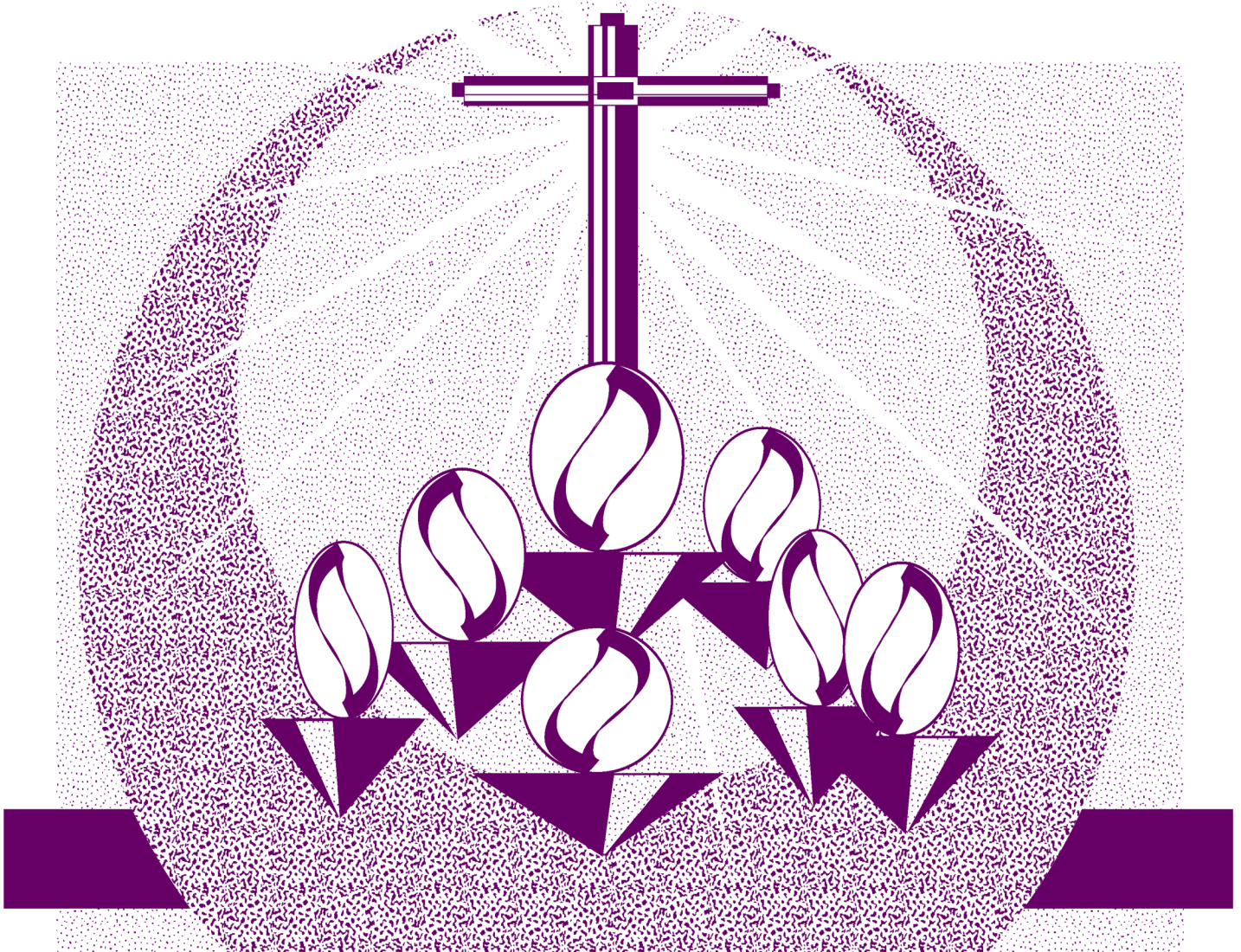


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 6, 2019



Stir into flame the gift of faith you have received.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts!

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8:30 am	Margaret Long Antonio & Teresa Franzese Bea Nelligan	Chris & Theresa Rodgers The SFX Sunshine Committee
Tuesday, October 8	8:30 am	Peggy Schultz	The Reilly Family
Wednesday, October 9 Saints Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	The Schrack Family
Thursday, October 10	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Friday, October 11 Saint John, XXIII, Pope	8:30 am	George Harris	The Metzger Family
Saturday, October 12	9:00 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Betty & Bernard Martin Deceased Members of Martin & Doonan Families Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding~Kaitlyn Welgos & Jacob Soehlke Sacrament of Reconciliation Marie Ann Barry	The Martin Family The Martin Family The Barry Family
Sunday, October 13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Fern Michopoulos Eleanor O'Connor Joan Cella Rose & Rich Vlcek Mary Cannon Robert Nauheimer James J. Curtis	Jim & Joan Potsch Mary Tio Ellie & Tom Carroll The Vlcek Family The Cannon Family Dolores Lewis The McKenna Family

Please Pray For...

James Boardman	Lou Ellen Krueger
Jay Carroll	Marian Lucas
Chili Challender	Emmett Miller
Anthony Dina	Patrick Morgan
Blake Donegan	Mike Morrison
Pat Eaton	Bernice Niemiec
Lily Fielding	Arnold Oppenheim
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Jane O'Reilly
Lilli Gregory	Ryan Patyk
Wilson Gregory	Donna Pekarek
Patricia Hassler	Jim Potsch
Loretta Haxel	James Pridmore
Harold Held	Madison Raupp
Linda Hillsman	Anna Rose
Rose Ilo	Marilyn Rutkowski
Mary J.	Matthew Schiek
Jane Jacobsen	Gretchen Sterwalt
Theresa Kandall	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Benny Kilman	John Thoms
Marilyn King	Anne Titzer
Jerry Kolman	Michael Ungari
Virginia Kottaridis	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:

Donald Schwendner

Husband of Marge and
Father of Tracey, Erica and the late Amy

John "Jack" Gleason

Husband of Rosemary and
Father of Tamara, Moira, Erin & Sheilah

Terry Twist

Daughter of Marilyn

MaryAnn Lewis

William Mathieson
Father of Michelle Klein

Palma Frustaci

Wife of Egidio and Mother of Gina

Tom Owens

Father of Katie Mulcahy

Daniel Swift

Nephew of Kathy Witowski

Thomas Challos

Husband of Letitia & Father of Christopher

Weddings

Kaitlyn Welgos & Jacob Soehlke
Marie Lynch & John Sturgeon
Sarah Sipek & Charlie Lawler
Marissa Olszewski & Jim Hermle



Pastor's Notes

*When you've done everything expected of you,
be matter-of-fact and say, "The work is done.
What we were told to do, we did."
Luke 17:10*

October has been chosen to raise awareness of several issues that apply to us as disciples in mission. We easily might feel overwhelmed; yet Jesus promises the gifts of the Spirit to allow us to do all we are asked to do. We cannot do everything. Jesus asks us to focus on the tasks God sets before us at this moment, as individuals and as a faith community, and to respond to the best of our God-given abilities.

Dignity of the Unborn. How do we advocate for the lives of the unborn without judging or condemning those who choose to end a pregnancy? Catholic morality teaches that directly terminating a life in the womb is never permitted. Yet many of us know of complex situations in which this morally correct teaching is pastorally inadequate. Can we develop an attitude among youth and young adults that reserves consideration of abortion to exceptional circumstances, and only then through a prayerful decision of conscience? Will we create loving and supportive environments and support facilities in which those facing difficult pregnancies will receive what they need in order to choose life?

Protection of the Immigrant. This is deeper than fixing our fractured immigration system or responding to those living in our country without proper documentation. This is an issue of treating each immigrant, with or without documents, and especially family groups and children, with the dignity and respect that every child of God deserves. We are challenged to step beneath the politics that keep our country and our leaders divided, even as we challenge them to talk to one another toward a just solution. Becoming members of God's family makes us members of a world community in which each person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

Domestic Violence Outreach. Purple ribbons encourage us to become more aware of the signs and the presence of domestic violence within our families, within our neighborhood, and within our community. Do we know the signs that indicate that someone within a household is being abused: physically, verbally, or emotionally? Are we aware of the resources available to help a family member or friend who is ready to act and step away from an abusive relationship or environment?

Inclusion Awareness. St. Francis Xavier has done much in recent decades to make our facilities accessible to all, regardless of physical or other disability. What barriers continue to keep individuals out? What more is there for us to do?

Reducing Gun Violence. How do we advocate for reasonable limits on access to weapons or the weapons themselves? How can we make our communities safer for children and youth, especially in more impoverished areas of the greater Chicago area?

Groups in the parish or the area are focused on all the above. If one of these areas interest you, contact the parish office for more information.

October Count. On the four Sundays of October, all Archdiocesan parishes count the number of people at each weekend Mass. This helps the Archdiocese better understand current trends and plan moving forward. Please make the effort to join us for weekend worship and proclaim one measure of who we are as St. Francis Xavier Parish.

Peace,

J. Bill

Christifideles Award 2019

The Parish Pastoral Council recommended David Sherman to receive the 2019 Archdiocesan Christifideles Award. David and his late wife Rosemary raised their family in the parish and have been active parishioners throughout the years. David has been involved in parish liturgy as lector, communion minister, "lighting coordinator" and liturgy planner. He also has provided leadership as a member of the parish Liturgy Board and in training ministers of communion. He was an active member of a parish acting troupe that used to present plays for the parish; he has continued this ministry with the plays and talent shows of the parish elementary school, maintaining connections with school alumni. He also has served at the area and Archdiocesan levels.

Congratulations, David, and thank you for your generous stewardship!

Baptisms

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



Ruth Judith Rediehs

Daughter of John & Kristina (Petkus) Rediehs

Theodore Joseph DiLallo

Son of Joseph & Caitlin (Doyle) DiLallo

Mark Colin Grogan

Son of Brian & Meredith (Lucas) Grogan

Eiley Margaret Laga

Daughter of Nicholas & Caitlin (Lopata) Laga

Kennedy Rose Romeo

Daughter of Richard & Erika (Kennedy) Romeo

Aurora Anastazia Sciacca

Daughter of Salvatore Sciacca & Tina Agate

Claire Elaine Smetana

Daughter of David & Lauren (Gajkowski) Smetana

Nathan Lee Waller

Son of Keith & Kara (Norton) Waller

Elizabeth Rose Brekan

Daughter of Jonathan & Shevawn (Leahy) Brekan

Jules William Campos

Son of Fabiel & Kasey (Mather) Campos

Scarlet Ariah Jimenez

Daughter of Michael Jimenez & Bianca Alvarado

Madelyn Eileen Maguire

Daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth (Roccasalva) Maguire

Alessandro Gianni Marquardt

Son of Christopher & Rosa (Alesi) Marquardt

Annalisa Enza Marquardt

Daughter of Christopher & Rose (Alesi) Marquardt

Vincent David Zerante

Son of Ryan & Stacey (Freeh) Zerante

David Paul Zuck

Son of Christopher Zuck & Alexandria Faron



Come for Eucharistic Adoration October 17 at 6:00-7:00pm

WHAT: As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. "Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to give us the privilege of approaching him personally as so many people were able to do two-thousand years ago in Galilee and Judea." (Fr. F. Racine). During Eucharistic Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent adoration.

HOW: Adorers are invited to meditate on Scripture or read devotional books, pray the 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. Adoration is the "face-to-face that leads to the "heart-to-heart" with Jesus.

WHEN: The next Eucharistic Adoration will be Thursday, October 17, 2019. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. Questions? Please contact Katie Kanzer @ k.f.kanzer@gmail.com.

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacles
expressly for you, for you alone?
He burns with desire to come into your heart."
St. Therese of Lisieux

Welcome

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

Sean & Catherine Callahan

John & Nora Dudley

Frank & Anne Albi

Eddy & Vanna Saleh

Robert Lynch

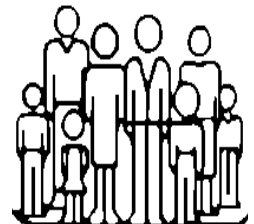
Jason & Kimberly Zola

Tim & Meredith Gustafson

Natalie Przybylski

Matthew & Laura Northam

Paul & Nicole Plzak



**October 6
Domestic Violence Outreach
St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus and
St. John of the Cross**



**When we talk about domestic violence,
just who and what are we discussing?**

It is easy to put that “other” person over there, to feel sorry for her/him, to shun the abuser, to “tsk, tsk, tsk” about how it never used to be like this, to say “there but for the grace of God...”, to stereotypically link her/him to poverty, drugs, under-education, or certain racial or ethnic groups.

Was she just a poor judge of men? Didn't she have any backbone? How could she let her children see that going on? Why didn't her family help her? Why didn't she just leave?

Unfortunately, interpersonal and intimate partner violence isn't so simple. During October, Domestic Violence month, this space will share with you some situations and some of the many faces of violence, so you can see for yourself how complicated it can be. As you read, please pay attention to the people as you picture them in your mind, to their appearance, their ethnicity - if you notice, to their general demeanor.

MYTH: Domestic Violence is bad, but it happens elsewhere. It doesn't happen in my community, my neighborhood, my culture, my religion, or my congregation.

FACT: Domestic Violence happens to people of every educational and socio-economic level. Domestic violence happens in all races, religions and age groups. Domestic Violence happens in both heterosexual and same-sex relationships.

You are not alone!

In an emergency, dial 911 or call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233.

Carrol A. M. Smith, PhD, RN, faculty of UIC. The Many Faces of Interpersonal Violence.

The Family Violence Prevention Fund, Chapter 1, What is Domestic Violence?



FACT:

In the United States, 12% of high school females reported physical violence and 16% reported sexual violence from a dating partner in the past 12 months before surveyed.

The 2015 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov



**Building Safety and Wellness
in the Community**

Thursday, October 17
6:30-8:00 pm

St. John of the Cross Parish Center
(5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs)

All are invited to an evening that will raise awareness, promote discussion, and provide information about safety and wellness within our homes, churches and community. A panel of experts representing police and fire departments, Pillars, and area counseling centers will address questions and concerns from their field of expertise and provide helpful tips and strategies that promote health and safety.



**WE
THOUGH
MANY
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ONE**

What is Stewardship?

Our willingness to acknowledge the blessings we have in our lives and to reflect how we can continue to steward our time, talents, and treasure to act as Jesus' hands and feet in the world.

This fall offers great opportunities to engage with SFX parishioners and our neighbors at several exciting SFX sponsored events! **Stewardship of Time** calls us not only to daily prayer and weekly prayer together, it also invites us to spend time together and develop relationships within our community. Last week, men and women of the parish had a blast at our Annual Golf Outing (photos below). **ALL are welcome** to join the next round of events:

- October 7: Living Rosary - all School Children, Teachers and Parishioners
- October 18: Men's Club Pig Roast - all adult men of the community
- November 2: Falcon 5K run (or walk!) - all ages
- November 11: Veteran's Day Mass

**All of these events build upon our fellowship here at SFX.
Come to one, come to two, COME TO ALL!**



Join us
for the 14th Annual



Sign up today for the St. Francis Falcon 5K!

www.sxfalcon5k.com

Saturday, November 2nd

Kids' Fun Run (~0.5 mile), Junior Falcon 100 yd. Dash, 3.1 mile Run/Walk

Be a part of the fun, start training today
Strollers, walkers, non-SFX parishioners, and all ages welcome!

- USATF certified*, chip timed, flat, tree lined La Grange Park neighborhood course
- 5K and Kids Fun Run participants receive a technical t-shirt (Register by 10/14)
- Under 19 discount
- Indoor post-race celebration with Flash Magnets & fabulous treats from local vendors!

Want to volunteer? Questions? Please contact Meghan Fijal at Falcon5KSFX@gmail.com

**IL 17026WR Race benefits St. Francis Xavier School, a not-for-profit organization.*



Veterans Day Mass and Reception

The 5th grade students at St. Francis Xavier School would like to invite any veterans and active duty service members, and their families, to a mass honoring their service to our county. The mass will be held on Monday, November 11th at 8:30 am with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall.

If you would like to attend please RSVP by November 4th to Sara Edwards by phone at 773-844-8474 or email saraedwards9@hotmail.com. We hope to see you!

BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Living Rosary

Please join the School Children,
Teachers and Parishioners as we
Pray the Rosary as a Community.

Monday October 7, 2019
Immediately after 8:30 Mass
St. Francis School Parking Lot
(Rain Location: School Gym)



NO MORE CLIPPING.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.

Please send Box Tops to the school office
Help SFX earn money!

The deadline for the Fall collection is Friday, October 18th.

**Going forward, instead of clipping from packages,
all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt!**

Be sure to download the new app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, we can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Box Tops has been an impactful source of income for school resources. Thank you for your participation!

**We all shop! But did you know your normal purchases could be
helping SFX and earn tuition credit for a SFX school family?**

The SFX Scrip program allows you to buy gift cards, either plastic or electronic, for hundreds of vendors for all types of goods and services. Making money for SFX is as simple as 1-2-3.

- 1) Buy a gift card for whatever you need
- 2) Use the gift card to buy stuff
- 3) Reap the rewards

It is that simple!

The vendors offer the cards at a discount, and SFX gets the difference as profit. Your family has the option of getting 40% of the profit back as a tuition credit, or you can choose to send your credit to another family or return it to the school.

You can buy gift cards for just about anything that you need to buy. There's more to the program than grocery gift cards. You can replenish your Starbucks Card, drop off a sunshine gift, start stockpiling gift cards for the holidays...the possibilities are endless!

HOW TO ENROLL:

- 1) Go to www.ShopwithScrip.com and click on Join a Program.
- 2) Enter our enrollment code: **5471CCD65575L**
- 3) Enter a user name, password, and your account information.
Fill in the validation, click Register, and you can start earning money for SFX!

Find the schedule of Due Dates and Order Fulfillment Dates at hop4SFXLG.com.

Questions? ShopForSFX@sfxlg.org



A special thanks to all of the families that already support Shop SFX!



with Special Guests

'85 Chicago Bear &
Super Bowl Champion

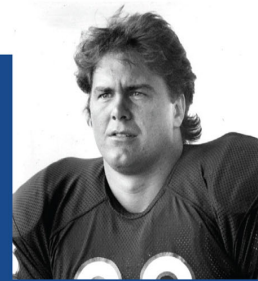
Jay Hilgenberg

'85 Chicago Bear &
Super Bowl Champion

Tom Thayer

Hall of Fame Voice
of the Chicago Bears

Jeff Joniak



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER AT 7:00 PM

\$100 PER PERSON

*Cost for Senior members is a donation
to the Men's Club. See below for details.**

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8 AND 10
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CIGAR TENT
HOSTED BY
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Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Professional Pitmasters

Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda ★ Mixers

Bring your favorite spirit in a bottle!



Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

*All male parishioners age 70 and over contact Matt Hubert directly at mthubert@gmail.com or 773-619-0554

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Boys Church League Basketball

Registration for Boys Church League Basketball is now open! The registration form can be found on the Youth Ministry website on the Men's Church League page. Cost is \$110 and includes all practices, games, and a reversible mesh jersey. Form and fee must be turned in to St. Francis Xavier by October 30. See the website for information about practice start date and Information/Meet the Coaches Night for Freshmen. Contact Olivia Zurowski with any questions.

Rite of Enrollment

This weekend, we are celebrating the Rite of Enrollment at all Masses for teens enrolled in the Quest Confirmation program. If you've chosen a sponsor already, they are welcome and invited to attend and sign the Enrollment book with you. Not able to attend Mass at St. Francis this weekend? Contact Olivia Zurowski.

Questions? Please contact Olivia Zurowski at or 708-352-0168 or ozurowski@sfxlg.org.

Bringing Children To Church

Few things are more important than bringing children to church for our Eucharistic celebration. God bless all of you who do this. It is the best way for them to learn and experience our gathering as a community, our prayer of thanksgiving and our being sent to do God's work in the world. It certainly brings joy to our lives when you bring your children with you.

Of course, we understand if you have to take your child out into the vestibule for any reason. Sometimes they get anxious and just need to get up and move around and that's just fine. The Eucharist is a profoundly sophisticated ritual which takes time and patience to assimilate and integrate into our lives. Look at how it has deepened over time in our own lives as adults!

The fact that you parents are able to get everybody up and moving in the same direction at the same time astounds us and we are sure that it pleases God! Keep coming back!

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Pizza Fundraiser

All Orders Due on October 20

Pizza Order Pick-up on October 30



Eucharistic Liturgies

Grade 3

October 19

Practice 4:15 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Class Dates

Sunday, October 6

Class

Wednesday, October 9

Class

Sunday, October 13

No Class

Wednesday, October 16

No Class

Sunday, October 20

Class

Wednesday, October 23

Class

Sunday, October 27

Class

Wednesday, October 30

Class

Looking For St. Francis Xavier Day School Alums

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

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

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

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



Retired Men's Group



Gerry Gutek Presents *Going to the Movies: Memories & Reviews*

Wednesday, October 16th
Coffee @ 10:00am
Presentation @ 10:30am
Unity Hall
Lunch @ 11:30am
Court Yard Room

RSVP by Friday, October 11th
to the Rectory 708-352-0168



SAVE THE DATE

Searching for a new or deeper relationship with God? Join fellow SFX women at our Spiritual Spa - details below. Questions!
Contact Laurie Severino 708-421-5034.

Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend

**Saturday, February 8 -
Sunday, February 9, 2020**

(begins at 8:30 am on Saturday and
ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday)
Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL



SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:

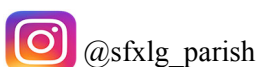
Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your Parish Finance Report



Thanks for your patience while we finalized our budget for this fiscal year! Here's where we stand:

For Last Fiscal Year (ended June 30, 2019):

Total Collections were \$1,842,411, an increase of about \$19,000 (1%) from the previous fiscal year (ending June 30, 2018).

Last year, our parish had an operating loss of \$22,163. This loss was a result of capital improvement expenses associated with the return of our early childhood program from the space we rented from First Baptist Church (resulting in long-term saving), as well as higher than anticipated plumbing maintenance and snow removal expenses.

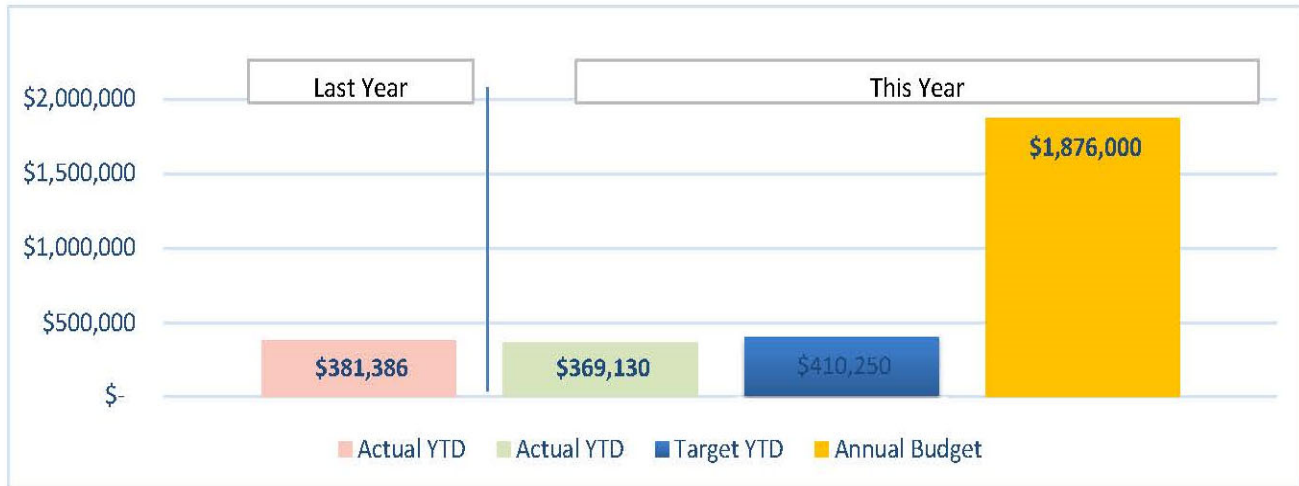
Our annual report will come out at the end of October with more details.

For the Current Fiscal Year (ending June 30, 2020):

Our budget has been approved. Annual collections budget has been set at \$1,876,000 (about 2% increase from last year's actual collections). The collections budget was set to break even with expenses. It is lower than budgets set in the past few years due to savings from the return of our Early Childhood students to our Education Building and lower priest expenses for the first six months of the fiscal year.

In preparing this year's budget, we have looked very closely at expenses and have managed them as tightly as possible without impacting our ability to fund vital ministries in our parish. This includes deferring the hiring of a pastoral associate to January 1. If our collections continue to fall short of budgeted goals, we will need to reassess each ministry and consider reductions in funding, which could limit our capacity to provide the experiences and opportunities which we as a parish desire and expect.

First quarter results (ending September 30, 2019):



Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	+	Other Offertory*	=	September Total
September 2019	\$ 62,463		\$ 61,433		\$ 2,293		\$ 126,190
September 2018	\$ 60,457		\$ 57,048		\$ 2,475		\$ 119,979

* Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions, and other miscellaneous gifts

As noted in the chart, our offertory is below last year's and our target. Please review your situation and increase your contribution if you are able. *God Bless You all for supporting the MANY ministries here at St. Francis Xavier Parish!*
 Father Bill Tkachuk, Pastor
 Jennifer Zeisloft, Business Manager
 Members of the Finance Council: Don Abbs, Mike Bruni, Mary Pat Flaherty, Rob Metzger, Jim Owen

November is a Month For Remembering



All Saints Day Mass

We remember All Saints on Friday, November 1 with a Mass at 7:30 pm.

All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

We will remember All Souls on Monday, November 4 at a special Mass at 7:00 pm. We will be remembering all family members and friends that have died this past year. We invite you to bring a picture of your loved one(s). Please place the picture on the table in front of the altar before Mass. After Mass, please take the picture with you as you leave church.

As we remember the dying and rising of the Lord, may we feel the embrace of God, not only for those who have died, but also for all that mourn their loss.

Interfaith Career Network

Great Insights for the Current/Future Job Market

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, October 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Learn how and why your job requires finding a fit between your skills, experience, education and employer's requirements. Job-hunting research is a key element of a successful search. Developing focused conclusions from a flood of data appears to be needed now more than ever. Our speaker, Tom Kacena, will outline job management techniques he has followed in his own career as an aerospace engineer in the Air Force and after in the private sector as well as in mentoring junior engineers. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. We look forward to welcoming you.

Volunteers Needed

If you have an interest in supporting job seekers in our community, we'd love to hear from you! Even with the improved job market there are continuing layoffs, and many seeking a better opportunity. We are staffed by volunteers and are seeking new members to join our ICN team. Anyone interested in supporting others during their search would be welcome. We are in need of volunteers for marketing efforts (including social media, website support, etc.) as well as anyone who could assist with job coaching advice or networking help. A business or HR professional for one-on-one coaching would be a great addition! If you have a warm smile but no related job search experience, we need you as well for greeters at our monthly meetings and quarterly resume reviews. This September is our 11th Anniversary of helping others help themselves. You, too can help make a difference! Please call Tom Rohan at 708-772-4231 or Judy Kennedy at 708-352-8943 to learn more go to our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

Position Available Parish Director of Development

St. Francis Xavier Parish seeks a candidate for the position of Director of Development to serve as strategic leader and professional manager of all aspects of mission development and fundraising for the parish and parish elementary school. The Director of Development will be accountable for all fundraising initiatives and specific special events. The ideal candidate is a self-starter with at least 5 years of development experience, and is a person of faith committed to Gospel values. He or she understands and prioritizes the organization and responsible management of resources and helps the parish fund and fulfill its mission and purpose, including the parish mission to provide quality, affordable Catholic elementary education to families who want to provide this for their children.

This position is part time and a description is posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org). If you are interested, please send a cover letter and copy of your resume to Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Business Manager, via the parish rectory.



The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue
LaGrange Park
A Member of the
Congregation of St. Joseph
Mission Network

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

Relationship Circle

On Sundays, October 13, 27; November 10 and 24 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm with Facilitator: Barbara Clevenger. Using video conversation starters from Parker Palmer or TED Talks. This Sundays reflection group will explore how we are more alike than different when we are faced with really important questions. Each person has a voice that needs to be heard and we will seek to truly hear it. Suggested offering: \$10-\$15.

Growing Your Knowing

On Thursdays, October 17, 24, 31; November 7 and 14 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm with Facilitator: Tim Spurduto. Lay the foundation for the use of your own unique intuitive capacities. Learn basic tools for perceiving, moving, and clearing energy, such as grounding, connecting to one's life force, creating space, and intuitive meditation. Cost: \$125.

What's so Sacred about our Universe?

On Saturday, October 19 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm with Facilitator: Bridget Spurduto. Awaken to the awe and wonder of the unfolding story of creation by exploring a new world view that ties science and theology together. Gain new insights into the God within all. Deepen in understanding of our role as humans in this critical moment in time, bringing new meaning to your life. Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC, includes lunch.

The Universal Christ

On Thursdays, October 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14 and 21 the same program Offsite on Fridays, October 11, 18; November 1, 8, 15 and 22 with Facilitator: Bridget Spurduto. Break open Richard Rohr's latest book with Bridget Spurduto, and claim the fullness of Christ as the incarnation of the Divine being within all of creation. In addition to Rohr's insights, we will explore the work of other theologians, mystics and spiritual writers. Cost: \$90, or \$18/session.

An Invitation to Spiritual Direction

What is it? Spiritual Direction is a way of appreciating and responding to your life's journey in the light of the Lord's life and love. As you grow physically, spiritually and emotionally, it is often helpful to talk with someone about how to integrate all of these experiences into a life of faith. A spiritual director is someone with experience and training who can be a companion or friend willing to listen and talk about your journey in all its joys and concerns.

Who goes? Perhaps you are experiencing a real spiritual hunger and want to explore ways of filling it. You may be asking yourself: "How is God real for me now?" or, "How is my faith meaningful for me in this situation? These are areas that suggest a spiritual companion (director) would be helpful. Other areas that might be the focus of conversation with a spiritual director (companion) include: questions about religion; the need for expanding your image of God; successes or failures in trying to live a more loving life; bringing the Lord into important decisions in your life; exploring moral dilemmas.

What happens? You enter into a conversation and trusting relationship in which the director (companion) helps you notice and respond to the movement of God as experienced in prayer and in the events of everyday life. The director acts primarily as a listener, as a supportive person who can help you look honestly at your relationship with God as it is lived out in everyday life. You are always the gatekeeper in terms of what you bring to spiritual direction and how much of yourself you share and reveal. Spiritual direction is not a therapy session, but a prayerful conversation designed to help you become more aware of God's voice and to help you discover the best ways to respond to that voice.

How to begin? If you would like to respond to this invitation, you may call Mary Agnes Dwyer at 773-441-8151 so you can make an appointment. Your appointments can be scheduled at convenient intervals, monthly or every two or three weeks, whatever suits your needs at this time. Your meeting would be in a room in the rectory. Mary Agnes has training in spiritual direction and also has a Master of Theology Degree from the Catholic Theological Union. There is no fee.

As you begin spiritual direction or as some refer to this process, spiritual companionship, you may want to reflect on your own growth in prayer, where God fits into your joys and concerns of your life at this time, or whatever it is that you feel could help your relationship with God grow. "It is in God that we live, and move, and have our being."

Food For Families Fall Food Drive 2019



Saturday October 12 from 9:00 am-Noon food pick-up.

To schedule a pick up if you have not received a flyer on your door text or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.

Please check the expiration date on your donation, expired food cannot be distributed to families. You can also donate online to the Greater Chicago Food Depository at MyFoodDrive.org/?LGKofCFall2019.

Questions? Missed pick-up? Call, text, or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com. Donations are collected by the Knights of Columbus sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/food-for-families and delivered to the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry sfxlg.org > Parish > Ministries > Human Concerns for distribution to local people, families and seniors struggling to make ends meet. This good cause, twice each year, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the kindness and generosity of friends and neighbors like you.

Thank You For Your Support!

SAVE THE DATE

October 16th at 7:00 PM Joyce

The Knights of Columbus
Presentation



Dr. Mary Amore
Eucharist: Invitation to
Transformation,
Healing and Discipleship



Community Service Opportunity – Service Hours

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KOC)

KOC needs volunteers to distribute flyers to homes for the 7th Annual Outerwear Drive

Volunteers simply attach supplied flyers rolled with a rubber-band to assigned homes (door knobs, gates etc.)

between October 19 to October 29

The assignment will take about one hour

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

will pick up coats on Saturday, November 9th

Volunteers do not ask for anything, you simply attach provided flyers to the front of houses (door knobs etc.) with rubber band
DO NOT PLACE IN MAILBOX

Volunteers can choose one or more routes in and around the LaGrange area

Proof of community service hours will be provided.
Tax receipts are provided to donors.

Sign-up and/or send questions by calling or emailing the contact below:

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gutheriepike@msn.com
708-380-3101

council6483@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483>

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October is Respect Life Month

*"If you want peace, work for justice.
And if you want justice, defend life!"*
Saint Pope John Paul II

Area Respect Life Ministry

Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross partner together on a Respect Life Ministry, jointly advocating for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions. If interested in this ministry, please contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

The next meeting will be held on November 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Women's Care Center, 136 North LaGrange Road.

October 6: National Life Chain

Gather with parishioners from St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross on the south side of Ogden Avenue beginning at LaGrange Road from 2:30-3:30 pm.

Women's Care Center

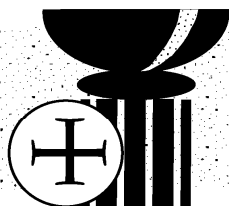
Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support and education to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds help determine viability and dates (prenatal medical care and abortions not provided). We serve 26,000 women annually from 32 centers in 11 states, including Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania & Wisconsin.

Baby Bottle Donation Envelopes benefiting the mission of the Center will be available at all the church exits for the month of October. Envelopes can be dropped off in the collection baskets or Rectory.

40 Days for Life September 25-November 3 www.40daysforlife.com

November 4 at 7:00 pm, the Closing Mass for 40 Days for Life at St. Mary of the Angels Church (1850 North Hermitage Avenue in Chicago).

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CROP 5K WALK

LaGrange~Western Springs~Brookfield

Sunday, October 27

12:30 pm Onsite Registration

1:15 pm Walk

First Congregational Church
of Western Springs
1106 Chestnut Street

Suggested donation per Walker:
Free will monetary offering along with a
nonperishable food item.

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Annual Mass Supporting People with Mental Illnesses, Families, Friends, and Mental Healthcare Providers

Mental illnesses, such as depression, bi-polar disease, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders and others touch one in four families. Stigma, the misinformation about these illnesses, keeps people from seeking help, and stigma keeps people from helping. The Mass is for all affected and those who are interested in helping. This celebration is our petition to the Holy Spirit to give encouragement to those affected by mental illness to pursue paths of recovery and wellness and to inspire and motivate all others to be advocates and helpers to those in need of housing, jobs, and support to reach their life goals.

The Mass will start at 2:00 pm on October 26 at St. Gertrude Church, 1400 West Granville, Chicago (6200 North, four blocks west of Broadway at Granville and Glenwood.) Refreshments and conversation will follow Mass.

For more information contact:

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312-534-8283 or dwelter@archchicago.org
Faith & Fellowship
708-383-9276 or faith_fellowship@hotmail.com

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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,
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **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

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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)

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 Friday8:30 am
 Saturday9:00 am
St. Cletus (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

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

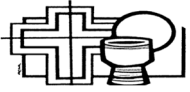
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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.

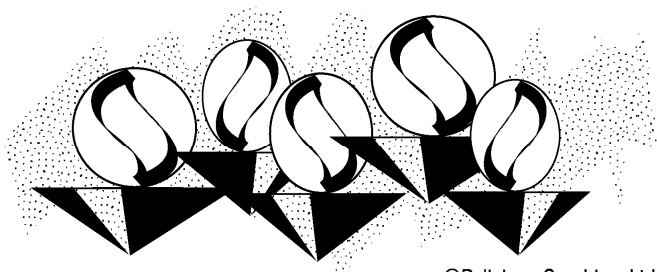
Parish Counselor

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, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—October 12-13, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	D. Mulvenna D. Veverka L. Lach	L. Bannach M. Becker J. Denson L. Egan K. Kanzer F. Kudia K. Preussner L. Young TBA	B. Gannon Open Open	B. Kalnes	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	S. Lindsay M. Carroll M. Kalkowski	S. Augustyn T. Nichol N. Kalkowski J. Van Gorp D. Walsh	N. Olson M. Doyle C. Hull	C. Jakubisin	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Stenzel	L. Nichol E. Newman A. Stowe	M. Branecki V. Bracht A. Gargano T. Urchell G. Prendergast B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali D. Sherman	A. Culin J. O'Halloran Open	S. Van Ordstrand Gallery Choir	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	T. Serafin J. Derus T. Hill	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings J. Garreau M. Joscelyn L. Ovník G. Rutkowski B. Sorice	K. Grubish J. Nisivaco R. Nowak	J. Pfluger Celebration Ensemble	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Stenzel	L. Freda C. Anderson J. Clark	N. Dekoker B. Edelmann L. Donegan K. Borawski TBA	D. Dudek E. Justak Open	TBA	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



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Readings For The Week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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