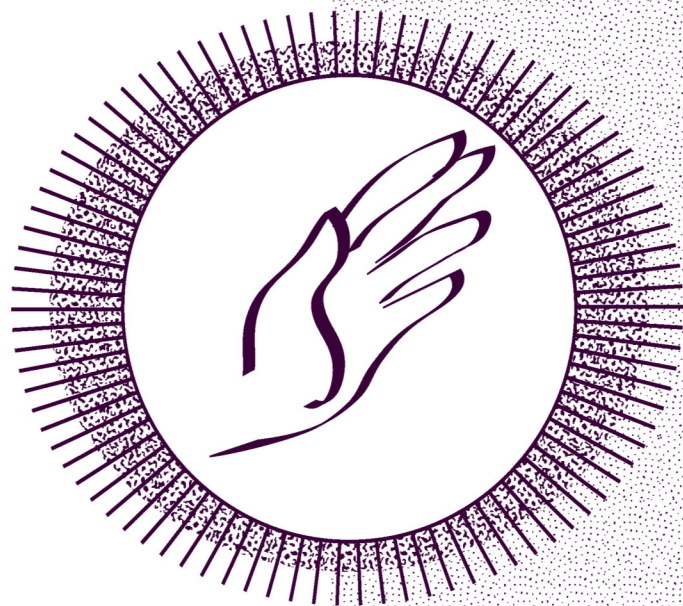
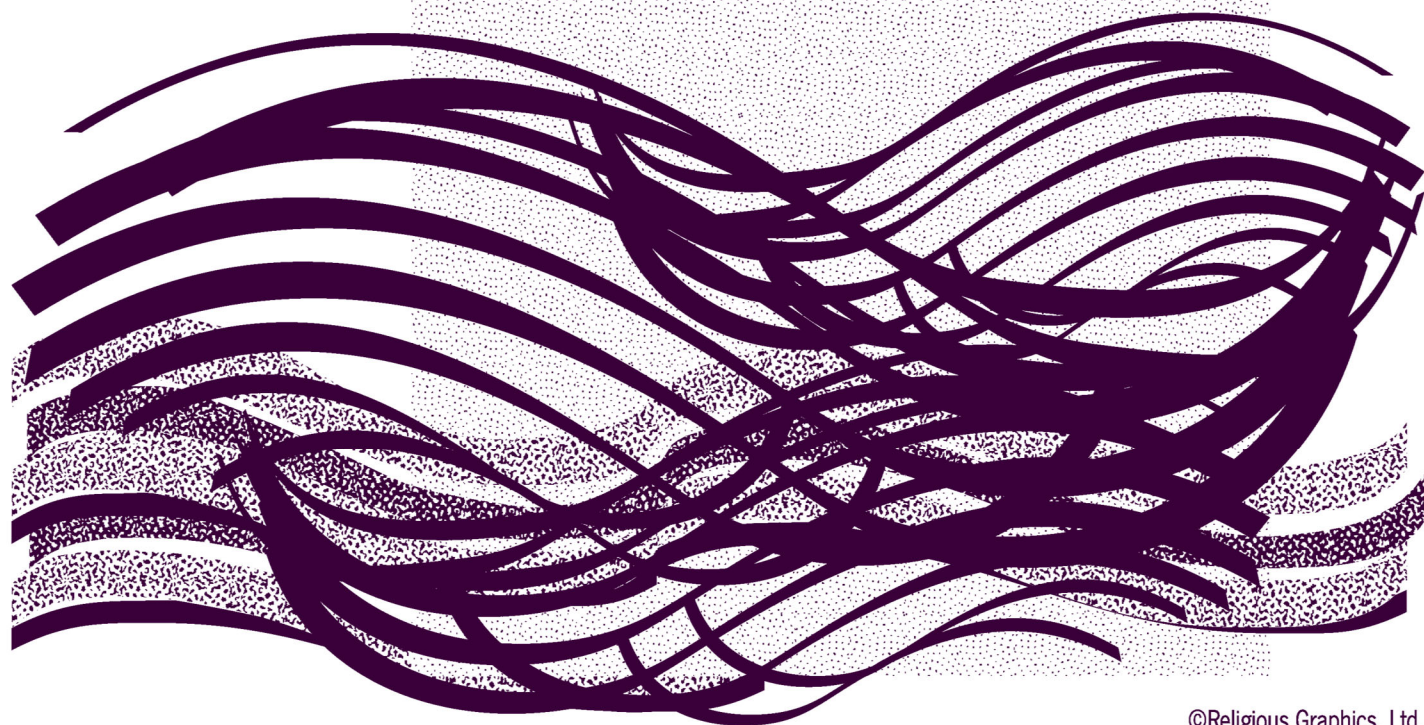


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24, 2021



The LORD has
delivered his people.
They departed in tears
but I will console them
and guide them.

I will lead them
to brooks of water,
on a level road,
so that they
will not stumble.



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 25	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Angelica Longoria Denise Hugulet James & Richard Elwood Kevin McCann Mary Rice	Mary Beth McCrory Jim & Mary Donahue The Tio Family The Filbin Family The Paul & Kris Hilling Family
Tuesday, October 26	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Verona Whitmore	Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Wednesday, October 27	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Barbara Westhoff Ozburn John & Mary Cannon	Barb Zahorik The Cannon Family
Thursday, October 28	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, October 29	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Marie Westhoff Deceased Members of the Martin & Doonan Families	Barb Zahorik The Martin Family
Saturday, October 30	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Cookie Hofstetter	The Westerhoff Family
Sunday, October 31 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Norm Wasz Mary Stukel Bob O'Malley Joseph Stefanisin	The Grimes Family Tom & Lucile Nichol Donna & Ray Garza The Tkachuk Family

Presider's Schedule for October 23-24, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Milek 7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk 9:00 am Fr. Milek 11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk 5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Julie Artim	Patrick Morgan
Jay Carroll	Mike Morrison
Chili Challender	Bernice Niemiec
Blake Donegan	Gert Ogilvie
Barbara Doyle	Jane O'Reilly
Matthew Doyle	Ryan Patyk
Lily Fielding	Donna Pekarek
Colleen Fleming	Baby Lucia R.
Terry Gazdziak	Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Marjorie Reimann
Wilson Gregory	Nicholas Rink
Rose Ilo	Anna Rose
Mary J.	Kristin Sandoval
Jane Jacobsen	Peter Sannasardo
Theresa Kandall	Rita Scalcon
Wayne Kardatzke	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Mark Kiley	Gavin Stella
Robert Kozak	John Stopka
Patricia Lees	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Juliette Lopez	Thomas Trauscht
Lisa Massaro	Gregory Van Gorp
Ron Minella	Liz Wilk

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

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:



James Pridmore
Son of Jeanne Pridmore

Bill Kelly
Brother of Jim Kelly (Alison)

Weddings

Katherine Bindon & Robert Goshorn



Readings For The Week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Pastor's Notes

"What do you want me to do for you?"
Mark 10:51

A blind man is begging Jesus for mercy, and Jesus responds by asking what he wants. Isn't it obvious? The question may appear insensitive at first hearing. Yet how often do we respond to a person's cries for help and presume we know what they need? In asking the question, Jesus draws out the man's faith – his belief that Jesus can heal him. I sense that Jesus also draws out something deeper of which the man himself is not yet aware. "I want to see," he responds. He has tossed off his cloak and stands before Jesus with empty hands and open heart. And on receiving his sight, the man chooses to follow Jesus "on the way."

Mark does not provide many details in his gospel; so, when he gets specific, he is drawing more attention to the story. He gives us the name of the blind man, suggesting that Bartimaeus is a known disciple among the early disciples. He follows Jesus "on the way," which is Mark's phrase for the journey through passion and death to resurrection. In contrast to the rich man weighed down by his possessions, or the disciples arguing over who will be first, Bartimaeus lets go of everything to follow Jesus. Unlike the others, he is willing to "see" where the journey will lead and *still* does not hesitate to follow.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks this question of each of us this day. What do we want of God? Do we believe that God can give us what we seek? What price are we willing to pay? Will we pause to be grateful when our prayer is answered? And will we then

more closely follow Jesus "on the way"?

The story of Bartimaeus also speaks to us of the role of the community in bringing people to Jesus. Their first reaction to the man's pleading is to quiet him. Perhaps they are embarrassed by this blind beggar making such a fuss. Perhaps they see him as an annoyance, someone with whom Jesus would not possibly want to interact. In their worldview, his blindness would be seen as a consequence of sin. Why would Jesus choose to interact with an obvious sinner?

The community's discouragement almost silences Bartimaeus; yet their urging causes to fling his cloak aside and go to Jesus. The choice is ours. Will we be a community of faith that attempts to cover over or silence that which embarrasses us? Will we keep from Jesus what we deem "not good enough" or will we bring that very person or part of ourselves to Jesus that he might bring healing?

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus challenges us to open our minds and our hearts to name our blindness and to ask for the willingness to see whatever it is we would rather ignore. Whatever it is, whomever it is, already lies within God's loving gaze. There is nothing we can conceal from him. True humility is placing myself before Jesus, as I am, believing that God desires to walk the journey of life with me. All we need do is respond,

"I want to see."

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill



World Mission Sunday

On October 24, we join with the Catholic Church across the globe to celebrate World Mission Sunday. Coordinated by Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to support every mission diocese and faith community which are in need of our help. This annual second collection provides critical support to communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world. For more information and to donate please visit: www.WeAreMissionary.org/wms

Or you may donate at Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1931/event/27803>

Weekend Mass Updates at St. Francis Xavier!

The CDC has revised its recommendations on wearing masks in indoor, public spaces, following evidence that the COVID delta strain can spread rapidly even among fully vaccinated individuals. The parish Leadership Reopening Team has determined how we will respond to provide the safest possible environment for all who worship at St. Francis Xavier.

The following **changes** to our Sunday Mass protocols are **now in effect**.

- ◆ **Masks are required for everyone** over age 2, regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ **We invite everyone to sing with your mask in place!** Pick up a bulletin as you enter church for the words to the hymns. As you leave, place any bulletins you are not taking home in the recycle baskets at each door.
- ◆ Please wait for an usher to invite your pew to come forward for communion. With your mask in place, receive the host in your hand and move six feet to the side before removing your mask to consume the host.

The following protocols remain **unchanged**.

- ◆ **All church doors remain open** for all worshippers.
- ◆ **Unity Hall remains open to families with small children** to offer a remote viewing option on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 9AM and 11AM. This is only for families with small children and no cold symptoms.
- ◆ Every other pew in the back of church and in the east transept is not available for seating. These areas provide social distance for parents with infants, those with immune issues, and those not yet comfortable being closer than six feet. All other pews are available for general seating.
- ◆ Please avoid physical contact with those not of your own household, especially during the **Sign of Peace**. A nod or a wave is always appropriate.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill

Greeters Welcome

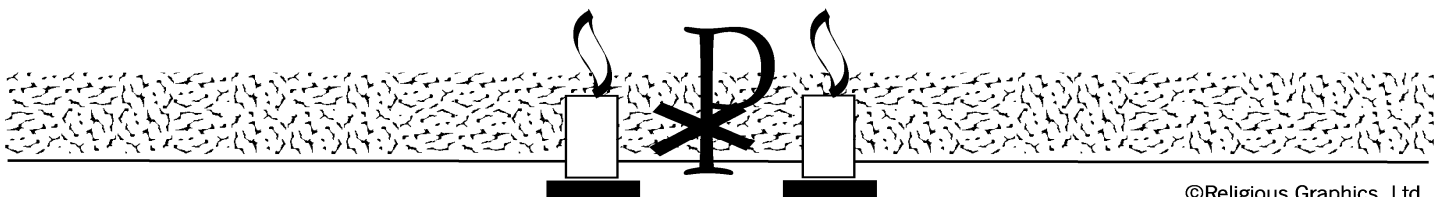
We are seeking parishioners who are willing and able to serve as ministers of hospitality (greeters) at the following parish celebrations.

- ◆ **Weekend Masses:** Greeters welcome people at each of the church entrances and answer any questions. They then join their families for the remainder of the Mass.
- ◆ **Baptisms:** Greeters welcome the family of the child being baptized, verify the information for the parish records, and assist in the seating process.
- ◆ **Weddings:** Greeters serve as part of our parish Wedding Ministry to welcome guests, answer questions, and assist the bride and groom and their parents with any special needs.
- ◆ **Funerals:** Greeters serve as part of the parish Bereavement Team. They welcome guests at the door, answer questions, and assist the family with any special needs.

If you are interested or would like to learn more about any of these ministries, please email Maureen Pipal at mpipal@sfxlg.org. Your gift of time and talent as one who offers hospitality is a relatively simple gift that can have a great effect on those who attend a service at St. Francis Xavier.

Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.





Digging a Well in Africa

Last summer, part of our summer mission effort was to fund the digging of a well in a part of sub-Saharan Africa with limited access to clean water. At long last the hole has been drilled. The villagers soon will have easy access to safe water. The reason for the long delay is that terrorists have been very active in the area and many lives have been lost. This made it too dangerous for the drilling company to do the work. Our contributions to date will not cover the total cost of the well. However, a generous parishioner has offered to cover the remaining costs.

Fr. Stan Ilo, who is here on weekends, is very familiar with the hardships across sub-Saharan Africa. He has obtained funding to drill a well for a village in Burkina Faso in which a group of nuns has asked for assistance. If additional funds are needed for this project, we will provide that information in a future article.



Madebe Students



Madebe School



Drill arriving at Madebe



Drill Team

FOOD FOR FAMILIES 2021 Fall Drive

Please join the Knights in helping families & seniors struggling to make ends meet.

For links to click instead of typing, text or email F4F



to 708-207-2780 or Council6483@gmail.com or point your phone camera at the QR codes below.



Donate to St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry or point your phone camera at the QR code to the left.

www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/167/event/5199



GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

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Questions? Text or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or Council6483@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



Church League Boys Basketball is Back!

All high school boys in 9th-12th grade are invited to play friendly, competitive basketball games against other church teams in the vicinity.

Practices are one night/week and games are usually played on Saturday nights (possible Sundays). Location: TBD. Practices start in November and games begin in December. The cost is \$125/player and includes gym practice time and a T-shirt.

To register on the Youth Ministry page on the SFX website, please [click here](#).

Covid protocols currently call for everyone to wear a mask; however, this is subject to change based on State and Archdiocese Covid rules.



SFX Men's Club Pig Roast 2021

The 2021 Pig Roast is being rescheduled. More details to follow. Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com for more information.



We are excited to announce that for the first time, the teens of St. Francis Xavier, St. John, and St. Cletus are uniting to attend a Mission Service Trip in the summer of 2022. It's been two years since our last trip and all current 9th-12th grades in high school are invited to attend. The teens will depart on Sunday, June 19th, volunteer for four days and have one free day and then return mid-day on Saturday, June 25th. They will roll up their sleeves to restore, paint and rehab homes and to help social agencies, while working side by side with their fellow teens and people in the area around Montague, Michigan. Join us for a life changing week of serving, reflecting, transforming lives, celebrating the Catholic faith, building friendships, having fun and bringing hope to the world. Registration forms and more information can be found on the youth ministry page of the parish website. Spaces are limited, register early.



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SFX School Website:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

SFX VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR

<https://vimeo.com/506617250>

See the latest happenings at the day school:

Spotlight on the St. Francis Xavier Parish School Class of 2021 <https://vimeo.com/554327101>

Highlights from the 2021 SFX Golf Outing!
Thank you to CHAIRS: Katie & Scott Lutzow & CO-CHAIRS: Lindsey & JB Mackenzie for a great event! A great time was had by all at this sell out event! See you next year! <https://vimeo.com/609342252>



The 16th Annual
SFX Falcon 5K
is back LIVE!

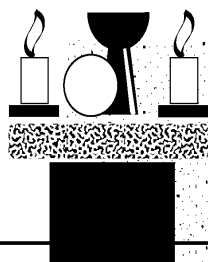
We are excited to announce that the race will be
Saturday, November 6, 2021.

Please check out our website:
www.sxfalcon5k.com to register and see the
changes for the 2021 race.

DON'T DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!

Want to volunteer or sponsor? Questions?

Please contact Meghan Fijal at
Falcon5KSFX@gmail.com



JESUS himself
is our priest and
sacrifice

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CROP HUNGER WALK 2021

THANKS TO THE 28 WALKERS
AND ALL THE DONORS!

SFX and the Congregation of St Joseph raised **\$847**

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME





**Songs for October 24, 2021
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Opening Hymn: "Gather Us In"

Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
Now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way,
See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gath-er us in the lost and for-sak-en,
Gath-er us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en
We shall a-rise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a mys-t'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
Called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh-ty,
Gath-er us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.

Responsorial Psalm 126: "God Has Done Great Things for Us"

***Refrain: "God has done great things for us,
filled us with laughter and music;
God has done great things for us,
filled us with laughter and music."***

Communion Hymn: "Behold the Lamb"

Refrain.

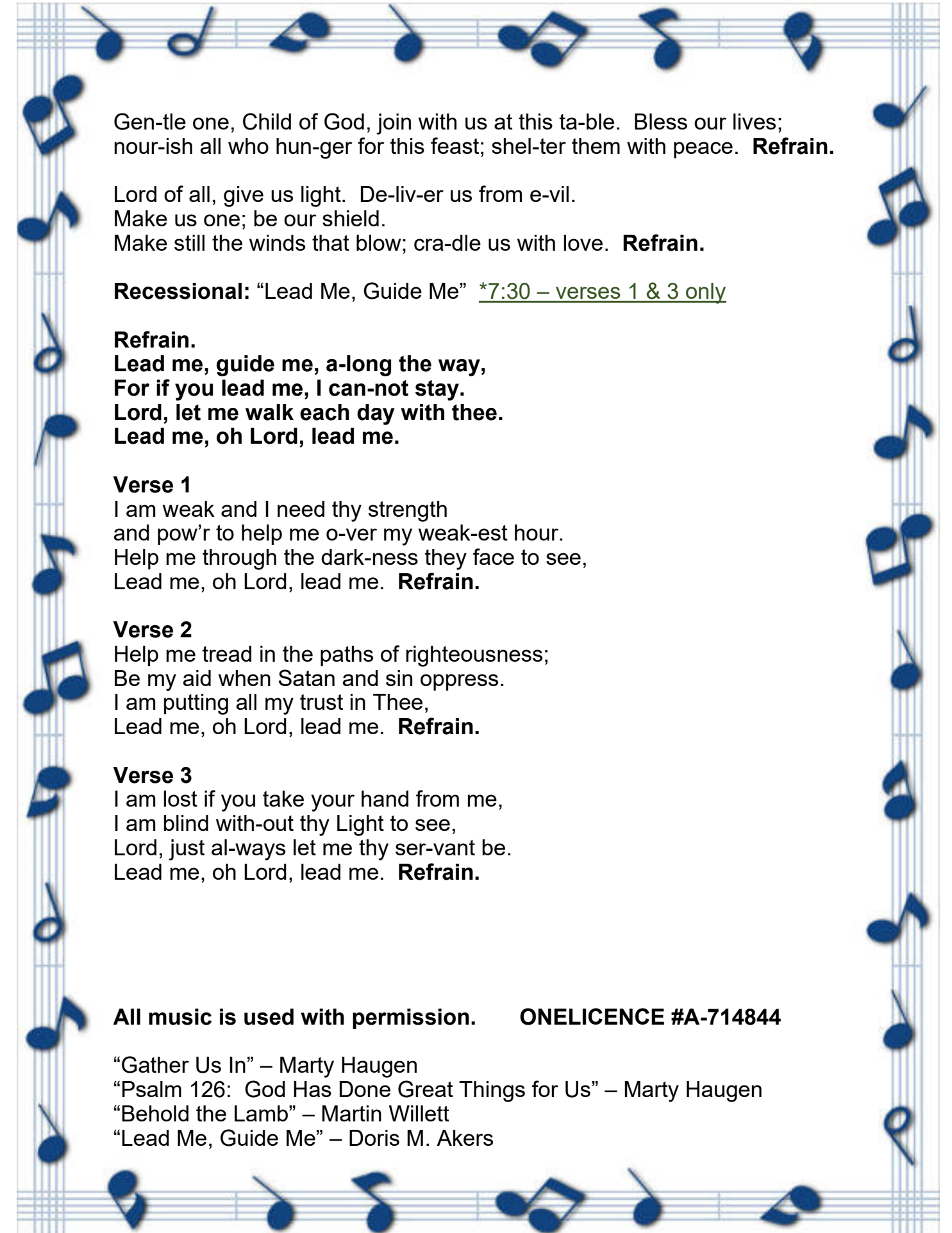
**Be-hold, be-hold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God,
shall come to know God's glo-ry!**

Those who were in the dark are thank-ful for the sun-light;
We who live, we who die are grate-ful for this gift, thank-ful for God's love.

Refrain.

Peace-ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un-der-stand-ing
Of the wheat, of the wine u-nit-ed with God's word and the love we share.

Refrain.



Gen-tle one, Child of God, join with us at this ta-ble. Bless our lives;
nour-ish all who hun-ger for this feast; shel-ter them with peace. **Refrain.**

Lord of all, give us light. De-liv-er us from e-vil.
Make us one; be our shield.
Make still the winds that blow; cra-dle us with love. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "Lead Me, Guide Me" *7:30 – verses 1 & 3 only

Refrain.

**Lead me, guide me, a-long the way,
For if you lead me, I can-not stay.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.**

Verse 1

I am weak and I need thy strength
and pow'r to help me o-ver my weak-est hour.
Help me through the dark-ness they face to see,
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. **Refrain.**

Verse 2

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. **Refrain.**

Verse 3

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind with-out thy Light to see,
Lord, just al-ways let me thy ser-vant be.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. **Refrain.**

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"Gather Us In" – Marty Haugen

"Psalm 126: God Has Done Great Things for Us" – Marty Haugen

"Behold the Lamb" – Martin Willett

"Lead Me, Guide Me" – Doris M. Akers

“We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a ‘Gospel of life.’ It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly in respect for human dignity.”

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB

OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE THEMES

Oct 3 Life & Creation

Oct 10 New Life

Oct 17 Life & Dignity

Oct 24 Life & the Common Good

Oct 31 End of Life

POPE FRANCIS ON LIFE & THE COMMON GOOD

For all who are able:

- "Being vaccinated... is an act of love... And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people."
- "Vaccination is a simple way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable."

UPCOMING/ONGOING RESPECT LIFE EVENTS

Month of October: Annual Women's Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive

Envelopes located at church exits. Please place envelopes in the collection boxes.

Online donations can be made at: www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/

Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

Sept 22 – Oct 31: 40 Days for Life. Help save lives through the power of prayer

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove>

Oct 27, 6-8pm: Women's Care Center Fundraiser at Soldier Field

<https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/youre-invited-to-something-special>

RESOURCES

Online Domestic Violence Support Group. Monthly meetings will continue to be held virtually on Zoom. If you would like to join, contact Kendall Grant at kgrant@stcletusparish.com

Women's Care Center – 136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange | 708-352-5000

Provides free, confidential counseling, support, education, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Since opening in May 2018, the La Grange WCC has welcomed and supported over 1100 babies and their families.

PILLARS | Hotlines: *Domestic violence*: 708-485-5254 | *Sexual assault*: 708-482-9600

Provides health and social services. Domestic and sexual violence staff serve clients through free 24-hour hotlines. 708-PILLARS for all services including mental health.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): The Living Room | 4731 Willow Springs Rd, La Grange | 708-582-6434

Provides free peer counseling to anyone feeling scared, anxious, angry, sad, or just needs someone to talk to. Open every day 1pm - 9pm, must be 18 or older.

GOSPEL OF LIFE PRAYER

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life. – St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*

COMMEMORATING CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, beloved and esteemed Archbishop of Chicago, died on November 14, 1996. He had arrived in Chicago in August 1982 and served here for fourteen years. During his time as Archbishop, he left an enduring mark on the Catholic Church in Chicago as well as on the civic community. He also had significant impact and influence on the nation and the world at large. The Archdiocese of Chicago is preparing to remember Cardinal Bernardin in two events at the beginning of November.

On November 1 at Holy Name Cathedral (750 N. State Street) at 7pm, there will be a commemoration of Cardinal Bernardin's contribution to the Church and to our civic life. The evening is entitled "Now More Than Ever: The Enduring Prophetic Voice and Legacy of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Twenty-five Years after His Death." Five speakers will briefly address aspects of his legacy and its continuing relevance in today's world.

Steven Millies (the USCCB 1982 pastoral letter on peace, an initiative that Cardinal Bernardin directed and that had national and international ramifications);

Father J. Cletus Kiley (Cardinal Bernardin's contribution to a renewed vision of ministers and ministry in the Church and the ways he was a forerunner in addressing the abuse crisis);

Andrew McKenna (Cardinal Bernardin's commitment to investing in the future through Catholic education);

Rabbi Wendi Geffen (Cardinal Bernardin's efforts to build ecumenical and interfaith relationships);

Cardinal Blase Cupich (Cardinal Bernardin's consistent ethic of life).

The evening promises to be an exercise of grateful memory for what Cardinal Joseph Bernardin has left us. It will also be a summons for us to continue his legacy that retains even more value today than in the time he was among us. On the following day, November 2, again at Holy Name Cathedral, the annual memorial Mass for deceased bishops and priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago will be celebrated at noon. At that Mass, Cardinal Bernardin will be specially remembered.



Please register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center www.csjthewell.org.

Ripening: The Spiritual Harvest of Poets in Their Later Years Retreat on Friday and Saturday, October 29 from 7:00 pm-October 30 at 3:00 pm with Facilitator: Mark S. Burrows. This retreat invites participants into the probing wisdom of selected contemporary poets, harvesting the gifts of their "late" writings that come from the depths of long experience. \$75.

The Our Father: Entering Into the Consciousness of Jesus on Mondays, November 1-15 from 7:00-8:00 pm with Facilitator: Jack Shea. The Lord's Prayer/Our Father is easy to take for granted. But it may contain more than we suspect. It is a detailed set of evocative images that align us with the mind of Jesus. \$75 series.

Finding the Mother Tree on THE MOTHER TREE on Tuesdays, November 2 and 16 from 1:30-3:00 pm with Facilitator Shelby Boblick. A two-session introduction and invitation to the concepts and message of Suzanne Simard's recently published book, *Finding the Mother Tree*. The book has been called "a root-and-branch study of the network that sustains our forests [showing] how all life is interconnected." \$30 for the series of two sessions. No need to read the book.



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- 1) **Bring clothing to mass:** Donation boxes will be located at the entrances of all masses on the following weekends:
10/23 and 10/24 – 10/30 and 10/31 - 11/6 and 11/7
Or
- 2) **Drive-up and Donate:** Stay in your car and drop off donations at the collection truck on 11/6 and 11/7 located on the southwest corner of St Francis' parking lot. Clothing will be collected at the truck from 9AM to 2PM
Or
- 3) **Cash Donation:** If a cash donation is more convenient, simply scan the following QR code (point your camera at the QR code) - this will lead you to the donation site



TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE

Clothing will be donated to Catholic Charities of Chicago which distributes the coats, sweaters, hats and gloves to the needy, without charge. The Knights thank you for your generosity in past years. Tax receipts will be provided upon request. Thank you for your support!

Please call or text the Knights of Columbus with questions @ 708-380-3101, or email

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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
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Commander 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
- **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
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **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
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **1st Lieutenant Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Col. Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol

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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

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:00 am
Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

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 10:00 to 11:30 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 to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

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

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center (Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email glopez.claret@gmail.com.

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