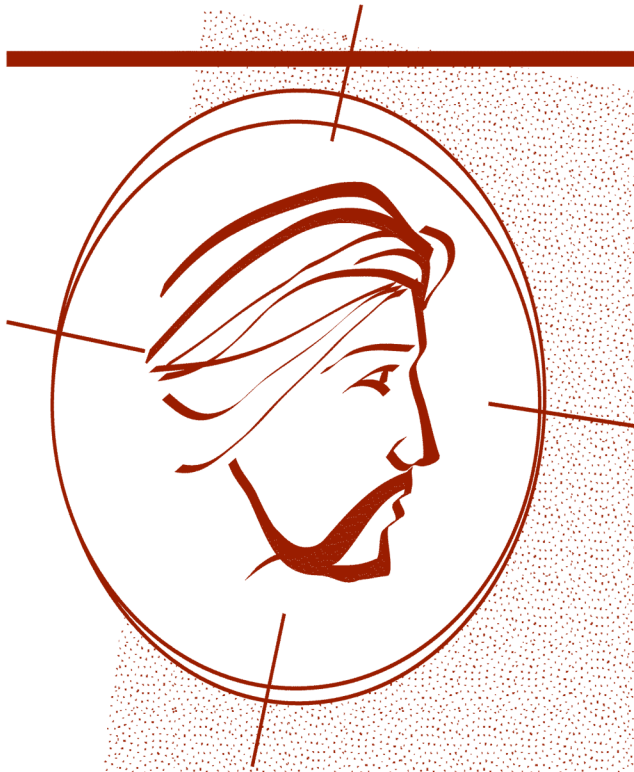


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 10, 2017



Where two or three  
are gathered in my  
name,

there I am in the  
midst of them

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 11	7:45 am	Joe Shannon Don Cushing	Pat & Bob Roach The Braasch Family
	9:00 am	Antoinette Mangione Frank Horacek, Jr.	The Alfonso Mangione Family Mary F. Russell
Tuesday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary	7:45 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Mary Pat Kuta	The Schrack Family The Cunningham Family
	9:00 am	Michael Bannach	David & Diana Specht
Wednesday, September 13 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am	Lawrence Barry Bill Riordan	The Barry Family Trudi Riordan
	9:00 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Mary Suffern	The Driscoll Family
Thursday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	Anthony M. Discipio Jim & Clare Ruth	Joe Discipio Nancy Cummings
Friday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows	7:45 am	Ambrose Cannon Jean Murphy Don Cushing William Weick	The Cannon Family Dan Murphy The Lenti Family Timothy Joyce
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
	3:30 pm	Wedding—Elizabeth Wiss & Stephen Supple	
Saturday, September 16 Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	9:00 am	Marie Westhoff The Deceased Members of the Martin and Swieton Families	The Barry Family The Martin Family
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

## Please Pray For...

Tony Banda	Emmett Miller
Keeley Barr	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Megan Morton
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Patricia Norum
Marian Dudek	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Ryan Patyk
Bill Elliott	Donna Pekarek
Lily Fielding	Carissa Pessetti
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	James Pridmore
Lilli Gregory	Baby Madison Raupp
Wilson Gregory	Anna Rose
Frank Grippo	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Linda Spychala
Jane Jacobson	Greyson Edward Stanley
Mike Kelly	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Benny Kilman	Jerry Tazic
Joan Kirby	Marty Thuerk
Shirley Kollenberg	Anne Titzer
Jerry Kolman	Michael Ungari
Virginia Kottaridis	Amanda Valerugo
Michael Marro	Gregory Van Gorp, Sr.
Molly Anne McKenna	Dawn Wilmsen
Steven McKinnon	

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:

**John Gannon**

Father of Tim

**Mary Westrick**

Mother of Mary Lu, Cathy, Jeanne,  
Bob, Bill, Rich, Jim and Tom

## Weddings



Elizabeth Wiss & Stephen Supple  
Maria Delberto & Joe Chocola  
Anna Devine & TJ McCabe  
Donna O'Neill & Mike Keenan  
Mary Leigh Hayes & Robert Klaus  
Julie Spidale & Matt Schiffler

## Pastor's Notes

*"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another"*  
Romans 13:8-10

For the disciple of Jesus, *love is an attitude in action*. The commandments of the Old Law describe it as what we shall not do to one another (kill, steal, lie, covet). Jesus shifts the focus to what love calls us to do for one another – to “love your neighbor as yourself”. Jesus then goes on to define our neighbor as any person in need, without regard for race, religion, nationality, politics, or social status.

This weekend parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago collect funds for Catholic Charities U.S.A. to assist those suffering in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Catholic Charities serves all in need, and will continue to be an active presence throughout the months necessary for the people of the Gulf Coast to recover from Harvey. Some have asked why we have “waited so long” to respond. This “seeming delay” can be a reminder that our commitment to those in need goes beyond the attention given to a tragedy in the days immediately following, when our televisions and internet screens are filled with images of the devastation. Through organizations like Catholic Charities, we remain present to those in need when the cameras leave, but the long-term process of

rebuilding homes and lives continues. God bless your generosity this weekend and in the future in whatever way you can contribute.

Our expressions of love for one another are local as well as national and global. Stewardship through the contribution of our time, our talents, and our material treasure is the lifeblood of our mission and ministries. If you are interested and able to participate as a volunteer in one of our many parish ministries, please call the parish office or contact the person listed under Ministries and Organizations on the parish website ([www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)). If you hesitate because you think you are not the “type” of person a ministry seeks, call and find out; there is something we cannot do without you. If you can increase your weekly offering by at least 4% to help us maintain a balanced budget this year, bless you. Each person's stewardship makes it all possible!

We pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflicts and tensions that threaten our world. We pray for all who live in fear this day. May our love continue to show itself through our worship, our learning, and our service to others.

*Peace,  
Fr. Bill*

## Scripture Reflection

Facing another about hurts is one of the most difficult “dying's” we undertake—a dying that requires us to risk relationships, let go of self-righteousness, perhaps face angry reaction. From the other side, admitting that we have hurt another—even something so simple as apologizing to another for an inadvertent hurt—takes great humility and honesty. Neither facing another nor being faced ourselves about sinfulness is easy!

The good news and strength actually to be reconcilers comes from Jesus' promise that he is in the midst of two or three gathered in his name. The challenge of this gospel is to grow in the consciousness that we and others are the Presence of the risen Christ for one another, and then to act accordingly.

### Second Collection

Hurricane Harvey brought catastrophic flooding and property damage to the Gulf Coast. Next weekend parishes across the Archdiocese will take up a special collection to benefit those affected by the hurricane. All monetary donations will go toward the funding efforts of Catholic Charities U.S.A. to help those suffering in the Gulf Coast region.

In addition, next weekend some parish youth will be sponsoring a bake sale also to benefit those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Your generosity is appreciated.





# Electronic Offertory Program

Below is the form for our EFT program. This convenient contribution method to Sunday offerings saves the Parish envelope costs and administrative effort. Your contribution can be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account once or twice per month. Just cut out the form below, fill it out, and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket. God bless your support for SFX!

## SUGGESTIONS FOR A SACRIFICIAL CONTRIBUTION

Please consider the following method for determining your offertory contribution:

- ◆ Locate your household income.
- ◆ Identify your current weekly contribution.
- ◆ See what percentage of your income you are currently sharing.
- ◆ Consider increasing your gift.



GROSS INCOME	WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION TO SFX					
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
\$10,000	\$2	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$19
\$25,000	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$40,000	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$76
\$50,000	\$10	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$96
\$60,000	\$12	\$23	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$116
\$70,000	\$13	\$27	\$40	\$54	\$67	\$134
\$80,000	\$15	\$31	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$154
\$90,000	\$17	\$35	\$52	\$69	\$87	\$174
\$100,000	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$192
\$125,000	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$240
\$150,000	\$29	\$58	\$87	\$115	\$144	\$288
\$200,000	\$38	\$76	\$116	\$154	\$192	\$384

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## ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM

Sign up to have your contribution to the Parish transferred conveniently each month from your checking account directly to St. Francis Xavier. **A voided check is required.**

I/We hereby authorize St. Francis Xavier, to initiate debit entries and, if necessary, debit correction and adjustment entries to my/our account at the financial institution listed on the **voided check attached.** This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Francis Xavier has received written notification from the recipient of its termination in such a time and manner as to afford St. Francis Xavier a reasonable time to act upon it.

### Option 1:

Please transfer my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Twice a month** on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Option 2:

Please transfer my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Once a month** on the \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> or \_\_\_\_\_ 20<sup>th</sup>.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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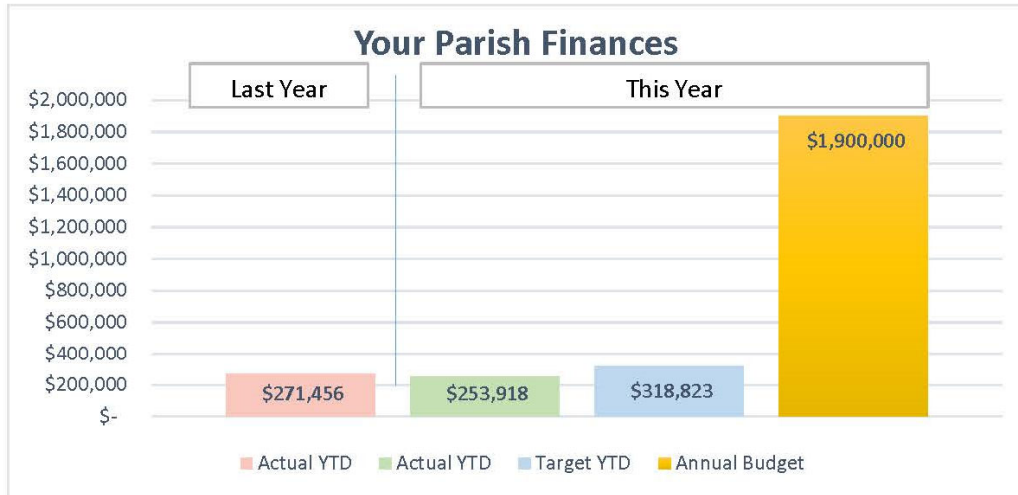
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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sunday Basket Collection Sept 3, 2017      \$ 15,104**

Prior Month's Offerings:	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	=	<i>August Total</i>
<b>August 2017</b>	<b>\$ 43,882</b>		<b>\$ 59,369</b>		<b>\$ 103,251</b>
<b>August 2016</b>	<b>\$ 37,051</b>		<b>\$ 66,903</b>		<b>\$ 103,954</b>

Another fiscal year (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018) has begun! The bulletin announcement has been revamped to demonstrate how the parish is performing toward meeting our budget this year. The bar graph compares:

- Pink: the amount of collections received at this point last year
- Green: the amount of collections received to date this year
- Orange: Our total budgeted collections, set to enable SFX to break even with expenses
- Blue: Our target for year-to-date collections

For example, this week, you would read the above bar graph as follows: Our parishioners donated \$271,456 at this point last year. This year to date, our parishioners have donated \$253,918 toward our budget of \$1,900,000 (which includes Christmas and Easter offerings). Our year-to-date target of \$318,823 is a simple average: our total budgeted Sunday offertory divided by 52 (simulating equal contributions throughout the 52 weeks of the year).

Our total budget of \$1,900,000 assumes a Sunday offertory increase of 4%. We are asking every parish household to prayerfully consider increasing their regular offering by at least 4%, and to consider electronic giving via direct withdrawal or credit card to provide us with a steady income throughout the year. The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) withdrawal form can be found on the opposite page of this bulletin; credit card set-up can be completed online at our website at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org).

Our children are back in the Day School or getting ready to begin Religious Education. Our Music Ministries are recruiting. The Ministry Fair for over 50 programs is coming up. All of these rely on the time, talent and treasure of the parish community. The generosity of our parishioners is truly a blessing for us all, as we share in the blessings that have come to fruition in the past year.

The financial results from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 are coming soon!

Christ's Peace to You,  
Jennifer Zeisloft  
Business Manager

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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August 30, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past few days, we have heard and witnessed many heartbreaking stories and images from areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. The damage caused by the storm and flooding has been catastrophic, resulting in multiple deaths and injuries, destroyed homes and businesses, and thousands of displaced people seeking shelter. Intense rainfall will continue in Texas and Louisiana throughout the next few days, causing further harm.

During this time of great need, I invite you to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Gulf Coast region. All parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago are strongly encouraged to take up a second collection at all Masses on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10. Proceeds from this special collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and provide support to affected dioceses through the USCCB. To donate, please visit <http://pvm.archchicago.org/harvey> or mail contributions to the following address:

ATTN: Hurricane Harvey Emergency Appeal  
Catholic Charities USA  
3525 South Lake Park Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653

Your generous support of this collection will make a difference to our brothers and sisters suffering in the wake of this natural disaster. It is my prayer that as we renew our own archdiocese, we support the renewal of Gulf Coast Catholic communities that will grapple with its effects for many months to come. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Card. Blase Cupich".

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago



**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

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## School Scoop

**Tuesday, September 12**

Pizza Lunch Day

School Advisory Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 13**

2:00 pm Dismissal

**Thursday, September 14**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat

**Friday, September 15**

Homecoming Pep Rally



**Join us for the first St. Francis Xavier Oktoberfest!**

**When:** Saturday, September 30 from 7:00-11:00 pm

**Where:** The Parking lot behind the school

**Cost:** \$40 per person, buy your tickets at the door or in advance at:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/13644>

Ticket price includes beer, wine, brats and music by Kickin' Jimmy.

Sponsors of the SFX Oktoberfest



Questions? Email Mary Cormier at [mccormier4@gmail.com](mailto:mccormier4@gmail.com)

## **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**

The Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 will be collecting donations after each mass on Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17 for the Intellectually Disabled Tootsie Roll Drive 2017.

Donations collected help fund SPRED and other Intellectual Disabilities programs. Donations are greatly appreciated.



## **Start Up for Religious Education**

Registered RE Families will receive class placement the week of September 11 via email.

Sunday, September 17, is the start of Religious Education with **MEET & GREET.**

**Meet & Greet for ALL Sessions is from 8:45-10:15am.**

ALL registered families are expected to come to the Meet & Greet!

See you soon in the Education Building!

## **Family Outreach Committee Opportunity**

On Saturday, September 16, the Family Outreach Committee is encouraging families with teenagers to join us as we volunteer with the Saturday Meals Program at First Congressional Church of LaGrange. We will be preparing and serving lunch to as many as 40 people at the church, located at 100 6th Avenue in LaGrange.

There are two options to volunteer at this event: The Cooking shift runs from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Cooking volunteers must be at least 16 years old and must be comfortable prepping and cooking a meal. There are 5 volunteer spots for cooking.

Lunch set-up and serving is from 10:45 am-1:00 pm. Lunch volunteers plate desserts, serve hot foods to guests in a buffet line, run the dishwasher, and wipe down tables and chairs following the meal. The minimum age is 13 years old, accompanied by an adult, and there are 7 volunteer openings.

For more information or to register, contact Rachel Peterson at [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net).

**SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:**  
**www.youthministry.sfxlg.org**

**You are invited!**

There will be an ice cream social after the 6:00 pm Mass this Sunday. Please join us as in this celebration as we kick off the school year!



**Your Help Needed!**

If you are interested in singing in the Spirit Choir, lecturing, or serving as a Eucharistic Minister at 6:00 pm Mass, please contact Olivia Hollman at [ohollman@sfxlg.org](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338. We are in need of new (and returning!) ministers.



**We're on social media!**

Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Scan the QR code below or search



“SFX – Quest” on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!

**All teens who want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this April and their parents are asked to attend a parent/candidate meeting this Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.** We will review the Quest program and highlight important information. Please plan to attend! This is also the date by which we need registration forms for Quest Confirmation.

*-Olivia*

**Help Needed**



We are in need of Ushers for the 7:30 am Sunday morning mass. If you would like to train to be an Usher and/or for more information about this ministry, please contact, Joe Discipio by phone at 708-482-8975 or email [jadiscipio20@att.net](mailto:jadiscipio20@att.net).

Thank you!

**Statement of Cardinal Cupich  
on the Rescission of DACA  
September 5, 2017**

Today President Trump ended the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and the dreams of nearly a million young people covered by the executive order and applying for inclusion. In the past the president stated that the Dreamer story “is about the heart,” yet today’s decision is nothing short of heartless. The Dreamers are now left in a six month limbo, during which Congress is supposed to pass comprehensive immigration reform, a feat they have been unable to achieve for a decade. In fact, this inability to agree on a just immigration system led President Obama to sign the executive order protecting minor children brought to this country by their parents.

As the considerations of the “heart” seemed to be insufficient to keep protection in place, Congress must now act decisively and swiftly. An immediate first step is for our leaders to pass legislation that will protect those previously covered by the DACA program, while they deal with the long-overdue comprehensive reform of our immigration system. They must be guided by compassion and respect for human dignity, and honestly consider the substantial evidence that deporting these young Americans would do great economic harm to the states where they reside.

With the bishops in this country, we remain committed to upholding the dignity of all persons and the fundamental right of all to live free from fear in the nation founded on that promise.

**Nazareth Academy Hosts Coffee & Conversation Dates**

Prospective parents are invited to join us for Coffee and Conversation with the Nazareth Administration. Guests will be treated to a light breakfast, informal conversation and a tour of the school. The event begins at 8:30 am and will conclude at 10:00 am. Enter through the main entrance on the west side of the building. Parents are welcome on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 4  
Wednesday, November 15

Registration is required, visit [nazarethacademy.com](http://nazarethacademy.com) and click “Admissions” or contact Kristen Stojetz at 708-387-8505 or [kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com](mailto:kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com).





# Tyler's Toy Drive

Supporting the Treasure Chest Foundation

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Friday, September 22nd, 2017  
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

St. Francis Xavier Parking Lot  
(In case of rain Joyce Hall)

Fire Truck, face painting, candy walk, many games and loads of fun!

Girl Scout Bake Sale - (please bring cash)

Bring a new unwrapped toy or gift...Put a smile on children's faces

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The Treasure Chest Foundation has pursued its mission of providing comfort and distraction from painful procedures to children fighting cancer by providing toys from "treasure chests".

Toys in all shapes, sizes and varieties are welcomed, but please no stuffed animals.

All gifts are appreciated - some suggestions includes: action figures, dolls and accessories, DVDs, CDs, games, gift certificates to restaurants/stores, jewelry, art projects and supplies, trucks/cars, gift cards for teens in \$5-\$10 amounts.

Can't make it? Drop your toy at the Rectory by September 22nd!

Questions? Catholic Women's Club, Steph Janiszewski: [stephjuice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stephjuice@sbcglobal.net)



## UNITY HALL AND FUNERAL VISITATIONS – PART TWO

These early months of experimenting with Unity Hall are a time of learning the creative possibilities and the limits of our new space. This summer, the parish staff discussed the challenges of making Unity Hall available for visitations on the day before the Funeral Mass (the traditional wake). As I announced in July, we have determined that we cannot accommodate an evening wake as a general rule; it too often would conflict with parish meetings, ministries, and activities, and requires accommodations for families and friends that a Funeral Home is better equipped to provide.

Our intention remains to offer visitations on the day of Funeral Mass in Unity Hall when the family prefers to begin at the church rather than at the Funeral Home. This can occur whenever the church is not in use for another service. To minimize facilities maintenance support, visitations in Unity Hall offer these accommodations:

- Podium for a guest book and two easels for photo boards or other items.
- Kneeler (when a funeral director is available to move one from the church)
- One floral arrangement (additional floral arrangements can be placed in the church)
- Cups for water
- The basic room setting of four round tables with chairs will remain in place, and no food or drinks other than water are allowed in Unity Hall.
- When the parish can provide the required facilities support, three additional accommodations are available, for which a facilities fee will be asked.
- Use of the projector and other audiovisual equipment in Unity Hall.
- Resetting the tables and chairs in the room (removing or adding)
- Two additional easels

I ask your patience and understanding as we continue to consider how Unity Hall can best support our mission and ministries.

Peace,  
Fr. Bill Tkachuk

LOVE is the fulfillment  
of the LAW

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## Your Invitation to Learn More about Catholicism



RCIA is a process of questioning and conversation for non-Catholics who wish to know more about the Church, and for Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

**New this year: St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier have combined efforts, to present the best of our three programs to participants.** Leaders from all three churches will walk with you throughout the process. *If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments, please consider joining us.*

**How it works:** We will meet on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 pm, and on some Sundays at various times from September 19-April 24. There are 4 stages in the Process:

**1. Inquiry** – a time to explore where God is calling you, ask questions, experience and learn about the faith, including: God, Jesus, the role of community, prayer, scripture, Mary, the saints; also, a tour of St. Francis Xavier Church. September 19-November 5; meets primarily at St. Cletus.

**2. Catechumenate**– a time to dive deeper into key elements of Catholicism including: our approach to scripture, why we do what we do, signs & symbols, ritual, church history, what we believe, the 7 sacraments, and the mass. November 7-February 13; meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier.

**3. Enlightenment**– a time of reflection and prayer before receiving the sacraments. February 20-March 24; meets primarily at St. John of the Cross; Sacraments will take place at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 1 at 8:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier.

**4. Mystagogy**– a time to reflect on your experience, and what it means to live out your new life as part of the Body of Christ. April 10-24; meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier.

### Next Step:

Please contact Kate DeVries at [kdevries@sfxlg.org](mailto:kdevries@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 to make an appointment to discuss your desires and how the RCIA Process can support your journey of faith.



While September may be designated as *Hunger Action Month*, our SFX Food Pantry is grateful for all the blessings we receive throughout the year!

Some ways to continue your generous support:

**PRAY** for an end to food insecurity in our community, nation, and world.

**DONATE** food and funds. See parish website for list of needed items.

**VOLUNTEER** at the Greater Chicago Food Depository ([www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org)) and designate our pantry (agency #A00419) so we receive labor credits (\$5/hour) for food purchases.

Special thanks to our weekly corps of volunteers at the pantry.

**WALK** to raise awareness and funds. **GCFD's Hunger Walk** in Jackson Park on **September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please visit: [www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk).

Save the Date: **CROP Hunger Walk** on **October 15<sup>th</sup>** in LaGrange.

**SHARE** your fresh garden produce with our pantry. Special thanks to *Share the Harvest* partners for their ongoing garden donations.

**GIVE THANKS** to Trader Joes, Panera, Aracely's Bakery and Marianos for ongoing food donations.

**WATCH** the documentary *A Place at the Table* with your family.

Any questions, please contact Mary Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org).



Rev. Monsignor Michael M. Boland  
*President of Catholic Charities*

and members of the  
West Regional Advisory Board  
cordially invite you to the

### **West Region Social**

**Thursday, October 5, 2017**  
6:30-8:30 pm

Oak Park Country Club  
2001 N. Thatcher Avenue  
River Grove

Learn more about the important work  
of Catholic Charities and the valuable role  
of the West Regional Advisory Board.

Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

For additional information  
and to RSVP contact:

Esmeralda Zepeda  
*West Regional Director*  
(708) 329-4022  
[ezpeda@catholiccharities.net](mailto:ezpeda@catholiccharities.net)

or

Scott Schram

*Catholic Charities Regional Advisory Board (RAB)*  
*member and SFX Parishioner (708) 606-2854*

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

# Children's Choir

**We sing as one family of faith!**

**\*Cherub Choir (Girls and Boys \*Grades 1 – 3)**

Weekly commitment: Tuesday rehearsals 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm

**\*3:15 snack time & activity for early arrivals.**

Sing once a month at the 5:00 pm Mass (Saturday)

**First rehearsal: Tuesday, September 19 (in church)**

**\*SF Choristers (Boys and Girls \*Grades 4 – 8)**

Weekly commitment: Thursday rehearsals 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm

**\*3:15 snack time & activity for early arrivals.**

Sing once a month at the 5:00 pm Mass (Saturday)

**First rehearsal: Thursday, September 21 (in church)**

**Registration EXTENDED!!**

***\*due date: Friday, September 15***



# St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form 2017 - 2018

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_

Cherub Choir (Grades 1 – 3) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Rehearsals start Tuesday, Sept. 19  
3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.*

SF Choristers (Grades 4 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Rehearsals start Thursday, Sept. 21  
3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

I am available to be a parent helper at rehearsals. (circle one) Yes No

I am available to be a parent helper at Masses. (circle one) Yes No

*\*Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by September 15th to the attention of:*

*Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Music Director*

*St. Francis Xavier Church·124 N. Spring Ave.·LaGrange, IL 60525*

*[asterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org)*



Join us on September 16th for the  
32nd Annual Hunger Walk.

Greater Chicago Food Depository  
4100 West Ann Laurie Place  
Chicago, IL 60632

Providing food for hungry people while striving  
to end hunger in our community.

Visit <https://www.chicagofoodbank.org/hungerwalk>



### 15th Annual Fall Benefit Drive Me to the Moon II

Join us for an evening of music, friendship, and philanthropy on Friday, October 6 from 7:00-10:00 pm at Capri Banquets in Countryside. Entertainment includes The Nick Pontarelli Band playing favorites from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Frankie Valli, and more! If you would like to purchase tickets and to learn more about ICP, please call 708-354-9328 or visit our website at [www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org](http://www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org). Ticket price is \$60 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, silent auction, and paddle raise. Cash bar for other cocktails. For more information or if you would like to donate, sponsor, or volunteer please call our office.

## Interfaith Career Network

### Job Search Boot Camp

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us when the Career Center in the First Baptist Church of LaGrange will host their Fall five-week workshop beginning Tuesday, September 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Whether you are looking to change jobs or re-enter the workforce, this workshop will teach you the tools to help land the right job for you. The Career Center at the First Baptist Church is located at 20 North Ashland Avenue. This workshop is open to all and there is no fee to attend. Please join us! For further information, call 708-352-2740.

### Tell Me About...

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, September 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Most job seekers can answer interview questions that deal with their skills, experience or accomplishments. But do you stammer and break out into a sweat when asked "Tell me about yourself?" Do you cringe when the interviewer asks you "What are your salary expectations?" Do you shake uncontrollably when asked to "Tell me about your weaknesses?" Well shake, cringe and sweat no more. These and other tough interview questions will be covered in detail by our speaker, Tom Nosal. These questions and others like them are referred to as elimination questions. Answer them wrong and you are eliminated from consideration. Answer them correctly and you could land the job you've been after. During this presentation you will not only learn what these questions are, but why they are asked and how to answer them in a way that will put you ahead of your competition and increase your chances of being hired. Tom Nosal is a Career Transition Coach. He is also the owner of his own coaching firm where he provides career, business and management coaching. In 2014, he wrote and published the book "Scaling Up Your Job Search: Three Strategic Steps to Landing Your Ideal Career." Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no cost to attend. For further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).



Please check out our new YouTube video offering an entertaining sneak preview of our new space! On YouTube, search for "The Well Spirituality Center WELlcome"

We look forward to welcoming you into our new space and our new program year. We have some exciting new programs coming up – among them:

**Practicing Peace:** an hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets twice a month for three months, beginning Monday, September 11 from 11:00 am-Noon.

**In a Circle of Women:** Come and share your spiritual journey, deepest desires and questions, in a circle as women have done for centuries. Meets once a month for four months, beginning Wednesday, September 13 from 9:30 am-Noon.

**Forest Therapy Walk:** This three-hour sensory-focused guided excursion in the forested area behind the Well will offer encounters with other-than-human nature. Thursday, September 21 from 9:00-Noon, repeats October 12.

Please check our website [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) for further details on these and many other wonderful programs.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL.

To register: [708-482-5048/thewell@csjoseph.org](mailto:708-482-5048/thewell@csjoseph.org) /[www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org).

## SFX Adult Choirs Resume! It's Time To Join!



The **Celebration** Ensemble and **Gallery** Choir will begin rehearsals and will be present at the 9:00 am and the 10:30 am Masses starting in September. Now is the time to join! Please consider giving your time and talent to one of these life and spirit-giving choral groups and ensembles, either as a singer or as an instrumentalists. Music reading skills are not required; but music learning tools will be made available to members for a more successful experience.

A special invitation goes out to all of the **TEENS** in the parish who would like to become involved in the music ministry. The **Spirit Choir** is open to teens who are looking for a vibrant and relaxed contemporary style of worship.

The Resurrection Choir is looking for new singers. This choir sings at most funerals year-round. Singers must be available during the day.

If interested, contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music at [asterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org) or call 708-352-0168.

### Gallery Choir—9:00 am Mass

First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 12  
7:30-9:00 pm \*Tenors Needed! (Male-high voice)

### Celebration Ensemble—10:30 am Mass

First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 14  
7:30-9:00 pm

### Spirit Choir—6:00 pm Mass

Rehearsals prior to Mass 4:30 pm  
Starting September 10

### Resurrection Choir—10:00 am Funeral Masses

## Archbishop's Mass in Cathedral to Focus on Domestic Violence

Archbishop Blase J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, September 30 at 5:15 pm in Holy Name Cathedral. Everyone is invited. He will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families. A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

For more information, contact Jan Burdulis at  
773-841-3956 or [jmburdulis@gmail.com](mailto:jmburdulis@gmail.com).



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —  
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

Sacred Heart Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry and our Pastor Father Jacek Wrona invite you to our Silent Witness Exhibit, Sunday September 24 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The silhouettes represent local victims whose lives were taken by domestic violence. The objective of the exhibit is to bring awareness and provide information to our community about domestic violence. For the past twenty years, the Exhibits have been the most powerful way to honor those whose lives were lost in acts of domestic violence and to begin the healing process through awareness, education and treatment programs in hundreds of communities across America and several other countries, worldwide.

The Exhibit is a visual representation consisting of life-sized, red laminated silhouettes of the women, men and children murdered in acts of domestic violence during a specific period within each state, county or city. The goal of each Exhibit is to create an engaging display that will rally community support to grieve the losses of human life, create awareness and education materials and programs by collaborating with concerned and passionate members of your local community.

### Remember My Story. Remember My Name

In 1990, the Silent Witness Initiative began promoting and education to support an end to domestic violence through community based exhibits. It started with a small group of volunteers in one state and grew into an international presence, with projects in all 50 states and 23 countries.

Silent Witness International is the leading voice that honors the lives of domestic violence homicide victims through family support, community connections, and advocacy for change.

Many men and women die each year in acts of domestic violence in the United States. Each one has a story. Join our efforts to end this tragedy. <http://www.silentwitness.net/> Because we need to remember their stories. We need to remember their names.



- Family members will speak for our silhouettes.
- Survivors of Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault will share their stories.
- Senator Bill Cunningham will speak on legislation.
- There will be community outreach resources providing information.
- We will hold a candlelight vigil at the close of our exhibit to honor the victims of domestic violence.

This event will be held at:

Sacred Heart Church, Moscow Center,  
8245 West 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465  
Any questions, please contact Elizabeth Droel  
at 708-974-3336 ext. 250 or [droel@sacredheartpalos.org](mailto:droel@sacredheartpalos.org).



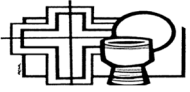
## Please Pray For...all those serving in the military including:

- **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
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **U.S. Navy James Lynch & Christopher Cugier, Air Force**—cousin and nephew of Sr. Helen Sullivan
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—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
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **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
- **PFC 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
- **SPC Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschakovsky Family
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Ensign Julia McKenna, U.S. Navy**—friend of John Rogers
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio

**Please inform us of others serving in the military...and let us know when friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas.**

**Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**





## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—September 16-17, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	G. Weismantel L. Lach B. Bock	M. Becker K. Corrigan F. Kudia K. Preussner A. Saladino P. Saladino C. Witt L. Young Not Filled	P. Shanley R. Garcie B. Griffin	G. Adams	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	P. Olson J. Hamilton M. Hermesdorf	S. Augustyn N. Kalkowski K. Stetz D. Walsh M. Westerhoff	T. Kelly L. Nowak A. Dillon	B. Kalnes	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Schaeffer K. Hayes E. Fix	A. Gargano L. Hill L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahan B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast	E. McFadden C. McLaughlin A. Fix	T. Pangan Gallery Choir	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Ilo	A. Dougherty B. Jouras J. Hayford	B. Boyd N. Cummings C. Gatsos M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres L. Ovník G. Rutkowski K. Witowski	D. Walsh R. Wheeler A. Justak	B. Mayo Celebration Ensemble	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	C. Borowski L. Freda J. Gatsos	A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann K. Johnson M. K. Pasin	S. Kostal T. Dudek C. Kachmark	J. Petkus	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

### Readings For The Week of September 10, 2017

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

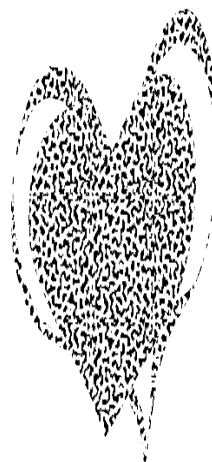
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



Owe no debt to anyone  
except the debt that  
binds each of us to  
love one another

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## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
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Advancement Director  
Tuition Accounts  
Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep  
Religious Education Office Staff  
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Parish Secretary  
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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

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### Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-8:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:00 am-2:00 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 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. All articles must be emailed to the  
bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

### Domestic Violence Resources

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

### Food Pantry

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

### Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

### Infant Baptisms

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

### Marriage

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

### Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and  
take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy  
services are available for individuals, couples, and families  
experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship  
conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being  
overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call  
our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the  
Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.