

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018



*May we fulfill  
our promises to  
God as we go  
now in peace to  
love and serve  
the Lord.  
Amen.*

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## Liturgy Planning Team #3

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## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 12	7:45 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Bill Riordan	The Schrack Family Steve
	9:00 am	George Scanlon	Anne Scanlon
Tuesday, February 13	7:45 am	Arthur McGivern	The Carroll Family
	9:00 am	Mary Westrick Carl Zoppa	Dolores Lewis Dr. Joel & Francine Richman
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday	7:45 am	Raymond Barry	The Barry Family
	9:00 am	George, Jim, Rich & Roman James Elwood	The Wives Mary Tio
	12:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass	
Thursday, February 15	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Mary Kay Gibbons	The McCarthy & Edwards Families
Friday, February 16	7:45 am	Frances Pearson	The Torrisi Family
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, February 17	9:00 am	Paul Lucas Kenton Bobb	Marian Lucas Mike Vladovic
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

## Please Pray For...

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

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:

**Frances Andreoni**  
Mother of Jim Andreoni

**Sr. Roseann Eck**

**Nancy Drwila**  
Mother of Susan, Theresa & Jane

## 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.

## Pastor's Notes

*"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Paul guides us into a new season of Lent. He urges us to let go of the temptation to "suffer" through Lent by "giving up" something as a means of personal achievement, spiritual competition, or "winning" God's favor. Lent is a time to immerse ourselves in the loving mercy of God. "Giving up" something serves no spiritual purpose unless it somehow draws us into God's mercy and helps us to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and through his Passion and Death to Resurrection.

How do you plan to be with the Lord this Lent? How will you support that desire each day? Perhaps you will set aside some extra quiet time each day to be with the Lord or reflect on the scriptures of the following Sunday. Perhaps you will take home a "Little Black Book" to guide your thoughts and actions each day. Maybe the Lord is urging you to gather with other parishioners in one of the small faith groups that will meet on the parish campus or in the home of a parishioner. It could be that you are being invited to set aside a bit of your "treasure" each day for the sake of someone in need. Rather than just doing "your Lent thing," allow the Lord to speak to your heart and challenge you to go beyond doing your "Lent thing" so that you can be with Jesus in a new way. This Wednesday through Saturday offer us four days to "try things out" before we begin the 40 days on Sunday.

Last weekend, hundreds of adult volunteers gathered to be thanked for their generosity. They represented so many more who offer their time and talent to reach out in loving service to the parish, the local community, and the world. I challenged those gathered to invite others into parish ministry and leadership, especially our younger generations, so that there will always be some new faces at the tables each year. The vibrancy of parish life flows from how well we open the doors of our buildings, our ministries and organizations, and our leadership to new faces, new ideas, and new energy.

**Thank you** to all who are choosing to pledge to this year's *Annual Catholic Appeal*. I appreciate your patience last weekend at Mass, as I led us through the annual pledge process. If you have not yet pledged, you can obtain a pledge envelope in the pews or in the parish office and place it in the Sunday collection or return it to the office.

Happy Fat Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*) and Throwing Away the Meat Day (*Carnevale*). May the glory of God inspire both the joyous celebrations and the prayerful journey of this week. A blessed entry into the Lenten Journey!

*Peace,*

*F. Bill*

## Scripture Reflection

It's the flu season and we have been hit with a very serious and in many cases a tragic flu. We are encouraged to not be offended if someone does not want to hold your hand during the Our Father or shake your hand at the Sign of Peace. We are asked to not receive the host on our tongue and to refrain from receiving Communion from the cup if we are coughing or sneezing. We hear on the news that doctors are encouraging that sick family members stay in one room...ALONE... and to even have meal trays placed at the door leaving that family member to eat alone. Although this is only a temporary sense of ISOLATION, it definitely does not feel good at all. We feel alone and maybe even a bit scared. But it's temporary!

Today's first reading and gospel speak to us of people of leprosy. Leprosy was not temporary. You were isolated from others AND if you did come close to another person you needed to shout, UNCLEAN, UNCLEAN, so that people would keep away.

Jesus was moved with pity when a person of leprosy begged Jesus to be made clean. As Jesus reached out with a simple and gentle touch, the person of leprosy was immediately cured. Jesus asked that nothing be said about the cure but only to go to the high priest with the prescribed offering for proof of the cure.

Well, as much as I would think that doing what Jesus asked would be done without question, the great gift of finally being cured sends the healed person out letting everyone know of this great blessing. Pretty much the same way we would react, wouldn't you agree, when we are overcome with great joy! We shout the good news out to everyone!

These readings are a great lead to the season of Lent. Lent is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on how we live out of the God given gifts that we have and how we share those gifts with others. Therefore, Lent gives us the opportunity to be more attentive to those who may feel isolated due to an illness that may keep them homebound; to those who are homeless and need a smile to get them thru the day; to the elderly who wait for a kind word of friendship; to those who need a hand to get them and their family thru the week with food for nourishment, and many more opportunities which only each and every one of us can name for ourselves.

Lent is an opportunity for us to reach out and spend some time alone in prayer and/or with others while praying thru the Little Black Books as we recognize all the ways we have been blessed; to journey with Solidarity Bridge thru weekly reflections and grow in the conviction that we are one human family. Lent is an opportunity for the men of our parish to say YES to the call of getting ready to lead us in pray thru song at the Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

Lent gives us the opportunity to be reminded of God's great love for us. Lent is an opportunity for us to not journey thru life alone or to feel isolated from others while on the journey. Lent gives us the opportunity to shout out for all to hear that God loves us no matter what! Are we ready to meet the challenges of this opportunity?

*Jeri Simonis*

## Ash Wednesday Schedule Mass & Distribution of Ashes:



7:45 am

9:00 am

7:00 pm

## Short Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes:

12:15 pm

## Lent 2017 Catholic Lenten Practices

### Fasting and Abstinence

All Catholics 14 years of age and older follow the discipline of abstinence from all meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent, including Good Friday.

All Catholics 18 years of age, but not yet 59 years of age, follow the discipline of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We eat only one full meal on a Fast Day and other smaller meals necessary to maintain strength and health.

### Almsgiving

This traditional Lenten practice is associated with Fast and Abstinence. Money saved as a result of eating less or from “giving up” is given as alms to others who are hungry. CRS Rice Bowl or the St. Vincent de Paul Society are suggested charities for Lenten alms.

### Prayer

During Lent all are called to renewal of our relationship with God through personal prayer. The community has opportunities for Lenten prayer as well:

### Stations of the Cross

will be prayed at 8:20 am on Fridays

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Lenten Season of Repentance and Renewal is the most appropriate time for Catholics to confess sin and celebrate absolution.

### Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 19 at 7:00 pm

### Individual Private Confession

Saturday morning—9:30 am

Saturday evening—4:15 pm

Private Prayer in church each day.

## Scripture Reflection for Ash Wednesday

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Gertrude Nalumansi and George Rutkowski

Lent is here! Wasn't it just Christmas? Ash Wednesday kicks off the period of the annual reflection of our heart. This is what Ash Wednesday and Lent is all about. What is the state of your heart? What has taken up residence there? Are there habits and ways of being that you are so invested in that it has become difficult to discern new directions in which God might be inviting you to move? What are the most basic and crucial things in your life, and how might God be challenging you to give your attention to them? We are challenged this Lent, to examine our heart, reflect upon where we've been, and talk to God about where we are going. The best way our heart truly can be opened to Christ is through regular prayer, fasting, and charity to others. Lent is the time to turn it up.

## It's Flu and Cold Season!

As a reminder during cold and flu season, please remember to protect your health and that of others. Recommended steps include:

- \* If you have a serious cold or the flu, please stay home on Sunday. You are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass if you are sick.
- \* Be aware that others might not want to shake hands during the Sign of Peace or hold hands during the Our Father. They might be protecting YOU. Please don't attempt to force others to shake or hold hands against their will.
- \* If you are not feeling up to par, but you are not sick enough to stay home, or if you are coughing or sneezing: please receive the Host in your hand, not on your tongue; refrain from receiving Communion from the cup; do not hold hands during the Our Father; do not shake hands or hug other people at the Sign of Peace – a smile and nod of the head with the words, “The Peace of the Lord be with you” will suffice. Although there is no evidence that germs are transmitted in this way, your fellow communicants might be reluctant to receive.

We show concern for our brothers and sisters in the community, especially the elderly and chronically ill, when we follow these simple guidelines to ensure a healthier winter for us all!

**Your  
Parish  
Finances  
as of  
February 4, 2018**



Prior Month's Offerings:	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	=	<i>January Total</i>
January 2018	\$ 54,103		\$ 76,532		\$ 130,635
January 2017	\$ 42,548		\$ 87,642		\$ 130,190

**God bless you for your generosity to St. Francis Xavier Parish!**

**2018 Annual Catholic Appeal  
"Come, Follow Me"**

God bless you for your generous response last week during our in-pew Commitment Weekend. This weekend is our follow-up for the Annual Catholic Appeal for those who did not have the chance to pledge last weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign in which you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, "**Come, Follow Me**" was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus' call to follow Him in thought, word, and deed; one way of doing so is to provide the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services that share God's love with others in our parish and our Archdiocese. After our parish goal of \$110,044 has been received, 100% of all additional funds are given to our parish to help to fund our needs. In the past year, we used these funds to cover capital improvements at the parish, including tuck pointing and roof work on our Education Building.

*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.

Thank you again for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



# 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](mailto:jcourier@sfxlg.org) for more information or to be placed on the distribution list for applications.

## Welcome Wednesdays at St. Francis Xavier School



We would like to invite you to attend our 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.

Open Enrollment began in mid-November.

Our early education classes reach capacity very quickly.

Contact Jennifer Courier [jcourier@sfxlg.org](mailto:jcourier@sfxlg.org) to be placed  
on distribution list for the application paperwork.



## Fundraiser For Local Students Who Have Lost A Parent Saturday, February 24

The Legacy Guild, a local nonprofit that provides college scholarships for area students who have lost a parent, hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, February 24, at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn. The Big Spring Event 2018 is a rockin' evening featuring *Mike & Joe*, the Midwest's most renowned cover band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from LaGrange. The Legacy Guild has provided \$478,500 in college scholarships since its inception in 2012. Current Legacy Guild Scholars receive a \$2,500 scholarship renewable for up to four years of college.

**Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at [www.TheLegacyGuild.com](http://www.TheLegacyGuild.com).** Contact Tom Cushing at 312-972-8583 with any questions.



## 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!

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

YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION 2018

*Blessed, Broken, and Shared*



### Summer 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](http://www.sfxlg.org) or contact Olivia Hollman at [ohollman@sfxlg.org](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338.

### SOUP-er Bowl of Caring

Thank you to all who generously donated to the SOUP-er Bowl of Caring. Together we raised over \$3,100!



### February Cancellations

There will be NO Speaker Event on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](http://www.sfxlg.org) then click on the "Youth Ministry" tab. There you will find a "Church League" section. Click on the "Men" tab.

Registration for the 2018 Girls Church League season will be available soon on the Youth Ministry website and in the rectory. Stay tuned!



### 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*

## Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Sunday, February 11	Class
Wednesday, February 14	Class
	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, February 18	No Class
Wednesday, February 21	No Class
Sunday, February 25	Class
Wednesday, February 28	Class

## Important Dates

### Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, February 25 at 1:30 pm

### Eucharistic Liturgy

Grade 6 Sunday, February 11 at Noon Mass

### Reconciliation During Class Time in Chapel

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 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):

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

# *Small Faith Groups – Lent 2018*

You are cordially invited to join a Small Faith Group. Please register here, at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) or by contacting Mary Sue McDonald ([marysuecdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:marysuecdonal@yahoo.com) or 708-409-9595). As groups fill, participants will receive confirmation and details.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grp #	Day/Time	Leader	Location	Dates
1	Sunday, 7:15 pm All Welcome	Rick & Donna Olund	Unity Hall	Feb. 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
2	Monday, 7 pm All Welcome	Maureen & Bill Windmoeller	God's Garage	Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26
3	Tuesday, 1:00 pm All Welcome	Mary Sue & Scott McDonald	McDonald home in Westchester	Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
4	Tuesday, 7:30 pm Women's Group	Joan Stopka	Unity Hall (except 2/20- M. Freeman's Office)	Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
5	Tuesday, 8:30 pm All Welcome	Mary Beth Niziol	Church sacristy	Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
6	Wed, 9:30-10:30 am All Welcome	Shared Leadership	Unity Hall	Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21
7	Wed. 1:00 pm (except 2/14, noon) Women's Group	Martie Lukanich	Courtyard Room	Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21
8	Wednesday, 7 pm All Welcome	Julie Hoover & Tim Hejna	God's Garage	Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21
9	Thursday, 6:15-7:15 pm All Welcome	Barb Kalnes & Kate DeVries	Unity Hall	Feb. 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22
10	Moms/Dads & TOTS	Catherine Hernandez	TBA	TBA
11	Young Adult Group (20s & 30s)	Kate DeVries	TBA	TBA
12	Newly Married Couples 3 or fewer years	Janet Garreau	TBA	TBA

## Commission/Parish Leader Meeting



**New Date**  
**Monday, February 19**  
**7:30—9:00 PM**  
**Unity Hall**

On **Monday, February 19, from 7:30 until 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](mailto:curt.aronson@us.lisega.com) or 708-588-0668.*

## 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.



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](http://www.sfxlg.org) (and click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate DeVries at [kdevries@sfxlg.org](mailto:kdevries@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



**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.

**Crispina and Her Sisters: Women and Authority in Early Christianity~Saturday,** March 3 from 9:30 am-Noon. Join author Christine Schenk, CSJ as she takes us on a journey through women's history in the first four centuries of Christianity. Exploring visual imagery found in tombs of prominent early Christian women, a fascinating picture of women's authority in the early church emerges. Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parish SFX.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. To register: 708-482-5048 or [thewell@csjoseph.org](mailto:thewell@csjoseph.org); [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org).

## **Interfaith Career Network**

### **Career Transition Workshop Week 4**

ICN invites you to join us on Tuesday, February 13 from 7:00-9:00 pm for the fourth of a 5-week workshop that will help you learn new skills and gain confidence. Co-facilitator, Jim Peterson, will discuss the fundamentals of networking and provide an overview of job search tips for people over 50. Time will also be provided to practice your Elevator Speech. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. Hope to see 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](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

### **LinkedIn for Beginners New Ideas for Everyone**

Your LinkedIn profile is the second most important job hunting tool, next to your resume. On Thursday, February 15 from 7:00-9:00 pm our speaker, Denis Curtin, will focus on different ways to use this free tool to improve your job search. Denis will present methods you can apply to attract internal and external recruiters to your LinkedIn profile. His program will be geared toward beginners new to LinkedIn, but everyone will learn some new ideas. Specific Do's and Don'ts will be discussed so you can quickly set up and improve your LinkedIn profile. Techniques to hold the recruiter's attention on your profile will also be discussed. Denis is a LinkedIn trainer and coach who for more than 15 years has helped job seekers. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no charge to attend. Please join us in the new St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

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

**Please join us for**

## **An Evening of Reflection with Sr Kathy Sherman CSJ**

an accomplished songwriter, performer and speaker,  
for parishioners and family of St Francis Xavier.

**Sponsored by LaGrange Knights of Columbus**

**Wednesday February 21 at 7:30 pm in Joyce Hall**

Free event. Free-will donations for Congregation of St Joseph accepted.

Light refreshments and sweets following Sr Kathy's presentation.



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## 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).

## Save the Date

Please save the date for the next two Senior Women's Group events. The first will be held on Wednesday, March 7 and the second event will be a luncheon on Wednesday, May 2.

Watch the bulletin for further information.

*The St. Francis Xavier Catholic Women's Club would like to thank the following local businesses and individuals that were Raffle Prize Donors for the annual Pre-Lenten Luncheon*

Advocare and Cross Fit	Fireside	LuluDX Jewelry
Alixandra Collections	Flying High Sports & Rec Center	Luxe   Honor
Amy Bloedorn	Hillgrove Tap	Mahoney Interiors
Anne Hodge, @properties	The Hogerty Family	Mathnasium
Aurelio's Pizza	Impact Dance Studio	My Sister Kate
Barrel House Social	India Hicks	Nicksons Eatery
Beauty Counter	Jack & Jill	Olivaceto
Beyond the Box Nutrition	Jane Dilworth & Associates	Orangetheory Fitness
Bloom 3	JAYNE Boutique	Primal Oceans Salt Cave
Blueberry Hill	Jennifer Graham	Q BBQ
Buckle Down Brewing	Kanda Photography	Red Mango
Club Pilates	Keenan Homes	Right Fit-Sport Fitness Wellness
Core Power La Grange	Kendra Scott Jewelry	Rodan + Fields
Corvus Design Group	Kwak Brothers Painting, Inc.	Salerno's
CycleBar Burr Ridge	Laura and Brent Duelm	Shred415
The Dailey Method La Grange	Lauren Enright Photography	TSG Designs
Davanti Enoteca	Learning Express	Vie
The Dinner Club	Lillett Candies Gourmet Chocolate Shop	Vino e Birra
EDIT + enhance	The Local Workout	Vintage Charm Boutique
Enhance Fitness Studio	Lucca's Restaurant	The Waight Family
Erin Mogensen		Whisper Me Home
		The Wicklander Family



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

Men's Choir rehearsals began 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 which started 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](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org)  
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## SFX Men's Club

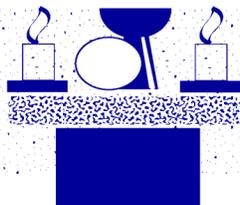
All men of the parish are welcome.  
For further information, please contact:

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

## 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](mailto:d2rsherman@aol.com) or George at [grutkowski@aol.com](mailto:grutkowski@aol.com).



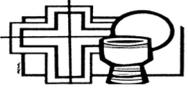
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- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
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son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
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- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
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- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
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- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz

**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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—February 17-18, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	G. Weismantel J. Kelly L. Lach	L. Bannach K. Corrigan F. Kudia M. Milligan D. Mulvenna K. Preussner A. Saladino P. Saladino C. Witt	T. Kelly A. McCarty P. Adams	K. Kelly	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. VanGorp R. Hillsman G. Rutkowski	N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch R. Nutt P. Olson	E. Newman R. Newman C. Stetz	B. Kalnes	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	G. Prendergast M. McFadden P. Zadeik	J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel A. Gargano L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon D. Nighswander E. Olsen	H. Labrador B. McGovern TBA	L. Hoigard	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Eraci A. Dougherty M. Atseff	L. Egan J. Garreau M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník	H. Lisek B. Culin K. Smith	B. Kalnes	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Dillon J. Clark T. Bezouska	A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann A. Gatsos M.K. Pasin	A. Sullivan A. Dillon T. Dudek	J. Petkus	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	S. Carr M. Kelly	G. Dimalig B. Dimalig N. Bandyk T. Weyer D. Kilrea		Spirit Choir	

### Readings For The Week of February 11, 2018

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
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Pastoral Associate  
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Weekend Sacramental Ministers

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### Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-8:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:00 am-2:00 pm

### Sabbath Liturgy

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

Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass  
Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the  
tabernacle prayer area.

### Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday .....7:45 and 9:00 am  
Thursday.....9:00 am  
Friday.....7:45 am  
Saturday.....9:00 am

### Word Communion Services

Thursday.....7:45 am  
Friday.....9:00 am

### Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the  
Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on  
a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous  
Thursday. All articles must be emailed to the  
bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

### Domestic Violence Resources

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

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to  
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### 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  
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