LENT 2019

3/6 Ash Wednesday

Mass & Ashes: 7:45 & 9:00 am; 7 pm Prayer & Ashes at 12:15 pm

Living Faith-Lent

As a parish we will be praying daily Catholic Lenten devotions presented in *Living Faith-Lent*. The book contains brief meditations based upon the readings of the day. Books are available in church and at the parish rectory.

Join a Small Faith Group



Groups meet weekly March 6 – April 16, for 6 sessions. Conversations are based on the *Living Faith Lent Book*. General groups are forming, and groups

for women, men, parents of tots, past RCIA participants, young adults (20s & 30s), and married couples. To register visit www.sfxlg or contact Mary Sue McDonald: 708-409-9595 or marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com.

3/8 Taizé Prayer

Experience contemplative prayer through simple melodies, scripture, a procession of candles, prayers & silent reflection; 7:30 pm at SFX. Every 2nd Friday of the month, rotating between SFX & Grace Lutheran.

3/21 Eucharistic Adoration 6-7 pm in church.

3/27 Miraculous Healing

Colleen & John Willard will give a powerful and inspirational witness talk on Colleen's miraculous healing. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in Joyce Hall; all are welcome, 7 pm.

Area Reconciliation Services

- 4/1 St. Cletus, 7 pm
- 4/7 SFX Quest Reconciliation after 6 pm Mass; all welcome
- 4/8 St. Francis Xavier, 7 pm
- 4/9 St. John of the Cross, 7 pm
- **4/11** Eucharistic Adoration 6-7 pm in church.

Immigrant Justice

Through the U.S. Bishops' website, send a postcard to Congress, expressing support for meaningful, compassionate, Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Click the Quicklink at sfxlg.org. **The Well Spirituality Center Congregation of St. Joseph** 515 W. Ogden LaGrange Park www.csjthewell.org

3/8 & 3/9 The Journey Back to Your Heart Facilitator: Bruce Sanguin Friday 7-8:30 pm - free; Saturday 9:30-3:00 pm \$80

4/6 Conversations that Matter-Creating a New Republic of the Heart Facilitator: Terry Patten

9 am -3 pm

To register, call 708-482-5048

4/27 LaGrange Knights of Columbus Spring Food Drive

Call, text or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or <u>council6483@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> to have your donation picked up, or donate online at <u>www.MyFoodDrive.org/ #LG</u> <u>KofCSpring 2019</u>. Every \$1 and food donation helps families & seniors struggling to make ends meet.

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For weekly Lenten resources to deepen your relationship to Christ and those in need, visit: www.solidaritybridge.org/lent.

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Attend Daily Mass Mon-Wed, 7:45 & 9 am Thurs & Sat, 9 am; Fri, 7:45 am; Communion Services on Thurs, 7:45 am & Fri, 9 am.

Stations of the Cross The Fridays of Lent, 8:20 am.

4/12 Living Stations by the Parish School 8th Graders, 8:30 am.

Holy Week Services:

- **4/14 Palm Sunday** Sat, 5 pm; Sun 7:30, 9, 10:30 am, Noon, 6 pm
- **4/17 Tenebrae A Service of Darkness,** Wed., 7 pm A beautiful tradition of prayer and scripture, which portrays the final hours of our Lord's life on earth
- 4/18 Holy Thursday
 - Morning Prayer, 9 am
 - Mass of the Lord's Supper
 7 pm; church open for
 visitation until midnight

The Joy of Lent -

A Lenten Mission led by **Fr. Stan Chu Ilo** We will keep the Catholic tradition of gathering on three **Friday evenings in Lent** (the day of the Way of the Cross), 7:00 - 8:15 pm.

- 3/15 Someone Beautiful to God: Discovering God's Love this Lent
- 4/5 Something Beautiful for God: Discovering God's Purpose in Our Lives
- 4/12 Loving When it Hurts: Discovering Healing and Hope in a Wounded World



Fr. Stan Chu Ilo, an internationally acclaimed preacher, author, and teacher, is a priest of Awgu Diocese in Eastern Nigeria. He is a research professor at the Center for World Catholicism and Inter-Cultural Theology, DePaul University, Chicago. He shares his gifts with us regularly, as weekend presider.

Each evening will include Fr. Stan's talk, reflection, music and prayer.

Light refreshments will be served.

4/19 Good Friday

Morning Prayer, 9 am Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3 & 7 pm

4/20 Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer, 9 am Bless Easter Baskets, 1 pm Easter Vigil, 8 pm

4/21 Easter Sunday Mass

In church: 7:30, 9, 10:30 am & noon

In gym: 9:15 & 10:45 am No 6 pm Mass

CRS Rice Bowl

Our Religious Ed. Program is collecting for the CRS Rice Bowl program to alleviate hunger and poverty in other countries (65%), and in our own community (35%). www.crsricebowl.org

Almsgiving

Make sacrifices, and give to those in need. St. Vincent de Paul boxes are at the church entrances.