

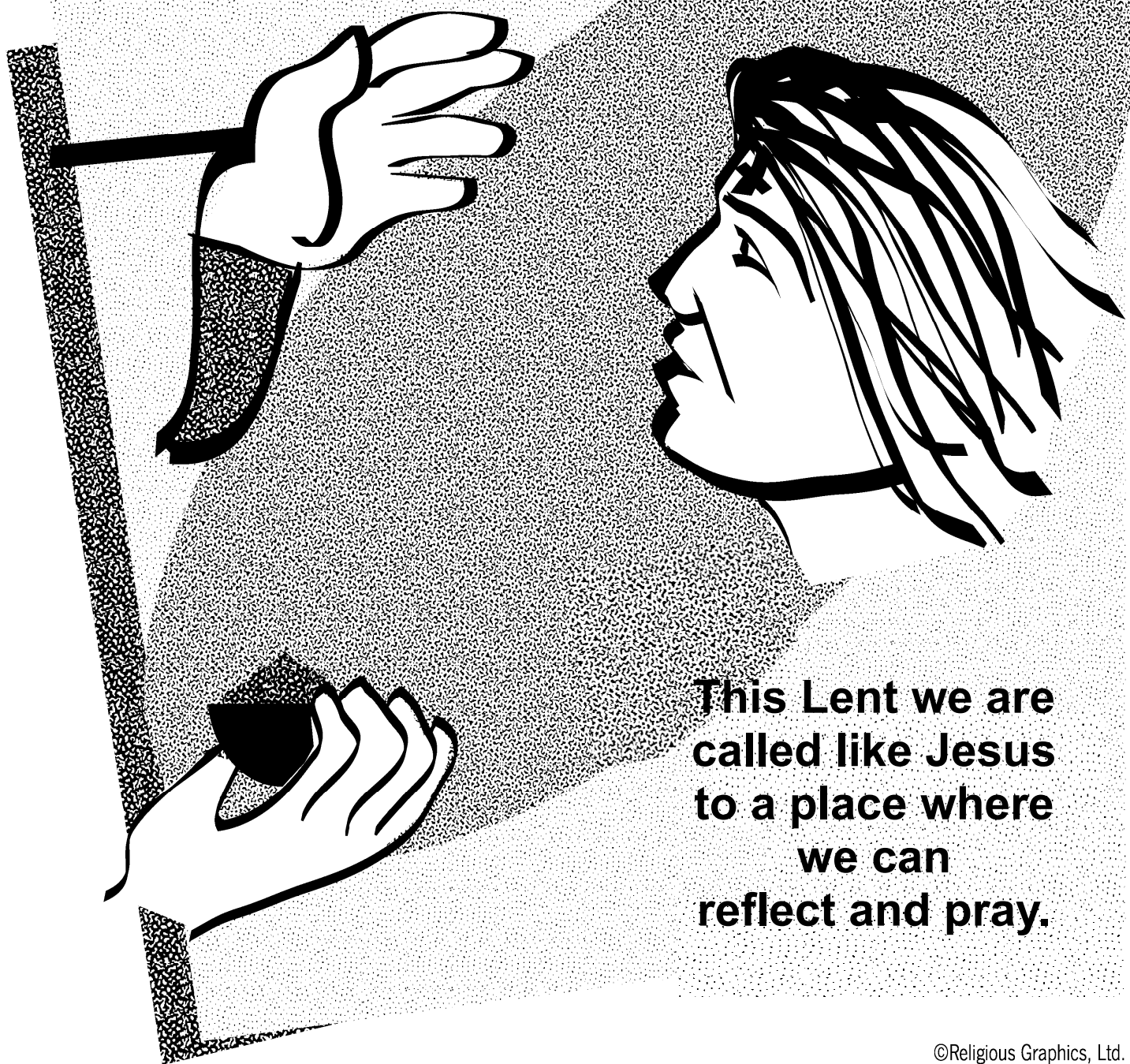
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018



Marked with the SIGN of REPENTANCE



**This Lent we are
called like Jesus
to a place where
we can
reflect and pray.**

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Liturgy Planning Team #4

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Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 19 President's Day	9:00 am	Bill Riordan Rosemary Sherman	Steve John & Marilyn Lux
Tuesday, February 20	7:45 am 9:00 am	Frances Pearson Joseph Riotto	The Phelan Family Marilyn Ferber
Wednesday, February 21 Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Doug Peterson	The Schrack Family Pam Oplawski
Thursday, February 22 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Elizabeth Nigida Patricia Jaslowski	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn The Krol Family
Friday, February 23 Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	7:45 am 9:00 am	Brooks Tonn Word & Communion Service	The McLaughlin & Roach Families
Saturday, February 24	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm	Michael Bannach Estelle Mica Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation	The Bannach Family Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Javorski

Please Pray For...

Vince Anzalone	Virginia Kottaridis
Tony Banda	Ayanna Kucera
Keeley Barr	Judy Magielski
Marie Ann Barry	Molly Anne McKenna
Barbara Bier	Emmett Miller
George Braasch	Mike Morrison
Larry Byrne	Fr. Jim O'Connor
Louis Darovic	Jane O'Reilly
Diane Discipio	Ryan Patyk
Blake Donegan	Donna Pekarek
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Carissa Pessetti
Pat Eaton	Nancy Phillip
William Egbert	James Pridmore
Bill Elliott	Baby Madison Raupp
Lily Fielding	Anna Rose
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Marilyn Rutkowski
Lilli Gregory	Matthew Schiek
Wilson Gregory	Carol Smolen
Frank Grippo	Baby Greyson Stanley
Jim Harris	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Patricia Hassler	Sharon 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

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

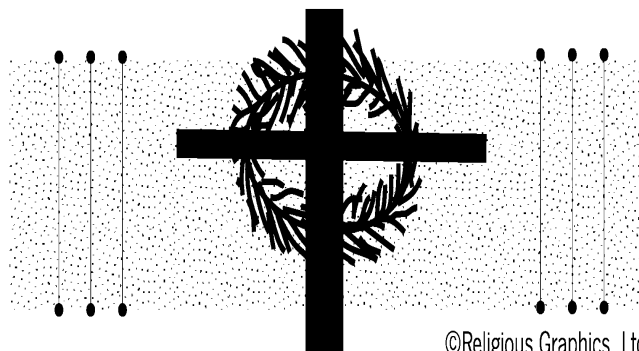


Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died,
as well as their families.

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

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert."

Mark 1:12

There are many ways to enter the desert. Mark tells us that Jesus was *driven* by the Spirit, impelled by a force he could not resist. Last week Jesus was forced into the "outskirts" by those wanting something from him. Circumstances beyond our control, or forces that overwhelm us, can drive us into a "desert space." We feel isolated and alone; that we lack the support of others, or emotional and spiritual nourishment; we are unable to set our own course, or know not the direction in which our lives are headed.

There is another way to enter the desert; not driven, but *invited* by the Spirit. We can choose to enter the desert in search of solitude: not isolation, but rather a sense of peace in being with ourselves and God. We can choose to enter the desert to deepen our relationship with God and find that nourishment for our spirit that only God can provide. We can choose to enter the desert with a desire to surrender the direction of our lives to God; to allow God to redirect our steps onto a more authentic path.

How do you enter the desert this Lent? Perhaps, like Jesus, you are being driven into the desert by illness, loss, a broken relationship, a lost hope, an addiction in your life or in the life of someone close to you, or by some

other force or circumstance beyond your control. Will you allow Jesus to accompany you in your desert? Will you accept the companionship of one who experienced this desert in his own life and who wants to walk with you as he walked with the distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus? Will you trust that God can bring new life into the heart of your "desert" as we journey through these forty days?

Perhaps you are invited to enter the desert by choice. Perhaps this is the desert you encounter when you set aside extra time for prayer, and, there, encounter emptiness, anxiety, or yearning as you wait to feel God's presence. Or maybe it is the desert you encounter in your hunger or thirst after a time of fasting from some of the clutter that too often fills your body, mind or spirit, and, there, must be trust that God will provide all that you need. Perhaps it is the desert of surrender to God's will, even if choosing to do so will lead to significant changes in your way of life.

The desert lies before us for the next forty days until Holy Thursday, whether driven or invited by the Spirit. Journey well.

Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflection

Reflection for the 1st Sunday of Lent

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In today's Gospel, Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit. Jesus spent forty days and nights fasting in the desert and was tempted by Satan during these forty days.

In the same way Jesus was tempted, we are as well. Some temptations are harmless, others are not. But if we know the means by which we are tempted, with the assistance of Jesus, we can battle anything.

We enter the desert with Jesus knowing that we will be tested but we are assured that He walks alongside of us to help us overcome our temptations.

Lent comes each year and presents us with the challenge to take stock of our lives. Lent provides us an opportunity to see more clearly what we hold within our hearts. Lent is a time for personal reflection.

So let us take these forty days and enter into the desert with Jesus and remember the vows of our Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to live as children of God, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Rectory Closed



In honor of President's Day the rectory office will be closed on Monday, February 19. Also, there will be only one mass at 9:00 am.

We will reopen on Tuesday, February 20 at 8:30 am.

Lent 2018 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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH Holy Week Services 2018

Palm Sunday – March 25th

Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday
and Sunday at
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm
and 6:00 pm

Wednesday – March 28th

Tenebrae - 7:00 pm
Church open until 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday – March 29th

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm
Church open until midnight

Good Friday – March 30th

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion -
3:00 and 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday – March 31st

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets - 1:00
pm
Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 pm
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday – April 1st

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am
and 12:00 pm - Church
Masses at 9:15 and 10:45 am – SFX
School Gym
(No 6:00 pm Mass)



Remember you are dust
and unto dust
you shall return

Lenten Stewardship of Time

Want to deepen your prayer life?
Consider spending 6 minutes a day
with the Little Black Book and
joining a Small Faith Group.

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal “Come, Follow Me”

God bless you for your generous response to our Annual Catholic Appeal. 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 by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese. After our parish goal of \$110,044 is reached in cash, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs. In the past year, we used excess Appeal funds to cover capital improvements here at the parish, including tuck pointing of the church 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. If you have not had the opportunity to complete your pledge form, this is the last weekend they will be available at the church entrances or in the rectory.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



I will recall my covenant
says the LORD



St. Francis Xavier Early Education Program

Preschool 3

Half day classes with three and five day options

PreK 4

Runs Monday through Friday with half day and full day options

Kindergarten

Runs 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.

Application deadline is March 1, 2018.

Before and After Care available!

Call our school at 708-352-2175 for more information.



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. Contact Tom Cushing at 312-972-8583 with any questions.

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 in 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 to be placed on distribution list for the application paperwork.

The Comboni Mission Center Announces the Departure of Fr. Jose Manuel Garcia Oviedo

Fr. Jose will be leaving the LaGrange Park location to move on to a new assignment with the Comboni Missionaries. He would like to thank everyone for the support and kindness he has been shown, during his seven year stay in America. Fr. Jose especially thanks the supporters, volunteers and friends of the LaGrange Park Comboni Mission Center.

Please join us, for a farewell Mass and reception:

Saturday, March 10th, 2018
Mary Queen of Heaven, 5300 24th Street in Cicero

6:30 pm Mass and Reception to follow.



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 or contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x338.

Young Women's Church League

Registration for the 2018 Young Women's Church League season is now available! Pick up a registration on the Youth Ministry section of the Parish website (www.sfxlg.org) or in the rectory. Registration form and fee are due Wednesday, March 14th. The Player/Parent/Coach meeting will also be Wednesday, March 14th at 7pm in **UNITY HALL**. Contact Olivia Hollman with questions.

Young Men's Church League

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



We're on social media!

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

~ *Olivia Hollman*

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Sunday, February 18	No Class
Wednesday, February 21	No Class
Sunday, February 25	Class
Wednesday, February 28	Class
Sunday, March 4	Class
Wednesday, March 7	Class
Sunday, March 11	Class
Wednesday, March 14	Class

Important Dates

Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgy
Sunday, February 25 at 1:30 pm

Reconciliation During Class Time in Chapel Grade 7

Sunday, February 25 and Wednesday, February 28

Grade 2

Sunday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 7

Grade 3

Sunday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 14

Fourth Grade Reconciliation (Four Services)

March 10 1:00 and 3:00 pm in Church
March 11 1:30 and 3:30 pm in 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 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): 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

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 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 (and click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate DeVries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

JOIN A SMALL FAITH GROUP THIS LENT

Do you want to dive more deeply into your Lenten experience this year? Are you seeking opportunities for relaxed-yet-focused conversation about faith and finding God in a quick-paced, complex world? If so, **St. Francis Xavier Parish invites you to participate in Small Faith Groups**, a faith enrichment program that meets weekly throughout the Lenten Season.

All are welcome! Join as a newcomer, seasoned parishioner, or returning Catholic. Gathering dates and times vary in order to make Small Faith Groups available to most everyone. Please refer to the church bulletin or visit the St. Francis Xavier parish website for options.

Group discussions center on the weekly spiritual readings, their meaning, and the inspiration they provide. Participants share reflections and learn more about Catholic traditions. *Little Black Books* are provided free-of-charge at all church entrances; the daily readings and information about the Catholic tradition facilitate faith sharing and spiritual growth.

Make this a part of your Lenten promise. Some groups continue to meet throughout the year. The level of involvement is entirely up to you. Give yourself the gift of Small Faith Groups to enhance your Lenten experience.

Small Faith Groups – Lent 2018

It's Not Too Late to Join!

Join others to discuss faith in everyday life, based upon the reflections presented in the *Little Black Books* which are being distributed in church. Please register here, at www.sfxlg.org or by contacting Mary Sue McDonald (marysue.mcdonald@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	Olund's Home in La Grange Park	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 9:30 am	Cathy Hernandez	East Rectory Mtg Room	Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28
11	Young Married Couples Grp (20s & 30s), 7:30 pm	Shared Leadership	TBA	TBA (possibly Tuesday evenings)
12	Saturday, 9:30 am All Welcome	Katie Stetz	Unity Hall (except 3/24 in Church Sacristy)	Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24



**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.

Untying the Knots-Polarization in America~Saturday,
March 24 from 9:00 am–12:30 pm. Licensed Clinical Social Worker Mike McGillicuddy is convinced that there is an accelerating crisis of polarization in American society. In this interactive workshop, Mike will invite participants to step outside their comfort zones and explore the worldviews of others with curiosity and humility, while refraining from persuasion and judgement. Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parish SFX. Prior registration greatly appreciated.

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

Interfaith Career Network

Career Transition Workshop – Last Week!

ICN invites you to join us on Tuesday, February 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm for our final Boot Camp session. A panel of HR professionals will provide phone and onsite interviewing techniques to get the job you want and answer any and all questions about the process. 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.

Quarterly Resume Review

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Saturday, March 3 from 9:30-11:30 am. Come in for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is a great opportunity for you or someone you know in a job search. There is no charge for this service. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5000 South Wolf Road in Western Springs.

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please contact our website at 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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We have
been marked
with the
sign
of
Repentance



SENIOR WOMEN’S GROUP

Dr. Kate DeVries

SFX Pastoral Associate

Presents

Lent, Liturgy and Everyday Life

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

9:30am Coffee

10:00am Presentation

St. Francis Xavier
124 N. Spring Avenue, La Grange
Unity Hall
Questions Call the Rectory 708-352-0168

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 
Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry



"I encourage all the faithful to share the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church...favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor."
-Pope Francis

The fate of nearly 1.8 million Dreamers remains uncertain as Congress has yet to reach a bipartisan deal to protect these youth. Unfortunately, every day that passes without a solution is a day where DACA youth fall out of status and lose their ability to go to school, serve in the military, and work legally.

ACTION: As we begin the Lenten Journey this month, we ask you to join us in prayer, fasting and action by urging your lawmakers to work together for an immediate solution for Dreamers.

Visit the USCCB website:
www.JusticeforImmigrants.org

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees this Lent visit:
www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org

A Call To Ministry

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

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

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
708-352-0168

SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:
Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

This Lent, Journey with



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

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

www.solidaritybridge.org/lent

God of all people,

*Your compassion invites us to be transformed.
Your love calls us to be one human family.*

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

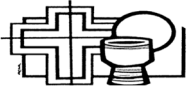
Amen.



Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
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Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Children's Liturgy K. Murphy N. Whelton	M. Becker C. Cooke K. Corrigan J. Denson S. Devitt K. Kanzer J. Kelly M. Milligan L. Young	E. McFadden B. Griffin C. Kachmarik	C. Kline	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	G. Schuler T. Marthaler M. Kalkowski	S. Augustyn M. Hermesdorf K. Stetz D. Walsh M. Westerhoff	E. Akalaitis A. Justak C. McLaughlin	G. Adams	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Muccino	E. Fix J. Schaeffer M. Rotert	R. Barker B. Olson P. O'Malley C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast D. Sherman J. Van Gorp L. Weyrauch	S. Kostal A. Fix L. Nowak	C. Jakubisin	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Justak S. Zlatic T. Walsh	B. Boyd R. Caragher A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings L. Egan K. Parisi G. Rutkowski K. Witowski	W. Carroll C. Carroll R. Garcia	B. Mayo	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	L. Freda C. Borowski B. Hemminger	C. Gatsos K. Johnson N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley M. K. Pasin	D. Walsh N. Gannon F. LaMantia	K. Fron	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	B. Dunne C. Ganzel	J. Eraci M. Hennessey A. Walls J. Walls D. McKenna		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of February 18, 2018

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

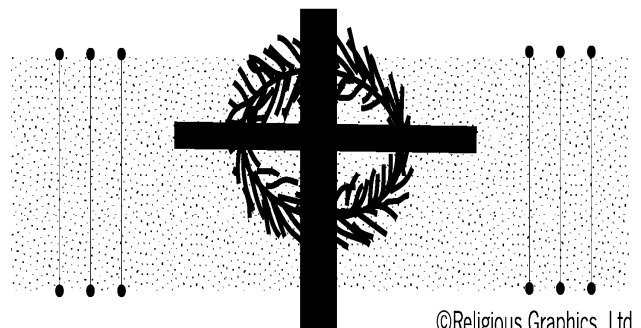
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



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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
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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
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Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday.....9:00 am
Friday.....7:45 am
Saturday.....9:00 am

Word Communion Services

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

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the
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Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please
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Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal
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Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to
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