

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

5th Sunday of Easter Sunday

May 19, 2019



I will be with you only
a little while longer.

I give you a new commandment:

LOVE
ONE
ANOTHER

As I have loved you,
so you should love
one another

This is how all will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, May 20 Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest	7:45 am 9:00 am	The People of St. Francis Margaret Smith	Molly Benz
Tuesday, May 21 Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	7:45 am 9:00 am	Rick & Rose Vlcek The People of St. Francis	The SFX Food Pantry Volunteers
Wednesday, May 22 Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious	7:45 am 9:00 am	The People of St. Francis The People of St. Francis	
Thursday, May 23	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Herbert & Mary Schrack	The Schrack Family
Friday, May 24	7:45 am 9:00 pm	The People of St. Francis Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, May 25 Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	The People of St. Francis Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Dr. Jose Alonso	Deb Dybalski
Sunday, May 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	People of the Parish Andre Eagle Dennis Hogerty Glenn Parrotti The Deceased Members of the Kahover Family	Mother The Kanzer Family Lynn Regan Dolores Lewis

Please Pray For...

James Boardman	Fern Michopoulos
Jack Boyd	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
Patricia Hassler	Norm Petrancosta
Loretta Haxel	James Pridmore
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Anastasia Quercia
Linda Hillsman	Baby Madison Raupp
Rose Ilo	Anna Rose
Mary J.	Marilyn Rutkowski
Jane Jacobson	Matthew Schiek
Chuck Joern	Greyson Stanley
Theresa Kandall	Sarah Stanley
Rose Kazan	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Mike Kelly	John Thoms
Benny Kilman	Anne Titzer
Jerry Kolman	Michael Ungari
Virginia Kottaridis	Amanda Valerugo
Lou Ellen Krueger	Gregory Van Gorp
	Julie Wilson

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:

Edward Ragasshis

Husband of Nancy and Father of Glenn, Robert & Lynn

Edward Kudia

Uncle of Frank Kudia



Weddings

Katie Calvert & Joe Simonelli

GOD
is LOVE

Pastor's Notes

*"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
This is how all will know that you are my disciples."*
John 13:34-35

"If you were accused of being a disciple of Jesus, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" I first heard this challenge in a homily over thirty years ago. It goes to the heart of the parting words of Jesus in today's gospel. Christians can be identified as those who have received the sacrament of Baptism and possibly the sacraments of Confirmation, and Eucharist. In recent weeks, we have invited over 180 children to the table of Eucharist and have shared the gifts of the Spirit with over 170 youth. Our faith community is enriched by the efforts of parents and catechists and the willingness of young people to pursue a deeper understanding of our faith.

Christians who desire to be disciples of Jesus, however, will go a step further. Jesus proclaims that his disciples are those who both profess and live their faith; that is, who love others in word and deed. Love in action often takes us farther than we want to go. In civil society we often build walls between those we consider "like us" and those who are "strangers," motivated by a desire to protect what is ours or out of fear for how the "other" might change us. As Peter and the first disciples learned, a living faith breaks down the barriers we create and opens our eyes and hearts to see as God sees.

It was difficult for the first disciples to understand that Gentiles, those of various languages and customs and with no adherence to Jewish laws and customs, were receiving the same Spirit that came down upon the apostles at Pentecost. The early gatherings of Jewish and Gentile Christians were often awkward and required negotiation and discernment of what was "essential" to worship and what could change and sometimes needed to change. These early communities drew others to themselves by the proclamation of a Risen Lord and merciful God that they witnessed in their care for one another and for the poor and needy around them. Their attraction was a desire to learn what motivated how they loved others.

What *one small act of love* does Christ invite you to perform in gratitude for God's presence and action in your life? Saint Theresa of Calcutta spoke of the importance not of doing great things, but of doing small things with great love. How does God call you *this day* to live your Baptism into Christ as priest, prophet, and king; to breathe out your Confirmation as you share the Spirit's gifts in you; to become the Eucharist that joins us to one another in Christ as his presence and action in the world? How will you be known this day as not only a Christian, but a disciple?

Easter Peace,

F. Bill

Scripture Reflections

It was extraordinary. No one could have ever expected it to happen. People whom the Jewish people normally referred to as the dogs, the gentiles, were listening to the preaching of Jewish missionaries and were flocking to become members of the New Way, the Way of Jesus Christ. So many people throughout the various lands were becoming Christians that Paul and Barnabas had to establish Christian communities in these foreign lands. They called each of these communities Churches, not just referring to the building but to the people united in the New Way. Extraordinary. The gentiles were receiving the Word of God and responding. This was beyond the comprehension of the ancient Hebrews. They were the Chosen People. How could others also receive God's choice? Who would have thought? When Paul and Barnabas reported all this to the Christian Community of Antioch, they were convinced that God had done this. He had called the gentiles to himself. The world was being transformed. It's all new.

"Behold, I make all things New," the One who sits on the Throne said in the second reading from the Book of Revelations. The old order has passed away. There will be a new heaven, a new earth, a new Jerusalem. This theme of newness is continued in today's Gospel where Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." There is to be a new relationship with God, and a new relationship with each other.

Here is something else that is new: there is a new way of living experienced in the way we Christians treat each other and reach out to those in the world around us. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." The greatest proof of our faith is not a theological or philosophical argument that can be made to defend the faith or some individual dogma, or belief of the faith. The greatest proof of our faith is found in the way we treat each other and the way that we reach out to all others.

Our faith is ever ancient and ever new. It began 2,000 years ago when the Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son, empowered the disciples on Pentecost Sunday to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the whole world. It is renewed every time each of us renews our relationship with God and lives this relationship in the way we treat others. So, this year, on Pentecost Weekend, June 8th, how about joining fellow SFXers in an All Parish Service Day. Help us proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the whole world by action as we make our love real by loving one another, as we "make all things new" in LaGrange and surrounding neighborhoods with our acts of kindness.

See, I make all things new."

Thank you, Lord, for making us your Daughters and Sons.

Thank you, Lord, for making us sacred, holy.

Thank you, Lord, for leading us to make your love real in the world by loving one another.

Thank you, Lord, for Easter.

Thank you, Lord, for making all things new.

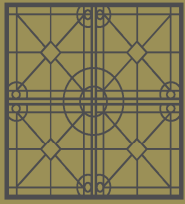
Deacon Andy Allison

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 \$ _____

DAY SCHOOL

Family and School Association

The St. Francis Xavier Family and School Association, better known as FSA, provides the supportive link between the families and the school. We are composed of five board members, 40 different committees and hundreds of volunteers. All day school families are members of FSA.

The FSA supports many committees throughout the SPX school community from enrichment programs that focus on students and families to come together and have fun. All of our committees are run by parent volunteers.

Colleen Olson, past president of FSA, shared the following: "I joined FSA to help bridge the gap between school, parish and families with the many moving parts that comprise such a vibrant community. I especially wanted to help the Xavier community and guide them in getting involved through service. Sending your children to a school with parish community can feel overwhelming. FSA fosters the idea that getting involved can be the key to making connections and friendships that can last a lifetime."

Several highlights during my time on the FSA Board (2015-2017) include welcoming a new principal and saying goodbye to our friend Fr. John Hoffman as he retired, helping us remember that kids and teachers both make up the backbone of the school community alongside our leaders, whether new or old. Another fun highlight was expanding the teacher and staff appreciation program to a monthly event.

A memorable moment... One of the monthly teacher appreciation events was Morning Coffee Cart. We rolled a cart from classroom to classroom with flavored coffees fun treat can really make someone's day!

Another favorite memory... While we are fortunate to have Fr. Hoffman leave in 2017, FSA wanted to send Fr. John off the children. FSA compiled a book of photos and essays of how they saw the light of love or peace in everyday life at St. Francis School or at home into a book dedicated to Fr. Hoffman which was presented to him on the last day of school.

Having been part of the FSA Board allowed me to see the many moving parts that help make up St. Francis Xavier Support systems that truly help nurture the children as strong and loving individuals."



Honoring the Present

HUMAN CONCERNS

All Parish Service Day

We give thanks for the generosity of St. Francis Xavier parishioners at our first Annual All Parish Service Day. Started in 2010 as part of the parish's 125th Anniversary, this event connects parishioners of all ages with one another to live the Gospel message of discipleship by partnering with social service organizations in our community and throughout Chicago.



Beds Plus

"Faith in Action" is a hallmark of St. Francis Xavier. One example is our parish's Beds Plus (Building Elemental Disaster Preparedness through Unity) project. In October 2014, with St. Kathy Sherman as president and Fr. Timothy Lynch as our parish coordinator of volunteers, in October 2014, St. Francis Xavier helped provide a parish emergency overnight shelter in Joyce Hall (October through May) to homeless men, women and children. Hundreds of volunteers have helped over the years, providing a hot dinner, breakfast, follow-up and supervision on Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. In 2015, evening meals (before and after) were provided on Wednesday nights in the Western Suburbs to help provide emergency shelter and night of the week. In 2015, Beds Plus updated its Ogden Avenue Supportive Housing at 1801 Ogden Avenue to provide permanent residences to 70 individuals who have experienced homelessness.



Honoring the Present

CAMPAIGN AND PROJECTS

The campaign and projects can the talents of a multitude of us. God bless the volunteers who p...

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STEERING

Mike Bruni, Co-Chair
Kathy Mungo, Co-Chair
Kate and Mark Boyle
Jamie and Tom Cushing
Caroline and Mark Dillon
Annie and Rob Metzger
Chris and Mike Morkin
Jacquelin and Tom Mosch
Pat and Bob Roach

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Kim and Don Abbas
Diane and Bill Aitison
Jacque Buckler
Elizabeth and Chris Cooley
Pam and Bill Dewitt
Maureen and Dan Donahue
Cathy and Jeff Grimes
Barb Kalnes
Maryanne Kelly
Megan and Tom Kostal
Betsy and Bill McManaman
Ann and Paul Saladino
Ann and Tom Seafin
Meg and Tim Shanley

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Clay Edwards
Patrick Lach
Frank Mungo

INTERIOR DESIGN COMMITTEE

Mary Ellen Pernecko, Chair
Tom Cunningham
Alicia Pernecko

Investing in the Future

PARISH LIFE



EnlightIN Team

The EnlightIN Team held its first meeting on May 7, 2016, under the direction of Joanne Kiepic, a project manager by profession.

The mission of the EnlightIN Team is to enhance communication within the parish, enlighten parishioners, strengthen parishioners' involvement in activities, strengthen parishioners' involvement in parish ministries and organizations and to preserve parish history. One of the specific goals of the EnlightIN team is documenting the history of the parish from 1940-present.

Over the past two years, the EnlightIN Team has succeeded in accomplishing our primary goal. The parish website and Facebook page are stronger. Highlights of the past anniversary year are captured in these pages, along with parish history and favorite memories. Parish ministries and favorite memories are now presented in the SPX and organizations are now presented in the SPX and organizations are now presented in the SPX and organizations are now presented in the SPX.



Honoring the Present

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A decade ago, we were... later, my kid is... staff and... outstanding... nurturing

- Lisa Foster

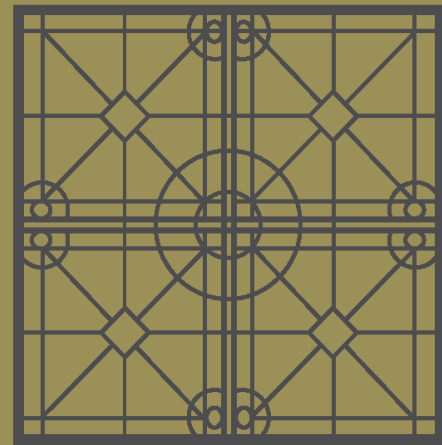
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Frank Rosser

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Honoring the Present

125 YEARS

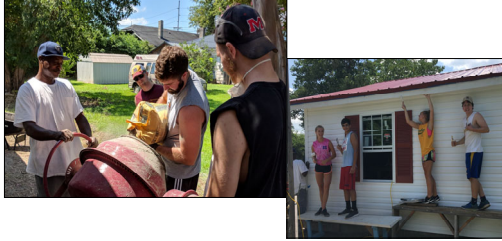


1890-2015



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.



Last weekend, four of the Moms of the Parish accepted the invitation to speak at our masses: Michelle McKeown (Sat, 5 pm), Annmarie Gazdziak (Sun, 7:30 am), Kathy Armstrong (9 am), and Megan Moroney (10:30 am & noon). Their reflections on Motherhood and God's loving presence in our everyday lives touched our hearts.

Thank you all for sharing your wisdom, experience and faith. Additional "Thanks!" for your prayerful time in preparation, and for inviting us into your Mother's Day celebration. We are sincerely grateful for your thoughtfulness and generous sharing of so many gifts.

Thanks, Mom!



SFX BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, June 6th

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Joyce Hall

145 N. Waiola Ave, La Grange, IL 60525

Part Of Our 2019
All Parish Service Day

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 mfreeman@sfxlg.org 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



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!

145 N. WAIOLA AVENUE LAGRANGE, IL . 60525

CLOSED

PRE-SCHOOL 3

Class is full! Please join our waitlist

ENROLL NOW

PRE-K 4

FULL Day and AM spots limited

ENROLL NOW

KINDERGARTEN

Don't Delay for FULL Day & HALF Day



CONTACT US AT
(708) 352 2175

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What's going on in Youth Ministry???

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

There are only 3 spots left for teen participants for the Mission Trip through Young Neighbors in Action. We will be going to Springfield, KY from June 23-28. 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.

*New Parishioner
Welcome*

D  N N N E R

May 30, 6:30-8pm

St. Francis Courtyard Room
124 N. Spring Ave

For those who joined the parish since last September, pizza, pasta, and salad is being provided by Antonino's Ristorante. All family members are welcome.

Please RSVP to Alex David
Alex.p.david91@gmail.com
Questions 708-352-0168

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 Yeardley 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!



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



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

Our Easter budget of \$80,000 has been REACHED! We greatly appreciate your generous contributions to Easter offertory, which support so many liturgies and ministries during Lent, Holy Week and Easter!

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.

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

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.



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.

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.

LOVE one another, says the LORD

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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 OLD TESTAMENT THRONES

BACK DOOR THEATER 2019



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
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—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
- **Staff 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
- **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 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,
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- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **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
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Sgt. Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschaikovsky Family
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam

**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.**

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

Word Communion Services

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

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 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

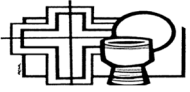
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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

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, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—May 25-26, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	M. Bruni G. Wiesmantel M. Perkovich	M. Becker T. Conwell J. Denson S. Devitt D. Dunlap K. Kanzer M. Milligan K. Preussner L. Young	A. Holmes E. Geraghty A. Brown	B. Kalnes	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	R. Hillsman G. Rutkowski T. Nichol	D. Challender K. McInerney N. Kalkowski J. Morsch Open	C. McLaughlin M. Merchant K. Adams	T. Pangan	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	E. Fix R. Cook P. Zadeik	M. Lukanich M. Hull L. Krepps L. Nichol D. Nighswander A. Gargano B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali	Q. Filbin J. Crandall A. Fix	K. Fron	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Nowak D. Titzer M. Justak	N. Cummings L. Egan B. Boyd A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin K. Parisi J. Garreau Open	E. Cushing	M. Rago	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	I. Havenaar J. Word D. Lewis	K. Borawski A. Chimento L. Donegan N. L. Kampe Open	C. Carroll N. Strayer T. Dudek	J. Pfluger	D. Foss

**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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Readings For The Week of May 19, 2019

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-20/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/
 Jn 14:23-29