

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020



*Thus says the Lord*

*Share your bread  
Shelter the oppressed  
and the homeless  
Clothe the naked*

*Then shall your  
light break forth  
like the dawn  
and your wound  
shall be healed  
quickly*



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 10 Saint Scholastica, Virgin	8:30 am	Chuck Rubin	The Rubin Family
Tuesday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Patrick Foy	Jack & Karen O'Keefe
Wednesday, February 12	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Thursday, February 13	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Jim Boardman	The Byrne Family
Friday, February 14 Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop	8:30 am	George, Jim & Roman	The Wives
Saturday, February 15	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Raymond & Marie Ann Barry	The Barry Family
Sunday, February 16	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Domicilla Sakowicz Peggy & Brian Schultz Palma Frustaci George Hyland Diane Bell Cynthia R. Byron	Fr. Bill Tkachuk The Hennebry Family Tracy Neal & Nancy Booker The Roach Family Eric & Karen Boyd Michelle Wright and Gabriella & Christopher Williams

## Please Pray For...

Jack Boyd	Bernice Niemiec
Jay Carroll	Bert Ogilvie
Chili Challender	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
Michael Janus	Donna Suchoski
Theresa Kandall	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Benny Kilman	Joseph Tarin
Jerry Kolman	Anne Titzer
Liz Kosteck	Michael Ungari
Lou Ellen Krueger	Gregory Van Gorp
Joe Montana	Marian Ward
Patrick Morgan	Liz Wilk
Mike Morrison	Malcolm Young

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:

### *Marian Lucas*

Wife of the late Paul and Mother of Stephen, Elizabeth, Rosemary, Mark, Kate, James, Timothy and Jeanne

### *Ricky Hofstetter*

Cousin of Missy Westerhoff

### *Jeanette Lewandowski*

Mother of Anette Pultorak

### *Bill Hoelle*

Cousin of Kathy Hoekstra

*You prepare a table for me, O Lord*





## Pastor's Notes

*If you remove from your midst  
false accusation and malicious speech;  
if you bestow your bread on the  
hungry and satisfy the afflicted;  
then light shall rise for you in the darkness,  
and gloom shall become for you like midday.*  
Isaiah 58:9-10

What is the type of fast the Lord desires? In responding to this question, the prophet Isaiah intimately unites religious practice and social justice. There is nothing wrong with pious practices that draw us deeper into relationship with Jesus, the Creator, or the Spirit. But such practices shed no light in our world unless that deeper relationship leads us to active care and concern for our sisters and brothers in need. This might be comfort at a moment of grieving; encouragement in a moment of despair; or presence in a period of loneliness. This could be the need for a sense of dignity, worth, or awareness of being God's beloved child. Or this may be a need for the basics of food, shelter, and protection from harm. Any might be the people in darkness to whom we are called to bring light.

Yet proclaiming the challenge of Isaiah, which is echoed today in Christ's call for us to be salt and light for others, often leads to opposition and resistance when gospel demands are perceived as political stances. Each of the two major political parties in our nation have used scripture to support a specific position, program, or outlook on society. This can lead to the cynicism of nonbelievers and dissension among or within groups of Christians. Neither the prophets nor Jesus intended their message to support specific solutions to societal problems and basic human needs. One can be

faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ and come to different conclusions as to the most effective approach to practical realities.

Jesus proclaims that *we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world*, and that *our light must shine before others*. We are called to an inner attitude that places God at the center of our lives and that views each human person, from conception to natural death, as beloved child of God with an equal right to dignity and respect. This attitude does not lead us to agree instantly on solutions to realities that bring darkness to our world by disregarding or discarding any human life. We are called to be the Body in Christ, a people of diverse gifts and perspectives, who invite Christ to bring us into communion that shines out to others in our respect for one another in our God-given diversity.

With the first primaries and caucuses, the 2020 election season has officially begun. What will we, *as a people of faith*, bring to the conversations and debates that are sure to occur within our families, our neighborhoods, and our places of work and leisure? How will *our communion in Christ* bring salt to issues that cannot be ignored or disregarded and light to that which may be covered over or hidden in darkness? How will our disagreements with one another reflect kindness, respect, and an openness to learn from one another *how God is calling us* to act for the common good?

*Will we choose to be light?*

**Winter Peace,**

*J. Bill*



### **St. Francis Xavier Winter Drive Exceeds Expectations!**

Last night exceeded expectations of our 24 donation goal by collecting 31 blood products and will extend the lives of up to 93 area patients once separated by platelets, plasma and red cells.

**Thank you!**

### **Catholic Campaign For Human Development Thank You!**



Thank you for your generous contribution of \$11,963 to the 2019 collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

In 2019-2020 CCHD invested in 27 local organizations through economic and community development grants that totaled nearly \$900,000. Your parish's contribution made a direct impact on low-income leaders of all ages who are sowing seeds of hope.

Again, we thank you for your faithful support of CCHD.

Peace,  
Liz Young, CCHD Diocesan Director

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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

**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**



**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**  
*Come, follow me...and heal our world.”*

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the beneficiaries of the Annual Catholic Appeal (on the opposite page). The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged campaign commitment in which you can make a gift payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me...and heal the world."

This year's goal for SFX is \$128,969. This amount is a 1% increase over last year's goal, based on our annual parish income. The Archdiocese has reduced the percentage for parishes with average household income less than \$40,000, and increased others to offset this. Approximately 90% of any amount contributed above our goal, will come back to the parish as a rebate. For the 2019 Appeal, we received about \$14,000 which has been set aside for roofing and tuck pointing projects.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. We will conduct the annual in-pew pledge process for all parishioners at all Masses next weekend.

**2019 Contribution Statements**

A listing of your 2019 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk was emailed to all parishioners on 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

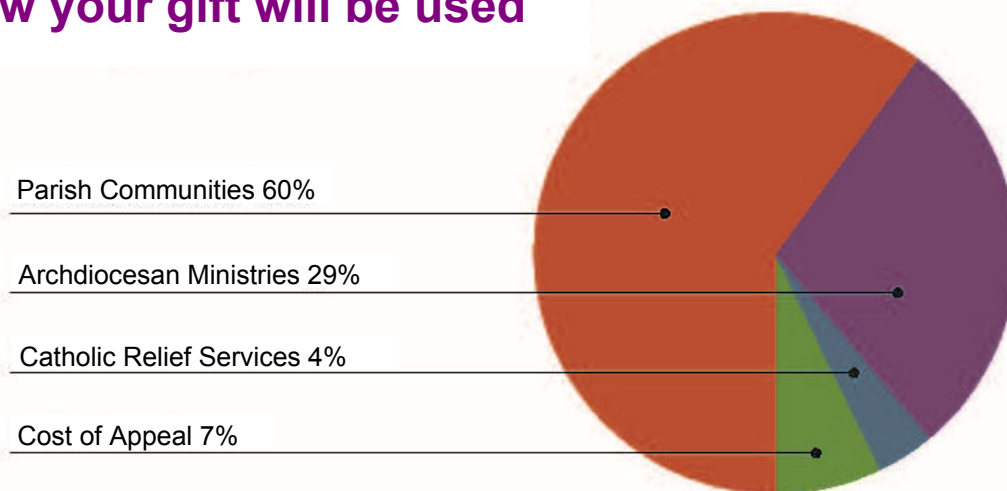
## Catholic Relief Services (4%)

- Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world

## Cost of the Appeal (7%)

- Printing, postage, processing

## How your gift will be used



## 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).

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

### 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 THIS SUNDAY, 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!

### 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).

### 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.

## 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).

## Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

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

**Grade 7 Reconciliation**  
February 23 & March 11 During Class

**Class Dates**  
**Sunday, February 9** Class (no 7th Grade)  
**Wednesday, February 12** Class  
 ALL 7th Grade Teaching Mass (4:00 Only)  
**Sunday, February 16** No Class  
**Wednesday, February 19** No Class  
**Sunday, February 23** Class  
**Wednesday, February 26** Class  
 Ash Wednesday  
 4:15 Service Church

## 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 and March 14.

Here is the schedule when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated: February 8 and 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.



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).



*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



## FUNDRAISER NIGHT.

Eat well and do good—that's the basic recipe with Noodles Fundraising. Join us for the flavors you love while we help our community.



MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020  
4pm-8pm

LA GRANGE  
1 E BURLINGTON AVE  
LaGrange, IL 60525

**25%**

of sales will benefit  
St. Francis Xavier  
School

Only In-restaurant sales will benefit this organization. Guests must mention the organization or show the flyer when ordering.



## Taizé Prayer

Prayer Service  
for Peace,  
Reconciliation,  
and Unity

Wednesday  
February 12, 2020  
1:00pm

Congregation of St. Joseph  
Alexine Chapel  
1515 W. Ogden Avenue  
La Grange Park

All are invited  
to this ecumenical  
prayer service.



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



## George Rotter

Presents  
Investing for Seniors  
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

*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)

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

Men's Choir rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, February 18th!** 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 give it a try.



This choir will meet for an 8 week rehearsal block starting on **Tuesday, February 18th from 8:30 to 9:30 pm** in the church and will continue through Tuesday, April 7th in preparation for the 7:00 pm *Lord's Passion* on **Good Friday, April 10th** 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](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org)  
708 352-0168





## 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**

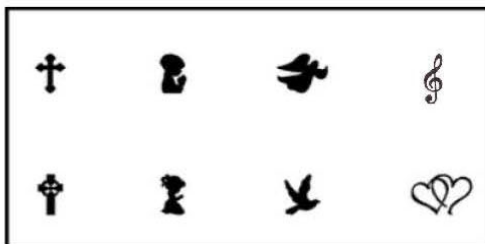
**Each line has 13 characters**

**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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**For Large Bricks**

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## ST FRANCIS XAVIER DAY SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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**

**Small Bricks – 3 lines**

**Large Bricks – 6 lines**

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

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consecutive spaces on 3 lines for  
large brick.**



*Day School*



*Religious Education*

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Please return this form to the Rectory.  
You can pay by check payable to:  
St. Francis Xavier Parish or  
*Credit card payment can be done  
**online only by [clicking here.](#)**  
Email all Questions to:  
[bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org](mailto:bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org)*

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

**Evolving Spirituality in an Evolving Universe** on Wednesdays, February 19, March 18, April 15, May 20 from 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.



## 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.

## Interfaith Career Network

### Winning the Interview Tools and Strategies for Your Success

Your great resume, active networking and positive persistence earned you a fantastic interview opportunity. BE READY!

Join us in supercharging your interviewing skills with tools, resources and strategies that will make "selling yourself" easy, natural and maybe even fun! Your ability to identify and articulate your strengths and achievements is mission critical in helping your next employer feel GREAT about bringing you on board. Join us on Thursday, February 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm when Certified Advanced Career Coach, Jody Eriksen, will dive into simple and effective tools and strategies for every level of skill. We hope to see you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. There is no cost to attend this meeting and everyone is welcome.

### Career Resource Center

The ICN Career Center is open on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm. It is volunteer staffed to help job seekers with internet usage, resume/cover letter preparation, LinkedIn and other electronic job search skills. These services are available at no cost and no appointment is needed. Just ring the Office door bell at First Baptist Church of LaGrange, 20 North Ashland Avenue and let us help you.

ICN offers free job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

## 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](mailto:tizianalambert@gmail.com).

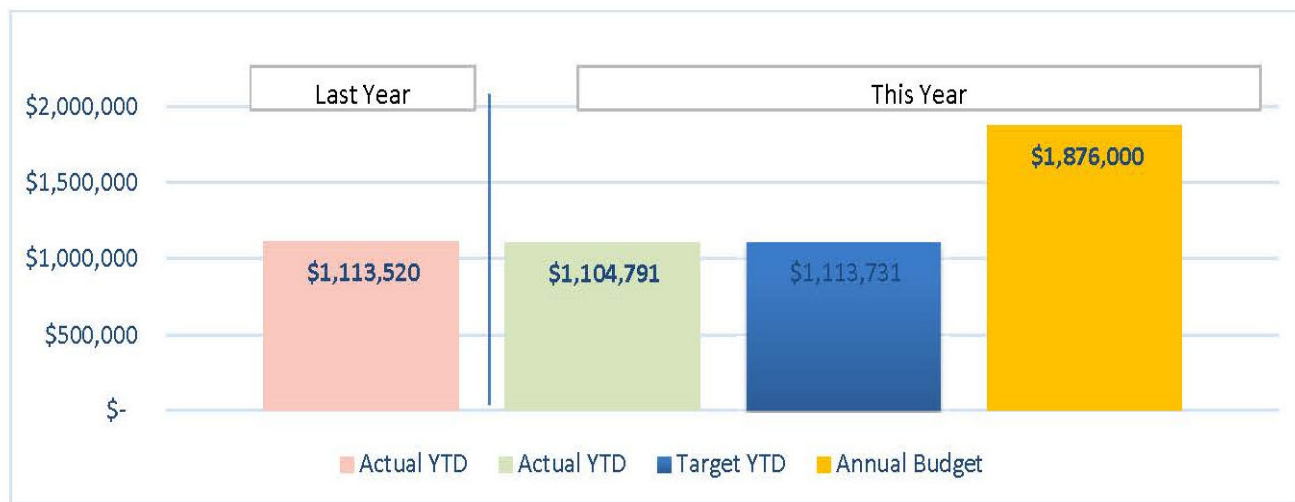
## SFX Men's Club

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

Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or  
Joseph Enright at [joseph\\_owen@hotmail.com](mailto:joseph_owen@hotmail.com).



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT**  
**AS OF JANUARY 31, 2020**



	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	+	<i>Other Offertory*</i>	=	<i>January Totals</i>
<b>Sunday Offertory</b>							
January 2020	\$ 65,805		\$ 49,203		\$ 19,572		\$ 134,580
January 2019	\$ 66,856		\$ 51,992		\$ 37,794		\$ 156,642

\* Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions, and other miscellaneous gifts

We have seen an abundance of stewardship in the past few months here at SFX. About 100 parishioners responded by turning in the Stewardship Intention Form, volunteering for ministries who are seeking additional **talent** to support SFX liturgies, outreach, and planning. About 120 parishioners increased their **donations** in response to Fr. Bill and the Finance Council’s request for a 2% increase in offertory. Our Advent and Christmas liturgies, as well as the return of the Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast and the new Santa’s Workshop in December, brought the community together as we spent **time** with God and with each other.

I truly appreciate your interest in this column. God bless you for your engagement in the parish, and your understanding that parish finances are a critical component of stewardship here. May we all continue to *Share with Love*, as we build the Kingdom of God on Earth!

Jennifer Zeisloft, Business Manager

P.S. Stay tuned for an email that will go out shortly about our mid-term financial position.



Friday  
March 6, 2020

**100 Years:  
One Woman's  
Fight for Justice**

What one person can do to  
correct injustice in how tribal  
lands are managed

Grace Lutheran Church  
200 N. Catherine, La Grange

Friday  
April 3, 2020

**Teach Us All**

How where you live affects  
what you learn

Sisters of St. Joseph  
1515 W Ogden,  
La Grange Park  
(Ogden entrance)

Friday  
May 1, 2020

**The Mask You  
Live In**

How can we raise a healthier  
generation of boys and  
young men?

First Congregational Church  
100 6<sup>th</sup> Ave La Grange

...Or watch the movie  
online and come to  
Meaningful Conversations  
March 10, April 14, May 12  
7 pm and join discussion at  
Emmanuel Episcopal  
Church (La Grange)

EXPANDING OUR  
CIRCLE

ENRICHING OUR  
LIVES

FILM/DISCUSSION  
SERIES

Doors open at 6:00; film starts promptly at 6:30p

RSVP with dates you can attend to  
[lagrangediversity@gmail.com](mailto:lagrangediversity@gmail.com)

Expand your circle and help us build community!

For more information, see  
[www.communitydiversity.org/movieseries/](http://www.communitydiversity.org/movieseries/)  
or email [lagrangediversity@gmail.com](mailto:lagrangediversity@gmail.com)

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of La Grange, Indivisible of La Grange/La Grange Park,  
La Grange Area Ministerium, School District 102 (Park  
Junior High and grade schools), School District 204  
(Lyons Township High School), The Leadership,  
The League of Women Voters La Grange Area and  
other community partners

## SAVE THE DATE

**6th Annual All Parish Service Day June 6, 2020!**

Please contact Mary Freeman  
mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168  
if you have an outreach idea and/or  
are interested in being a team leader.

## SpeakOut Illinois Conference

*End the Injustice* is the theme of the **2020 SpeakOut Illinois Conference** on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, at Drury Lane Oakbrook, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. The SpeakOut committee is comprised of dozens of pro-life and pro-family organizations who, once a year, present a lovely breakfast with outstanding speakers and display tables where you can learn more about the good work that each organization specializes in.

**Mary-Louise Hengesbaugh** will be the featured speaker. She was the Respect Life Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and is the Chair of *Illinois Citizens for Ethic Political Action Committee (ICE-PAC)*. She also organized *Girls Health First* in response to the extreme 2019 abortion law in Illinois. As Miss Wisconsin she spoke to over 180,000 teens and young adults in 23 states on abstinence before marriage, and is the author of **Standing With Courage**. You will learn how to fight for your values in a state that is deeply divided on issues regarding life.

Pastor Ceasar Leflore will receive the Henry Hyde Award in recognition of his years of pro-life work. To register go to [www.speakoutillinois.org](http://www.speakoutillinois.org) or call Ann at 773-777-2900. Tickets are \$65 before February 17 and \$30 for Clergy and Students. Display area opens at 8:00 am with a full breakfast and talks beginning at 9:00 am. You won't want to miss it!



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Mary Kate Knorr, Executive Director, Illinois Right to Life, will provide attendees with a thorough knowledge of

- pro-life values,
- the science and the facts behind them,
- the current state of the pro-life movement, and
- refutations to common pro-abortion arguments.

Parental guidance is recommended for anyone under 18 years old.

RSVP: Mary Freeman [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org)  
or 708-352-0168.

## SAVE THE DATE

**March 1, 2020**

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

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

Movie Screening: Unplanned

RSVP: Kendall Grant [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)  
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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**

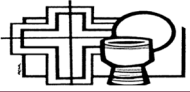
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **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.



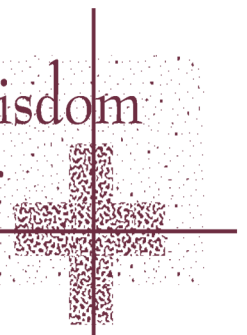
## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—February 15-16, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Cantor	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	L. Whelton M. Bruni K. Murphy	L. Bannach K. Corrigan S. Devitt K. Kanzer K. Preussner D. Mulvenna M. Milligan D. Dunlap Open	P. Mirocha	M. Kachmarik M. Mullen B. Griffin	S. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Barrett	G. Schuler T. Marthaler M. Kalkowski	M. Hermesdorf P. Olson N. Kalkowski K. McInerney G. Rutkowski	L. DiGianfilippo	E. Geraghty B. Stetz M. Kudlacz	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Schaeffer B. Olson E. Newman	R. Barker J. Cogelja M. Branecki V. Bracht B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali G. Prendergast D. Sherman	A. Rago	Q. Filbin M. Doyle J. Nisivaco	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Barrett	C. Dillon T. Hill S. Lastres	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings J. Nowak P. O'Malley L. Ovník B. Sorice Open	B. Mayo	E. Siffermann R. Nowak M. Kanzer	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	B. Hemminger L. Freda L. Freda	K. Borawski A. Chimento N. Dekoker Open Open	J. Pfluger	M. Merchant D. Quinlan J. O'Halloran	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens	Spirit Choir		

### Readings For The Week of February 9, 2020

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16  
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/  
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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