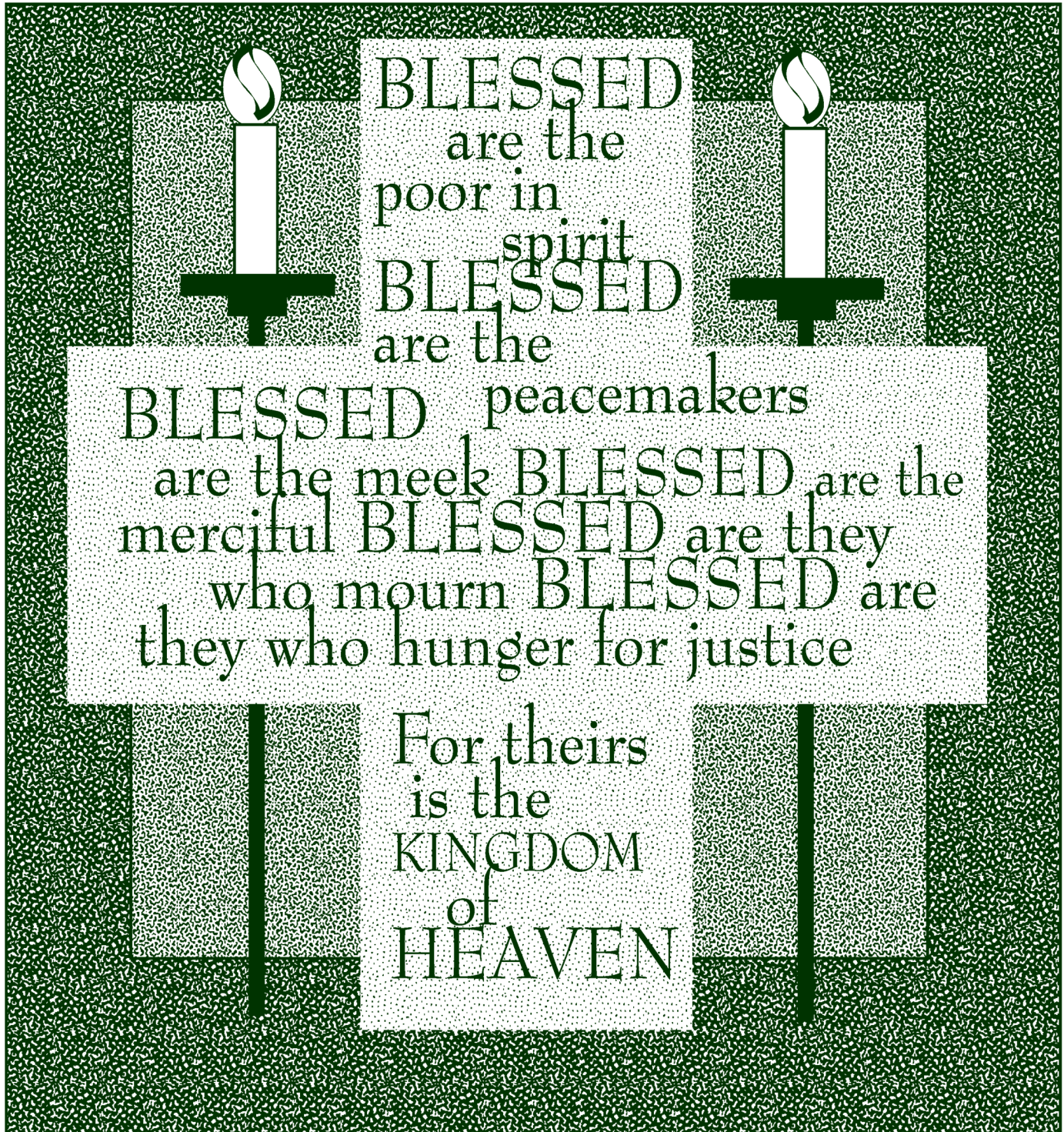


# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 3 Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop	8:30 am	Josephine Dudek	John & Charla Mattern & Family
Tuesday, February 4	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Sean Stephenson	The Potsch Family
Wednesday, February 5 Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	8:30 am	Michael Bannach	Lillian Bannach
Thursday, February 6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Maryann Blyth	Don Blyth
Friday, February 7	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Saturday, February 8 Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	David Day Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Nancy King	The SFX School Community  The Kisla Family
Sunday, February 9	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm  6:00 pm	People of the Parish William White Jean Maday Bill White Cynthia R. Byron Jim Boardman	Jack & Karen O'Keefe The Daly Family Betsy McManaman Lynnea & Amanda Paul The Filbin Family

## Please Pray For...

Jack Boyd	Bernice Niemiec
Jay Carroll	Bert Ogilvie
Chili Challenger	Arnold Oppenheim
Anthony Dina	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Shawna Palazzolo
Pat Eaton	Ryan Patyk
Lily Fielding	Donna Pekarek
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Norma Petrancosta
Lilli Gregory	Jim Potsch
Wilson Gregory	James Pridmore
Patricia Hassler	Madison Raupp
Linda Hillsman	Anna Rose
Rose Ilo	Marilyn Rutkowski
Mary J.	Matthew Schiek
Jane Jacobsen	Larry Skippet
Theresa Kandall	Donna Suchoski
Benny Kilman	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Jerry Kolman	Joseph Tarin
Liz Kosteck	Anne Titzer
Lou Ellen Krueger	Michael Ungari
Marian Lucas	Gregory Van Gorp
Caroline MacGregor	Marian Ward
Joe Montana	Liz Wilk
Patrick Morgan	Malcolm Young
Mike Morrison	

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:

### *George Schmid*

Husband of Pinky & Brother of Ellie Carroll

### *James Hogan*

Father of Ken

### *Hank Deiters*

Husband of Joan and  
Father of Suzanne, Patricia, Carol & Kimberly

### *Joseph E. Domanico*

Husband of Theresa and  
Father of John and Cathy;  
Grandfather of John, Mike & Joe

### *Jim Lawley*

Brother of Joan Dunne

### *Julian Madaleno, Jr.*

Husband of Dawn and Father of Julian, Joanna,  
Alex & Maggie

## Pastor's Notes

*"A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel".  
Luke 2:32*

Two elders, Simeon and Anna, are in the Jerusalem temple on the day Mary and Joseph bring their child to perform the Jewish presentation rites. Simeon is drawn there by the promptings of the Spirit; Anna, we are told, is a widow of six decades who has worshipped in the temple night and day. On this ordinary day, amid the comings and goings of hundreds of people, these two recognize the presence of God in the child of this humble couple. For Simeon, it is a promise fulfilled that allows him to rest in peace; for Anna, a prophetess, it is a prophecy fulfilled that she begins to proclaim to all who will listen. For everyone else, it is just another day.

How often does God become present to us amid the ordinary moments of our day? And how often do we respond to the promptings of the Spirit or set aside moments for prayer that we might recognize the presence of God within the seemingly ordinary? The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord challenges us to allow time and space *to listen and to be present to the moment*. Jesus, God incarnate, *is* present to the world in *this* moment. He seeks to be recognized in the ordinary moments and people of our seemingly ordinary lives. But, like Anna and Simeon, we must be open to the possibilities of encountering Jesus when and how we might least expect.

I offer thanks to the members of the School Advisory Board, teachers and staff, and the many volunteers who provided a morning of hospitality and information for all wanting to see what occurs with our Education Building Monday through Friday. And I echo the thanks of the families who spoke at the Masses last weekend for the support that all parishioners provide to the significant part of our parish mission. May we continue to be able to provide the option of a Catholic school education to all families in our area who desire this for their children.

I also thank the officers and volunteers of the parish Catholic Women's Club for providing an opportunity for the women of the parish to gather for fun, shopping, and conversation. Thank you to all who offered some stewardship of time to step away from

the busyness of your lives and enjoy and build relationships with one another. We sometimes forget that God also is present to us amid laughter and celebration. I hope those of you able to participate caught a glimpse of God amid the fun.

Our Parish Finance Council recently completed a review of where the parish stands financially at the midpoint of our fiscal year. **Thank you to all households that were able to increase your regular offering to support the mission and ministries of the parish** following my appeal in October. The absence of an associate pastor and unanticipated absence of a pastoral associate have reduced our costs during the first six months; this has enabled us to show a midyear surplus *even though* regular Sunday offerings to date are *below* those of this period last year. All parishioners soon will receive more information on our finances in a midyear report to be sent out electronically. If you are a household already invested in the parish, I encourage you to *spread the good news* of St. Francis Xavier Parish; encourage your neighbors and friends to invest *their* time, talent, and treasure in our vibrant presence and mission. *We need everyone to be engaged!*

**Winter Peace,**

*J. Bill*



**Gretchen Sterwalt (1932-2020)**  
**Mom of Allen Sterwalt**  
**Died: Thursday, January 16**

**Funeral Location:**  
Watertown Moravian Church  
510 Cole Street  
Watertown, WI 53094

**Visitation:**  
Saturday, February 8  
at 10:00 am Watertown Moravian Church

**Service:**  
Saturday, February 8  
at 11:00 am with Luncheon  
to follow at the Church  
Committal/Burial Service to follow  
luncheon at Cemetery

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COME, FOLLOW ME...  
**and heal our world**

**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**



**Please Make Your Gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**  
*Come, follow me...and heal our world.”*

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, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me...and heal our world." Examples of ministries that benefit are:

- Religious Education for youth, young adult, campus, and adult faith formation;
- Continuing education for priest, staff, and lay volunteers serving parish communities; Evangelization efforts to spread the faith through youth ministries, parish vitality, and liturgy Enhancement, and
- Catholic Relief Services to assist the poor and vulnerable around the world.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.

### **2019 Contribution Statements**

A listing of your 2019 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk will be emailed to all parishioners by January 27, 2020. The email comes from [notifications@ondemandmail.com](mailto:notifications@ondemandmail.com) and has the subject line of "Contribution Statement from St. Francis Xavier Parish". Please contact Parish Accountant Jane Bandyk at [jbandyk@sfxlg.org](mailto:jbandyk@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 with any questions.

## 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

These projections are based on anticipated needs and are subject to change. The list below is meant to summarize the far-reaching impact of the Appeal, and so is not a comprehensive list of all the archdiocese's ministries.

### **Parish Communities (60%)**

- Support for financially disadvantaged parishes and schools
- Parish-based incentives (rebates)

### **Archdiocesan Ministries (29%)**

- Evangelization efforts
- Human dignity and solidarity efforts
- Family and community ministries
- Religious education
- Continuing education for priests, staff, and lay volunteers

### **Catholic Relief Services (4%)**

- Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world

### **Cost of the Appeal (7%)**

- Printing, postage, processing

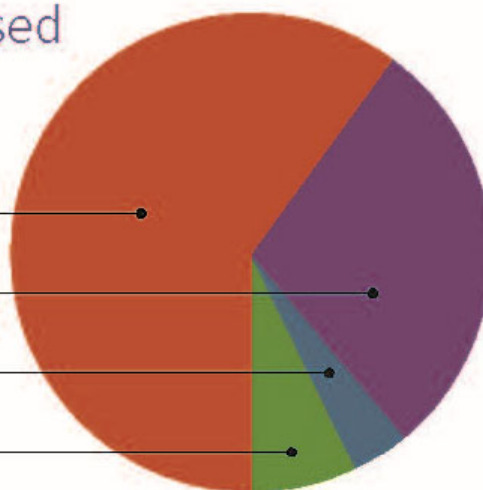
## How your gift will be used

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Archdiocesan Ministries **29%**

Catholic Relief Services **4%**

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## 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal

# \$17,000,000

To make a gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal and for information on how Appeal funds are spent, visit [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).

## Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

### Eucharistic Liturgies

Grade 5 **Saturday, February 1** 5:00 pm Mass in Church  
 Grade 6 **Saturday, February 8** 5:00 pm Mass in Church

### Reconciliation

Grade 6 **February 2 & February 5** During Class

### Class Dates

<b>Sunday, February 2</b>	Class
<b>Wednesday, February 5</b>	Class
<b>Sunday, February 9</b>	Class (no 7th Grade)
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>	Class ALL 7th Grade Teaching Mass (4:00 Only)
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>	No Class
<b>Wednesday, February 19</b>	No Class
<b>Sunday, February 23</b>	Class
<b>Wednesday, February 26</b>	Class Ash Wednesday 4:15 Service Church

## Bringing Children to Church

Few things are more important for family and parish life than bringing children to church for our Eucharistic celebration. God bless all of you who do this. This is the best way for them to experience our gathering as a community, our prayer of thanksgiving, and our being sent to do God's work in the world. It brings joy to our lives when you bring your children with you.

Of course, we understand that at times your youngest children may need a break from the relative confinement of a pew. Sometimes they get anxious and just need to get up and move around. For this reason, a camera in church "broadcasts" the Mass into Unity Hall, complete with sound, at all Sunday morning Masses. If your child needs a break, you can bring them to Unity Hall while remaining connected to the liturgy yourself.

The Eucharist is a profoundly sophisticated ritual; it requires time and patience to integrate into our lives. Look at how it has deepened over time in our own lives as adults! Your ability to get everybody up and moving in the same direction at the same time astounds us. We are sure that it pleases God! Thank you for your ongoing efforts.

## 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 Reflector of the Word to a prayer space away from the gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer AND when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing and when a specific grade is not scheduled to celebrate liturgy at the 5:00 Mass.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs: February 29; March 14.

Here is the schedule when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated: February 1 & 8; April 18.

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change): February 15 & 22; March 7, 21 & 28; and April 28.

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your calls to: Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music or Terri Simeoni, Coordinator of Religious Education.





## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – JANUARY 2020

Drafting and adoption of the St. Francis Xavier Parish School Strategic Plan was the culmination of nearly a year of work, which began in 2017. Under the direction of Catholic Schools Management, the country's premier Catholic school consultant, the leadership of St. Francis Xavier School and Parish conducted a comprehensive examination of the school. The process included individual interviews, focus groups, and on-line surveys of hundreds of current and past parents, students, administrators, faculty, and parishioners. From this process, the Strategic Planning Committee identified four **Strategic Areas** of focus. We then set eight **Goals**, each with multiple **Objectives** and **Action Plans** to help us achieve the Goals and track our progress.

We focused initially on the goals and objectives that would enable us to make a strategic decision on whether to maintain an "East Campus" for our early learning programs. Completion of these objectives led us to bring all our students "Under One Roof" at the beginning of the current school year, with classrooms redesigned for our early learning programs on the first floor of our Education Building. We also restructured the School Advisory Board to make it more effective in advising and supporting school administration, with committees dedicated to Catholic Identity, Finance, Marketing, and Development. We have developed tools to help us project enrollment figures and anticipate future costs more accurately. Our faculty and administration have enhanced teacher skills in the areas of differentiated learning and the use of technology in the classroom. These areas have been enriched through professional development, curriculum and team planning. We continue to develop the Positive School Program to foster a learning environment that is consistent with our mission as a Catholic school.

All of this has required the time, dedication, and skills of both school staff and volunteers. We are blessed by their generosity. The Strategic Planning Committee of the School Advisory Board continues to coordinate Action Plans for the remaining Goals and Objectives. Stay tuned for future updates.

Sincerely,

Father Bill Tkachuk, Pastor

Sharon M. Garcia, Principal

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

### Souper Bowl of Caring

Collections this weekend for the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign will be going to Feed Our Future, a local nonprofit organization founded by parishioners Chris Sedlacek and Megan Merchant. Thank you for your generosity!



### Kairos Retreat: K35

Calling all current Juniors and Seniors! The next Kairos retreat will be Thursday March 12 - Sunday March 15 and is hosted by St. John of the Cross. To sign up, visit the SFX Youth Ministry website. For more information, contact Olivia Zurowski at (708) 352-0168 or [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org).



### Teens: We need YOU!

As we look to improve our Youth Ministry program to best meet the needs of the teens we are serving, we are seeking input from teens! After the 6pm Mass on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing dinner in Unity Hall to any and all teens who would like to share their opinion about the future of our Youth Ministry. Please spread the word!

### 2020 Freshman/Sophomore Retreat

The Freshman/Sophomore Retreat is going to be Friday, February 28-Saturday, February 29. This will be a one-night over-night retreat at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center. Cost is \$25 and the registration form is online. Questions? Contact Olivia Zurowski.



**NO 6PM MASS  
TODAY  
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 today Sunday, February 2nd, Super Bowl Sunday**. Please make plans accordingly.

### The Legacy Guild Spring Fundraiser Saturday, February 29 7:00 PM-Midnight Fitzgerald's in Berwyn

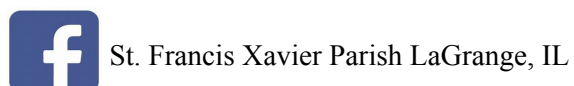


The Legacy Guild was formed by a group of local men in 2012. They were drawn together after a cluster of sudden and unexpected deaths of treasured friends and neighbors. The organization formed within weeks of these tragic events to honor the legacy of those parents who have died in our community and help send their children to college. In 2019, the Guild provided over \$225,000 in college scholarships and has awarded over \$888,500 to 144 scholars since 2012!

Sponsorships and Tickets available at:  
[TheLegacyGuild.com](http://TheLegacyGuild.com).

### Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!







EXCITING NEWS! The annual SFX Summer Mission Trip is heading back to Detroit, MI with Young Neighbors in Action on June 21-June 26 (we visited this site in 2018 and had so much fun we are going back!). If you're looking for an opportunity to serve others, make lasting friendships, and grow your faith, JOIN US! Cost of the trip is \$572, but there will be a group fundraising effort to help lower this cost.

Registration forms can be found on the Youth Ministry website (<http://www.sfxlg.org>, click on the youth ministry tab and then click on the Summer Mission trip tab). **HURRY BECAUSE WE ONLY HAVE 12 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR TEENS!** This is sure to fill up quickly. A deposit of \$250 is due by Thursday, February 27 to secure your spot. Please make checks out to St. Francis Xavier, put 2020 mission trip in the subject line, and drop off at the rectory. We are also in need of 2 adult chaperones (21 or older) to attend the trip. Cost for adult chaperone is \$260. If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth Cooley at [ehcooley@me.com](mailto:ehcooley@me.com).

The theme this year is Let Justice Roll. Young Neighbors offers more than the opportunity to serve those in need. It helps youth connect the service they do to Scripture's call to bring justice to the world. Just as rain penetrates the earth and saturates everything, God calls us to be people of justice who seek human rights for all of God's people.



**I am excited to attend the  
2020 Summer Mission Trip to Detroit, MI  
on June 21st-26<sup>th</sup>!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form along with a \$250 deposit to the rectory by Thursday, February 27, 2020. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis Xavier. Please write 2020 mission trip in the memo line. More information about the trip can be found on the website: [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) under the youth ministry tab. Any questions, contact Elizabeth Cooley at [ehcooley@me.com](mailto:ehcooley@me.com).

*Retired Men's Group* of St. Francis Xavier Parish



**George Rotter**

Presents  
Investing for \$eniors  
Risk\$ and Reward\$

Wednesday, February 19th  
Coffee @ 10:00am  
Presentation @ 10:30am  
Unity Hall  
Lunch @ 11:30am  
Court Yard Room

Please RSVP by Friday, February 14th  
to the Rectory 708-352-0168

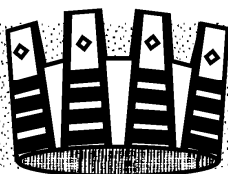
*Step out like it's the 20's!*

**SFX Theatre Night**  
Wednesday, March 4th

Roaring 20's reception  
6:45-7:45 pm

Includes light bites, beer & wine  
Live Performance 8 pm

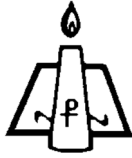
Tickets \$35 each  
(Save when you buy 4 for \$120)  
Register to attend on our website  
([www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)) or in the rectory.  
ALL proceeds benefit SFX Parish  
and their ministries



**REJOICE AND BE GLAD FOR  
YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN  
IS GREAT**

## Baptisms

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



***Jackson Michael Barsema***

Son of Jason & Ashley (DeGeorge) Barsema

***Ella Rose Cafarelli***

Daughter of Matthew & Emilee (Rose) Cafarelli

***Mae Catherine Myers***

Daughter of Michael & Courtney (Callahan) Myers

***Makayla Rae Nolan***

Daughter of Brent & Meghan (Wesche) Nolan

***Isaac Edward Pochopien***

Son of Jason & Colleen (Schuch) Pochopien

***Charles William Rabbitt***

Son of Chris & Lauren (Solski) Rabbitt

***Harper Ellen Raymond***

Daughter of Daniel Raymond & Kathleen Hickey

***Niko Cristiano Santoliva***

Son of Juan & Jordan (Halata) Santoliva

***Jane Brennan Furey***

Daughter of Michael & Colleen (Ward) Furey

***Holly Erin Caragher***

Daughter of Patrick & Bridget (Marthaler) Caragher

***Ryan Thomas MacFadden***

Son of David & Kathleen (Marthaler) MacFadden

*St. Francis Xavier Parish  
New Parishioner Welcome*

**DINNER**

**Thursday, February 20th**

**6:30 - 8:00 pm**

**St. Francis Xavier Rectory  
124 N. Spring Ave., LaGrange**

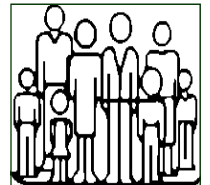
Welcome to St. Francis Xavier!  
We look forward to meeting you!!!  
Please join us for a casual dinner  
and fellowship with other parishioners  
and the SFX Welcome Committee.

**Please RSVP by Friday, February 14th**  
Call or text Laura Duelm 708-309-9079  
or email [lauraduelm@hotmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@hotmail.com)

## Welcome

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

Joe & Mary Beth Aguilera  
Jason & Shanae Strayer  
Chris & Teresa LeGros  
Kevin & Tracy Parciak



## HELP WANTED

Interfaith Community Partners is looking for a part-time paid Volunteer Coordinator to arrange for transportation for clients 60 and better within our community. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Computer skills necessary, pleasant phone communications, plus love of working with older adults. Please submit your resume to Janet Garreau at: [jgarreauicp@gmail.com](mailto:jgarreauicp@gmail.com) or call our office for further assistance at 708-354-9328.



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM



**Bricks are available in 2 sizes:**

Small 4" x 8" **\$175 each**

Large 8" x 8" **\$300 each**

**Order deadline for the  
next installation is  
February 14th.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

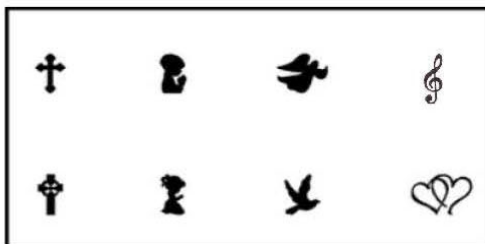
**Each line has 13 characters**

**Small Bricks – 3 lines**

**Large Bricks – 6 lines**

All engraving will be uppercase. Spaces between words count as characters.

**Optional icons:** If you wish to include an icon, please **circle one** from the options below. **Allow 3 consecutive spaces on 2 lines.**



Messages are subject to approval. Please return this form to the Rectory with check payment payable to: St. Francis Xavier Parish.

*Credit card orders can be done **online only** through the SFX website [sfxl.org](http://sfxl.org)*

**Email all Questions to:**  
[bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org](mailto:bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org)

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# ST FRANCIS XAVIER DAY SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ORDER FORM



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Large 8" x 8" \$300 each

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next installation is  
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**Large Bricks – 6 lines**

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Spaces between words count as  
characters.

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3rd line.**

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Day School



Religious Education

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St. Francis Xavier Parish or  
Credit card payment can be done  
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## AREA RESPECT LIFE

**February 19, 2020**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

### **St. Francis Xavier Unity Hall**

Pro-Life Training by Mary Kate Knorr,  
Executive Director, Illinois Right to Life  
RSVP: Mary Freeman [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org)  
or 708-352-0168.

**March 1, 2020**

**2:00-4:00 pm**

### **St. John of the Cross Parish Center**

Unplanned Film Screening  
RSVP: Kendall Grant [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)  
or 708-215-5418.

*The St. Cletus/St. John of the Cross/St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Ministry is committed to a culture of life: a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions.*

## Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

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

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

Fair Trade:

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



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

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

ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE  
**PRO-LIFE TRAINING TOUR**  
COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU.

*Featuring*  
**Mary Kate Knorr**  
Executive Director  
Illinois Right to Life

**St. Francis Xavier**  
**124 N. Spring Avenue**  
**LaGrange, IL 60525**  
**February 19, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**

For more information,  
please call 708-352-0168.



## First Look for Charity on February 7

Cruise on over to First Look for Charity, the exclusive preview night of the Chicago Auto Show, at McCormick Place in **Chicago** on Friday, February 7. Join Catholic Charities private, pre-event reception at 5:30 pm and enjoy cocktails, gourmet food, musical entertainment, private coat check, and raffle. The Auto Show floor opens from 7:00 to 11:00 pm with live entertainment, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, an all-access pass to the premier display of vehicles and a chance to win a new car.

Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities Maternity and Parenting programs and Neighbors in Need Fund. Tickets are \$275 per person. Be sure to select Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago when purchasing your ticket. The dress code is black-tie, and tuxedo attire is mandatory for men.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.catholiccharities.net/firstlook](http://www.catholiccharities.net/firstlook).





**The Well Spirituality Center  
1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park**

**Art as a Contemplative Practice** on Thursday, February 6 from 9:30 am-Noon. Using a variety of mediums, we will explore the use of art as meditation, connecting our minds, bodies, and Spirit – allowing our souls to speak as we are drawn deeper into the Core of our True Self. Cost: free for SFX, SJC parishioners.

**Evolving Spirituality in an Evolving Universe** on Wednesdays, February 19, March 18, April 15, May 20, 9:30 AM–12 noon. The scientific story of creation invites us into a deeper understanding of our faith. In this series we will unfold the teachings of Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme, whose works are foundational to the work of The Well. Cost: \$25/session.

**The Free Flow of Letting Go: Painting with Watercolors** on Saturday, February 22 from 9:00 am-3:30 pm. Watercolor painting is a truly experiential metaphor for the spiritual journey. This medium defies precise control yet yields wonderful results when we can let go. Beginners are welcome, along with those with previous experience. Cost: \$75 includes all materials and lunch.

**At-Home Directed Retreat** on Ash Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm – Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. A Lenten Retreat designed for busy people, inviting you to become the face of Love during this season of transformation. The group meets together twice, on Ash Wednesday evening to begin and for a closing session on Wednesday evening, March 11. During the two weeks in-between, commit to pray for ½ hour a day and to meet 5 times with a spiritual director (who will be assigned the first evening). Cost: Free will offering, suggested range \$100-\$125.

To register: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048.

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**6th Annual All Parish Service Day  
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if you have an outreach idea and/or are interested  
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**Spaghetti Dinner**

**Friday, February 7  
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**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...  
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### **Rectory Hours**

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

### **Sabbath Liturgy**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and  
 (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

### **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 Friday .....8:30 am  
 Saturday .....9:00 am  
**St. Cletus** (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am  
**St. John of the Cross** (Monday - Saturday).....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. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

### **Domestic Violence Resources**

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
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### **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**

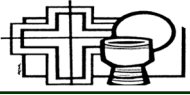
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **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.

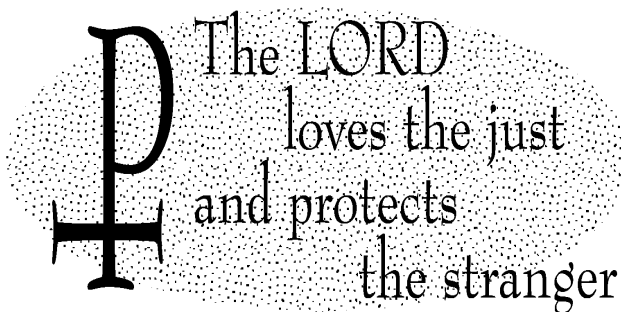
### **Parish Counselor**

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, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—February 8-9, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Cantor	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Religious Education Mass	T. Conwell C. Cooke M. Milligan M. Becker C. Witt D. Mulvenna L. Young K. Preussner Open	A. Cherry	M. Kachmarik C. Hull C. Shanley	Religious Education Mass
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	S. Lindsay J. Van Gorp M. Hermesdorf	S. Augustyn S. Hayes G. Rutkowski D. Challenger D. Walsh	K. Fron	D. Collins S. Parkes B. Gannon	J. Augustyn
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	C. Crowe A. Fix E. Fix	C. Froemel E. Froemel M. Hull A. Gargano M. Lukanich L. Krepps B. McMahan L. Nichol D. Nighswander	C. Kline	K. Grubisch D. Janiszewski E. Kostal	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Nowak J. Derus M. Atseff	A. Clark J. Clark M.P. Flaherty M. Joscelyn J. Garreau A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis	T. Pangan	E. Cushing C. Cushing T. Mulcahy	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	T. Bezouska D. Newcomb C. Anderson	N. Dekoker L. Donegan K. Borawski A. Chimento B. Edelman	L. Hoigard	A. Edwards N. Edwards D. Dudek	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens	Spirit Choir		



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### Readings For The Week of February 2, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16-5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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