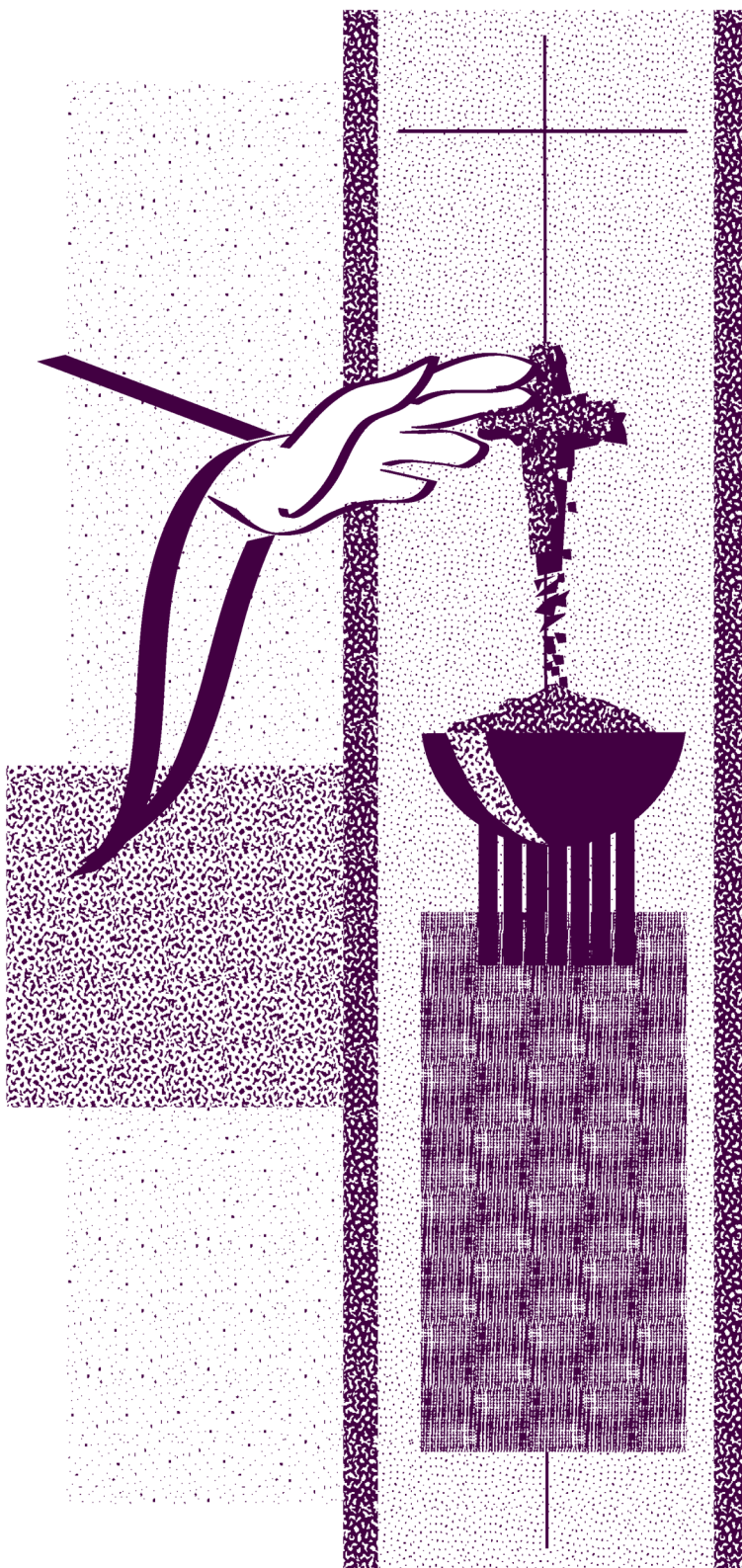


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

1st Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019



The same LORD
is LORD of all.
Everyone who
calls upon the
name of the
LORD
will be saved.

**THIS SEASON
IS OF LENT**

You who dwell
in the shelter
of the Most High,
no evil shall befall you,
for to his angels he has
given command about
you that they guard you
in all your ways.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 11	7:45 am	Richard McDonald Kathy Hyland	The Kanzer Family The Carroll Family
	9:00 am	Kay Flynn	The Martin Family
Tuesday, March 12	7:45 am	Mercedes McDonnell	The McDonnell Family
	9:00 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Wednesday, March 13	7:45 am	Patricia Carter	Jim & Mary Donahue
	9:00 am	Claire Sharkey	Jerry & Nancy Johnson
Thursday, March 14	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	Billy Wielgos Special Intention	The Wielgos Family
Friday, March 15	7:45 am	Mercedes McDonnell	The McDonnell Family
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, March 16	9:00 am	Balfe, Creahan & Parlon Families	Pamela Oplawski
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:00 pm	Michael Bannach	Lillian Bannach
Sunday, March 17 2nd Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day	7:30 am	Joan Seins	Tom & Ellie Carroll
	9:00 am	Jim Dunne	The Dunne Family
	10:30 am	Dennis Hogerty	Jeanne & Mark Reilly
	12:00 pm	People of the Parish	
	6:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Please Pray For...

Diane Bell	Edward Kudia
Jay Carroll	Gloria Lieber
Marjorie Crnkovich	Emmett Miller
Anthony Dina	Patrick Morgan
Blake Donegan	Mike Morrison
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Amanda O'Brien
Lynn Doyle	Noah Olson
Pat Eaton	Jane O'Reilly
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Tom Flynn	Carissa Pessetti
Lilli Gregory	James Pridmore
Wilson Gregory	Baby Madison Raupp
Patricia Hassler	Anna Rose
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Diane Hughes	Mary Simeoni
Rose Ilo	Greyson Stanley
Mary J.	Sarah Stanley
Jane Jacobson	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Chuck Joern	Baby Emma Tassoni
Theresa Kandall	Anne Titzer
Mike Kelly	Michael Ungari
Benny Kilman	Amanda Valerugo
Jerry Kolman	Gregory Van Gorp
Virginia Kottaridis	Malcom 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:

Nancy Moss
Past Parishioner

Howard Jacklin
Father of Craig

Sr. Sean Morley
Past Assistant Principal

Ruth Kegerreis
Mother of Nancy Mauzey

Don Blaha
Father of Terri Clune, Michael Blaha,
Donna Blaha, Lorretta Berndt, Tricia Krumholz,
Jim Blaha, Sheila Fisher, Mary Doyle and Brian Blaha

This weekend, don't forget to Spring ahead one hour as Daylight savings time will begin. Be sure to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms.



Time to
Spring Ahead

Pastor's Notes

*Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert.*
Luke 4:1

Each Lent, the Spirit asks us to follow into the desert once more. The form of our personal desert is determined by where we are in our journey of faith. What are the issues in my life that test my faith? Do I struggle with sadness, illness, the death of a loved one, loneliness, or a broken relationship? Do I feel overwhelmed by all that I think is asked of me in this moment or what I fear will be asked of me in the future? Have I become lazy in my practices of prayer and charity? Do I lack confidence in my abilities, my value, or my purpose in life? Do I feel possessed by my possessions, powered by a desire for more power, or preoccupied with maintaining or improving a good image among others?

The Spirit invites us to step away and be led into a desert time: a time in which I rely solely on God to provide what I need. The desert is not so much about what I give up as it is about how I make room to be who I am in God's eyes. Perhaps your desert includes setting aside more time for prayer: alone, with others, or with your spouse or family. Perhaps your desert involves making time to be aware of and respond to those who struggle with hunger, violence, limited resources, loneliness, or addiction. Perhaps your desert is a place to read, to journal, or to otherwise deepen your faith and relationship with God. The parish Lent flyer (in the bulletin and sent to your home electronically) provides some rich opportunities to grow in the desert of Lent.

A part of my Lenten desert is to develop new ways to connect with parish children and youth. Over the past four years, I have used a "fist bump" to convey to children and youth that they are welcome here and that their presence is important. Recently some people have helped me to see that an approaching fist, even when well-intended, can be intimidating. I, and all of us in ministry, must respect the ways in which a gesture is received and *not* focus on its intent. I thank those who have shared their perspective. The efforts of all are needed for us to create safe environments for our children and youth. I will no longer initiate a fist bump; if a child or youth initiates a fist bump, I will respond appropriately.

I will continue to greet children through word, smile, and appropriate gesture; I will continue to communicate to children, youth, and parents the importance of your presence among us each week. You *all* bless us through your presence and the effort you make to be with the faith community each week. You littlest among us bless us with your cries and verbal utterances; you little children (and your parents) bring joy to Unity Hall when you need some "wobble room" during Mass. May our children and youth always find among us a place of welcome, joy, and witness.

Joyful Lent,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflections

Reflection for the 1st Sunday of Lent 2019
Team #1

Marge BranECKi, Jude Dumfeh, Maureen Lang,
Ed & Michelle Mirecki and Lisa Durham Young

When you face life's challenges, where do you turn? This is a poignant question we all need to answer for ourselves, at some point. Our answer to this question can reveal a great deal about who we are, what grounds us, motivates us, or gives us purpose. We know that this life can't be rosy all the time; we are going to have some challenges, one way or another. How we deal with those challenging times will determine where we end up in this life. It's not so much what happens to you, but what you do with the hand you are dealt. In the face of adversity, do we turn inward to ourselves, to people, to society or to our God? Do we let the hardships of this life cause us to grow bitter or become better.

In the midst of adversity, we may dig deep into ourselves, find comfort from family and loved ones to get us through. We may try to numb ourselves with work or pleasure, but there's a limit to self-improvement projects or what others can do. We need to turn to the One who knows us best: our God. There may be times when we feel our problem is too big for God, or that we created our own mess so we need to fix it ourselves. We may doubt if God really cares about our pain. The Scriptures tell us that when the Israelites faced oppression at the hands of the Egyptians, they cried out to the Lord, who saw their "affliction" and "toil" and delivered them. Our Father has His arms outstretched to us, ready to dive in to save us. But He won't impose Himself on us; we have to invite Him in. He has seen it all, and so there's nothing for us to be ashamed of. Let us call on Him, because "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Lent is a good time to dig our roots deep into the ground, and spread out our branches, before the storms of life come our way. As the devil tempted our Lord, we know that he is prowling around trying to do the same to us. We can't fight this battle on our own. We need to take a cue from Jesus, who rebuked the devil's temptations with Scripture. Scripture is one formidable place to turn to in the midst of life's challenges. Prayer brings our requests and our hearts closer to God. The holy Mass allows our souls to be fed through the Eucharist and worship while building community that sustains us through any storms. God brings wonderful people (family, friends, Church, etc.) to walk with us through dark times, and to reflect His presence. Let us fully use all our arsenal to overcome whatever this life may throw at us. Let us be grounded in our God and Father, knowing that "No one who believes in him will be put to shame".

We do not live  by bread alone

Lent 2019 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, April 8 at 7:00 pm

Individual Private Confession

Saturday morning—9:30 am

Saturday evening—4:15 pm

Private Prayer in church each day.



Scriptures in Song on Thursday, March 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm, repeated on Friday, March 15 from 10:00-11:30 am with

Facilitator Kathy Sherman, CSJ. We all have favorite lines of Scripture that we love and that inspire us on our faith journey. This presentation will give you the opportunity to reflect and to sing original music composed for some familiar and beloved Scripture passages, taking you deeper into your heart and into the heart of the matter. Cost: \$20.

Earthy Mysticism join us on Thursday, March 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm with Facilitator, Marci Madary. Simply said, a mystic is a person fully in love and in divine union with God. Since the mystic sees God in all things, all of the earth becomes God's reflection. This evening, we will contemplate God through the senses by reflecting on the sensual poetry of the mystics. Cost: \$15.

Lenten Labyrinth Prayer on Friday, April 5 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm with Facilitator, Janet Bolger, CSJ. Walking a labyrinth is a moving meditation. Drop in and spend an hour or so stretching your limbs and your spirit, walking an indoor labyrinth canvas laid out in Cavanaugh Chapel. Janet Bolger, CSJ who has loved and prayed the labyrinth for decades, will be available to introduce you to labyrinth prayer. Cost: free will offering.

To register online and see a complete list of our new 2019 Winter-Spring Programs, go to www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This weekend, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation will help restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit the website at www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul

Next weekend, our second collection will be taken up for St. Vincent de Paul. The donations collected will help to provide one time assistance for those in need of rent, utility bills and other necessities.

Thank you for your generosity.

SFX Parish Children's “First Communion” Choir



A special invitation goes out to all children in **grades 1, and 3 – 8**, who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir, to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on **Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 am, 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm**. Children are NOT required to sing at all three Masses.

Please pick up a registration packet from one of the tables located at each of the exits as you leave church or pick one up at the front desk of the Rectory office. Registration information will also be posted on our website at www.sfx-lg.org.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY SINGING IN ONE OF THE PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, THERE IS NO NEED TO RE-REGISTER. **Rehearsals will begin the week of March 18.** Please see below for the breakdown:

- Cherub Choir (grades 1 and 3)
Tuesdays: 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm
First Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 19
- SF Choristers (grades 4 – 8)
Thursdays: 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm
First Rehearsal: Thursday, March 21

You can contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Liturgical Music with any questions by email asterwalt@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168.

Small Faith Groups – Lent 2019

You are cordially invited to join a Small Faith Group. Groups meet weekly from March 6–April 16 for approximately 1 hour for a total of 6 sessions. Please register here, at www.sfxlg.org or by contacting Mary Sue McDonald (marysuecdonal@yahoo.com or 708-409-9595). As groups fill, participants will receive confirmation and details. Thank you!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Preferred Group Number: _____ Second Choice Group Number: _____

Preferred Group Type: _____ (any, women, men, marrieds, young adults, tots)

Grp #	Day/Time	Leader	Location	Dates
1	Sunday, 7:15 pm All Welcome	Rick & Donna Olund	Olund home in LaGrange	March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14
2	Sunday, 5 pm All Welcome	Maureen & Bill Windmoeller	School Chapel	March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14
3	Tuesday, 1:00 pm All Welcome	Mary Sue & Scott McDonald	McDonald home in Westchester	March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16
4	Tuesday, 7:30 pm All Welcome	Joan Stopka	Unity Hall	March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16
5	Tuesday, 6:00 pm All Welcome	Mary Beth Niziol	Church sacristy	March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16
6	Wed, 9:30 am (except March 6 - after 9 am Mass), All Welcome	Marge Branecki	Unity Hall	March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10
7	Wednesday, 9:30 am Moms/Dads & TOTS	Catherine Hernandez	Rectory (ERM)	March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10
8	Wed, 1:00 pm (except March 6 – after 12:15 ashes) Women's Grp	Martie Lukanich	Courtyard Room	March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10
9	Wednesday, 7 pm (except March 6, after 7 pm Mass) All Welcome + RCIA	Tim Hejna	God's Garage	March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10
10	Thursday, 6:15 pm All Welcome	Barb Kalnes & Kate DeVries	Unity Hall	March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11
11	Young Adult Group (20s & 30s)	Kate DeVries	TBA	TBA
12	Saturday, 9:30 am All Welcome	Katie Stetz	Unity Hall	March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13



The St. Francis Xavier Parish School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board that works throughout the year on behalf of our school and parish community.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Develop, formulate, and adopt policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of eleven members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Development
- Finance
- Marketing/Communications
- Strategic Planning
- Ad Hoc

Interested in Becoming an Advisory School Board Member?

******* FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2019*******

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

Do you have to have experience on a board or had a job in education? NO, you do not have to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.

How much time is this commitment? We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately about 6-8 hours per month.

Do you have to have a child at the school to apply? NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents.

How does the application/selection process work? There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board member Matt Duffy m.duffy@nonnis.com or 708-280-1995.

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site <http://school.sfxlg.org/parents/school-board/>. ***Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.*** We look forward to receiving your application!



Who

Two & Fall Three year olds!
 A parent or an adult caregiver must be present.
 Open to SFX school families, parishioners,
 and community members.

What

Lil Falcon Fun: Play, sing, meet new friends!
 A casual, play-based program that would provide
 an opportunity to meet, socialize, and play together.
 Each class will include fun with literacy,
 music and movement.

Younger siblings are welcome!

When

Monday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am
 Twice a Month
 March 11 & 25;
 April 8 & 29 and May 6 & 20

Where

SFX Early Childhood Building
 21 North Catherine Avenue,
 LaGrange Room 25
 (second floor)

Why

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

How

Register online at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/XM85UFPbg0So4OEO2>
 Session fee is \$50/duel at the first class.
 (Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX.)

**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
 will be 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!

Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

March 10	Class
March 17	At Home Lesson
March 24	No Class
March 31	No Class

Wednesdays

March 13	Class
March 20	At Home Lesson
March 27	No Class
April 3	No Class

Religious Education Important Dates

Grade 2 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, March 10 during Class Time in Chapel
 Wednesday, March 13 during Class Time in Chapel

Fourth Grade Reconciliation (Four Services)

March 9	1:00 pm and 3:00 pm in Church
March 10	1:30 pm and 3:30 pm in Church

Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Events

March 20 Rosary Making or
 April 7 Banner Making

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass offers the opportunity for
 children in Grades K-4 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. 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-4 will go to their
 prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs on
 April 6.

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): March 9, 16, 23, & 30 and
 April 27.

Please call Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator or Allen Sterwalt,
 Director of Music at 708-352-0168 with any questions.

Starshine 2019 Talent Show was really the "The Greatest Show"!!

We have so many talented students at SFX and it was great to see some of them showcase their talents! We would first like to thank the many stars of the Talent Show - those students who put their talents on stage. There would be no talent show if students did not decide they want to share a talent with our community!

Talent & Performances

STAR WARS Patrick Rhatigan, Thomas Strama (5th); MILLION REASONS Sophia Weismantel (7th); PURPLE PEOPLE EATERS Mary Connors, Christina Connors, Alice Doyle, Shannon Carroll, Bridget Kanzer, Abby Fijal, Olivia Pold, Cristina Strama (1st & 2nd); DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' Nora Havenaar, Ellie Fekrat, Neeve Olson (7th & 8th); 7 YEARS OLD Nancy Labrador, Abbey Quinn (3rd & 8th); I'M STILL STANDING Taylor Dudek (8th); IN MY DREAMS Moira Finucane (8th); SHAKE IT OFF Addison Brune, Camille Dekoj, Neala Hubert (3rd); AMERICA'S GOT TALENT Casey Brune, Paxton Cutler, Tess Holmes, Ava Kopczynski, Lauren Leader, Grace Liston, Tess McElligott, Fiona Sullivan (5th); SUMMER CAMP DROP OUT Avarie Bernstein (8th); SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW Nora Havenaar (8th); HARRY POTTER GOES TO STARBUCKS Charlie Fitzpatrick, Henry Fitzpatrick, Christian Orlando, Tyler Skrypek (2nd & 4th); HOW FAR I'LL GO Audrey McCarty (5th); THE INTERVIEW Allie O'Halloran, Emma Martin, Clare McCormick, Katie Quinlan (4th); WE'RE GOING TO BE FRIENDS Eddie Holmes, Clare Olson (3rd); COUNT ON ME Frannie Hamilton, Alyssa Strayer (3rd); SNOW Ashley Davis (7th); A MILLION DREAMS Maddy Justak (3rd); LENA ORLANDO AND HER PIANO Lena Orlando (3rd); BACON! Taylor Carroll, Reagan Veaser (3rd & 4th); HALLELUJAH Sarah Owen (6th); GENERATION SHOWDOWN Mike Becker, Owen Carroll, William Cormier, Jamie Furlong, Tommy Hubert, Drew Hyland, Joey Newcomb, Joey Quinn, Michael Ramaglia, Danny Wright (5th); CHRISTMAS IN FEBRUARY Abby Grech (6th); A GIRL WITH HER GUITAR Abbey Quinn (8th); GIRLS LIKE US! Francesca Casamassimo, Elizabeth Mackenzie, Charlotte Maltman, Emma Murphy, Kaitlyn Sullivan (2nd); STARBUCKS SINGERS Chloe Cortese, Audrey Leahy (2nd); CARPOOL KARAOKE Lily Kopczynski, Jane Merchant, Julia Merchant, Molly O'Brien, Erin Owen, Olivia Pora (4th); MY FAVORITE THINGS Lola Chilson (5th); THIS IS MY FIGHT SONG Chelsea Dudek, Jordynn Janiszewski, Grace Mogensen (2nd); SPANISH CABALLERO Ben Crandall (2nd); and FINALE All cast.

Starshine 2019 would not have been possible without the help of our dedicated volunteers. We offer sincere appreciation and thanks to our event organizers, and the support and help of the following volunteers. Take a Bow!!

Coordinators

Katy Newcomb~Director; Heidi Quinn~Director; Mary Hoffman~Staff Liaison; Molly McElligott~Student Director & Music Coordinator; Abbey Quinn~Finale Director; Lynn Benz~Stage & Crew Manager; Sandra Manske~Stage & Sound Manager; Charlie Brewick & Dave Sherman~Technical Director; Paul Ciccirelli~Sound Master; Katie Layden, Maureen Overman & Grace Overman~Lights; Kim Leader~Photography; Colleen Olson~Photography & Programs; Bridget Weber~Programs; Angie Fekrat~DVD Sales; Mary Cormier & Cari Ramaglia~Decorations; Keli Dudek~Ticket Sales; and Kathy Holmes & Marie Sullivan~Cast Party.

Crew

Grace Brennan, Katie Buckley, Nora Collins, Maddie Farnan, Drew Grech, Nicole Grimes, Tessa Grimes, Erin Hayes, Abby Justak, Lilly Kent, Helen Labrador, Frances Moroney, Colleen Mulcahy, Tommy Newcomb, Katie Layden and Kitty Sandt.

Special Thanks

Mary Freeman, the Parish Director of Outreach/Food Pantry would sincerely like to THANK the 4th graders and their families for organizing a collection for the Food Pantry as part of the Talent Show, and also to all of you who made generous donations at the show to the 4th grade Food Pantry drive! The Parish is grateful for the generosity of everyone who donated a food item to support the families who visit our Food Pantry each week!

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Quest Confirmation

Teens in the Quest Confirmation program will be receiving the forms for the request for Confirmation soon if they haven't already. These are due back to their Quest group leaders by Sunday, March 24.

2019 Summer Mission Trip

The 2019 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Springfield, KY! St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults)

- spots reserved with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. Visit the Youth Ministry website or stop by the rectory to register. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.



Questions?

Do you have questions about your faith or just want to talk to someone about your faith journey? Olivia is available! Teens (or parents!), if you've been looking for someone to answer questions you may have or chat about life and your faith journey, your youth minister is a great resource...and she can help point you toward other resources if needed. Olivia Zurowski has a very flexible schedule, so just contact her to set something up!

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 throughout this holy season? **Sign up for our weekly reflections** and grow in the conviction that we are one human family.

www.solidaritybridge.org/lent



You are invited to Eucharistic Adoration
Join us to pray for the special intentions of the **Outreach Ministries of St. Francis Xavier**

March 21, 2019 from 6:00-7:00pm

WHAT: During Eucharistic Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent adoration. As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. St. Peter Julian Eymard stated: "...Jesus Christ [is] present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is living; he wants us to speak to him; he will speak to us. And this conversation, which develops between the soul and our Lord, is true Eucharistic mediation; this is adoration."

HOW: Adorers are invited to meditate on Scripture or devotional books, or pray a rosary or another devotion. You may also choose to just simply sit and 'be' with Jesus. If you are interested, prayer and reflection suggestions are available as starting points.

The intentions of the St. Francis Xavier parish and parishioners are always brought before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In March, we invite you to remember the special intentions of the **Outreach Ministries:** the volunteers and the people they serve. These groups include: Food Pantry, Kitchen Angels, BEDS Plus, Domestic Violence Outreach, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Peace & Justice, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

WHO: Jesus waits for us, each one of us, in the Eucharist. He waits when you are joyful, thankful, frustrated, or tired. All are welcome, including children. He specifically calls children to Himself, "Let the children come to me."

WHY: Since Apostolic times, Catholics rightly have gathered to celebrate Mass in community as Jesus instructed. Adoration provides an opportunity for an intimate relationship with Jesus through individual worship, prayer, and listening.

WHEN: The next Eucharistic Adoration will be **March 21**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00 until 7:00 pm. Please come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Kanzer @ k.f.kanzer@gmail.com.

Adoration is the "face-to-face" that leads to the "heart-to-heart" with Jesus.

Interfaith Career Network

Career Search and Development Boot Camp

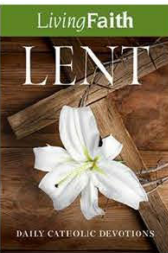
Please join us on Tuesday, March 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 15 South Ashland Avenue. Being able to articulate and tell your story is one of the most critical elements of a job search. This week co-facilitator, Jim Peterson, will help you craft that all important "Elevator Speech". Time will be allowed to practice your personal elevator speech with fellow attendees. There is no cost to attend the Boot Camp. However, everyone is encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of the training. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

LENT 2019

Living Faith-Lent

As a parish we will be praying daily Catholic Lenten devotions presented in *Living Faith-Lent*. The book contains brief meditations based upon the readings of the day. Books are available in church and at the parish rectory.

Join a Small Faith Group



Groups meet weekly March 6 – April 16, for 6 sessions.

Conversations are based on the *Living Faith Lent Book*.

General groups are forming, and groups

for women, men, parents of tots, past RCIA participants, young adults (20s & 30s), and married couples. To register visit www.sfxlg.org or contact Mary Sue McDonald: 708-409-9595 or marysuecdonal@yahoo.com.

3/21 Eucharistic Adoration

6-7 pm in church.

3/27 Miraculous Healing

Colleen & John Willard will give a powerful and inspirational witness talk on Colleen's miraculous healing. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in Joyce Hall; all are welcome, 7 pm.

Area Reconciliation Services

- 4/1** St. Cletus, 7 pm
- 4/7** SFX Quest Reconciliation after 6 pm Mass; all welcome
- 4/8** St. Francis Xavier, 7 pm
- 4/9** St. John of the Cross, 7 pm

4/11 Eucharistic Adoration

6-7 pm in church.

Immigrant Justice

Through the U.S. Bishops' website, send a postcard to Congress, expressing support for meaningful, compassionate, Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Click the Quicklink at sfxlg.org.

**The Well Spirituality Center
Congregation of St. Joseph**
515 W. Ogden LaGrange Park
www.esjthewell.org

4/6 Conversations that Matter-Creating a New Republic of the Heart

Facilitator: Terry Patten
9 am -3 pm

To register, call 708-482-5048

4/13-4/27 LaGrange Knights of Columbus/Food Pantry Spring Food Drive

Have your donation picked up or donate online at www.MyFoodDrive.org/#LGKofCSpring2019. Call or text Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com. Every \$1 and food donation helps families & seniors struggling to make ends meet.



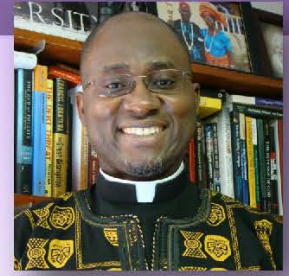
For weekly Lenten resources to deepen your relationship to Christ and those in need, visit: www.solidaritybridge.org/lent.

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The Joy of Lent -

A Lenten Mission led by **Fr. Stan Chu Ilo**
We will keep the Catholic tradition of gathering on three Friday evenings in Lent (the day of the Way of the Cross), 7:00 - 8:15 pm.

- 3/15 Someone Beautiful to God:
Discovering God's Love this Lent**
- 4/5 Something Beautiful for God:
Discovering God's Purpose
in Our Lives**
- 4/12 Loving When it Hurts:
Discovering Healing and Hope
in a Wounded World**

Fr. Stan Chu Ilo, an internationally acclaimed preacher, author, and teacher, is a priest of Awgu Diocese in Eastern Nigeria. He is a research professor at the Center for World Catholicism and Inter-Cultural Theology, DePaul University, Chicago. He shares his gifts with us regularly, as weekend president.

Each evening will include Fr. Stan's talk, reflection, music and prayer.

Light refreshments will be served.

Attend Daily Mass

Mon-Wed, 7:45 & 9 am
Thurs & Sat, 9 am; Fri, 7:45 am;
Communion Services on
Thurs, 7:45 am & Fri, 9 am.

Stations of the Cross

The Fridays of Lent, 8:20 am.

4/12 Living Stations by the
Parish School 8th Graders, 8:30 am.

Holy Week Services:

4/14 Palm Sunday
Sat, 5 pm; Sun 7:30, 9,
10:30 am, Noon, 6 pm

**4/17 Tenebrae - A Service of
Darkness, Wed., 7 pm**
A beautiful tradition of
prayer and scripture, which
portrays the final hours of
our Lord's life on earth

4/18 Holy Thursday
- Morning Prayer, 9 am
- Mass of the Lord's Supper
7 pm; church open for
visitation until midnight

4/19 Good Friday
Morning Prayer, 9 am
Liturgy of the
Lord's Passion, 3 & 7 pm

4/20 Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer, 9 am
Bless Easter Baskets, 1 pm
Easter Vigil, 8 pm

4/21 Easter Sunday Mass
In church: 7:30, 9,
10:30 am & noon
In gym: 9:15 & 10:45 am
No 6 pm Mass

CRS Rice Bowl

Our Religious Ed. Program is
collecting for the CRS Rice Bowl
program to alleviate hunger and
poverty in other countries (65%),
and in our own community (35%).
www.crsricebowl.org

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Ten Friends
The Dinner Club
The Field Museum
Walmart

Retired Men's Group

Mark your calendars

Wednesday, March 20 Gathering

Fr. Bill Killeen presents:
"Perspectives of a Priest Retiring"

Coffee at 10:30 am
Unity Hall at 11:00 am

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.

Catholic Women's Club

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

SFX MEN'S CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS



Couples' Twilight BOWLING

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

TIVOLI BOWL

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

938 WARREN AVENUE, DOWNERS GROVE

(Across from DG - Main Street Metra Stop)

\$50 per couple (\$25 per person)

Includes Unlimited Bowling from 8:30 - 10:30 pm & Shoe Rental

Beer/Wine Tickets will be available for purchase.

Food may be purchased at Tivoli or ordered in.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE SFX FOOD PANTRY -- PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR SPOT VISIT: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/LOCATION/218/EVENT/10651
QUESTIONS? EMAIL: MICHAEL FITZPATRICK / FITZMIKE@GMAIL.COM OR BRIAN MULVENNA / MULVENNAB@YAHOO.COM

Senior Women's Group



St. Francis Xavier
124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange
Unity Hall
No RSVP Needed

St. Francis Xavier Parish

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Fellowship @ 9:30-10:00 am

Presentation @ 10:00-11:00 am

Spring Gardening Presentation With

Rene Silinis

Is your garden ready for spring? Join Master Gardener Rene' Silinis for a free presentation about spring gardening topics including new plant introductions, container gardening and ideas on how to make this year your easiest and best gardening year ever.



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AS OF MARCH 3, 2019



Prior Month's Offerings:	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	=	February Total
February 2019	\$ 63,730		\$ 51,306		\$ 115,036
February 2018	\$ 58,081		\$ 58,452		\$ 116,533

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

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Come, Follow Me...and Share the Word”



God bless you for your generous response to our Annual Catholic Appeal. The ACA theme, **“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word”** 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 \$109,400 is reached in cash, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs. This spring, St. Francis Xavier parish will be using the excess **2018 Appeal** funds (approximately \$43,000) to cover the new Air Conditioning Tower for the church.

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.

SUMMER IS COMING
 GAME OF THRONES
 BACK DOOR THEATER 2019

BACK DOOR THEATER

If you are entering the 6th through 10th grade in the Fall of 2019 and looking for a creative summer experience in theater and stage production, Back Door Theater is looking for you! The Back Door Theater is a co-operative drama ministry of Grace Lutheran and St. Francis Xavier Churches (members of all churches and denominations are welcome) that offers teens and pre-teens a casual opportunity to explore the theater arts. Entering its 19th season this summer, this drama ministry uses the theater arts of acting, voice, dance, instrumental performance, set design and back stage production to explore traditional Biblical stories and characters through a fun, contemporary, original play. The plays are faith based but always include modern references and are written in the language of teens.

Workshops are held 2 nights a week for 6 weeks. This year’s performance will take place on July 13, 2019. We are also looking for adults who would like to join our staff or contribute in any way. BDT alumni this is a great opportunity to give back to the program you loved in your teen years.

Registration packets can be found at the back of church and in the rectory office. For questions or further information please call Becky Hayes at 708-878-2790 or email at bechayes@sbcglobal.net.

The Knights of Columbus would like you to Save the Date!

Join us for a very powerful and Inspirational evening
with Colleen & John Willard
on Wednesday,
March 27th at 7:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier in Joyce Hall

As they share with us their anointed testimony that has been received at many parishes, conferences and Marian groups throughout the world witnessing to the:

*“Great Mercy of God and His Healing Presence
of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist!!”*

Journey with them as they share the unfolding events in their family life after Colleen was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor and in 24 hour pain. It is a talk that will bring a profound awareness to the fruits of suffering and joy in carrying the Cross!

You will be captivated to hear the movements of the Holy Spirit and Our Blessed Mother’s intercession as they were led to take a pilgrimage, not to seek a healing, but to pray for all those she would leave behind. Little did they know that it would be during Mass that Our Lord would heal Colleen physically upon reception of the Holy Eucharist! It is a talk you will not forget, nor want to miss!!

“...I recommend their testimony as a way of helping many people to renew and/or regain their faith in Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother’s intercession!”

Rev. Charles Becker, Archdiocese of Chicago



Remember you are dust
and unto dust
you shall return

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REFUGEE SIMULATION THANK YOU PEACE



A heartfelt thanks to the 250+ people who participated in the *Run for Your Life* Refugee Journey Simulation. We are especially grateful to the chaperones and all who played an acting role for their willingness to bring education and awareness to the 25.4 million refugees globally.

Ellen Allison	Diana LaMantia
Julie Anderson	Gabriela & Oswaldo
Jane Bandyk	Lastres
Melissa Burns	Moiria Madell
Mike & Owen Cherry	Mariellen Maloney
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Liliana Gentile	Brian Shell
Matt Graber	Megan Tracy
Brian Grimes	Leah Werab
Alison Kelly	Chris Zotti
Anne Klos	Olivia Zurowski



This simulation was funded in part by the Monsignor George Higgins fund. Msgr. George Higgins grew up in St. Francis Xavier Parish and graduated from the Day School. He spent his life advocating for social justice including fairness and equality for workers’ rights civil rights and religious tolerance. Following his death in 2002, our parish has hosted lectures and programs in his name.

Area Respect Life Ministry

Illinois Bishops Warn Against Pending Abortion Legislation in General Assembly

As Illinois faces so many pressing issues involving human life and dignity, our elected officials have decided the pressing issue of the day is to enhance the chances that the lives of the most vulnerable and voiceless will be taken. We are encouraged to become aware of House Bills 2495 and 2467, and Senate Bills 1942 and 1594. Opposition to these bills does not require one to assume a pro-life political position. In the days ahead, the IL Bishops will be distributing more information and calls to action. We ask for your prayers and support as you certainly have ours.

IL Catholic Conference Life Advocacy Day 2019

April 3, 2019, is our Life Advocacy Day. We will be taking coach buses to Springfield, IL at 6:00 am and returning by 6:00 pm. The Cost is \$10 which will provide a lunch and training/education by Illinois Catholic Conference. We will also have a chance to pray the rosary as a group in front of the Capitol Building. The pick-up and drop-off site is St. John of the Cross in Western Springs.

Please register and sign up now at: <http://bit.ly/2ThLrvw>.



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
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
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- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
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- **Sgt. Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschakovsky Family
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux

**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.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
 Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday9:00 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)
 Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morningAfter 9:00 am Mass
 Saturday afternoon4:15 pm
 The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the
 tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
 Thursday9:00 am
 Friday7:45 am
 Saturday9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday7:45 am
 Friday9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 12:00 pm on the Friday 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
 LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

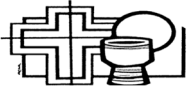
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families 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, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—March 16-17, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	D. Veverka N. Whelton D. Mulvenna	L. Young C. Cooke K. Preussner S. Devitt T. Conwell K. Kanzer M. Milligan D. Dunlap Open	M. Duff N. Strayer Open	P. Mirocha	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	P. Olson M. Kalkowski G. Rutkowski	S. Augustyn S. Hayes N. Kalkowski K. McInerney D. Walsh	C. Stetz A. Brown Open	A. Sterwalt	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	G. Prendergast O. Washburn E. Fix	D. Nighswander E. Olsen B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali G. Prendergast B. McMahon D. Sherman Open	L. Nowak A. Grech A. Edwards	C. Jakubisin	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	K. Justak A. Sullivan J. Nowak	B. Boyd N. Cummings L. Egan J. Garreau P. McGinnis S. Martin M. Joscelyn O. Lastres Open	A. Holmes E. Siffermann D. Collins	B. Mayo Celebration Ensemble	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	J. Gatsos J. Clark T. Downey	K. Borawski A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann C. Gatsos	F. LaMantia T. Newcomb Q. Filbin	L. DiGianfilippo	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

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THE HOLY SEASON
OF LENT**

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Readings For The Week of March 10, 2019

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/k 4:1-13
 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: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17--4:1 or
 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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