

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

4th Sunday of Easter Sunday

Mother's Day

May 12, 2019



We congratulate the following young women and men of our parish who have confirmed their faith in the Catholic tradition on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10

William Aikens	Jason DiBraccio	Colin Holmes	Benjamin Michel	Peter Shanley
Emma Akalaitis	LisaGrace Dillon	Dylan Holtz	Grace Moore	Andrew Sher
Brigid Anderson	Brayden Duff	Emmett James	Natalie Moran	Quinn Siegel
Sophie Atseff	Thomas Duffy	Robert Karlson	Claire Moroney	Allison Siepman
Gia Banahan	Ross Dzialo	Sarah Karlson	Jack Moynihan	Luke Skonning
Elena Beczkiewicz	Jacob Eraci	George Kartheiser	Carrie Narbutis	Katelyn Sommerfeld
Benjamin Bereckis	Louis Finder	Tiernan Kelly	Emerson Neczek	Joseph Sorice
Hanna Bereckis	Jack Flynn	Jamie Kelpsas	Dominic Neis	Christopher Soulje
Eva Berenz	Maggie Franz	James Kent	Dailey Newcomb	Giuliana Speziale
Declan Black	Maggie Freeman	Mary Rose Kent	Emma Newman	Maximilian Spovieri
Bridget Bowen	Ava Froelich	Elena Kielczynski	Lee O'Bryan	Aidan Sullivan
Colin Brennan	Kathryn Fulscher	Aniko Kittridge	John O'Keefe	Jackson Sullivan
Margaret Brophy	Finn Gallagher	Daniel Klos	Emma Pasternak	Patrick Sullivan
Kayla Buelling	Nora Gannon	Christian Koos	Marco Pedraza	Sophia Thomas
Mikaela Burns	Andy Garcia	Sarah Korpilinski	Megan Perr	Caroline Tio
Mary Byrne	Matthew Garrity	Sophie Kostal	Ben Peterson	Eddie Tullis
Teya Cantwell	Joseph Gatto	Caroline Kowal	Francesca Pigatto	William Uhlir
William Carroll	Xavier Gawel-Barden	Julia Kucera	Jack Pochocki	Caroline Vear
Luke Caruso	Dalton Gawthrop	Claudia Kupec	Madelyn Pugliese	Molly Voigt
Liam Cashin	Clare Gibbons	Grace Lange	Miracola Quercia	Alayna Walsh
Sean Cerny	Joseph Gilhooley	Matthew Lannan	Megan Quinlan	Danny Walsh
Josephine Chadesh	James Gove	Gabriel Lazarski	Connor Reblin	Kaleb Walters
Owen Cherry	Posey Graber	Haven Lisek	Julia Reilly	Leah West
Sam Chioda	Sebastian Gutierrez	Colin Long	Jonathan Remedi	Luke Whelton
Brooke Chomko	Anna Haggerty	Patrick Lullo-Jesse	Julia Reven	Morgan Wiczorek
Emily Claesson	Nicholas Haley	Evan Madden	Natalia Riordan	Raquel Wozniak
Sarah Claesson	Kayla Hall	Maeve Maloney	Emma Sanchez	Adults
Madeline Colantuono	Maia Halm	Ethan Man	Ella Schaeffer	Monica Arteaga
Quinn Coleman	Lily Hanafin	Julia Mango	Isabella Schierl	Charles Melody
Sophia Colson	Kullen Healy	Hailey Markworth	Sarah Schierl	Joseph Melody
Lucille Cook	Margaret Heflin	Lauren McCormick	Colson Schmit	Sandra Ramirez
Kathleen Cooley	Alex Henningfield	Xavier McDonald	Olivia Schnotala	Lilia Rangel
Owen DeLauriea	Elinore Henry	Ryan McElligott	Cooper Schodrof	Omar Vazquez
Colin DelGiudice	Jack Hesser	Edward McFadden	Joseph Schwister	William Zieske
Abby Deuter	Aidan Hilling	Megan McGann	Maeve Seyer	

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, May 13	7:45 am	Domininkas, Erna E. & Monas	The Vizgirda Family
Our Lady of Fatima	9:00 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Tuesday, May 14	7:45 am	Michael Bannach	Lillian Bannach
Saint Matthias, Apostle	9:00 am	The Parlon Family	Pam Oplawski
Wednesday, May 15	7:45 am	Judith Sablick	The McKenna Family
Saint Isidore	9:00 am	Richard & Rose Vlcek	The Vlcek Family
Thursday, May 16	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	John Cannon	The Cannon Family
Friday, May 17	7:45 am	Marjorie Crnkovich	Nick Crnkovich
	9:00 pm	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, May 18	9:00 am	Special Intention	
Saint John I, Pope and	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Martyr	3:00 pm	Wedding~Katie Calvert & Joe Simonelli	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:00 pm	Edna Barry	The Barry Family
Sunday, May 19	7:30 am	Marilyn Hessert	The Hennebry Family
5th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	Mary Simeoni	Phil & Veronica Bracht
		Dan MacAskill	The MacAskill Family
	10:30 am	Mary Lou Seery	The Bandyk Family
	12:00 pm	Roy Leslie	The Leslie Family

Please Pray For...

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

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:

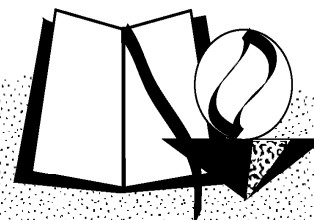
Patricia Hutchinson

Wife of the late Robert and Mother of Ann, Mark,
Mary, Jack, Theresa, Cathy & Tom



Weddings

Meghan Manetti & Michael Palm
Katie Calvert & Joe Simonelli



The Word of the Lord lights our way

Pastor's Notes

The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:52

During the first 60 years after the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community grew broadly and rapidly. Early disciples experienced rejection as an opportunity to move on to another town. They experienced persecution and imprisonment as opportunities to witness their faith in the Risen Lord. They experienced the hardships of long journeys on land and shipwrecks at sea as part of a journey on which Jesus was their constant companion. Through it all, many projected such joy and gratitude that they attracted others who wanted to know the source of their joy.

Last Thursday and Friday over 160 of our youth and several adults received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation. Our joy on adolescence and adulthood is a different joy than that of most children who celebrated First Eucharist last weekend. The joy of the Holy Spirit is a joy that fills us even amid rejection, struggle, and failure. It is the joy of trusting that God is with us always, that God brings life from death, and that our mission as disciples is not to guarantee outcomes but rather to give our all in sharing the gifts God has given us for the common good. Let us offer our congratulations and encouragement to our newest companions in mission.

This weekend we honor the women in our lives and in this community of faith who live the vocation of motherhood and women who are mothers to others as godmothers, teachers, mentors, and coaches. We give thanks for the women in our lives and our community

who have brought love and joy into their home and the hearts of those entrusted to their care. We call to mind the women among us who yearn to become mothers through birth, adoption, or marriage. We lift up those who are saddened or weighed down by loss, age, disappointment, or separation from their children. We pray for healing for those mothers whose relationship with their children has been broken by addiction, neglect, or mental illness, and for those children of all ages who experience this brokenness. We pray that *all* mothers and all who serve in mothering roles know or will come to know the joy of the Holy Spirit deep in your heart.

Four women of our community offered to share their reflections at one of the Masses this weekend. Thank you to Kathy Armstrong, Annmarie Gazdziak, Michelle McKeown, and Megan Moroney. ***Happy Mother's Day to all!***

Next weekend I will be in Altamont, Illinois celebrating the graduation of my youngest nephew from the high school at which his father serves as principal. I wonder when and how my three "little nephews" became three young adults in college. Congratulations to all our graduates and to all families who are celebrating those graduations here or in another town May we never "graduate" from our growth in the joy of the Spirit.

Easter Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflections

It would be easy to follow Jesus if he were physically present here upon the earth, healing the sick and curing the lame. Who wouldn't leave everything to do that? But it's much more difficult to be attentive to the voice of Jesus after the resurrection. And that is precisely what this gospel passage requires of us. We are to listen closely amidst the noise and sound of our world and discern the voice of the Good Shepherd. What is he calling us to do? Where does he want us to go? We would like to follow him, but how to hear his voice?

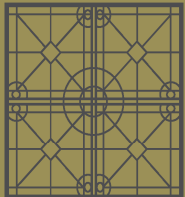
When we speak do we sound more like we are echoing the gospel or syndicated TV or radio shows? Are we following Christ, attuned to his voice in Scripture? Or are we more closely attuned to the culture, knowing the voice of the more popular media? How we speak and how we act may tell us more about who we are ultimately following. On this Fourth Sunday or Easter it is good to pause and reflect on our path. Whose voice do we follow?

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.

	COMMEMORATIVE BOOK ORDER FORM <i>Due June 22, 2019</i>
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH	Name _____
	Address _____
	Phone _____
	Email _____
125 YEARS	# of Books: _____ @ \$40 Total: _____
	Paying by check: Please return this form along with payment to St. Francis Xavier Parish to the Rectory.
1890-2015	Credit Card: Please visit www.sfxlg.org click on the Commemorative Book Quick Link. Email all Questions to: sfxinlg@sfxlg.org
	For office only: Date Received _____ Cash/Check Check # _____ Amount Paid \$ _____

Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

Light the Way



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 721 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*



Kitchen Angels

The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years, yet there are many people who are relatively new to the parish and do not know about them. If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please call Susie Lehuta at 708-354-6380.



You are invited to Eucharistic Adoration May 16 at 6:00-7:00pm

WHAT: During Eucharistic Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent adoration. As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. St. Peter Julian Eymard stated: "...Jesus Christ [is] present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is living; he wants us to speak to him; he will speak to us. And this conversation, which develops between the soul and our Lord, is true Eucharistic mediation; this is adoration."

HOW: Adorers are invited to meditate on Scripture or devotional books, or pray a rosary or another devotion. You may also choose to just simply sit and 'be' with Jesus. If you are interested, prayer and reflection suggestions are available as starting points.

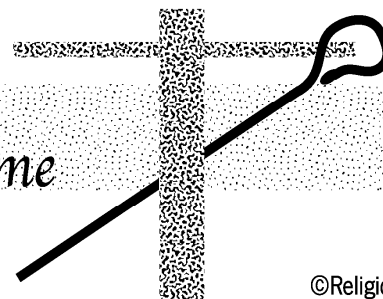
WHO: Jesus waits for us, each one of us, in the Eucharist. He waits when you are joyful, thankful, frustrated, or tired. All are welcome, including children. He specifically calls children to Himself, "Let the children come to me."

WHY: Since Apostolic times, Catholics rightly have gathered to celebrate Mass in community as Jesus instructed. Adoration provides an opportunity for an intimate relationship with Jesus through individual worship, prayer, and listening.

WHEN: The next Eucharistic Adoration will be **May 16**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Kanzer at k.f.kanzer@gmail.com.

Adoration is the "face-to-face" that leads to the
"heart-to-heart" with Jesus.

*My sheep hear my voice
I know them and they follow me*



Congratulations!

...are extended to SFX participants in our RCIA process, who received their sacraments at the Easter Vigil celebration April 20th.



Our newly baptized, **Sarah Thompson** (front & center), pictured with her Godmother and Team Member **Donna Mulvenna**; and those who became Catholic by making a profession of faith, and receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion & Confirmation, pictured with their sponsors (bottom row, left to right): **Dana Peterson, Stephen Fleischmann, J. B. Mackenzie, Melody Shields and Nicholas Anderson.**

Sincere thanks are extended to all who supported their journey of faith, especially the SFX RCIA Team Members, who have been accompanying the group for the past nine months (top row): **Diane Walsh, Tim Hejna, Curt Aronson, Susan Lindsay, Bill Stauffer** (not pictured) and **Donna Mulvenna.** Your faith, wisdom and dedication to this important ministry are greatly appreciated.

Our RCIA process is hosted in collaboration with St. John of the Cross Parish. Congratulations are also extended to participants from St. John of the Cross, who became Catholic at their Easter Vigil celebration by making a profession of faith, and receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion & Confirmation: **Erik Palm, Brad Wilson, Brian Wasz and Jason Sunderson.**



Additional thanks are extended to the Staff and RCIA Team Members of St. John of the Cross, whose gifts added a great deal to our own, and helped make this year's RCIA process an incredibly blessed journey: **Steve Weigand** (Pastoral Associate and RCIA Coordinator), **Fr. Bill Vollmer, Fran Connelly, Pat Moran, Catie Poronsky, Charlie Thomas, and Michael Fahey.**



DON'T DELAY
REGISTER
FOR
2019-2020

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH SCHOOL

EARLY CHILDHOOD

WE ARE EXCITED THAT IN THE 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL YEAR WE WILL WELCOME OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM UNDER ONE ROOF ON THE CAMPUS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL!

THE SFX EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM WILL ONCE AGAIN ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF A ONE-CAMPUS SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

- o ALL SIBLINGS IN ONE LOCATION
- o ONE DROP-OFF/PICK-UP LOCATION
- o UPDATED TECHNOLOGY
- o EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTICIPATION IN
- o ALL SCHOOL MASS & SCHOOL DAY EVENTS
- o ON-SITE RECESS
- o PHYS ED, ART, & MUSIC - CENTRAL LOCATION
- o BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE
- o AND MORE!

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Class is full ! Please join our waitlist

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What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Confirmation

Congratulations to all who completed the Quest Confirmation program and were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation on Thursday and Friday.

From Olivia

“Thank you to everyone for a great year in Youth Ministry! It has been wonderful to witness the spiritual and personal growth of the teens of our parish over this past school year, which would not have been possible without the dedication of talent and time from the many adult and teen volunteers. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all that you do!”

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.

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 31st will have an increase of \$50 in tuition. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 708-352-4555.



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FOUNDATION
In honor of Yeardeley Love

One Love Escalation Workshop for Teens

Thursday, May 23 at 7:00pm
St. Cletus Parish Center
600 West 55th Street, LaGrange

Escalation is an engaging, emotional, 1.5 hour film workshop transforming the way students view and discuss relationship abuse. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will be in an abusive relationship in his or her lifetime, and the 16-24 year old age group is at **3 times greater risk** than any other age group.

We hope you can join us!

STATE OF THE SCHOOL



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
WE PRAY · WE LEARN · WE SERVE

Please Join Us - All Are Welcome!

Tuesday May 14, 2019

6:30 p.m. Unity Hall



Habitat For Humanity

Through the generous contribution of time, talent, and treasure, the St. Francis community has been supporting the Clarksdale Mississippi Habitat for Humanity program for 24 years. Every summer SFX sends several teams to Clarksdale to work on homes and we have provided new homes to over 50 deserving families. It usually takes about one year to complete a home and it is common for the SFX teams to work on finishing homes that they started the prior year. To build a home, the local Habitat chapter must raise about \$50,000. Upon completion, the resident is provided an interest-free loan from Habitat to pay for the home. In addition to paying for their home, the resident must invest 400 hours of sweat-equity into the construction of their home.

Through your generous support last year we were able to paint, roof, install siding, insulation, and drywall the home we started the previous year and it is now nearly ready for a family. This summer SFX will send three teams to Clarksdale to put the finishing touches on that home and provide repair work for current Habitat homes. We are asking for your support to help us continue our work in Clarksdale and provide affordable housing for those in need. Please note that your support goes directly to funding the construction materials for the habitat houses. The volunteers fund their own food and expenses for the trip.

This summer the Habitat for Humanity weeks are June 15-21, June 22-28 and July 20-26.

The weekend of May 18 and 19 SFX Habitat volunteers will be speaking at all Masses and the second collection will be for Habitat. Please be as generous as you are able. If you would like to donate on line, we have set up a Give Central account specifically for Habitat, located at www.sfxlg.org. Your donations have a direct effect on our ability to provide affordable housing to well deserving families. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the groups, please contact Bob Albertini at 708-482-4836. No building experience is necessary. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Retired Men's Group

St. Francis Xavier Parish
124 North Spring Avenue
La Grange, IL 60525



Tom Morsch presenting *"Growing Up Catholic In Chicago"* *An Interactive Discussion*

Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Unity Hall
(Coffee @ 10:30 am)
Presentation @ 11 am
NO RSVP Needed

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.

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY at: parish.sfxlg.org

If you are unable to register online, please contact Missy Westerhoff at (708) 352-0168. Once you are registered, your team leader will contact you with details prior to the event.

SERVICE SITE	PROJECT	TEAM LEADER(S)
Heartland Blood Drive (June 6th)	Heartland Blood Mobile @ SFX	Missy Westerhoff
Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants Center (June 7th)	Pray for those being detained & deported at Broadview Detention Center and/or Visit House of Hospitality in Cicero	Maureen Lang
Challenger Baseball	Play ball with a buddy who has special needs	John Walsh
Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)	Write notes to inmates	Marge Branecki
Cradles to Crayons	Sort items for kids living in poverty	Ana Dimailig Rachel Peterson
CSJ Garden	Gardening for the Sisters of St. Joseph	Sr. Mary Southard
Exodus World Service	Visit with a refugee family who has recently resettled in Chicago	Sr. Marlene Schemmel Heather Fitzpatrick
Greater Chicago Food Depository	Sort & pack food	Melody Shields
Interfaith Community Partners & SFX Parishioners (Random Acts of Kindness)	Arrange flowers & visit with seniors at Bethlehem Woods, Plymouth Place & individual seniors' homes	Margie Hull Lauren Keach
Magdalene House	Assemble care packages for women survivors	Kate Brogan
Mission Trip Blessing	Blessing of mission participants at 5pm Mass	Olivia Zurowski
Rosary	Pray	Joan Willems
SCARCE	Sort gently used school supplies and items to be reused and recycled	Martie Lukanich
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



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT
AS OF APRIL 30, 2019



Sunday Offertory:	<u>EFT/Credit Card</u>	+	<u>Basket</u>	=	<u>April Total</u>
April 2019	\$ 68,122		\$ 64,550		\$ 132,672
April 2018	\$ 56,572		\$ 67,145		\$ 123,717

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

We are approaching the end of our fiscal year with a projected shortage in Sunday Offertory of about \$40,000. Please consider helping us fill the gap if you are able.



Hooray! Warmer days and vacations are approaching! Enjoy summer and continue your support of the parish while away by enrolling in online giving. (You are able to return to another form of contributing at the end of summer if you choose.)

Simply visit our website (WWW.SFXLG.ORG) and click “Donate Online” to set up recurring donations via credit card or bank account. Or text “DONATE” to 708-340-6630 and follow the prompts.

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!

Interfaith Career Network

Winning the Interview

Tools and Strategies for Your Success

Your great resume, active networking, and positive persistence earned you a fantastic interview opportunity. BE READY! Join us in supercharging your interviewing skills with the tools, resources, and strategies that will make “selling yourself” easy, natural, and maybe even fun. Your ability to identify and articulate your strengths and achievements is mission critical in helping your next employer feel GREAT about bringing you on board. Our speaker is Jody Eriksen, a Certified Advanced Career Coach. Spend some of your valuable time with us on Thursday, May 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. You will leave energized, informed and motivated!

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 an 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.

Family Ministry Clean the Creek

This past Saturday, April 27, Family Ministry along with the Salt Creek Watershed project worked together to clean the creek. Twenty St. Francis members worked for several hours in the rain and snow to help clean the forest preserves and along Salt Creek. Among the group were several families and the Peterson’s Quest group. Thank you to everyone who came out to help!



Vicariate IV Ministry Commission
invites you to:

**MINISTRY
FORMATION**

Training for *NEW* Lectors and
Communion Ministers

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Communion Ministers



Saturday, May 18, 2019
St. John of the Cross Parish Center
PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY & INCLUDES LUNCH

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 14
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vicariate-iv-eucharistic-ministry-formation-tickets-59504748304?aff=allevents>

9:00 am-1:30 pm
NO WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS ALLOWED



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.

Wildflowers and Carnivorous Plants at the Indiana Dunes on Monday, May 20 from 8:15 am–5:00 pm with Facilitators: NPS Ranger Kim Swift and Mary Fishman. Celebrate Spring with a ranger-guided leisurely walk in a dunes forest blanketed with flowers. After a picnic lunch by the lake, experience a hidden bog, which happens to be an incredible habitat for unique, carnivorous plants. Cost: \$35 (includes transportation). Advance registration required.

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.

Summer Institute: "Where Do We Go From Here? Evolving Ourselves Forward As a Faithful People" on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 am–3:30 pm with Facilitators: Jan Phillips and Michael Morwood. Once you've experienced the engaging spirituality of popular presenters Jan Phillips and Michael Morwood, whose work combines Biblical scholarship, scientific research, the arts and music to keep the heart and brain in constant communion, you will understand why they draw fans from far and near. Immerse yourself through this workshop in a spirituality rooted in the values of Jesus: contemplative prayer, acts of compassion, commitment to social justice. Cost: \$120 (includes lunch).

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

Strides for Peace Race to End Gun Violence

Catholic Charities is participating in Strides for Peace Race to End Gun Violence on Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 pm at Grant Park. This event is a 5k/Walk to raise awareness on gun violence in our communities. Registration is \$35 for adults, and \$12 for children ages 2 to 12. Funds raised will benefit the Catholic Charities' Violence Prevention Programs - Peace Corner in the Austin Community. If you are interested in participating, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/CCpeacewalk>. If you are not able to walk, and still want to help out, you can made a donation online. Attached is the flyer with all the details. This is a wonderful child/family, friendly event. Please consider participating.

Thank you for your continued support to Catholic Charities.

BACK DOOR THEATER

If you are entering the 6th through 10th 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!

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 19th 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.

SUMMER IS COMING

GAME OF TESTAMENT THRONES

BACK DOOR THEATER 2019



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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
 Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and
 (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)
 Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Liturgy Schedule

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

Word Communion Services

Thursday 7:45 am
 Friday 9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 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

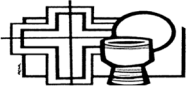
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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

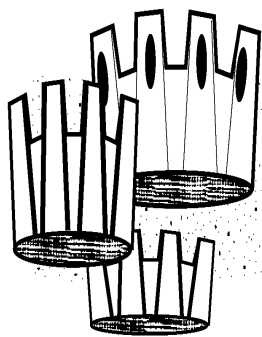
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Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—May 18-19, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	L. Bannach C. Cooke K. Kanzer M. Milligan D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young Open	N. Whelton J. Hayford H. Fitzpatrick	A. Holmes M. Kachmarik K. Adams	A. Cherry	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	S. Augustyn P. Olson K. Stetz J. Van Gorp D. Walsh	J. Kelly M. Carroll T. Marthaler	P. Adams A. Brown	G. Adams	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Ilo	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel G. Prendergast D. Sherman T. Urchell	M. Lukanich J. Schaeffer G. Prendergast	T. Dudek A. Justak Girl Scout	S. VanOrdstrand	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Ilo	M. Joscelyn A. Clark J. Clark P. McGinnis B. Sorice G. Rutkowski J. Nowak L. Ovník Open	J. Eraci M. Durairaj K. Justak	R. Wheeler A. Edwards T. Newcomb	B. Mayo	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	N. Dekoker L. Donegan B. Edelmann C. Gatsos C. Grimes	C. Anderson T. Downey L. Dillon	A. McCarty E. Siffermann	L. DiGianfilippo	J. Svehla

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



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their robes and made
them white in the
Blood of the Lamb

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Readings For The Week of May 12, 2019

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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