

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020



WELCOME BACK!



The parish staff have been awaiting this day and are so excited to see you back. Alleluia!

Make your reservation online (www.sfxlg.org) for each weekend on the preceding Monday at 9am.

Week at a Glance

Monday, July 13
Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Tuesday, July 14
Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Wednesday, July 15
Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Thursday, July 16
Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Friday, July 17
Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Saturday, July 18
9:00-10:00 am Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 19
9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died,
as well as their families:

Gerry Heins

Sister of Sharon
Sister-in-Law of Andy Allison

Luellen Krueger

Mother of Dawn Zimmermann

Please Pray For...

Sue Beyer	Mike Morrison
Jack Boyd	Bernice Niemiec
Jay Carroll	Bert Ogilvie
Chili Challenger	Beth Olson
Americo DiGianfillippo	Arnold Oppenheim
Anthony Dina	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Shawna Palazzolo
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Will Fleming	Carolyn Peters
Lilli Gregory	James Pridmore
Wilson Gregory	Madison Raupp
Brian Hahn	Anna Rose
Patricia Hassler	Marilyn Rutkowski
Frank Hoos	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Larry Skippet
Mary J.	Greyson Stanley
Jane Jacobsen	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Michael Janus	Anne Titzer
Peter Johns	Michael Ungari
Theresa Kandall	Gregory Van Gorp
Mark Kiley	Helena Walden
Benny Kilman	Marian Ward
Jerry Kolman	Liz Wilk
Enrique Martinez	Malcolm Young
Patrick Morgan	Scott Young

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.

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Community,

We welcome you to Sunday Mass at St. Francis Xavier. A pre-recorded Sunday Mass will continue to be posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org), and on Facebook and Instagram. We encourage you to worship with others at the time you usually attend Mass on weekends. In addition to this link, we are providing words to the hymns being sung. Be daring and join the virtual choir that will be singing with you throughout the LaGrange area. Let us hold one another in communion.

And please send your feedback to wtkachuk@sfxlg.org. Your feedback will help us make adjustments in the weeks to come.

Peace,
Fr. Bill Tkachuk

DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Father Bill is celebrating a daily private Mass for the intention that had been requested for a day on which no public Mass is offered. Any Sunday intentions that he is unable to cover at this time have been rescheduled for a later date. We also continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 9-12. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Readings For The Week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34--11:2

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

In February, I received a call from a priest who was returning from a medical leave; he did not want to consider any other parish on the list he had been given until he knew whether we would be open to him serving at St. Francis Xavier Parish. We met for lunch, he met with the parish staff, and our resounding response was “YES!” Then the pandemic shut down the Archdiocesan process for assigning priests – until now. On July 15th, **Fr. Rich Milek** (pronounced **Mee-wek**) **becomes our new Associate Pastor**. Fr. Rich offers the following introduction as he prepares to move in this week (apparently with a little friend). **Welcome, Fr. Rich and friend!**

Summer Peace,
Fr. Bill



My name is Fr. Richard Milek, and I am known to parishioners and friends, as Fr. Rich. I was born and ordained in Poland. I came to Chicago in 1989 for a vacation and I have been on vacation for over 31 years. I became an American citizen through the naturalization process and a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago through the incardination process a long time ago. I thank God every day for this excellent opportunity to be here and serve the people of this local Church, who are for me a beautiful example of faith.

I served as Associate Pastor at Holy Innocents Parish (Chicago/Ashland), St. Luke in River Forest and St. Ita on the north side. After being incardinated to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1999, I was appointed as the first Rector of Bishop Abramowicz Seminary (a transitional year for Polish seminarians hoping to become Chicago priests). In 2002 I became pastor of St. Helen Parish in Chicago (Augusta/Western) for six years; I was asked to accept the duties of Administrator of St. Albert the Great Parish in Burbank for three years; and then became pastor of St. Francis Borgia (Addison/Cumberland) for six years. I then took a six-month Sabbatical from July 2017 to January 2018. While waiting for a new assignment, I was appointed Associate Pastor at St. John of the Cross in Western Springs. On July 1, 2018 I became a pastor of St. Constance Parish in Chicago. In November last year I had knee surgery followed by a long rehabilitation; I had to leave the parish and take a medical leave until now. I am grateful to God and Cardinal Cupich for my new assignment as Associate Pastor at St. Francis Xavier Parish, and I am thankful to Fr. Bill and the staff for accepting and welcoming me. I ask all of you for patience, understanding, and directions at the beginning of my ministry here at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

I love pastoral work especially celebrating Masses and Sacraments, working with the Elementary School and Religious Ed, visiting the sick, and participating in all parish and school events where I can meet and get to know people better. I like music and sports, especially soccer, basketball, and hockey. I am a Blackhawks, Bulls, and Chicago Fire fan. I have a baby painted turtle as a pet; but I don't know if I can bring him with me (I didn't ask yet if the pets are allowed in the rectory). In the worst scenario, I will smuggle him in my pocket. 😊



I am looking forward to working with you for the higher Glory of God and the good of the people of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

You are always in my prayers, and please keep me in yours.
Fr. Rich

TIPS FOR ALL WORSHIPERS – Phase 2

For Sunday and Weekday Masses beginning July 11

WHAT TO EXPECT

We are looking forward to seeing you back for Mass! Please remember that all present will have varying degrees of comfort with the situation. Please do not take offense at any gesture, or lack thereof. We are ALL present for one purpose: to be in communion with God.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Make your reservation online: www.sfxlq.org

If you do not have internet access, call the rectory on Monday or Tuesday morning.

Check your temperature. If you have a fever and/or do not feel well, please do not come to church.



Please bring a Face Covering.

One bathroom will be available at the back of the church.

Unity Hall will not be accessible.

Please do not bring any food or drinks into the church.



WHEN YOU ARRIVE



Enter through the center door on Ogden Avenue.

Please keep your face covering or mask on at all times (you will receive instructions during the service if receiving Communion).

A greeter will welcome you and check you in. In order to assist health officials if needed, we will keep a listing with your name and contact information for two weeks. The listing will be destroyed after 14 days.



The greeter will show you where you can sanitize your hands.



Observe social distancing at all times (look for marks on floor)



Ushers will direct you to pews with markings on where to sit. You may sit next to those with whom you are domiciled if they arrive with you. You are not able to choose your seat.

DURING THE SERVICE

Masks must be worn the entire time you are in the church.



Please note that no worship aids/hymnals will be available, as *congregational singing is not allowed at this time*. The cantor, who has been directed to be socially distanced at 10 to 12 feet away from the Presider and pianist, will be offering the sung prayer. All are welcome to hum along to the songs/hymns as an alternative way of participating.

If you need to leave your seat during the service (other than Communion or for the bathroom), please do not stand in areas that cannot accommodate social distancing. If you leave the building, you ordinarily will not be able to return.

No physical sign of peace will be exchanged between those you are not domiciled with (but feel free to make a peace gesture!)



Follow instructions from Communion, which the presider will explain:



- An usher or greeter will let you know when to leave your seat
- Everyone must exit the pew to avoid people stepping over others. If you are not going to receive Communion, please cross your arms over your chest and bow your head when approaching the Eucharistic Minister.
- Marks on the floor will assist you in maintaining 6 foot distance. Those with whom you are domiciled can remain closer if you wish.
- When 12 feet (2 people away) from the presider, sanitize your hands using the sanitizer from the usher. After sanitizing do not touch any surfaces.
- When you approach the presider or minister, DO NOT remove your mask.
- Extend a single hand to receive the host.
- Move 6 feet to the right or left (there is an X on the floor) then remove your face covering and consume the host. We encourage those who may need help with this to be assisted by those with whom they are domiciled.
- Replace the face covering and return to your pew.



AFTER THE SERVICE

You will be dismissed by the pew or seating area to preserve social distancing in the aisles. Follow the instructions of the usher.

Please use only the designated exit doors.

Do not congregate outside the church doors or in the parking lots.

Continue to wear your face covering until you have left the church.

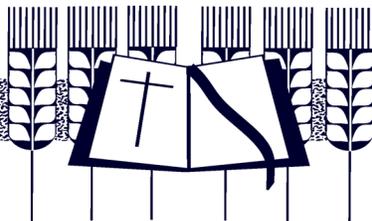
PLEASE NOTE

While our Parish Staff will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

In the event of an emergency closure, we will post notification on our website www.sfxlg.org.

Offerings: If you would like to make an offering, please use boxes at the exits or the rectory door mail slot. You can also sign up for electronic offertory by visiting our website or texting SUNDAY to 708-340-6630 and follow the prompt. Thank you!

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CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES IN PHASE 2

We are excited to be expanding the guidelines for celebration of the Sacraments and other services at St. Francis Xavier. See the separate article in this bulletin for information on Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation will continue to be celebrated on Saturday mornings from 9-10AM in the lower Unity Hall vestibule. Enter from the parking lot through the courtyard between the church and education buildings. While waiting, please observe the outside markings for social distancing and wear a mask. In bad weather, wait in your car until the prior person leaves the vestibule.

Baptisms. We continue to celebrate Baptisms on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons for one child at a time. Beginning July 18, 25 people can be in attendance. All those attending must register in advance with the parish office and provide names and contact information. Masks, and social distancing requirements for those who do not share a home, remain in place. Contact the parish office to schedule a Baptism.

Marriages. Wedding ceremonies have a limit of 90 people in attendance. All those attending must be registered in advance through the bride and groom. The opening procession is limited to the bride and whoever will accompany her down the aisle. Masks, and social distancing requirements for those who do not share a home, remain in place.

Funeral Masses. As of July 15, Funeral Masses have a limit of 90 people in attendance. All those attending must register in advance through the family or the parish online reservation system. All except for the immediately family will be escorted to a designated seat before the Funeral Mass begins. Masks, and social distancing requirements for those who do not share a home, remain in place.

Holy Hour of Adoration. The Holy Hour of Adoration is celebrated on the third Thursday of the month. All those attending must register in advance through the parish online reservation system. Masks, and social distancing requirements for those who do not share a home, remain in place.

Weekday Mass/ Private Prayer. Weekday Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday and Friday at 8:30 AM. The church will be open for one hour of private prayer on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30-9:30AM. All those attending must be registered in advance through the parish online reservation system. Masks, and social distancing requirements for those who do not share a home, remain in place.

Anointing of the Sick. Fr. Bill must refer a request to anoint someone who has tested positive or is suspected of having contracted COVID-19 to one of the priests that have been designated to perform these anointings. Fr. Bill remains available for all other anointings following established safety guidelines. The first step in requesting the Anointing of the Sick is to contact the rectory.



Sharon M. Garcia
Principal

Janice L. Carr
Assistant Principal

June 24, 2020

Dear SFX Parents,

As many of you may have heard Governor Pritzker made an announcement on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, that K-12 schools, community colleges and higher education can resume in-person instruction if they follow new guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) guidelines for schools to reopen in Phase 4, which the state is expected to enter in to Friday, include:

- Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment, including face coverings;
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space;
- Require social distancing whenever possible;
- Conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require self-certification that individuals entering school buildings are symptom free; and
- Increase school-wide cleaning and disinfection

The Illinois State Board of Education (SBE) also released a Part 3 to the Starting of the School Year 20-21 document yesterday afternoon. This document takes into consideration the information from the IDPH. As we unpack this document, we are also waiting for the Archdiocese to release their guidelines soon. We have our teams in place, we have begun looking at all aspects of our protocols and expectations to see how these guidelines can be implemented at St. Francis. Our priorities throughout the planning are to keep our students, safe, healthy, and learning in school.

Governor Pritzker also stated that if there is a dramatic decline in local health metrics or a second wave of COVID-19, schools will need to return to remote instructions. Pritzker says schools also have the flexibility to do a combined version of in-person instruction and remote learning.

Our plan, as of today, is to reopen school for grades K-8 on August 19th with in-person instruction. ("We may need to revise our preschool 1st day schedule.) Our teams are also planning for the possibility of returning to remote learning if necessary. As decisions are made we will try to keep our parents informed in a timely manner with most information coming in August. As we have all seen the past few months the information can change daily. We appreciate your support as we remain hopeful that we will be able to welcome our students into school in August. We look forward to a positive 20-21 school year!

Hope you are all enjoying a healthy and safe summer!!

God Bless & Be Well,

Sharon M. Garcia



Retirement Fund for Religious

Thank You

Summer blessings,

On behalf of the retired religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Francis Xavier for your generous donation of \$500 to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who selflessly served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the year.

Gratefully,
Brother Michael S. Segvich, CFC
Retirement Fund for Religious
Coordinator



The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park

FYI, in response to coronavirus precautionary measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, The Well programs are suspended until further notice.

Please see our website for a full listing of our NEW 2020 programs and to register:
www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

Interfaith Career Network

Strategize Your Search: A Road Map to Guide the Way

Buckle up and join us via Zoom on Thursday, July 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Whether new to your job search or somewhere along the journey, this meeting will efficiently organize the stops you need to take along the way and help navigate your path. You'll leave with a road map that breaks down the pieces and parts of a search. And, you'll pick up checklists designed to make sure you have found useful shortcuts and planned for detours. Consider this your GPS (Goals, Plans and Strategies) System to keep you moving forward. Our presenter this evening is Becky Brillon, HR Professional, Job Search Guide and Professional Resume Writer. Her professional background spans 15+ years of experience in the development and delivery of all levels of work and professional career coaching, outplacement and workforce services. Mark your calendar and join us!

Meeting link at ICN calendar
<http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>.

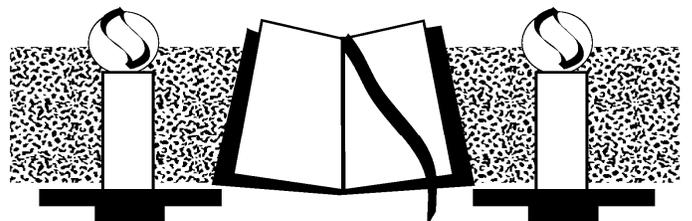
Sharing The Light

Leave a light/candle shining in your front window each night:

- for those who are traveling to get home safely;
- for those who are ill, to recover;
- for those who are lonely, to see friendship;
- for those in fear, to see a sign of comfort;
- for researchers, caregivers and all working night/day for our safety, to be strengthened by the warmth of gratitude



I will be putting a light in my window.





United States Conference of Catholic Bishops/Justice for Immigrants' Action Alert to the U.S. Senate:

PLEASE PROTECT DACA RECIPIENTS

The U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) has ruled on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. While SCOTUS allowed DACA to continue, the Administration can still attempt to end DACA at a later date. As a result, DACA immigrant youth are safe for now, but could be at risk for deportation in the future. We must not allow this to happen.

Most DACA recipients have spent the majority of their lives in the U.S., many have families, and all of them contribute to American society as taxpayers, consumers, and community members. Additionally, there are 62,000 DACA-eligible healthcare workers involved in the COVID-19 response.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Dream and Promise Act, H.R. 6, one year ago. H.R. 6 would give a path to citizenship for Dreamers. Now, in the wake of SCOTUS' ruling, the U.S. Senate must act in order to protect Dreamers from the risk of deportation and family separation. The USCCB supports the DREAM Act, which includes a path to citizenship, and sent a letter to each Senator asking that they support S. 874, the DREAM Act of 2019. Additionally, USCCB supports efforts to introduce a Senate companion to H.R. 6.

As Catholics, we affirm the inherent dignity of every person. The U.S. Catholic Bishops urge you to express solidarity with Dreamers and ask you to contact your Senators requesting that they support the bipartisan DREAM Act of 2019 and encourage the Senate to introduce a companion bill to H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act.

TAKE ACTION

Urge your U.S. Senators to co-sponsor and support S. 874, the DREAM Act, which would protect Dreamers and provide a path to U.S. citizenship. Also urge your Senators to introduce and co-sponsor a companion bill to H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act.

Please send the following message to your Senators:

Dear Senator,

As a member of the Justice for Immigrants (JFI) coalition of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, I urge you to co-sponsor and support S. 874, the DREAM Act, a bipartisan bill that would protect Dreamers and provide these immigrants with a path to citizenship. I also ask that you introduce and co-sponsor a companion bill to H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act.

The Catholic Church strongly supports Dreamers and their families. Dreamers are working and contribute \$52 billion annually to our economy. They are a part of our Church and valuable parts of our communities.

Thank for your consideration.

Please take action and others to do so as well.

The time is NOW for you to use your voice to protect DREAMERS!

Parish Food Pantry Ministry



The parish Food Pantry Ministry continues to operate on **Tuesdays 9:30-11am**. We will update hours of operation as circumstances warrant. To maintain safe distances, we are offering guests pre-packed bags and drive-thru service.

Volunteers

We appreciate all the volunteer offers but are currently limiting our small crew to staff and their family members. We look forward to welcoming back all our volunteers!

Food Donations

Mondays 9am-Noon. Nonperishable items (canned soup, vegetables, fruit, beans, chicken, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, tomato sauce, rice, cereal and coffee & tea) can be dropped off at the Rectory side door (parking lot side). **Cereal and items for hot beverages are especially appreciated.**

Monetary Donations

We make large purchases through the Greater Chicago Food Depository, including meat, fresh produce and bread at discounted prices.

Monetary donations can be made via:

Parish Give Central - click link:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/5199>

Text **PANTRY** to **708-340-6630** for directions to contribute via Give Central.

A check made payable to **SFX Food Pantry** and dropped off through the Rectory mail slot or mailed to 124 North Spring LaGrange, IL 60525.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

VOLUNTEERS

We continue to recruit and train volunteers to provide support for all church services. This includes celebrations of Sunday and weekday Mass, Baptism, Marriage, and Funerals. We especially seek volunteers to wipe down pews after weekend Masses (including weddings and funerals). Preferred volunteers are between 15 and 65, in good health, and have no underlying health conditions. Volunteers can select the dates, times, and services for which they are available and willing to serve and will serve in a regular rotation from week to week or month to month. To volunteer, send an email to mpipal@sfxlg.org. You will be contacted by a volunteer coordinator to arrange for a brief training session.



*Let the
Word of the
Lord take
root in you*

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Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is open to New Families. Registration Packets can be found on the website sfxlg.org.

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

- **Final Confirmation Request Forms**
All Youth Ministry-related
- communication should be directed to
- youthministry@sfxlg.org.

Scripture Reflection

Only seed that sinks into rich soil—our very hearts—can produce fruit. Our daily Gospel living is about tilling and fertilizing and constantly preparing the “soil” of our hearts so that we can receive Jesus’ seed-word and nature it to bear fruit. We must let Jesus’ seed-word sink deep within us so that it can bear fruit in our daily living., “achieving the end for which [God] sent it!”

Most of us hear God’s word proclaimed primarily during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass on Sundays. It is naïve to think that we can go to Mass cold, without having prepared the readings, and be attuned enough to God’s word to hear and remember the message well enough to live it. One way to deepen our Gospel living is to take quality time each week—alone or with others—to sit with God’s word and become attuned to the message. This is how we cultivate our hearts to hear God’s word and become attuned to the message. This is how we cultivate our hearts to hear God’s word, wo it is not wasted on barren hearts.

We also hear Gods; word through the words of others. A challenging remark that moves us to new action on behalf of others, a critical remark that causes us to look at our own behavior and choices, a kind remark that brings us joy are all ways God’s word comes to us, and ways we can sow the seed of God’s word in the hearts of others.

Blessing for Physicians and Healthcare Workers

May you always heal and be healed.
May those who come to you find in you
one who cares deeply
Whose knowledge includes knowledge
of the spirit's movements.

May you take pride in your gifts and
use them humbly.
May the suffering and the vulnerable
be your teachers.
May you see in others the goodness
of a tender God.

May compassion encircle you carry you
Strengthen you and give you insight.

May your presence be hope to those in pain.
May your skill ease the way and instill trust.

May you know the Healer of all.
May your own heart be held in the
compassion and tenderness of God.

Amen.

Open Wide Our Hearts Prayer to Overcome Racism

**Mary, Friend and Mother to All,
through your Son, God has found a way
to unite himself to every human being,
called to be one people,
sisters and brothers to each other.**

**We ask for your help in calling on
your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when
we have failed to love and respect
one another.**

**We ask for your help in obtaining from
your Son
the grace we need to overcome the evil
of racism
and to build a just society.**

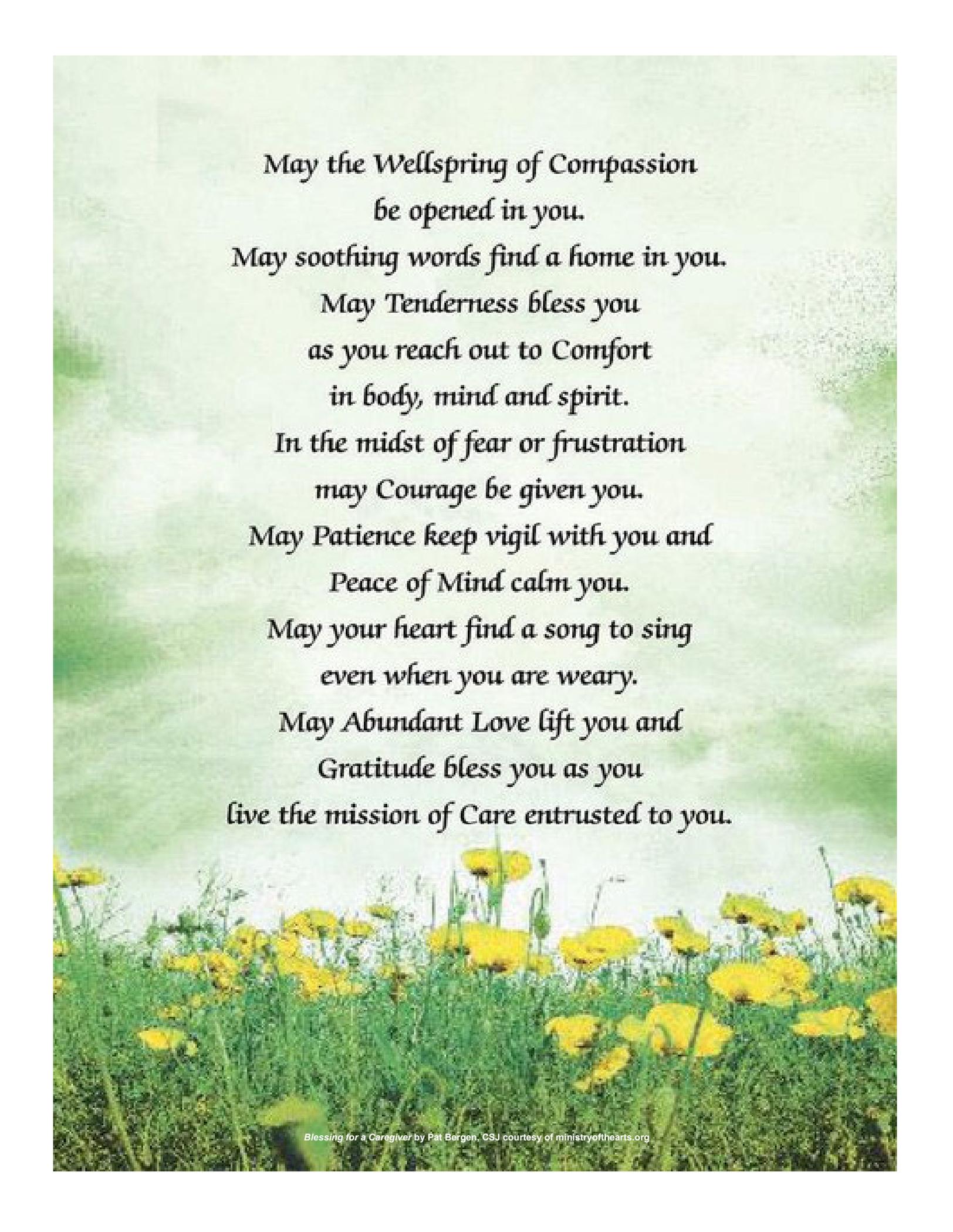
**We ask for your help in following your Son,
so that prejudice and animosity
will no longer infect our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love
that respects
the dignity of each person.**

**Mother of the Church,
the Spirit of your Son Jesus
warms our hearts:
pray for us.**

Amen.

www.usccb.org/racism





*May the Wellspring of Compassion
be opened in you.*

May soothing words find a home in you.

*May Tenderness bless you
as you reach out to Comfort
in body, mind and spirit.*

*In the midst of fear or frustration
may Courage be given you.*

*May Patience keep vigil with you and
Peace of Mind calm you.*

*May your heart find a song to sing
even when you are weary.*

*May Abundant Love lift you and
Gratitude bless you as you
live the mission of Care entrusted to you.*



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
- **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 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**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **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
- **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
- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army**—nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Deacon

Mr. Andrew Allison

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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

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Sunday-Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
 Saturday afternoon.....4:00-5:00 pm
 The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-Noon
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
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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, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.

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