

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018



come,
follow me
and i will
make you
fishers
of men



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 22	7:45 am	Bill Riordan Paul Voit	Steve Cathy Tkachuk
	9:00 am	Dick Parlon	Pam Oplawski
Tuesday, January 23 Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	7:45 am	Jack Ryan	The Rius Family
	9:00 am	Marie Griffin Alfonso Mangione	The Westerhoff Family The Mangione Family
Wednesday, January 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	The Schrack Family
	9:00 am	Rosemary Sherman John Gannon	Marge Branecki The McVady Family
Thursday, January 25 The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Friday, January 26 Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops	7:45 am	Joanne & Gene Murphy	Dan Hefner
		Ronald Strah	The Foyler Family
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, January 27 Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder	9:00 am	Tyler Duelm Betty Hartley	Mary Atseff John & Marilynn Lux
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	3:00 pm	Wedding—Jessica Janus & Westin Stahl	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Please Pray For...

Vince Anzalone	Molly Anne McKenna
Tony Banda	Martin Meegan
Keeley Barr	Emmett Miller
Barbara Bier	Mike Morrison
George Braasch	Fr. Jim O'Connor
Larry Byrne	Arnie Oppenheim
Carol Domecki	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Donna Pekarek
Pat Eaton	Carissa Pessetti
Bill Elliott	Nancy Phillip
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Baby Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Anna Rose
Wilson Gregory	Marilyn Rutkowski
Frank Grippo	Matthew Schiek
Jim Harris	Carol Smolen
Patricia Hassler	Greyson Edward Stanley
Linda Hillsman	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Diane Hughes	Jerry Tazic
Rose Ilo	Marty Thuerk
Jane Jacobson	Anne Titzer
Mike Kelly	Michael Ungari
Benny Kilman	Amanda Valerugo
Jerry Kolman	Gregory Van Gorp
Virginia Kottaridis	Michael Wallace

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:

Chester Zurowski

Father of Sharon, Susan and Nancy

Sr. Lorraine Ruh, CSJ

Joseph Falconi, Jr.
Son-in-Law of Jackie DeThorne

Sandra McClain

Wife of Michael and
Mother of Abigail, Jacob & Zachary

Christine Feder

Mother of Anne, Anna & Craig

Mary Alice Hoffman

Mother of Peter

Richard Provost

Husband of Kathy and Father of Kristen & Jeanetta

Sr. Margaret Halligan, CSJ

Please Note

Word & Communion Services

On Thursday, January 25 there will be NO masses. Both times of 7:45 and 9:00 am will be Word & Communion Services. Thank you for your understanding.

Weddings

Jessica Janus & Westin Stahl



Pastor's Notes

*"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming:
'This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand,
Repent, and believe in the gospel.'"*
Mark 1:14-15

Jesus bursts into public ministry with a bold proclamation that **God's kingdom is being fulfilled here and now**. In Mark's gospel, those who are called to work for this kingdom must leave everything behind and **follow immediately**. Therefore, the response of the first four disciples seems to occur without hesitation. It is more probable that Simon, Andrew, James, and John had known about Jesus and his words and actions for some time before they leave behind their families and their livelihood to follow him. Whether over weeks, months, or in an instant, their hearts were transformed in a way that will shape the rest of their lives.

Jesus is as patient with us in his call to follow him. We may or may not be able to identify the precise moment in which we made our first conscious decision to follow him. Perhaps that moment has not yet occurred. And most likely, our initial response was followed by the same ups and downs experienced by the first disciples. We, like they, are **on a journey** with the Lord. New circumstances in our lives and our world repeatedly call us to renew our commitment to the journey – especially when we must discern new ways of seeing, hearing, and acting in service of God's kingdom.

Last weekend, our children preparing for First Eucharist received a cross to wear when they join us for Sunday Eucharist. Please encourage them by your word and example as they journey into a deeper relationship with the Lord and all of us.

This weekend, we had invited medical students from Loyola University Medical Center, to share their stories with us. These young men and women, protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals order (DACA), too often have been used by all segments of the political spectrum as pawns to score political points, rather than as persons deserving of human dignity and respect. They are unable to join us today; but you can hear their stories in a CBS news segment at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/daca-dreamers-medical-students-uncertain-future-loyola-university/>. How does the call to serve God's kingdom on earth shape our attitudes, words, and actions in our nation's search for a just political solution that respects the dignity of each human person?

Last Monday, I participated in an interfaith prayer breakfast to commemorate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. People from the broader La Grange area came together for prayer, fellowship, and reflection on the life and mission of the Rev. Dr. King, and his challenge to us fifty years later. Those present were asked to commit to a year of peace and action in our community and in our relationships. A copy of the document that each of us signed, **The MLK50 Pledge**, is included in today's bulletin and has been posted on the parish website. I ask you to read it, and encourage you to sign and return a copy to the parish office. Members of faith communities throughout the LaGrange area are being asked to do the same.

Continued blessings in these early days of the new year.

Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflections

Last Sunday, I met with a young woman who is considering a career change. She is bright, educated and accomplished, and if she makes the move she is contemplating, it will be a major transition. She is considering leaving corporate America to work for the Church. We spoke for an hour and a half. As much as she loves what she is currently doing, she wants to do more to make a difference in the world. When I asked, "Why this, and why now?" she answered, "I've felt God calling me into church work for years. It just took me a while to say 'Yes.'"

How easy it seems for these two sets of brothers – Simon and Andrew, and James and John - to drop everything and follow Jesus. Perhaps there was more to the story and their decision making than we heard in today's Gospel. But the result remains solid: Jesus said, "Come, follow me" and they did.

We all have a vocation – a call to follow Jesus. The Second Vatican Council affirms that each of us in our own way hears the call to holiness and mission. May we always respond to the call of Jesus with open hearts and willing spirits. May the work of our lives, within the Church and beyond it, help to build the Kingdom of God.

Kate DeVries

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 5th and 20th.

Option 2:

Please transfer my contribution of \$ _____
Once a month on the _____ 5th or _____ 20th.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

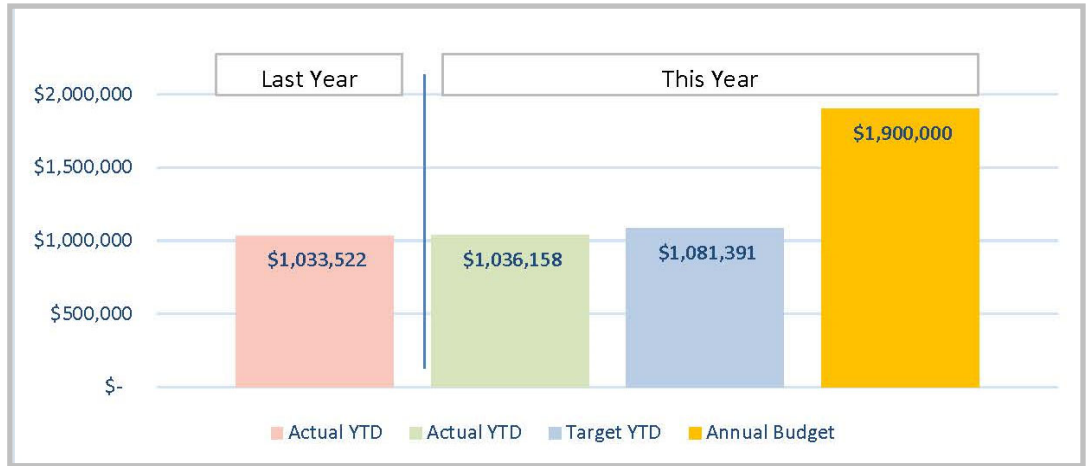
SIGNATURE: _____

CITY: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE: _____

Your Parish Finances as of January 14, 2018



Prior Month's Offerings:				<i>December</i>	
	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	=	<i>Total</i>
December 2017	\$ 66,210		\$ 72,919		\$ 139,129
December 2016	\$ 42,263		\$ 67,265		\$ 109,528

At this midpoint in our fiscal year, here are some financial highlights:

- Dozens of responses to the parish’s request for 4% increases in Sunday offertory collections have come in. Our Christmas contributions continue to come in – we have collected \$148,680 toward our Christmas budget of \$158,000.
- We had a great initial response to the Finance Council’s appeal to parishioners to switch to electronic offertory: 82 additional families enrolled in this system that ensures consistent contributions throughout the year. In addition, many parish households continue to make stock donations and/or use the Sunday envelopes consistently to support parish operations. One of the following pages of this bulletin contains more information regarding electronic giving...check it out!
- Our cash savings, from the generosity of decades of SFX parishioners who came before us, remain strong. Our goal is not to use these savings for ordinary operations so that they are available for campus building improvements and emergencies.
- We are running at an operating deficit for the current fiscal year. Recall that our budget is set so that our income breaks even with expenses. Our expenses are running close to budget. However, total collections are about \$45,000 below what was budgeted at this point in the year.

Meeting our budget enables us to do all we want to do for our parish and our community. Our children learn about Jesus’ love through the liturgy and sacraments (and sing to us at some of the 5pm Masses – check them out!). Our youth experience the Spirit throughout the year in small groups and on retreats and mission trips. Our adults find help along the journey through many SFX ministries. ALL appreciate your support. Please review your situation and the chart below, and increase your contribution if you are able. God bless you all for your continuing support of our parish!

Jennifer Zeisloft
Business Manager

SUGGESTIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN YOUR PARISH INVESTMENT

Please consider the following for increasing your investment in SFX Parish ministries:

- ◆ Locate your current investment.
- ◆ Prayerfully consider investing an additional 4% or more.

CURRENT INVESTMENT

WITH INVESTMENT INCREASE...

	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
\$ 10	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.40	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.70
\$ 25	\$ 25.63	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.25	\$ 26.75
\$ 50	\$ 51.25	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 53.50
\$ 100	\$ 102.50	\$ 104.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 107.00
\$ 250	\$ 256.25	\$ 260.00	\$ 262.50	\$ 267.50



NO 6PM MASS ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Due to low attendance in recent years and the difficulty in scheduling ministers on that day, there will be **NO 6PM MASS** on **Sunday, February 4th, Super Bowl Sunday**. Please make plans accordingly.

Thank You

On behalf of the retired religious of the Archdiocese of the United States, thank you for the generous donation of \$7,469 towards the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who selflessly served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the 2018 New Year.

A Call To Ministry

A new year with new challenges! What about that nagging feeling deep in your hearts? Is God calling you to be more fully a part of the ministries here at SFX? Have you thought that maybe you'd like to minister to those assembled as an extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? As a Eucharistic Minister, you would be a sign and carrier of Eucharistic joy. Please consider His call to serve our parish in this way.

At SFX we are in need of ministers especially at the 10:30 am and Noon Masses. To discuss the possibility of becoming a member of this ministry please contact either David at d2rsherman@aol.com or George at grutkowski@aol.com.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY RECTORY RECEPTIONIST

A part-time receptionist position is available to adults at the rectory.

Hours would be 4:15-8:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If interested in this position, please call Missy Westerhoff at the rectory office 708-352-0168.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have received some requests for Mass Intentions in 2019. The Mass Book for 2019 will be available as of March 1.

There are still dates and times available for Mass Intentions in 2018. Please contact the Rectory for availability.



Men's Choir Rehearsals begin! New voices are welcome!

Men's Choir rehearsals will be starting on **Tuesday, February 6th!** A call goes out to all men who have an ear for singing and like to sing but do not have the time to commit to an entire season, or are thinking about joining on a more regular basis and would like to try it. We especially need Tenors (high voice) this year!

This choir will meet for an 8 week rehearsal block starting on **Tuesday, February 6th from 8:30 to 9:30 pm** and will continue through Tuesday, March 27th in preparation for the 7:00 pm *Lord's Passion* on **Good Friday, March 30th** of Holy Week.

An invitation goes out to all past members to return for another season, and a special invitation goes out to all men who have not yet made that move. This is the year! Come be a part of a beautiful tradition.

New singers are asked to please contact our Director of Liturgical Music, **Allen Sterwalt**, in advance of the first rehearsal date if at all possible.

asterwalt@sfxlg.org
708-352-0168

Please Make Your Gift to the
2018 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Come, Follow Me”



Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

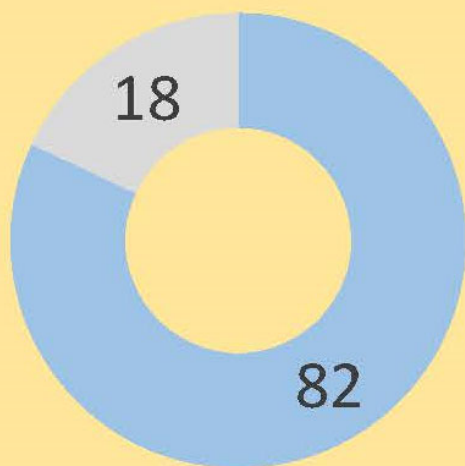
The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to ***“Come, Follow Me.”***

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish. This includes our parish school and religious education programs and our youth group programs for high school teens, and marriage preparation and leadership development programs.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$110,044 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

May Christ's Peace be with you all throughout 2018!



- New Enrollees
- Needed to Meet Goal

Electronic Giving Update

Support your parish online via GiveCentral. It's...

- Consistent,
- Secure,
- Easy!

Please visit our website, www.sfxlg.org, and click "Donate Online" to connect to GiveCentral and choose your options.

Commission/Parish Leader Meeting



Monday, February 12, 7:30—9:00 PM
Unity Hall

On **Monday, February 12th, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM**, the Parish Pastoral Council and Parishioners from all ministries (Spirituality/Worship, Parish Life, Human Concerns and Education & Formation) will gather for the second time under the revised Commission model. **Parish Leaders, Ministers, Volunteers & All Interested Parishioners are welcome.** Our agenda includes:

- ◆ Opening prayer and review of last meeting
- ◆ Presentation: **“Practical Strategies for Welcoming Others into Various Aspects of Parish Life”** by Katie Price from the Stewardship and Development Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- ◆ Breakout discussions within the 4 Commissions (based on ministry and/or interest)
- ◆ Report back with a short synopsis of commission discussions

*Please R.S.V.P. to the Rectory so we can plan accordingly.
For details contact Curt Aronson curt.aronson@us.lisega.com or 708-588-0668.*

The MLK50 Pledge

“No justice, no peace; know justice, know peace.”

I commit to a year of peace and action.

I will begin with the following steps, always working to build the “Beloved Community”.

1. I pledge to treat people the way I want them to treat me, and to do all I can to affirm the dignity and worth of all human beings.
2. I pledge to pursue nonviolence as a way of life; to actively and faithfully follow its principles; to peacefully resolve conflicts; to use grace, humor, and intelligence to confront the perpetrators of violence; and to seek the friendship and understanding of opponents.
3. I pledge to think about how my actions will affect others; and to listen to others with an open mind.
4. I pledge to seek to know the truth, feel deeply about it, and work (do something) to put that truth into action.
5. I pledge to actively work to confront and eliminate injustice and unfairness; to fight racism and discrimination wherever they are found (my goal is to right wrongs and foster fairness).
6. I will work to be the change that I want to see in others.

First Name

Last Name

Signature

Date

Preschool

We here at St. Francis Xavier School are very excited to announce the expansion of our Preschool Program beginning 2018-2019! Preschool 3 will offer half day classes with three and five day attendance options, and Pre K 4 will run Monday through Friday with half day and full day options.

Our Preschool program combines cognitive and play-based philosophies. We believe purposeful play with experiential learning fully engages the child and develops a true love of learning. In addition, SFX focuses on actively living one's faith and providing an example of character to others in daily life. Our goal is to guide children in their journey to realizing their own personal gifts and learning to value the contribution of others.

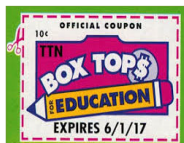
Enrollment will begin mid-November! Please contact our Advancement Director Jennifer Courier at jcourier@sfxlg.org for more information or to be placed on the distribution list for applications.

New Tax Credit Scholarship Program

You may have heard by now about the new tax credit scholarship program created through the Invest in Kids Act. This Christmas, you can give the gift of a Catholic education to children from low-income families while also receiving a tax credit yourself. This program is different from regular charitable giving to St. Francis Xavier or another charity.

Visit archchicago.org/tcs to learn why and to access a step-by-step guide to the program.

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 is 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!

Presentation: How to raise a socially and emotionally adept child in an anxious world.

Laura B. Kaehler, LCSW, LLC



**January 25, 2018
6:30 PM
Unity Hall at
St. Francis Xavier Church**

Parents, do you ever wonder:

- What is anxiety versus normal stress?
- How to parent through tough situations?
- How to build competence in your child?

Laura Kaehler will hold a special, adult only, presentation helping parents recognize the impact of anxiety on academic performance. She will explain how anxiety may sometimes stem from deeper academic issues and how to intervene.

Please join us for this informative
and timely presentation! Questions?
Please contact the school at 708-352-2175.

Welcome Wednesdays at St. Francis Xavier School



We would like to invite you to attend a Welcome Wednesday admissions event and learn all about our programs and tour our school. Reservations are suggested, but not required.

2018 Welcome Wednesday date: May 16, 2018

Welcome Wednesday kicks off at 8:30 am at our East Campus with an informal presentation from our principal and an early education teacher, and ends with a school tour.

Our East Campus (Pre-school 3 – Kindergarten) at
21 North Catherine Avenue, LaGrange
morning begins at 8:30 am

Families interested in enrolling a child in grades 1-7,
please call the school to arrange for a private tour
at your convenience.

To make reservations, schedule a private tour,
or request a shadow day for your child,
contact Jennifer Courier at 708-352-2175.

Our all-school **Open House is January 28, 2018.**
The "Gym Fair" at the Main Campus
will showcase all clubs and extracurricular activities,
and teachers will be in their
class rooms at both campuses
to answer any questions you may have.

Open Enrollment began in mid-November.

Our early education classes reach capacity very quickly.

Contact Jennifer Courier jcourier@sfxlg.org
to be placed on distribution list
for the application paperwork.

**St. Francis Xavier School
Open House
Sunday, January 28
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**



East Campus (Preschool – Kindergarten)
21 North Catherine Avenue

Main Campus (1st - 8th Grade)
145 North Waiola Avenue

Highlights

- **Tech Café** - check out all the amazing things our kids do with technology every day!
- **Activities Fair in the Main Campus Gymnasium** - highlighting all extra-curricular activities, clubs and our before and after care program.
- **Student Guided Tours** - both campuses will be open. Let a SFX student take you through the halls and share their personal experiences with you.
- **Teachers in Classrooms** - all teachers will be in their classrooms at both campuses. They are excited to meet new friends, greet familiar faces and say hello to former students.

Whether you're beginning your search for a school or just simply want to stop by and say "hello!" please stop by! We'd love to see you!



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

YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION 2018

Blessed, Broken, and Shared



Summer Service Trip

Announcing...the 2018 Service Trip! We will be going to Detroit, MI through Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) June 24-30. The cost of the trip is \$525 and covers meals, transportation, lodging, and supplies for the week.

THERE WILL BE FUNDRAISING DONE TO LOWER THIS COST! For more information or to sign up, stop by the rectory, visit the Youth Ministry section of the Parish website www.sfxlg.org or contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x338.

February Cancellations

There will be NO 6pm Mass on February 4th and NO Speaker Event on February 11th.

Church League

Looking to watch a Church League basketball game and support the young men of St. Francis Xavier? Check the Youth Ministry website for the schedule! Go to www.sfxlg.org then click on the "Youth Ministry" tab. There you will find a "Church League" section. Click on the "Men" tab.



We're on social media!

Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Search "St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!

~ Olivia Hollman



little falcon fun

St. Francis Xavier

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 am - 9:45 am
Twice A Month
January 22
February 12 & 26
March 12 & 26
April 9 & 23
May 7 & 21

where

St. Francis Xavier School - East Campus
21 N. Catherine, LaGrange
Room 22 (first floor)

why

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

how

Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yd5p8qn3>

Session fee is \$50 / due at the first class.
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX)

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Sunday, January 21	Class
Wednesday, January 24	Class
Sunday, January 28	At Home Lesson
Wednesday, January 31	At Home Lesson
Sunday, February 4	Class
Wednesday, February 7	Class
Sunday, February 11	Class
Wednesday, February 14	Class
	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, February 18	No Class
Wednesday, February 21	No Class

Important Dates

Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, February 4 at 1:30 pm
Sunday, February 25

Eucharistic Liturgy

Grade 5 Sunday, January 21 at Noon Mass
Grade 6 Sunday, February 11 at Noon Mass

Reconciliation During Class Time in Chapel

Grade 5 Sunday, January 21 & Wednesday, January 24
Grade 6 Sunday, February 4 & Wednesday, February 7
Grade 7 Sunday, February 25 & Wednesday, February 28

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm. 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 Reflectors 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 to 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:

February 3—Combined Choirs; February 24—Choristers;
March 3—Cherub and March 24—Choristers

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflectors 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):

January 20 & 27; February 10 & 17;
March 10 & 17; and April 7, 14, 21 & 28

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your questions to:
Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator or
Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music



Crosses Received

The children preparing to receive their First Communion in May received their crosses last Sunday at a special liturgy. This receiving of the cross is one of their first steps in the preparation process. These children will now receive a special blessing when they come up at communion time. Please encourage them and congratulate them when you see them at Mass these next several months.

Pints for Pasta



Donate Blood in January and receive
a FREE Bowl (up to \$13 value)

SFX BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 31st ~ 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Located in Joyce Hall - 145 N. Waiola Ave.

To schedule your appointment, please email Andy at ajnuke1@hotmail.com or
call (815)263-3636 (leave a message of when you'd like to donate and you'll receive a confirmation call back) or
visit www.heartlandbc.org.
Photo ID required.



Eligibility Questions?
Call Heartland Blood Centers at
1-800-7-TO-GIVE.

Exclusive sponsor of National
Volunteer Blood Donor Month
January 2018



Text APPT to 444-999 for Immediate Appointment
1-800-7TO-GIVE • www.heartlandbc.org



#Don8bld



The Beatitudes of Peace~The Beatitudes are “the hope and prayer and vision of Jesus, the blueprint for Christian discipleship, the job description for every Christian,” says John Dear in his new book *The Beatitudes of Peace*. Come join our book discussion and share how peace is alive and at work among us. Facilitated by Jackie Schmitz, CSJ. Meets Thursdays January 25, February 1, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1:00-2:30 pm. Advance registration requested. Cost \$120.

Holy Daring: The Earthy Mysticism of St. Teresa~Do you enjoy gathering with friends, fashionable clothes, banging on drums, travel, quiet moments, good wine and praying? Teresa of Avila did and she taught us that this is the stuff of sanctity. Gather with a group at The Well using the book *Holy Daring: The Earthy Mysticism of St. Teresa, the Wild Woman of Avila* by Teresa Bielecki as a guide. Facilitated by Carol Crepeau, CSJ. Meets Mondays January 29, February 26, and March 26, 7:00-8:30 pm. Advance registration requested, limit 10 participants. Cost \$45.

The Well Coffeeshouse Fun-raiser~On Friday, February 2 from 7:00-10:00 pm be prepared to be entertained with live performances ranging from comedy to poetry to piano and song, jazz to pop, amateur to professional. Bring your own food and drinks. Sweets available for purchase. Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

Journey to Easter~Monday, February 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm Give yourself the gift of time for quiet reflection before the journey toward Easter begins. Drawing from the Scripture readings for the Sundays of Lent, we will explore Lenten themes of prayer as openness to God’s love, fasting from fractured relationships, and almsgiving of mercy toward ourselves and others. Facilitated by Marianne Race, CSJ. Cost: \$15.

Ash Wednesday Prayer “Remember You Are Stardust!”~Wednesday, February 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm Prayer, distribution of ashes and a reflection from Carol Crepeau, CSJ. Cost: Free will offering.

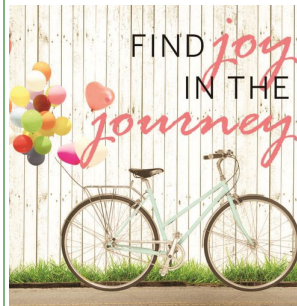
Responding to Violence and Conflict: A Restorative Justice Approach~Saturday, February 17 from 9:30 am-Noon. Restorative justice embraces the values of faith communities. Drawing from his years of work with youth and families in Chicago’s Back of the Yards neighborhood, Facilitator David Kelly C.P.P.S. will explore violence and trauma, and how restorative justice enables a community to respond to the harm done. Cost: \$30/Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parishes SJC and SFX.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. To register: 708-482-5048 or thewell@csjoseph.org; www.csjthewell.org.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Women's Club 2018 Ladies Pre-Lenten Luncheon

"Find Joy in the Journey"
Saturday, February 10
11:30 am-3:00 pm
LaGrange Country Club

sfxcwcluncheon2018.com



SFX CWC is going green! Please visit our website for more information and to buy luncheon and raffle tickets. But, please don't fear, if you're not technically inclined you can call Lauren Fay 312-498-1828 for assistance.

Catholic Women's Club

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Tiziana Lambert at tizianalambert@gmail.com.

SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

Interfaith Career Network

Winter 2018 Career Transition Boot Camp - Week 1

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Tuesday, January 23, from 7:00-9:00 pm for the first of a 5-week workshop that will help you learn new skills and gain confidence. This week we will kick off with a punch list of things to do to prepare your job search strategy and go over the expectations of the entire program. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Joe Yount, will deliver a special presentation on how approaching your job search with a positive mindset will make you more successful. There is no cost to attend and you are encouraged to attend every session (if possible) to make the most of this experience. We look forward to seeing you at The First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For additional information, please contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please contact our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.



Small Faith Groups are Forming

You are cordially invited to join a Small faith Group this Lent. Groups will meet weekly from February 14-March 27, for a total of six sessions at various times and places. Conversations will be based upon the reflections presented in the Little Black Book, a daily meditation guide. Details will be announced as groups form.

If you are interested in facilitating a group, or would like to form your own group, please contact Mary Sue McDonald at marysuecdonald@yahoo.com or 708-409-9595. A Leaders Get-Together will take place on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 pm.

The Little Black Books are Back!



Whether you are able to join a Small Faith Group or not, please consider praying through the Little Black Book. The book presents a brief daily meditation, along with some interesting element of the Catholic faith. Books will be distributed in

church on Ash Wednesday and the following weekend, and available at the parish rectory.

This Lent, Journey with



Solidarity Bridge, together with our Bolivian partners and US supporters, responds to the need for accessible lifesaving surgery and medical care for families with scant resources in Bolivia.

Will you join us in prayer, fasting and almsgiving throughout this holy season? **Sign up for our weekly reflections throughout Lent** and grow in the conviction that we are one human family.

www.solidaritybridge.org/lent

God of all people,

Your compassion invites us to be transformed.

Your love calls us to be one human family.

May our journey this Lent be a time of renewal and growth, so that with changed hearts, we might heal and transform your world.

Amen.

The Empowerment Project: What would you do if you knew you would succeed?



Sacred Heart Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry and our Pastor Father Jacek Wrona invite you to a screening of The Empowerment Project on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 pm.

The Empowerment Project: Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things is the incredible journey of 5 female filmmakers driving across America to encourage, empower, and inspire the next generation of strong women to go after their career ambitions. Driving over 7,000 miles from Los Angeles to New York over the course of 30 days, the documentary spotlights 17 positive and powerful women leaders across a variety of lifestyles and industries. Along the way, these filmmakers relay the candid insight on how these women define their success, what it takes to be a woman in their position, and valuable advice on how to improve the female role in the workplace. In celebration of the all-female focus in front of and behind the camera, the filmmakers turned the cameras on themselves, capturing their transformational journey. Created for women by women, they challenge the audience to ask themselves, "What would you do if you weren't afraid to fail?" Written and directed by Sarah Moshman and Dana Cook.

Following is the link to this trailer for this screening:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UK_-d9N8KzE

The film is 50 minutes. We recommend ages 10 and older.

The screening will be held at: Sacred Heart Church, Ministry Center, 8245 West 111th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465.

RSVP or any questions, please contact Elizabeth Droel at 708-974-3336 X250 or droel@sacredheartpalos.org.



St. Francis Xavier Church will be hosting a Confirmation program for any Adult Catholics who have received Holy Communion, but for whatever reason, did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, April 9, in Unity Hall. Sessions will go from 7:30-9:00 pm, with the exception of March 19, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, attend the Parish Reconciliation Service, and continue until 9:00 pm. Please also plan to be with us Friday, April 20, from 7:00-8:30 pm in Church with your sponsor (if possible) for rehearsal. The celebration of Confirmation will take place in St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 10:00 am.

Registration is necessary. Details and the registration form can be found on the parish website: www.sfxlg.org (and click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate DeVries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



Healing the Holy Land

February 1 at 7:00pm



Dr. Khadra Salami



Dr. Sa'ar Hashavya

We are excited to welcome:

- **Dr. Khadra Salami**
A Palestinian pediatric oncologist at Augusta Victoria Lutheran Hospital
- **Dr. Sa'ar Hashavya**
Head of the Pediatric Emergency department at Israel's Hadassah Hospital

Join us as these amazing physicians share stories and discuss their work together saving lives, developing Palestinian healthcare capacity and building bridges to peace.

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DACA Awareness campaign Do you know the facts regarding the DACA program?



What is DACA? It's the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, created in 2012.

DACA applicants must have:

- Come to the U.S. prior to turning 16 and be at least 15 years old
- Been younger than 31 years of age on June 15, 2012
- Graduated high school, be in school, or served in the U.S. armed forces
- Not been convicted of a felony and not pose a threat to national security or public safety
- Pay a fee of approximately \$500 and renew every 2 years

Common Misunderstanding

- Obtaining DACA is not a path to citizenship
- DACA recipients are ineligible for most federal programs, including health care (e.g., Medicaid)
- DACA does not apply to children younger than 16 or the parents of U.S. citizen children or lawful permanent residents
- While the majority are Hispanic, DACA recipients come from all over the world.

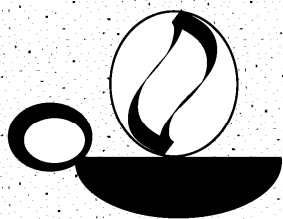
There were 689,800 DACA recipients as of September 2017. They pay taxes and play a critical role in supporting their families. **Learn the facts at National Immigration Law Center: www.nilc.org.**

If you are interested in learning more about what our parish is doing to support DACA recipients, contact our Peace and Justice ministry or come to our next meeting.

We Meet

The first Wednesday of each month, from 7:15-8:30 pm, in the SFX rectory.

For more information, contact the SFX Peace and Justice ministry: mfreeman@sfxlg.org or mschemmel@csjoseph.org or call the Parish Office at 708-352-0168.



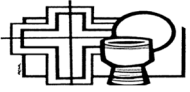
Guide me
O Lord
in your truth



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
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **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
- **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
- **Airman Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci

**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.**

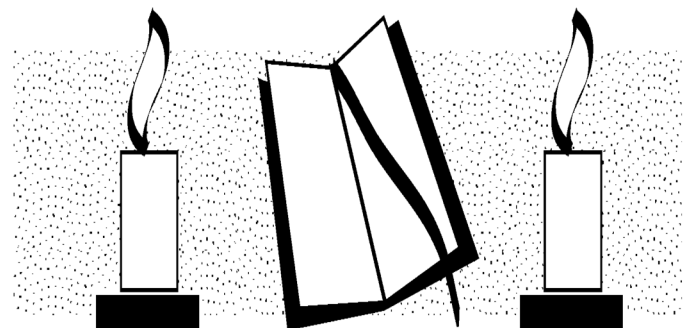


Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—January 27-28, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	H. McCormick A. Mulcahy C. Grech	M. Becker C. Cooke K. Corrigan J. Kelly D. Mulvenna K. Preussner A. Saladino P. Saladino L. Young	E. Akalaitis C. Carroll P. Adams	G. Adams	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	T. Marthaler P. Olson R. Hillsman	S. Augustyn M. Hermesdorf K. Stetz D. Walsh M. Westerhoff	S. Kostal R. Garcia B. Griffin	J. Petkus	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Muccino	C. Broderick M. Lukanich J. O'Connor	M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson J. Cogelja P. O'Malley J. Prendergast D. Sherman J. Van Gorp L. Weyrauch	E. McFadden A. Justak C. McLaughlin	L. Hoigard	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	T. Serafin K. McCarthy J. Hayford	B. Boyd R. Caragher N. Cummings P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník K. Parisi G. Rutkowski K. Witowski	C. DelGiudice N. Havenaar F. LaMantia	B. Kalnes	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Hoffman	E. McGovern T. Bezouska J. Gatsos	B. Edelmann A. Gatsos C. Gatsos K. Johnson N. L. Kampe	C. Holmes A. Holmes L. Nowak	J. Pfluger	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	C. Ganzel B. Dunne	B. Metzger M. K. Kelly M. Cooley M. Cooley M. K. Gannon		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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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 Wednesday7:45 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
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