

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 2022



ALL SOULS~Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Joseph Accardi
Tiffany Archie
Julie Artim
Ray Bacchi
Virginia Baeze
Lillian Bannach
James Barrett
Joseph Bauman
Diane Bereckis
Frank Borsilli
Patricia Brien
Lois Brindisi
Sondra Burnicks
Baby Leo Bustos
Thomas Cannon
Mary Lou Cardwell
Mary Kay Carroll
Mary Anne Casey
Anthony Catanzaro
Lorraine Chizewski
Esterina Covello
Margaret Crofton
Sam Cuba
Margaret Cukale
Blaine Cusack
Dorothy Daly
Joyce Daly
Clarke Devereux
Patricia Devereux
Americo DiGianfilippo
Herbert Doonan
Nancy Droste
Dorothy Duranty
Walter Dziewinski
Eileen Egan
Carolyn Feitl
Joanne Fitzpatrick
Stephen Flaherty
James Flynn
Thomas Furlong
Michael Goggin
Jennifer Gregory
Samuel Grippa
Ralph Gutekunst
Joan Hession

Sue Hirsch
Peggy Hofstetter
Richard Holland
Joyce Huber
Tom Hund
William Husfield
Michael Igo
Mary Anne Jones
Connie Kahn
Bill Kalnes
Josephine Knapp
Stanley Kolodziej
Joseph Kossman
Mary Jane Kowal
Robert Kozak
Nolan Krolicki
Janet Krueger
Robert Kuta
Dorothy Lafeber
Joseph Lakatos
Michael Landsman
Rose Marie Lilek
Peter Lucas
Art Lyons
John Madell
Joe Malek
Charles Mallahan
William Malloy
Joe Mankiewicz
Donald Marchese
Alex Marthaler
Howard McCarty
Jack McConville
Matt McDermott
Greg McDonnell
Steve McGue
Robert McIntrye
James McNamara
Josephine Messina
Richard Middendorf
Ronald Miles
Barry Miller
Andrew Mirocha
Jim Mooney
Marean Munn

John Munoz
Thomas Murphy
Bernice Niemiec
James O'Connell
Elaine O'Connor
Margaret O'Connor
Sabina O'Donohue
Lorraine Ovník
Gladys Palach
Ruth Palmer
Jimmy Pappin
Amanda Papuga
Michael Parr
Anthony Pasquinelli
Carol Pratali
Jeanne Pridmore
Hilda Ramirez
Michael Reilly
Joyce Ritchey
Mary Russell
Marilyn Rutkowski
Dolores Sapienza
Sr. Marlene Schemmel
John Shea
Vlade Siliunas
Susan Smid
Christopher Smolen
Joanna Sosnowski
Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Patricia Svehla
Albert Tassi
Elaine Templeton
Christopher Todnem
Jeanne Turek
Mary Jean Turk
John Turner
Gregory Van Gorp
Irene Voss
Barbara Walsh
Baby Milo Weihofen
Mary Ann Weyer
Margaret White
William Wise
Janet Young
Michael Zingarelli

Week at a Glance

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Monday, October 31	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Mary Stukel Dorothy Duranty	Tom & Lucile Nichol The St. Francis Xavier Rectory Staff
Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day	Morning Mass Mass	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Kathy Kriz	The Westerhoff Family
Wednesday, November 2 All Souls Day	Morning Mass Mass	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Deceased Parlon Family	Pam Oplawski
Thursday, November 3	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, November 4	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Larry Skippet	Nancy Panson
Saturday, November 5	Mass	8:30 am	Louie DaDan	The Lannan Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Marie Capellani	Pat DeMars
Sunday, November 6 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Jim Mooney	The Broderick Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Agnes McAndrews Tom Carroll	Monica McAndrews Tom Cunningham & Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Ray Wielgos	Joan Wielgos
	Mass	5:00 pm	Norma Petrancosta	Daughter

Schedule for October 29-30, 2022~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Sally Burson Michael Cannon Jay Carroll Chili Challender Blake Donegan Victoria Donile Barbara Doyle Matthew Doyle Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory A. Hill Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Lisa Massaro Linda McMahan Beth Mooney Patrick Morgan	Mike Morrison James Mose Quinn Nichol Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Beth Pfluger Geri Pfluger Madison Raupp Richard Redmond Anna Rose Rita Scalcon Richard Schmuhl Santa Snieg Rita Mae Spearman Barbara Stewart John Stopka Olivia Tarsney Theresa Toher Liz Wilk
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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:

Josephine Messina
Mother of Louise, Blase and Jacqueline

Mary Ann Weyer
Mother of Michael, Robert and Charles

Weddings



Carolina Serratos & Rich Truppa
 Janet Duszak & Jeff Gardiner
 Leslie Roshto & Daniel Stern
 Maura Johnson & Patrick Foley



Make a gift to the Sunday Offertory with this QR Code. Thank you for your support!

Pastor's Letter

*Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."
Luke 19: 5*

Pastors of parishes entering phase three of Renew My Church have been gathering early Monday evenings to reflect on the "new reality" of inviting others into a closer relationship with Jesus out of our own experiences of coming to know him. Several weeks ago, pastors were asked to name a Gospel story that speaks to how Jesus calls and invites us into relationship. I chose the call of Zacchaeus in today's gospel.

Zacchaeus wanted to know Jesus but was afraid to come too close. He was despised by the religious authorities and unwelcome among most of his neighbors. So he climbs a tree, hoping that he is hidden from view, yet risking embarrassment before the townsfolk. But Jesus spots Zacchaeus, calls him to stand before him, and invites himself to dinner at the home of Zacchaeus. The actions of Jesus incite within Zacchaeus a willingness to confess his sinfulness and to offer most of his wealth both in reparation for any harm he has done and to assist those in material need. Zacchaeus then invites his friends to dine with Jesus and come to know the one who has transformed his life.

Can you name a "Zacchaeus moment" in your own life? Has there been a time in your life when you felt apart from others or felt a need to hide from God? Has Jesus ever called you out of hiding and invited himself into your life? Have you felt that transformation of heart and mind that flows from knowing you are loved, cared for, and forgiven for your faults? Have you ever shared these moments with family or friends?

Over the next three years, we as a parish will be looking for ways to invite one another into conversations about our experiences of Jesus. We will be reaching out to those not now regularly a part of our faith community, yet who are seeking to know God as God moves through their lives. We will develop opportunities for those "in the trees" to join in conversations that will deepen their desire to know Jesus and to dine with him. At the heart of it all is our willingness to better know and share how Jesus is active in our lives.

This week is a week of "re-remembering." On Monday, as our culture celebrates ghouls and goblins, we connect with ancient traditions of honoring our direct ancestors on the "eve of all the hallowed," which is the root of "hallowed eve" or Halloween. On Tuesday we celebrate the men, women, and children of different times and cultures whose witness to Christ led to the Church declaring them as saints and setting their stories before us to inspire us. On Wednesday, we remember all who have died, especially family and friends. At a special Mass on Wednesday night at 7:00, we call out the names of those connected to our faith community who have died since November 1, 2021; all are invited to bring a photo of their loved one as one way to bring their presence before us. Those in Latin American cultures will celebrate the "Day of the Dead," connecting with their ancestors through favorite foods and displaying humorous images of death to declare that, in Christ, death has no power over us.

In whatever way you will be remembering this week, may you be at peace with those who now share the banquet feast of heaven. May you allow God to heal any pain of loss you feel here on earth until God's love brings all together once more and forever.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance

We will remember All Souls on Wednesday, November 2 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.



**Next Sunday,
November 6
2:00 AM**



Thank you for participating in the celebration of World Mission Sunday last weekend! Through your prayers and generous contributions you are Christ's witnesses. These gifts help build up the Church and aid the missionaries who share the Good News of Jesus Christ worldwide. May God bless you for your compassionate missionary spirit! You can still make your donation by dropping a World Mission Sunday envelope into the collection basket or by making a donation online at WeAreMissionary.org/wms.



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 at 8:30 am on Friday, November 11, 2022 with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 4 to Emily Bersnak at 630-738-1369 or grade5service@sfxlg.org. We hope to see you!

New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Please join the Welcome Committee as we gather for a Newcomer Blessing on Monday, November 7th at 6pm in the Church. Afterwards, we will have time to socialize in Unity Hall as we enjoy a light dinner together. We welcome those who are new to the parish to attend. All other parishioners are welcome to join us, too. RSVP is not necessary, but helpful as want to be sure we have enough sandwiches and dessert. Please call/text/email Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or lauraduelm@gmail.com to let us know you are coming and for help with any questions.

Welcome the Stranger Your Support Honors Jesus' Call

Asylum seekers — men, women and children — are arriving in Chicago. Will you welcome the stranger? We are the body of Christ alive in this world. The stranger is hungry and thirsting — Christ is presenting himself to us in their need. We are called to respond with faith and love.

Thousands of people are fleeing violence, political oppression, and overwhelming poverty in Central and South American countries. Since early September, parishes, priests, religious sisters and brothers, church ministries, and Catholic Charities have shown an outpouring of concern for these travelers.

These brothers and sisters in need have revealed to us the fragility, strength, and sacredness of our shared humanity. In turn, they are experiencing the love of Christ through the compassion of volunteers and employees.

Over 3,000 asylum seekers arrived in Chicago by mid-October, and a **coordinated Catholic response is underway** so we can maximize our collective impact. We are providing pastoral care and considering options such as transitional shelter and parish-family sponsorship opportunities.

How You Can Help Make a financial donation at Mass on November 5th & 6th. A second collection will directly support our collective response. Catholic Charities is serving as the central collection point for donations, which can also be made online at www.catholiccharities.net or by calling 312-655-7525.

Join response efforts by contacting Tori Bawel at Catholic Charities (WelcomeTheStranger@catholiccharities.net)

Pray for our brother and sister asylum seekers arriving in Chicago. Pray for these mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, that they are welcomed and embraced with Jesus' compassion — and pray that those serving them are sustained by God's grace.

We will keep you informed, and welcome your questions, support, and prayer.



Music Notes...

Christmas Midnight Mass Choir: New Singers Welcome!



A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been wanting to join, but just haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an ear and a love for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at 12:00 a.m. on December 25th with carols at 11:30 p.m. (Dec. 24) prior to Mass. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth.

Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, October 25th - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 20th.

Please consider singing, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, before the first rehearsal on **October 25th** at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

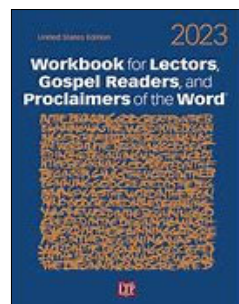
Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



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 am-5:00 pm, or Saturday morning, 9:00 am-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.



Workbooks For Lectors

The new workbooks for Lectors are available for pick up after all masses in the Priest Sacristy.

YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

BOY'S CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



**REGISTRATION CLOSSES
OCT. 31ST**

**SIGN UP THROUGH PARISH WEBISTE OR AT
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/SUM8SPCGJE8ROPW27](https://forms.gle/SUM8SPCGJE8ROPW27)**

LEAGUE FEE \$125

MORE INFO EMAIL: JTERAN@SFXLG.ORG

**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

Respect Life and Human Dignity Events and Resources

Month of October:

Annual Women's Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive

Envelopes available at church doors. Please drop off at Rectory or in collection baskets. Online donations can be made at <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate>. Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

Sept 28–Nov 6: 40 Days for Life

Help save lives through the power of prayer. For more information and sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove.

Every Friday, 7-7:45am Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants

Join weekly prayer at the Broadview Detention Center for those being detained.

Contact Maureen Lang mrplang4@sbcglobal.net for information.

Illinois Welcomes Asylum Seekers

[Click here](#) for flyer of donations and support needed for families who have recently arrived in Chicago.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO...

**The Knights of Columbus and
Congregation of St Joseph** for
their generous food drives!



Our parishioners for \$536 in donations to support Companions Journeying Together project to purchase books so people in prison can record a book on tape for their family members. We also wrote 225 Christmas Cards and donated over 140 postage stamps. We touched many lives, spreading God's love to those in need.

**Our Prayer Shawl Ministry
members** for sharing **91**
blessed shawls with our
parishioners.



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*

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Bless This Home: Advent Edition!

Practicing Advent as a Family

**Thursday, Nov 17
7pm in Unity Hall**



Advent is jam-packed with cultural preparations for Christmas. But how are we preparing our homes, our families, in light of faith? **Practicing Advent as a family is FUN and has the potential to be transformative in our homes! Join us for a practical workshop on how to prepare our hearts and homes for the newborn Jesus Christ.**

Email k.f.kanzer@gmail.com to register. Registration preferred, not required!

Pie Pastry Making Class

faith-based baking with FeedMeGuideMe host, Lee Egan

**Wednesday, Nov 9 at 7pm
Joyce Hall, St Francis Xavier Parish**



Gather with friends for a fun evening will with pie making tips just in time for Thanksgiving! (And see how easy it is to make pie crust...) Cost is \$10/person, [click here](#) or email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to register.

HELLO

Nametag Sunday!

Weekend of Nov 19-20!

That woman who sits behind you at Mass—do you remember her name? Fear not!

On the weekend of Nov 19-20, we invite all weekend Mass attendees to grab a nametag upon arrival. Take a few moments to look around at our family in Christ, learn their names, and welcome anyone new!

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” *Isaiah 43:1*



**Gather for coffee + treats
after 11am Mass in Unity Hall!**



Religious Education News



Our 2022-2023 RE school year is well underway. Our in person classes are now closed, but there is still time to register for our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays. *This program will close on December 1st 2022.*

Students will receive their own book to take home to work on.

To visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition: [Click Here](#)



We are still looking for catechists Assistants and Online catechists!

Are you a High School Teen who needs service hours and love to work with children? WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a Catechist or Catechist assistants for the 2022-2023 school year at eguidice@sfxlg.org.

2nd Year of Confirmation — Quest is Underway



Our 1st Confirmation Quest Gathering took place on Sunday, October 16th and **our 2nd Gathering will be on Sunday, November 20th.** There is still time to register your teen as registrations will close on October 31st.

If your child has completed the 2021-2022 8th grade school year and is ready to sign up for their final year of Confirmation Prep, please fill out the attached Google Form and make the payment below.

Quest Gatherings begin with the 5PM Sunday Mass followed by the meeting in the SFX Gym until 7PM.

Register for 2nd Year Quest Confirmation: [Click Here](#)
To make a Quest Confirmation payment online: [Click Here](#)

Please note, your child is not yet registered until form is filled out and payment is made.

If you have questions please contact Elis Guidice at 708-352-4555 or sfxreligoued@sfxlg.org.

NOVEMBER 5



**KIDS' FUN RUN (~0.5 MILE)
JUNIOR FALCON 100 YD. DASH
5K (3.1 MILE) RUN/WALK**

Lace up your running/walking shoes, the 17th Annual SFX Falcon 5K Run/Walk is Saturday November 5. **Registration is now live at [SFXfalcon5k.com!](https://www.sxfalcon5k.com)**

A few exciting updates:

We have a new look but not to worry, it will continue to be the fun, family-friendly race you've come to love!

- Age-group awards will return in 2022!
- A newly added Stroller Division, so if you're competitive and like to push your kiddo(s) in a stroller while running, this is for you!
- Strollers to Seniors! ALL ages are invited to participate!

Look forward to seeing you all out on the course in November!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**



11th Annual Warm Clothing Drive

Start: October - End: **11/13/2022** (Sunday)

**DO YOU HAVE OUTERWEAR ITEMS
THAT COULD HELP SOMEONE IN NEED?**

Please share your gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc...

OPTIONS TO DONATE:

(St. Francis Church)

Donation boxes will be at church entrances the weekends of **10/22-10/23, 10/29 -10/30, 11/5 -11/6, and 11/12 -11/13** to deposit your clothing articles.



(Drop-Off @ SFX Parking Lot)

On **Sunday, November 13th** from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, you can drop off your donations in the parking lot behind St. Francis Xavier Church (124 N Spring Ave) – Knights of Columbus volunteers will accept your donations from your car – you do not need to leave your car!

(Cash Donation)

If a cash donation is more convenient, simply scan the QR code below (point camera at the QR code to lead you to the donation website), or follow the website link.

www.paypal.com/donate



Cash Donations Accepted - Tax Receipts upon request.

Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions: 708-691-6095

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP


Mission Trip

Where: CINCINNATI,
OHIO

When: JULY 16 - JULY 21

Who: RISING SOPHOMORES
THROUGH OUTGOING
SENIORS

Why: TO LOVE, SERVE, &
CONNECT WITH EACH
OTHER & THE POOR



REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 16TH AT 8:00PM

What: The teens of St. Francis Xavier, St. John of the Cross, and St. Cletus will COMBINE again for a CHWC mission trip. Like our previous mission trips, we are expecting another life-changing week of serving communities, transforming lives, celebrating the Catholic faith, building friendships, and having fun. The teens will keep busy throughout the week painting and rehabbing homes and helping social agencies, while working side by side with their fellow teens and people in the area around Cincinnati, Ohio.



It would be SWEET of you to support the Teen Mission Service Trip



Our teens are selling Kringle Danish to help reduce their overall trip costs. What is a Kringle? Made in Racine, WI., each Kringle takes 3 full days to make, resulting in 36 delicate layers for a truly flaky and flavorful pastry. The finest ingredients combined with scratch made fillings results in 6 different flavors. You are certain to find one suited just for you. All Kringle can be frozen in the package that they arrive in for up to six months. Consider ordering an extra Kringle to donate to the Food Pantry as a special Thanksgiving treat. Each Kringle is \$17.

Order your Kringle Danish by November 7 and you can pick it up at St. Francis Xavier on Sunday, November 20th between 10am-1pm. We can make different arrangements if this date or time doesn't work for you.

How can I order my Kringle by 11/7?

- You can visit the Youth Ministry website page to place your order and pay online.
- You can use the hard copy order form in the church bulletin and pay with cash or write a check made payable to St. Francis Xavier and turn it into the parish office.
- You can use this QR Code to place your order and pay with credit card.



The teens of St. Francis Xavier thank you for your support!!

Mission Trip Fundraiser: O&H Danish Bakery Kringle Order Form

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parish you would like to pick up at (circle 1): St. Francis, St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus

Pick up your Kringle on Sunday, **November 20th** between **10:00am and 1:00pm.**

Type of Kringle	Total Quantity	Total Amount (each Kringle is \$17)	Check # Or Cash
Pecan (#1 seller)			
Raspberry			
Cherry			
Cinnamon Roll			
Turtle			
Wisconsin (cranberry, cherry and cheese)			
	TOTAL QUANTITY:	TOTAL AMOUNT:	

All proceeds go directly to the teens of St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus, and St. John of the Cross towards covering their mission trip costs.

SPRED Catechist Needed

SFX SPRED is special religious development for adults with intellectual disabilities, sharing God's love through this special program. A SPRED catechist is paired up with a special friend. No experience with persons with special needs is required. All that is required is sharing your faith with others. Training is provided. The group meets in the education building on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on specific dates from September to April. Time commitment is approximately four hours per month (twice a month). If you are interested in joining us in this ministry or have any questions, please contact any of the SPRED catechists below:

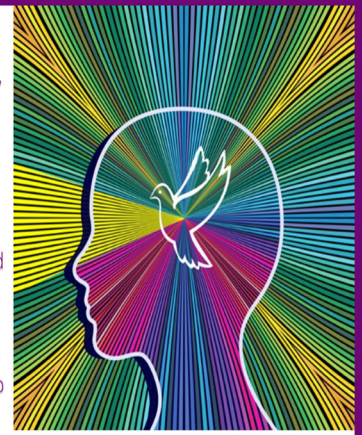
Cindy Anderson (708-402-0958)
Katie Canino (708-870-3178)
Annmarie Gazdziak (708-655-3962)
Nancy Kalkowski (708-352-5993)
Jarka Leicht (708-579-0747)
Nancy Leonard (708-846-4293)
Joanne Matuszewski (708-870-0769)
Peggy Rost (708-505-3183)
Maureen Windmoeller (708-250-1049)

Spirituality is the way we view the relationships we have with ourselves, other people, situations in our lives, and with God. We all have a spirituality, but it can change and develop over time. Our view of ourselves, others and God grow and develop from childhood to adulthood and often after a crisis.

Intimate partner violence breaks tender relationships and can turn us away from ourselves, our relationship with others and with God. Some people think they'll never trust another person. Hearing the abusive criticisms again and again until one doubts herself. "Am I crazy like he says I am?" "Am I such an awful person?" He calls me "stupid" and "incompetent."

If you need help, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



Excerpt from the booklet, *You Are Not Alone, God Is With You* available from ACDVO, email cdahm13@gmail.com www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
—ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO—
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Interfaith Community Partners

Quarterly Resume Review

Join us in-person on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00-11:00 am for a helpful 20-minute, one-on-one conversation with an HR, or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street, in LaGrange.

Visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.

Upcoming Events at St. John of the Cross

Family Concert with Sarah Hart at St. John of the Cross on Friday, November 4 at 6:30pm and Saturday, November 5 at 5:30pm. International singer, songwriter and entertainer, Sarah Hart, will share her talents and spirituality with us through beautiful stories and amazing songs. www.sarahhart.com. There is no charge for the concert.

Blessed Are They Who Mourn Encountering Christ in a Time of Loss on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 2:00-4:30pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center.

The death of a loved one is a difficult experience for those who grieve. Questions arise, decisions need to be made, and the grieving process begins. Our Catholic faith offers great comfort for this time, and it is valuable to understand our beliefs before we experience a loss.

This workshop offers participants the opportunity to explore the Catholic understanding of death and eternal life and discover the beauty of the primary funeral rites (the Vigil, Funeral Liturgy, and Committal). A brief overview of some practical considerations as one approaches the end of life will also be given. Join us for an afternoon of hope and comfort, as we examine how to encounter Christ in a time of grief and loss. Register at www.stjohnofthecross.org/workshop.



Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **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. 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
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Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-5:00 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
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Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

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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.

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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.

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Parish Counselor

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