

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**December 2, 2018**



*nations,  
hear the  
message  
of the LORD,  
and  
make it  
known to the  
ends of  
the earth.*

*OUR SAVIOR  
is coming.  
have no  
more fear!*

First Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, December 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	7:45 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Richard Griffin	The Schrack Family The Griffin Family
	9:00 am	Marie Ann Barry	Jim & Joan Potsch
Tuesday, December 4 Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am	Jessica Barry	The Barry Family
	9:00 am	Mary Ann Ovnik Kathleen Bell Downs	Lorraine & Judy Ovnik Sheila & Rich Hayes
Wednesday, December 5	7:45 am	Edwin Carroll	The Carroll Family
	9:00 am	Thomas Fitzgerald	The Fitzgerald Family
Thursday, December 6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	John Davis Breen	Timothy & Cynthia Reed
Friday, December 7 Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, December 8 Immaculate Conception	9:00 am	The Muldoon Family	The McManaman Family
	9:30 am	Holy Day of Obligation	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Rodgers	Chris & Theresa Rodgers
Sunday, December 9	7:30 am	Dennis Smith	The Barker Family
	9:00 am	People of the Parish	
	10:30 am	Louis Darovic Francis Ostutag Patricia Maley Poor Souls in Purgatory	Lynnea & Amanda Paul Jim & Joan Potsch The SFX Sunshine Committee
	12:00 pm	Dorothy Lynch, CSJ	
	6:00 pm	People of the Parish	Dolores Lewis

## Please Pray For...

Tony Banda	Virginia Kottaridis
Keeley Barr	Edward Kudia
Jim Boardman	Betty Kuhl
Leonard Bruce	Marion Lucas
Jay Carroll	Emmett Miller
Tom Challos	Patrick Morgan
Terry Conwell	Mike Morrison
Anthony Dina	Amanda O'Brien
Gregory Dold	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Donna Pekarek
Pat Eaton	Carissa Pessetti
William Egbert	James Pridmore
Lauren Ellsworth	Baby Madison Raupp
Baby Morison Fennessy	Anna Rose
Lily Fielding	Marilyn Rutkowski
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Anthony Scafide
Lilli Gregory	Matthew Schiek
Wilson Gregory	Greyson Stanley
Patricia Hassler	Sarah Stanley
Martha Heraty	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Linda Hillsman	Marty Thuerk
Rose Ilo	Anne Titzer
Mary J.	Michael Ungari
Jane Jacobson	Amanda Valerugo
Theresa Kandall	Gregory Van Gorp
Mike Kelly	Josita Witte
Benny Kilman	
Jerry Kolman	

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:

### *Terry Conwell*

Husband of Toni and  
Father of Stephanie & Andrew

### *John Barry*

Father of JoBeth, John, Ann Marie,  
Barbara, Catherine & Robert

### *William Elliott*

Husband of Sharon and Father of Julie, Nolan,  
Deidre, Marcos, B.J., Kelly, Michelle & Kristen

### *George Crnkovich*

## Weddings



Carolyn Cooper & John Wons

## Pastor's Notes

*"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made...."*  
Jeremiah 33:14

We begin the year of Luke's gospel as we ended the year of Mark. Jesus speaks of the end times as his passion and death approach. Just as his death on a Cross will be the sign of God's love and mercy transforming the world, so will the end of the world as we know it signal God's ultimate redemption of humankind and all creation. And just as the road to the Cross caused most of the disciples of Jesus to flee in fear, so the signs of the end times will cause some to die of fright. Yet we are challenged to stand erect and to trust that just as the Cross led to Christ's Resurrection from the dead, so the end of the world as we know it will bring the fulfillment of God's plan to bring all things into one in Christ.

**23 days....**How will we move through *this* Advent season? Advent invites us to live in the past, present, and future, *all at once*. We prepare to celebrate God's loving decision to come into the world as a tiny infant, one like us. We make a more conscious effort to open our eyes and our hearts to the coming of God into our world and our lives in the ordinary moments of *each* day. And we strive to be a people of hope and joy who look to the moment not yet revealed, when we will see God "coming in a cloud with great power and glory."

Last weekend we presented the Parish Annual Report for the fiscal year that ended June 30<sup>th</sup>. Extra copies of that bulletin can be found at all church doors and were sent electronically to all parishioners for whom we have a current email address. You can also find it on the parish website. An increased stewardship of treasure since July 1<sup>st</sup> has kept us close to our budgeted income for the current year. Much of this is due to over 100 households

that enrolled in online giving this past year. We are half-way to our current goal of enrolling 60 new households by December 31<sup>st</sup>, which would bring us to over 500 parish households who are investing electronically in the parish mission and ministries. The heart of stewardship is expressed in a note I received recently: "Though we aren't financially contributing a great deal at this time, over the years we've contributed a lot of time to church and school." **God bless you.**

Thanksgiving week demonstrated again the generous stewardship of parishioners in many forms. Our request for 120 apple and pumpkin pies for our parish Food Pantry brought in **161 pies**. The extra apple pies have been frozen to be distributed at Christmas. **Fifty volunteers** in the parish Food Pantry practiced stewardship of time and talent and distributed turkeys and trimmings for 110 households. We still are collecting Thanksgiving donations for Solidarity Bridge, a medical mission to Bolivia and Paraguay, connected to the Archdiocese, that provides equipment and training so that medical professionals in those countries can provide care that otherwise would be unavailable. **Thank you** all for your outpouring of generosity.

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, let us share a commitment to look for the signs of God's presence and action among us *in each moment and circumstance* of these days that lead us to Christmas.

Blessings on the Feast Day of our Patron, St. Francis Xavier, this Monday.

*Peace,*

*J. Bill*

## Scripture Reflection

Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent  
Liturgy Planning Team #3

Barb Kalnes, David Sherman, George Rutkowski, Charles Brewick and Gertrude Nalumansi

Today we enter the season of Advent, a time of great expectation and hope. We look forward to welcoming anew the child Jesus into our hearts. What gifts might this Holy Child bring? What gifts shall we offer him in return? How can we prepare the way, to make a home for him in our hearts this day?

The pace of life quickens around us as we move through this holy season together. For many of us, anxieties inevitably arise as we race to fulfill all those holiday customs and social obligations. For others, these Advent days are but reminders of regret, stress, or personal loss. It can be overwhelming. Try not to let it get to you. On your holiday checklist, remember to keep faith and hope at the forefront.

The lure of the material world, secularization of traditions, and global unrest can truly shake the "ground" upon which we stand. Indeed, sometimes it seems like the world as we know it is crumbling at its core. Yet we are reminded this day and throughout Advent that ***all things are possible with God***. Our part is to prepare spiritually and open our hearts for the Glory of God that is to come, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember to give God first priority, and don't let material concerns overtake you. Look to God always. Stand tall in faith. Keep your eyes, minds, and hearts focused on the greater gifts, those born in relationship with Jesus, our savior and friend through life.

## Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from *Equal Exchange Fairly Traded*. There is a lot behind this coffee. “We work closely with our farmer partners, year after year, to better understand each other’s needs. The result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee.” Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

Fair Trade builds right relationships between buyers and sellers that are rooted in the principles of human dignity and solidarity.

Fair Trade:

- Respects human dignity
- Promotes the common good
- Advances economic justice
- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- Cultivates global solidarity



The Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program creates opportunities for us to bring these core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Effort is made to see that these coffee farmers are given a fair wage!!!



Want peace and joy during the Advent Season?  
Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration!  
December 20, 2018 at 6:00-7:00pm

**WHAT:** During Adoration, sometimes referred to as a Holy Hour (but can be of any duration), the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent Adoration. As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. St. John Paul II offered that “our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete.”

**HOW:** Adorers are invited to pray a rosary or other devotions, meditate on Scripture or meditate on devotional books. Adorers 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 of us, in the Eucharist. He waits when we are joyful, thankful, frustrated, or tired. All are welcome, including children. **Families are most welcome.** Jesus specifically calls children to Himself, “Let the children come to me.” Especially during this Advent Season, children can focus on the true celebration of the season: the coming of the Infant Jesus and His continued presence. Children’s activities, books, and meditations on the rosary, adoration, sacraments are available for even our youngest adorers.

**WHY:** As we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth, it’s important to remember, He is still present with us in the Eucharist. As St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us: The Holy Eucharist is the continuation of Christ’s incarnation on earth. The mystery of the Eucharist gives us the joy of having Christmas every day. When we come to the Blessed Sacrament we come to Bethlehem, a name which means “house of bread.” Jesus chose to be born in Bethlehem because He would dwell with us forever as the “Living Bread” come down from heaven. When the shepherds and Magi came to adore Him, they brought Him so much joy with their humble visit to Bethlehem that their visit has been praised and retold down through the centuries. .... [Y]our humble visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings Him so much joy that it will be retold for all eternity and bring the world closer to His promise of peace on earth.

**WHEN:** The next opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration will be **December 20, 2018**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Kanzer at [k.f.kanzer@gmail.com](mailto:k.f.kanzer@gmail.com) or Jen Jagodzinski at [jenjag12@yahoo.com](mailto:jenjag12@yahoo.com).

*O, Come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

## Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier  
and  
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our  
Taizé Evening Prayer  
Friday, December 14  
7:30 pm  
at  
Grace Lutheran*



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind to inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.



## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Next weekend, December 8 and 9, we will be taking up a collection in support of the appeal for the Retirement Fund For Religious. This annual collection benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the people of God.

Thank you for your support.

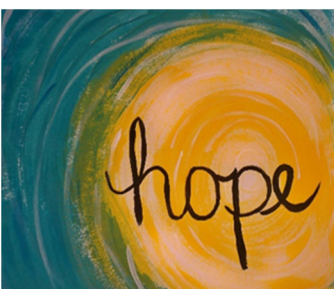
## The Christmas Wafer



The Christmas Wafer (also known as “Oplatki”) is available in the Rectory during office hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-8:30 pm, Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm and on Sunday between 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

The word “Bethlehem” means “the house of bread.” The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God’s grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.

The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God’s love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.



### This Advent: “What gives you Hope?”

*A Night on Hope*  
Wednesday, December 12  
7:00-8:00 pm  
Unity Hall

## SPRED Christmas Liturgy

Please join the St. Francis Xavier SPRED group on Sunday, December 9 at the 6:00 pm Mass for the SPRED Christmas liturgy. This Mass will incorporate some of the special ways our SPRED group celebrates liturgy. Come experience our unique way to celebrate God’s love for all of us.

After Mass, we will continue our celebration with a reception in Joyce Hall, hosted by 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and families from the Day School. All are welcome!



The People of St. Francis--

Baby Mia is just one of the babies who will celebrate her first Thanksgiving this year, all because of you!

Her mom Jodi says “When you’re in a spot where you’re not really sure or decided, you can always come here for support. That’s why I’m so grateful to the donors. You can’t find another place like this. Thank you!”

It is your support that helps moms like Jodi. It is you who save babies like Mia.

Thanksgiving blessings,  
Katherine

*A special thanks to all who donated to the Women’s Care Center in LaGrange in October. We collected \$850 through the baby bottle envelopes!*

## Welcome

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

James & Diana Kerrigan  
Maureen Russell  
Molly Keleshian & Richard Colby  
Rita Ganz  
Patrick & Katy Joyce



## FACILITY MANAGER POSITION

With the retirement of one of our maintenance staff, SFX is now looking to restructure the maintenance department. The position of Facility Manager has been posted on the Archdiocesan website at:  
<http://legacy.archchicago.org/Employment/Parishes.aspx>.

Please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Business Manager, at the rectory (or [jzeisloft@sfxlg.org](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlg.org)) for further information or to apply. The posting will be open until December 18.



### who

Two & Fall Three year olds!  
A parent or an adult caregiver must be present.  
Open to SFX school families, parishioners,  
and community members.

### what

Lil Falcon Fun: Play, sing, meet new friends!  
A casual, play-based program that would provide an opportunity to meet, socialize, and play together. Each class will include fun with literacy, music and movement.  
Younger siblings are welcome!

### when

Monday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am  
Twice a Month  
January 14 & 28; February 11 & 25; March 11 & 25;  
April 8 & 29 and May 6 & 20

### where

SFX Early Childhood Building  
21 N. Catherine, LaGrange  
Room 25 (second floor)

### why

Provide families an opportunity  
to engage and develop a sense of community.

### how

Register online at:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/S7DIAehHMYTAcUt73>  
Session fee is \$50/duel at the first class.  
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX)

## Prayer & Reflection

This Advent, we join St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus Parishes in praying with the Little Blue Book. Continuing our Stewardship of Time in prayer, all are invited to spend 6 minutes a day reflecting on Advent, as presented in Luke's Gospel. The Little Blue Books contain Scripture passages, reflections by Bishop Ken Untener, prayers, action steps, quotes from the Saints, and a variety of other thoughts about Advent, Christmas, feast days, and Catholic traditions and customs.

Books are available at all church entrances.

## Baptisms



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

### *Graham Morelock Carroll*

Son of Peter & Nicole (Morelock) Carroll

### *Andrew Terrence Graham*

Son of Luke & Rachel (Hefner) Graham

### *Tessa Brielle Heuer*

Daughter of David Heuer & Erica Spoeri

### *Connor Nicholas Kelly*

Son of Brian Kelly & Jessica Masella

### *Violet Sharon Christina Pytha*

Daughter of David Pytha & Tiffany Schweinfurth

### *Ivy Charlene Schwar*

Daughter of Stephen & Megan (Slater) Schwar

### *Jaxon William Swanson*

Son of Anders & Teresa (Espinosa) Swanson

### *Henry Connor Wood*

Son of Brian & Beata (Kowalik) Wood

### *Manuel Antonio Melendez*

Son of Michael & Braulia (Keane) Melendez

### *Siena Evangeline Wolf*

Daughter of David & Robyn (Grippio) Wolf

### *Colton Charles Yena*

Son of Mike & Kiley (Stanek) Yena

### *Connor Daniel Maguire*

Son of Daniel & Kathleen (Yeats) Maguire

### *Saoirse Dresen Enright Olson*

Daughter of Karl & Molly (Strzelecki) Olson

## Christmas Flower Donation

If you would like to donate to the Christmas Flowers in Memory and/or Honor of a Loved One, please take an envelope that can be found at the entrances of the church. We will publish the names in the New Year.

Thank you for making our worship space prayerful and lovely for this liturgical season.

We encourage all to follow  
SFX School on social media:



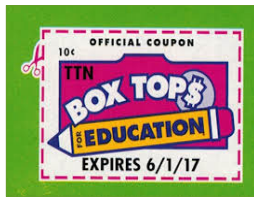
SFX School Instagram:  
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<https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni/>

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

## Box Tops For Education Collection



Please help in earning cash for our school. We would like your help in collecting Box Tops For Education. There will be a drop box located at the back of church in the vestibule. Please place Box Tops that you have collected inside.

Thank you for your help!

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00pm Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades Kindergarten-Fourth to experience hearing and reflecting on the Word of the Lord in a way that is an empowering experience. Children in these grades are invited to follow their Reflector of the Word to a prayer space away from the gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs:

December 8;  
January 5 & 26;  
February 9 & 23;  
March 2; April 6

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change):

December 15 & 22;  
January 12 & 19; February 2 & 16;  
March 9, 16, 23, & 30; and April 27

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your calls to:

Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator  
or  
Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music

SFX day school is preparing for our annual All-School Day of Service on Friday, December 7th, in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier.

Thank you for your prayers as our students, teachers, and parents prepare to "GO-set the world on fire"!

## WHERE ARE SFX STUDENTS CALLED TO SERVE THIS YEAR?



**PS4: SFX East Campus**

**Kindergarten: Brookfield Zoo**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Bethlehem Woods**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: TEACH: St. Blasé Church**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Marillac St. Vincent Family Services**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Feed My Starving Children**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Robert E. Coulter Jr., VFW Hall/American Legion**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Suburbanite Bowl with SEASPAR**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Feed My Starving Children**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Greater Chicago Food Depository Mobile Packing Site, Big Shoulders- St. Mary-Star of the Sea, and Helping Hands Center**

## Religious Education Class Dates

### Sundays

December 2            Class  
 December 9        Class  
 December 16        Class  
                          Pajama Day

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### Wednesdays

December 5            Class  
 December 12        Class  
 December 19        Class  
                          Pajama Day

## Religious Education Important Dates

**Grade 4 Reconciliation Parent Meeting**  
 Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in Church

## Attention High School Seniors Consider Loras College

Are you a senior in high school looking at colleges for next fall?

Loras College has a number of scholarship programs designed to support students as they continue their Catholic faith journey through their college years.

The Breitbach Catholic Thinkers & Leaders and the St. John Paul II Scholarship Programs are now accepting applications. Learn more at [www.loras.edu/bctl](http://www.loras.edu/bctl) and [www.loras.edu/jpII](http://www.loras.edu/jpII) or by phoning 563-588-7235 and speaking with Joan.

Let Loras College help you grow into your adult Catholic faith.

## The Giving Tree

Please help make Christmas a special time of year for families supported by our sharing parish, St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago as well as some outreach organizations in our community. Giving Tree tags will be available after all masses on **December 8 and 9**.

**Wrapped gifts with gift tags affixed to them, need to be returned by noon on Sunday, December 16** so that we can deliver them to St. Agatha's who will distribute them to members of their community that afternoon. We are grateful for your generous support of this annual Christmas tradition sponsored by the QUEST teens of our parish.

If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Zurowski at [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338.



## What's going on in Youth Ministry???

### Youth Ministry Christmas Party

All teens are invited to the annual Youth Ministry Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9 at 4:30pm in the Rectory Courtyard Room. We will have food, fun, and a White Elephant gift exchange! If you are able, please bring a \$5 gift with you.

### Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations to our teens in the Quest Confirmation program who enrolled as Confirmation Candidates over the past 2 weeks. As a parish we are praying for you as you embark on this journey.

### Church League Basketball

Men's Church League Basketball is underway! Visit the Youth Ministry website to find the schedule of games. Go SFX!

### Freshman/Sophomore Retreat

Looking for a weekend of snow tubing, outdoor laser tag, small groups, short witness talks, and connection with fellow Freshmen and Sophomores? The 2019 Freshman/Sophomore Retreat (previously known as Fretus or Fretus Identity) will be Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>-Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be found on the Youth Ministry Retreat page. Please contact Olivia Zurowski at 708-352-0168 or [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org) for more information.



### 2019 Summer Mission Trip

The 2019 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Springfield, KY! St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. The registration form can be found on the Youth Ministry website. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.





## Something New this Christmas Our Family Tree in Unity Hall



**Please help us fill our tree with Star Ornaments ...**

Our theme this year will be "BELIEVE! All Is Possible With God!"

We are asking our Parish Families to bring a "STAR" ornament to hang on the tree this 1st year of our Family Tree tradition. (We are recommending "non-breakable" ornaments.)

The these will change from year to year allowing our tree to "grow" with our Parish.  
The Tree will be in Unity Hall on December 8th.

You can add your ornament at any time during this Christmas Season.



\*\*\*We will be taking down the Family Tree the week of January 6th, 2019 and you are invited to take your ornament home at this time.\*\*\*

Questions Contact: Celine Heraty - A&E - celine.heraty@cbexchange.com



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT

AS OF November 25, 2018



Prior Month's Offerings:	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	=	October Total
October 2018	\$ 61,590		\$ 72,765		\$ 134,355
October 2017	\$ 44,367		\$ 78,972		\$ 123,339

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

### THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION

Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected **\$1,586** for **Solidarity Bridge**, an organization affiliated with the Archdiocese of Chicago, whose mission is to train and equip medical communities in Bolivia and Paraguay, empowering them to provide highly complex surgery and other health care for those living in poverty.

# Welcome to Advent!

## Stewardship...

is our willingness to acknowledge the blessings of our lives, and reflect upon ways to continue sharing time, talent, and treasure, as we joyfully prepare for the coming of Christ anew in our hearts.



### Prayer & Reflection

This Advent we join St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Church in praying with the *Little Blue Book*. This book contains 6 minute reflections on Advent and Christmas, including Scripture, prayers, action steps, and a variety of thoughts about Catholic traditions & customs.

The Little  
Blue Book  
2018-2019

### Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Dec. 3

We will celebrate our patron saint at all masses the weekend of Dec. 1/2.

### Support the Giving Tree

Quest teens collect gifts for inner city families through St. Agatha. Take a tag Dec. 8/9, and return wrapped gift before the noon Mass Dec 16.

### Advent Wreath

Set up a wreath in your home, and light it for prayer and meals.

### Daily Mass

Mon-Wed, 7:45 & 9 am;  
Thurs & Sat, 9 am. Fri., 7:45 am.

### Communion Service:

Thurs, 7:45 am & Fri., 9 am

### SPRED Christmas Mass

All are welcome to attend the 6 PM Mass on Sun, Dec. 9, where friends play a special role. Reception will follow in Joyce Hall.

### A Night of HOPE

Wed., Dec. 12, 7-8 pm; A peaceful hour of prayer, music, story telling & reflection on the question: *What gives you hope?*

### Reconciliation Services

This Advent we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with our neighboring parishes: **St. Cletus:** Mon, Dec. 17, 7 pm; **St. John of the Cross:** Tues, Dec. 18, 7 pm. Individual reconciliation available at SFX on Saturdays, after the 9 am mass and at 4:15 pm.

### WELCOME Women's Retreat...

Register now for the Feb 2-3, retreat, to deepen your relationship with God and other women, and be fed spiritually. Details in bulletin & on website: [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org).



### Taizé Prayer

Experience contemplative prayer through simple melodies, scripture, a procession of candles, prayers for peace, and silent reflection. Friday, Dec. 14, 7:30 pm, at Grace Lutheran Church.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Dec. 20, 6-7 pm in church

### Individual Prayer

The church is open daily for prayer, 7:30 am to 2 pm.

### Online Resources:

Visit the SFX Website: [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org)

### Congregation of St. Joseph Events at the Well:

- Transformational Breath, Dec. 3, 7-9 pm, register in advance
- Pat Bergen, CSJ: *Something Wonderful and New is Happening*, Tues, Dec. 18, 9:30-11 am; repeated Dec. 18, 7-8:30 pm.

### Choose a Ministry & Get Involved!

Visit [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org) for the *Ministry Resource Guide* and to complete the *Ministry Interest Form*.

# Advent Events Calendar 2018

## Dec. 2

Begin daily Advent Prayer with *The Little Blue Book*

## Dec. 3

Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Celebrated at all masses the weekend of Dec. 1/2.

## Dec. 6

Catholic Women's Club Social Shopping Night

## Dec. 7

Service Day for Day School Students

## Dec. 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 9 am.

## Dec. 8/9

Take a tag to donate to The Giving Tree



## Dec. 9

### **SPRED Christmas Mass**

6 PM Mass, and Reception in Joyce Hall. All are welcome

## Dec. 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 7:45 am & 9 am

## Dec. 12

### **A Night of HOPE**

7-8 PM, in Unity Hall; A peaceful hour of prayer, music, story telling & reflection on the question: *What gives you hope?*

## Dec. 13

Day School— 2nd, 4th & 6th Graders present **Carol & Light**, 7-8 pm, Church



## Dec. 14

Commit to **baking for incarcerated men through North Lawndale Adult Transition Center**. Drop-off Dec. 21.

## Dec. 14

Taizé prayer, 7:30 pm, at Grace Lutheran Church

## Dec. 16

Return your wrapped gift for **The Giving Tree** before the noon Mass today.

## Dec. 17 & 18

**Reconciliation Services**, 7 pm  
- St. Cletus: Mon, Dec. 17  
- St. John of the Cross: Tues, Dec. 18.  
Individual Reconciliation is offered at SFX on Saturdays after 9 am Mass & at 4:15 pm.

## Dec. 20

Eucharistic Adoration, 6-7 pm, Church

## Dec. 21

Day School— 7th Graders present **Advent Prayer Service**, 10 am, Gym

## Dec. 21

**Drop off day for baked goods** for incarcerated men, 9 am—5 pm. Details in bulletin.

## Dec. 24

**Christmas Eve Masses— In SFX Church**  
3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm

**In Congregation of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel**  
3 pm & 5 pm

**Midnight Mass in Church —**  
Caroling begins at 11:30 pm

## Dec. 25

**Christmas Day Masses— in SFX Church:**  
9:00 am, 10:30 am and Noon

## Jan. 1, 2019

**Solemnity of Mary**  
Mass at  
5 pm Dec. 31, and  
10 am  
Jan. 1



## Congregation of St. Joseph — Events hosted at the Well Spirituality Center

Dec. 4: **Transformational Breath**, Kim Rager, 7-9 pm, Cost: \$30  
Please register in advance; bring pillow and blanket

Dec. 18: **Something Wonderful and New is Happening**, Pat Bergen, CSJ

Join us during this final week of Advent to attend, reflect and respond to the newness emerging in ourselves and our culture. Offered twice on Tues., Dec. 18: 9:30-11 am & 7-8:30 pm. *Free to parishioners.*

**The Well Spirituality Center**, Register at: 708-482-5048, [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org), 1515 Ogden Ave, La Grange Park

## Welcome and Congratulations to our RCIA Catechumen & Candidates!



At the 9:00 am Mass this weekend, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance (for those preparing for baptism) and Welcome (for those becoming Catholic.)

In celebrating this rite, the “Inquirers” officially and publically declare their intention to respond to God’s call and follow the way of Christ as members of the Catholic Church. The Church, in turn, accepts their commitment and pledges its support throughout their journey of faith. This rite marks their entrance into the second stage of the RCIA process, the Catechumenate.

Biographies for our group from St. Francis Xavier are below. Sarah preparing for baptism. Nicholas, Stephen, J.B., Dana, Melody are baptized Christians, exploring becoming Catholic.

Congratulations are also extended to the candidates being welcomed this weekend at St. John of the Cross parish: Erik Palm, Jason Sunderson, and Brad Wilson. They are all baptized Christians, exploring becoming Catholic.

*Please offer your prayers and support for them.*



**Nicholas Anderson** - I am a confirmed Methodist, who has also attended Lutheran church and school, as well as non-denominational churches (a lot, I know!). I met my wife, Katherine, in college, and we started attending mass together about six years ago. We were married in the Catholic Church and have decided it’s where our faith is at its best. We have enjoyed the RCIA process so far, and all the questions and learning that have deepened both of our faiths. The Saint Francis Xavier community has been so welcoming through this process!



**JB Mackenzie** My wife Lindsey and I moved to LaGrange just over four years ago with our daughter Elizabeth. Shortly after moving, we welcomed our twin sons, Alex & Will. While I was baptized Presbyterian, I have regularly attended mass with my wife since we met 20 years ago at Notre Dame. We immediately felt a connection with St. Francis Xavier and have been parishioners for over four years. Our daughter is a 2nd grader at SFX and our sons were baptized here. I have thought about going through the RCIA process a few times before, but with our daughter preparing for her first communion this Spring everything just felt right. I am looking forward to sharing my journey with her as well as my wife as we prepare to make our family “complete” from a spiritual standpoint.



**Stephen Fleischmann** - I live in LaGrange Park with my wife Jane and our daughter Ellie (10). My wife was raised Catholic and although I was baptized Methodist I started attending St. Francis with her not long after moving here in 2007. Our daughter was baptized at SFX and happily attends St. Francis Day School. The strong sense of community I experienced within the Church and school is what drew me to explore joining. I'm looking forward to continuing on with the RCIA process and being able to share the same faith with my family.



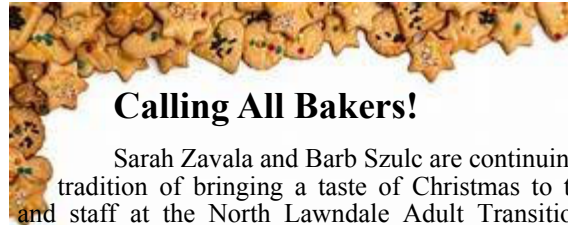
**Dana K. Peterson** - I am a recent resident of LaGrange Park after having lived in LaGrange for 30 years. I was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. My late wife was Catholic and, by choice, we attended the Catholic Church. I continue to attend the Catholic Church as I am drawn to it by its rich tradition, a most welcoming environment where I can express and grow my faith, and by many close to me who have inspired me over the years with their Catholic faith. All this led me to St. Francis Xavier's RCIA process to seek a common bond with this community of worshipers.



**Melody Shields** - My Husband and I live in Westchester. We met in 2011, and as our relationship deepened I began attending mass with him. We were married by Father Tkachuk in 2017. I was baptized and confirmed in the United Church of Christ. I always considered myself a Christian, but it wasn't until I began attending Mass at St. Francis that I truly understood the meaning. I have already learned so much through the RCIA inquiry process and feel so blessed to be part of it. Together we have 5 children and 2 grandchildren.



**Sarah Thompson** - I am so excited about becoming a Catholic Christian! Recently, I began a YouTube channel called "Becoming Catholic" mapping out my RCIA journey. I am a recent graduate from the University of Pennsylvania, but I grew up in a small town about two hours west of the Chicago suburbs. I did not grow up Christian, but after TONS of my own research (mostly through YouTube as a matter of fact), I have found that Catholicism is the "truest" denomination. Thank you for letting me become a part of St. Francis! I am so excited about this journey.



## Calling All Bakers!

Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc are continuing a tradition of bringing a taste of Christmas to the residents and staff at the North Lawndale Adult Transition Center, a work-release program that is part of the Illinois Department of Corrections. The holidays can be very difficult for those who are incarcerated, and following the Gospel, we want to reach out in kindness at this time of the year.

This is the eighth year of our outreach, and it is a great service opportunity for parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, Quest groups or anyone who just loves to bake! As you plan your Christmas baking, we ask you to consider setting aside some of your favorite cookies (or muffins, or brownies, or chocolate-covered pretzels) to share with the residents and staff at North Lawndale.

Sarah, Barb and their crew of helpers will collect, package, and deliver the cookies. We are planning to deliver 250 dozen cookies! In order to plan our own baking, please let us know by December 14th, if you would like to participate. Send an email to [OutreachCookie@gmail.com](mailto:OutreachCookie@gmail.com) with your name and an estimate of the number of cookies you'll donate. Cookies may be dropped off at Barb's home, 205 46th Street in Western Springs on **Friday**, December 21st from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please call Sarah at 708-261-3473 with any questions.

**Also an option:** If you are unable to bake, and would like to contribute to the success of this project, we ask that you consider donating brownie, muffin or cookie mixes. You may drop them off in the back of the Church through December 9th. We'll be happy to do the baking for you!

Thanks for your participation,  
Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc



**Christmas Concert & Yuletide Cheer** Featuring the Village Vocal Chords on Sunday, December 9 from 3:00–4:00 pm. Concert, Refreshments (with Santa) to follow. Join us for festive Christmas music with a 34-member award-winning women's barbershop chorus. Great for all ages. Cost: \$10 (adults) \$5 (kids). Advance registration will help us prepare for your presence.



**Practicing Peace** on Mondays from 11:00 am–Noon on November 26 and December 10 with Facilitator: Jackie Schmitz, CSJ. In our world where anger, hatred and fear lead to so much suffering, more than ever, we need to find ways to cultivate peace, kindness, and reverence for life. Join us for an hour of Centering Prayer that includes music, silence and peaceful relaxation. Cost: \$10 per session.

**Restorative Yoga** on Mondays from 11:30 am–12:30 pm on November 26 and December 10. *Please note these dates are different from the original schedule* with Facilitator Nina Ginocchio. Restorative yoga gives you the blessing of knowing what your body feels like in a relaxed state. Ever so gently, you will stretch according to your comfort level. Yoga for all ages, it is perfect for the brand new beginner as well as for someone with years of experience. Cost: \$10 per session.

The Well Spirituality Center  
1515 Ogden Avenue~LaGrange Park  
To register online and see complete list of programs:  
[www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048

## 48th Annual Intellectual Disabilities “Tootsie Roll” Drive

The Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 thank St. Francis Xavier volunteers, donors and well wishers for their generous support of the Intellectual Disabilities Drive on September 21-23. This successful fundraising event is the largest Knight of Columbus fundraiser of the year. Also known as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.” Knights, family, friends and many volunteers donned bright yellow vests to collect any funds offered into special collection cans. Seen on many street corners and at supportive local businesses, signature Tootsie Rolls were handed out. Over \$14,000 was collected for local organizations who help people and families coping with intellectual disabilities. Recipients are Helping Hands, Aspire, Special Olympics, SPRED educational programs at local churches. Additionally, 10% of proceeds went to similar charities in other parts of Illinois without local support of Knights of Columbus councils.

The Knights of Columbus recognizes and thanks the following local corporate sponsors for their kindness and commitment to families in need within our community: John Gajkowski, Money Managers Financial Group, Kathy Dierkes, State Farm, Jennifer Nevins, C2 Education of Western Springs, Patricia Lehman, The Lehman Group, and David P. Lloyd, Attorney at Law.

### History:

In 1970 a group of the Knights of Columbus in south suburban Chicago organized started a fundraiser for the benefit of neighbors and families coping with intellectual disabilities. They gave away Tootsie Rolls, a popular and locally produced candy, to donors and well wishers. Its popularity and success grew across the state and across the country. Today it is an international and signature event for the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus is a world-wide 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. You can learn more about the Knights nationally and locally at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and [sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/](http://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/). Contact us at [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

2019 Ladies Pre-Lent Event

PROVERBS 31:31

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let  
her work bring her praise at the city gate."

Saturday, March 2, 2019

La Grange Country Club

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Open House style, come and go as your schedule permits.*

PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES AND FOOD STATIONS  
CASH BAR / LIVE MUSIC / BINGO / VENDORS

Register online at [www.prelentevent.com](http://www.prelentevent.com)

The  
  
HATS  
We Wear



**Welcome Women's Retreat**  
**February 2 - 3, 2019**

"Come live in the light. Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord" are lyrics from "We Are Called," and one that will be part of the 2019 WELCOME Women's Retreat. Join the women of SFX Parish on the retreat weekend and be spiritually fed and soulfully nourished. Through stories, prayer, fellowship, yoga and more, you will find rest, be refreshed and witness a new perspective on how God sees you and just how much you are loved. All women, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey are WELCOME!

**Women's Retreat Weekend**  
**February 2 - 3, 2019**



Carmelite Spiritual Center  
8419 Bailey Road  
Darien, IL

Scholarships are available — please contact Father Bill Tkachuk

Registration forms are available on the WELCOME Women's Retreat Facebook page  
(address below) or by contacting Therese Bryne directly at (708) 588-0845.



Visit our Facebook page to register: <https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWomenSFX/>



## 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
- **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
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **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 William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **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 Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **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

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



## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

*Pastor*

*Associate Pastor*

*Deacon*

*Pastoral Associate*

*Weekend Sacramental Ministers*

*Weekend Sacramental Ministers*

### Education Ministry

*Day School Principal*

*Assistant Principal*

*Assistant to Day School Principal*

*Day School Secretary (Main Campus)*

*Day School Secretary (East Campus)*

*Coordinator (East Campus)*

*Advancement Director*

*Tuition Accounts*

*Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep*

*Religious Education Office Staff*

*Religious Education Office Staff*

### Youth Ministry

*Coordinator*

### Music Ministry

*Director*

### Parish Office Staff

*Business Manager*

*Parish Accountant*

*Pastor's Secretary*

*Parish Secretary*

*Staff Secretary*

### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

*Coordinator*

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### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm  
 Friday ..... 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
 Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm  
 Sunday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

### **Sabbath Liturgy**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and  
 (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)  
 Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass  
 Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm  
 The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the  
 tabernacle prayer area.

### **Liturgy Schedule**

Monday through Wednesday .....7:45 and 9:00 am  
 Thursday.....9:00 am  
 Friday.....7:45 am  
 Saturday.....9:00 am

### **Word Communion Services**

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

### **Bulletin Deadline**

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

### **Domestic Violence Resources**

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
 LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

### **Food Pantry**

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

### **Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls**

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

### **Infant Baptisms**

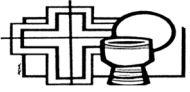
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **Marriage**

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

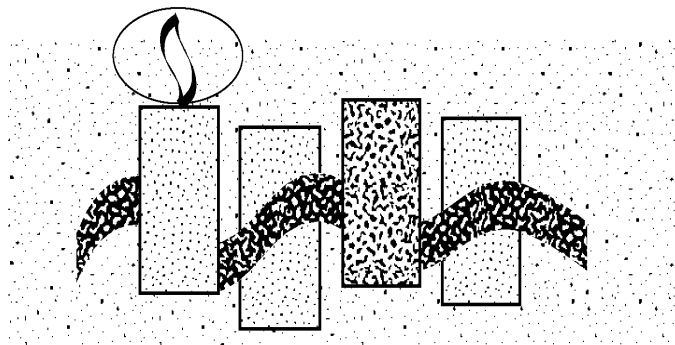
### **Parish Counselor**

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email [nkennedy4@luc.edu](mailto:nkennedy4@luc.edu).



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—December 8-9, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Child Liturgy E. Anderson M. Perkovich	M. Becker T. Conwell K. Corrigan S. Devitt D. Dunlap F. Kudia K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young	R. Garcia M. Merchant J. Crandall	Children's Choir	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	D. Walsh J. Van Gorp S. Lindsay	S. Hayes K. McInerney J. Morsch R. Nutt P. Olson	B. Griffin E. Siffermann K. Adams	K. DeVries	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Spearman K. Hull E. Newman	R. Barker L. Nichol D. Nighswander B. Olson P. O'Malley C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast L. Weyrauch	C. Gonzalez M. Burriesci M. Kachmarik	K. Fron	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	M. Durairaj J. Eraci K. Justak	A. Clark J. Clark M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin L. Ovník K. Parisi G. Rutkowski	H. Labrador N. Olson E. Fekrat	J. Pfluger	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Muccino	C. Pietrzak J. Gatsos LG Dillon	B. Edelmann C. Gatsos K. Johnson N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley	B. Culin N. Strayer E. Geraghty	C. Jakubisin	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



### Readings For The Week of December 2, 2018

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26:38

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6