirational music. The celebration of our sacraments of initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist - is in full swing for our children, teens and adults. The Easter Vigil celebration, our various First Holy Communion masses this weekend, and the parish Confirmation celebrations that will take place May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> all speak to the power and presence of God in our midst. Even The Little White Books are back, loaded with Easter messages and insights from our Catholic tradition. It is all meant to help us grow deeper in relationship with our God of Life and Love, who longs to grow closer to us.

Embrace it all. Sink into the scripture readings, which are packed with encounters of the Risen Lord, and reminders that in God, all things are possible. Death never has the final word. Jesus has been raised, and appeared to many. Doubters come to believe. Fear gives way to faith. Even Peter, guilt ridden about his betrayal, is forgiven and professes his love. And if things are tough right now, just hang on. We don't arrive at Easter Sunday before moving through Good Friday. Like other elements of our Christian journey, this is a process. Talk to Jesus. Trust in his love and his promise to be with you always. Like Peter, may we all experience encounters of the Risen Lord. Easter Season Blessings!

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#### **Commemorative Anniversary Book**

We are thrilled to introduce the St. Francis Xavier Parish 125th Anniversary book. This commemorative edition contains a history of life at St. Francis Xavier from 1890 to 2015. In its vibrant, colorful pages, hundreds of parishioners and parish leaders share their memories and stories of our parish.

The book is organized into three segments: Past (showing our early history), Present (highlights from 1990 to 2015) and our Investment in the Future (our Capital Campaign and Capital Projects, with approximately 1,000 parish families listed over ten pages who pledged their time, talent, and/or treasure).

The gift of stewardship of hundreds of SFX parishioners is what makes these pages full of warmth and love. Please don't miss this special opportunity to take home a piece of our shared history that will be treasured for generations. The book is \$40 and can be purchased by visiting the parish website (www.sfxlg.org) or using the order form below. Orders end June 22, 2019, and books should be back from the printer by end of August. Distribution of the books will take place in Unity Hall, and you will be notified when your copy is ready.

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#### Family and School Association





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#### PARISH LIFE











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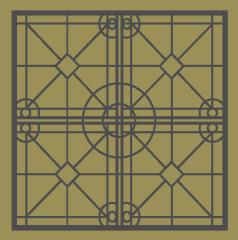






Honoring the Present 83

## 125 YEARS



1890-2015

#### **Baptisms**

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



Margaret Durkan Gannon

Daughter of Thomas & Catherine (Woods) Gannon

*Charles William Becker* Son of Charles & Ann (Terronez) Becker

*Henry Alexander Holub*Son of Kenneth & Megan (Bulster) Holub

**Logan Santiago Umana** Son of Douglas & Valerie (Chearo) Umana

Olivia Therese Van Vliet
Daughter of Matt & Katy (Clune) Van Vliet

*Arthur Bidwell Walter, Jr.*Son of Arthur B. & Lindsay (Kral) Walter, Jr.

*Lydia Mae Wills*Daughter of Ryan & Lisa (Basil) Wills

#### Welcome

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

Jennifer Nunez Richard & Katherine Read Michael & Dena Holly Ryan & Carrie Miller Ryan & Stacey Zerante Robert & Alexandra McCorry



#### Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier and Grace Lutheran

All are invited to our Taizé Evening Prayer Friday, May 10 7:30 pm at Grace Lutheran



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind to inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.

#### Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

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

Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

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

#### Fair Trade:

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

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

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

## Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

Thank you for giving to Catholic Charities today to help the mothers, children, and seniors from our community who are struggling.

You can also contribute online at www.catholiccharities.net/donate or mail your check directly to Catholic Charities at 722 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

"I encourage you to keep in mind all those people around us who are trapped in the cycle of poverty. They too need to be given hope." Pope Francis

#### The Joy of Lent

On April 12, Fr. Stan Ilo gave our third Mission Talk by addressing the topic: Loving When it Hurts - Discovering Healing and Hope in a Wounded World. Below are some highlights. Thanks again, Katie McCarthy, for sharing this summary.

Your life is precious in the eyes of God.

We all face trials on our journey

Embrace your vulnerabilities and weaknesses with hope

Whatever sins / burdens / anxieties are with you – leave them with Jesus, at the foot of the cross.

Easy to see beauty when all is good. But when we are struggling all can seem ugly – how do we get through it? **Know that there is nothing God's grace can't get us through.** 

Perspectivism – we can only see what is happening right now.

#### God sees the WHOLE picture and how it will all add up.

We each suffer at some point; our world is filled with broken people.

"There is a God shaped hole in every human heart. Only God can fill that hole." - CS Lewis

The healing balm is Jesus. Let him touch and heal your wounds.

#### 7 forms of suffering -

- Wounded Memories. Memory is a heavy burden. Regret guilt over past mistakes/failures. Guilt = the devil's weapon to keep us where we have fallen.
- We struggle with whether we God can really forgive us. And if we forgive ourselves.
- Self-loathing when you don't like yourself. This is a sin against your creator. You are beautiful unto God.
- Poverty/Powerlessness; Physical poverty hunger, homelessness.
- Human poverty = negative spiritual poverty doesn't admit they have need of God.
- Sickness
- **Violence & War** we should pray that God will take this evil away from our world.
- Loneliness feeling of being alone or unwanted.
- **Dying/Death/Loss** Trust in God's love.

We ask – Why did God let this happen? Pope's response: It is impossible to explain why there is suffering. But it is when we cry that we can invite God into our hearts. Being moved to tears in the face of compassion is holy. The shortest verse in the Bible – "Jesus wept," after his friend Lazarus died. St. Ignatius tells us that tears of a Christian purify the heart. Thomas Aquinas says that "Evil can never have the last word."

We struggle with our past – regrets, loss, pains. Strive to enter the place of healing = the cross

God identifies fully with each of us. Even in death we see the face of God

The cross is a contradiction – truth died, but he rose again!

The cross shows us that suffering doesn't have the last word. We are redeemed through our sufferings.

Making the move from narrative contamination to a redemptive narrative:

- Changing your attitude will change your life. Let go of hurts. How can I forgive? Remember that hatred returned with hatred just increases the amount of evil in the world. Holding resentment is like drinking poison and thinking it will kill the other person. It will only hurt you.
- Ask God for healing. Believe in miracles. We are all living miracles. If you have a pulse, you have a purpose God is not done with you yet! If you have a hurt pray "Heal me. Fill the space with Grace."
- Experience the sacraments. Go to mass receive the Eucharist. Go to confession.
- Create Holy Moments. Create beauty around others. Make God present in the world. A good Christian is a walking sacrament a sign of something good. God is present in your encounters. Notice Him.

#### BACK DOOR THEATER

If you are entering the 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall of 2019 and looking for a creative summer experience in theater and stage production, Back Door Theater is looking for you!

SUMMER IS COMING

GAME OF TESTAMBUT THRONES

BACK DOORTHEATER 2019

The Back Door Theater is a co-operative drama ministry of Grace Lutheran and St. Francis Xavier Churches (members of all churches and denominations are welcome) that offers teens and pre-teens a casual opportunity to explore the theater arts. Entering its 19<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.

Workshops are held 2 nights a week for 6 weeks. This year's performance will take place on July 13, 2019. We are also looking for adults who would like to join our staff or contribute in any way. BDT alumni this is a great opportunity to give back to the program you loved in your teen years.

Registration packets can be found at the back of church and in the rectory office. For questions or further information, please call Becky Hayes at 708-878-2790 or email at bechayes@sbcglobal.net.





## ST FRANCIS XAVIER DAY SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ORDER FORM



Bricks are available in 2 sizes:

Small 4"x 8" **\$175 each** Large 8" x 8" **\$300 each** 

Please check our website for updates regarding our next brick installation targeted for July 2019.

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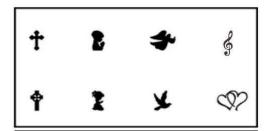
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## What's going on in Youth Ministry???

#### Last 6pm Mass of the Season

This Sunday, May 5 is the last 6pm Mass for the season (it will resume in the Fall). We will be celebrating all of our graduating seniors, so spread the word to come wearing gear relating to your post-high school plans! There will be a big group picture after Mass, along with a pizza party in God's Garage. All are welcome!

#### **2019 Summer Mission Trip**

#### Registration

Sign up now for the 2019 Summer Mission Trip! St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. Visit the Youth Ministry website or stop by the rectory to register. Contact Olivia Zurowski at 708-352-0168 or ozurowski@sfxlg.org for more information.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment

The 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for the Mission Trip, \$150, was due on Tuesday, April 30. This can be mailed to the rectory or dropped off in person. If you have not already made the 1<sup>st</sup> payment, \$100, please make sure to include that as well.

#### **Religious Education Registration**

Religious Education Registration is open to New Families.

Registration Packets can be picked up at the rectory or materials can be downloaded from the Parish Website (sfxlg.org).

Registrations received in the office after May 31<sup>st</sup> will have an increase of \$50 in tuition. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 708-352-4555.

## **Looking For St. Francis Xavier Day School Alums**

Are you a graduate of St. Francis Xavier Day School? We are trying to create a database of *all* graduates. Please e-mail the following information to Mary Tassi at mtassi@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-2175:

Name; Year of Graduation from SFX; Mailing Address; E-mail Address; and Telephone Number

We would also appreciate knowing if your children subsequently attended or are attending SFX.

In addition, we would like to know of any alumni who may have passed away. Finally, if you have an interest in helping to organize alumni activities, please let us know that as well.

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Please Join Us - All Are Welcome!

**Tuesday May 14, 2019** 

6:30 p.m. Unity Hall

## St. Francis Xavier Parish June 8, 2019 All Parish Service Day Doing God's Work in the World

Celebrate Pentecost by being a part of an outreach experience with family, friends and fellow parishioners!

Online Registration will begin May 10.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at <a href="mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org">mfreeman@sfxlg.org</a> or 708-352-0168.

SERVICE SITE	PROJECT	TEAM LEADER(S)
Broadview Detention Center (June 7th)	Pray for those being detained & deported	Maureen Lang
BEDS	Cleaning SFX Emergency Shelter Sight	Howard Hammond
Challenger Baseball	Play ball with a buddy	John Walsh
Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)	Write notes to inmates	Marge Branecki
Cradles to Crayons	Sort items for kids	Ana Dimailig Rachel Peterson
CSJ Garden	Gardening for the Sisters of St. Joseph	Sr. Mary Southard Lisa Radville
Exodus World Service	Visit with a family who has recently resettled in Chicago	Sr. Marlene Schemmel Heather Fitzpatrick
Greater Chicago Food Depository	Sort & pack food	Melody Shields
Heartland Blood Drive	Heartland Blood Mobile @ SFX	Missy Westerhoff
Interfaith Community Partners & SFX Parishioners (Random Acts of Kindness)	Arrange flowers & visit with seniors at Bethlehem Woods, Plymouth Place & individual homes	Margie Hull Lauren Keach
Magdalene House	Assemble care packages for women	Kate Brogan
Rosary	Pray	Joan Willems
SCARCE	Sort gently used school supplies	Maureen Windmoeller
SFX Food Pantry	Sort and stock food	Rita Pantoni Lynn Regan & Alice Vida
St. Catherine St. Lucy School	Paint project	Mike Hattie
Women's Care Center	Make baby books for new moms	Laura Nelson



#### NIGHT AT THE RACES WITH THE MEN OF SFX HAWTHORNE RACE TRACK FRIDAY, May 10<sup>TH,</sup> 2019 6:00–11:00pm

#### The Evening Includes:

- ⇒ Transportation to Hawthorne Race Track Bus leaves St. Francis at 6:00pm
- ⇒ Admission to Hawthorne
- ⇒ Access to the Gold Cup Dining Room
- ⇒ Program Booklet
- ⇒ Race Dedication for the Group
- ⇒ Winner's Circle Group Photo
- ⇒ Transportation back to St. Francis
  Bus leaves Hawthorne @10:15pm
  Arrives at St. Francis @11:00pm
- $\Rightarrow$  Beverages on the Bus
- $\Rightarrow$  Dinner
- ⇒ Open Bar from 7:00pm 10:00pm

#### Menu: The Buffet is served from 7:30–8:30pm

Sausage and Peppers
Fried Chicken
Pasta
Vegetable
Homemade Soup
Salad Bar
Rolls and Butter
Dessert

#### OPEN BAR 7:00-10:00pm

Domestic Bottle Beer House Liquor Wine and Soda

#### If you would like to attend this event please go to:

https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/10481 to purchase tickets.

## All Parishioners are welcome to a Parish Conversation

#### Monday, May 6th, 7-8:30 pm in Unity Hall

Come and see what's being talked about at parish council meetings.

Share your thoughts on what we need to talk about.

Join in the conversation: Where do we go from here?

Your voice is important to us!

❖ Spirituality
 ❖ Community
 ❖ Lifelong Learning
 ❖ Justice
 ❖ Service
 ❖ Worship
 ❖ Youth Involvement
 ❖ Family Ministry

#### Little White Books – Easter Season



Little White Books are now available in church and in the rectory for those wanting to continue daily reflections throughout the 50 days of the Easter Season. Reflections on the right hand pages are based on the Sunday Gospels,

with some additional readings to focus on the sacrament of confirmation and on the Holy Spirit. The reflections continue until Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. The left-hand page includes a combination of Catholic traditions and customs, the saint of the day, historical facts, and information about the Easter season. This Little Book has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ.

#### May we have your feedback?



The Spiritual Life Board and the Leaders of the Small Faith Groups are interested in hearing your feedback about the Living Faith Lent book used for daily prayer this Lent, versus the Little Black Books last year. Please share your thoughts by contacting Mary Sue McDonald, 708-409-9595 or marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com. Thank you!

#### Spring Food Drive 2019 SFX Food Pantry and The Knights of Columbus

Have your food donation picked up or volunteer to distribute flyers or donate online at www.MyFoodDrive.org/#LGKofCSpring2019.

Contact Mike Hattie by phone or text at 708-207-2780 or email council6483@gmail.com. Every \$1 and every food donation is a helping hand up for families and seniors struggling to make ends meet. Please join the Knights in helping our most vulnerable neighbors make ends meet. Thank you for your support!

#### **Interfaith Career Network**

#### Preparing to Interview? Practice With A Pro

ICN will have multiple HR professionals available on Thursday, May 9 from 6:30-8:00 pm to conduct mock interviews as well as provide helpful feedback. Join us for your interview prep in a relaxed, friendly setting and have an opportunity to ask questions you've been wondering about. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. We hope to see you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

#### **Quarterly Resume Review**

Interfaith Community Partners invites you to join us on Saturday, May 18 from 9:30-11:30 am. Come in for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may help enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Looking for updates and tips on LinkedIn? This is a terrific opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Join us at the St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost for this service.

ICN offers free job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

#### Area Respect Life Ministry

#### **Letter Writing Campaign**

Our Area Ministry collected 630 signed letters!

**Special Thanks to:** Lynn & Mike Benz, Becky Hayes, Nancy Cummings, Laura Nelson, Liz Wilk and Joan Willems for helping get 163 letters signed at SFX and Liz Van Tassel for delivering the letters to each of the four area legislators' offices.

These letters were sent to area legislators to vote NO on HB 2467/SB 1594 'Parental Notice of Abortion Act' and HB 2495/SB 1942 'Reproductive Health Act'.

House Bill 2467 and Senate Bill 1594 are identical pieces of legislation that would repeal the Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act. The current law requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion. Since its enactment, abortions obtained by minors have dropped fifty-seven percent.

House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942 are identical bills that would strip unborn persons of any protection under the law. Abortion could be obtained at any stage of pregnancy. This legislation also repeals the Abortion Performance Refusal Act, which protects doctors, nurses, and hospitals, who refuse to permit, recommend, perform, or assist in abortion. In so doing, rights of conscience, especially religious objections, will be lost. It would also remove various health regulations from abortion clinics in Illinois and would allow non-doctors to perform abortions.



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#### **Easter Collection**

As of Easter Sunday, April 28: \$76,000

Easter Budget: \$80,000



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Easter contributions continue to be accepted in the offertory basket, via the parish website (www.sfxlg.org, click on Donate Online) or by texting EASTER to 708-340-6630.

### Senior Women's Group

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Thursday, May 9, 2019 (Gathering @ 11:30) Lunch @ Noon (Cash Bar)

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This is a *reservation* event; RSVP with payment of \$25 to the Rectory by Friday, May 3rd If transportation is a problem call Beth @ 708-703-1658 or

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Circle of Song Concert: Singing Compassion into the World on Friday, May 10 at 7:30 pm with Director: Kathy Sherman, CSJ. Join us for an evening of song! A lively variety of music-from sacred to Gospel to Andrew Lloyd Webber-will take you on a journey of the heart at this popular concert. Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

**Sparking Creativity** – **An Introduction to the Artist's Way** on Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm with Facilitator: Carol Hohle. Get a taste of the creative journey that Julia Cameron recommends in "The Artist's Way – A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity." Bring your writing journal, pen, and sense of adventure and come engage with several exercises from this best-selling book. Cost: \$30.

Forest Therapy Walk on Saturday, June 1 from 9:00-10:30 am with Kim Ruffin a Certified Nature & Forest Therapy Guide. Forest Therapy puts people in direct contact with the therapeutic benefits of non-human nature through short distanced, easy-paced, and sensory-focused walks. Connect with the great outdoors (human beings' first home), others, and yourself and experience the woods behind The Well in a unique and new way. Cost: \$20 — limited to 15 participants, 18 and older; this program will be held entirely outside, rain or shine.

To register online and see a complete list of our new 2019 Winter-Spring Programs, go to www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

#### **Holy Thursday Collection Gratitude**

We collected \$1,404 for our Holy Thursday collection. A heartfelt thanks to all who donated! These funds will be shared by the Olancho Aid Foundation and Daughters of Divine Love.

#### **Olancho Aid Foundation**

Oswaldo Lastres and Susan Nedza are parishioners and members of the Peace & Justice Ministry. For the past four years, they have made several trips to Olancho, Honduras to work with the Olancho Aid Foundation. Its mission is to create a sustainable future for Honduran families through Catholic faith-based education and service. From clean water projects that improve community health to schools that serve children including those with special needs, international volunteers and Hondurans are dedicated to providing hope as they work to transform the future and life of the Olancho community. The Foundation works with the Diocese of Juticalpa to help families stay together in their home and to avoid migration.

#### **Daughters of Divine Love (DDL)**

Fr. Stan Ilo, our weekend presider who also led our Lenten Mission reflecting the Joy of Lent, supports this order of religious women in Nigeria, his homeland. DDL was founded in Nigeria to serve the poor especially the sick, the elderly, and marginalized young women and widows. They also carry out the mission of educating young people in poor communities. There are five of these sisters who work in the rural community in Nigeria where Fr. Stan calls home. He said, "these sisters have no car and their convent is so run down that I wept when I went to visit them last December. They have to travel by motorbike in very bad and treacherous roads. My hope is that any donation received will go into buying a second hand van for the sisters and fix the roof of their house. and put mosquito nets around the house and burglary proofs for the security of the sisters in an increasingly volatile climate."

## "Dilemmas of an Israeli journalist covering Israeli colonialism" with award-winning journalist Amira Hass

Date: May 9, 2019 Time: 7:00-8:30pm

**Location:** Grace Lutheran Church of LaGrange

200 North Catherine Avenue

LaGrange, IL 60525

Speaking event with Q&A sponsored by Abraham's Children Wheaton and Peace in Palestine LaGrange

Light refreshments will be provided.

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Join us for an evening with award winning journalist Amira Hass. Amira has worked as a journalist living in, and writing about the Occupied Palestinian Territories for the daily paper Haaretz for more than 30 years and will share her thoughts on the current state of the Israeli - Palestinian conflict.



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

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- Commander Robert O'Donnell—son of Agnes O'Donnell
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- Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
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#### Rectory Hours

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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	4:15 pm
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tabernacle prayer area.	-

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday	7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
	7:45 am
	9:00 am

#### **Word Communion Services**

Thursday	7:45 am
Friday	9:00 am

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 12:00 pm on the Friday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

#### **Domestic Violence Resources**

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

#### **Food Pantry**

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

#### **Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls**

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

#### **Infant Baptisms**

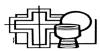
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

#### Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

#### **Parish Counselor**

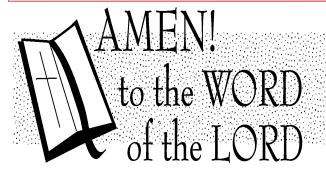
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#### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—May 11-12, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	C. Grech E. Anderson D. Veverka	L. Bannach M. Becker T. Conwell J. Denson S. Devitt D. Dunlap D. Mulvenna F. Kudia C. Witt	A. Holmes M. Kachmarik D. Collins		R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Van Gorp D. Walsh S. Lindsay	T. Nichol R. Nutt N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch	C. Stetz E. Geraghty A. Brown		C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Rotert K. Hull O. Washburn	A. Gargano M. Lukanich L. Nichol D. Nighswander J. Cogelja B. Olson P. O'Malley C. Pratali R. Pratali	F. LaMantia E. Fekrat N. Strayer		J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	C. Dillon D. Ankenbruck J. Derus	B. Boyd N. Cummings L. Egan A. Krol O. Lastres J. Garreau M. Joscelyn S. Martin Open	L. Nowak E. Cushing J. Crandall		K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	C. Pietrzak J. Gatsos B. Hemminger	K. Borawski A. Chimento N. Dekoker N. L. Kampe Open	M. Duff M. Burriesci M. Merchant		TBA

This Sunday, May 5 will be our last 6:00 PM Mass; it will resume in the Fall. Please watch the bulletin for further information.



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#### Readings For The Week of May 5, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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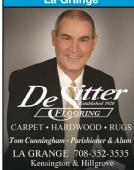
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