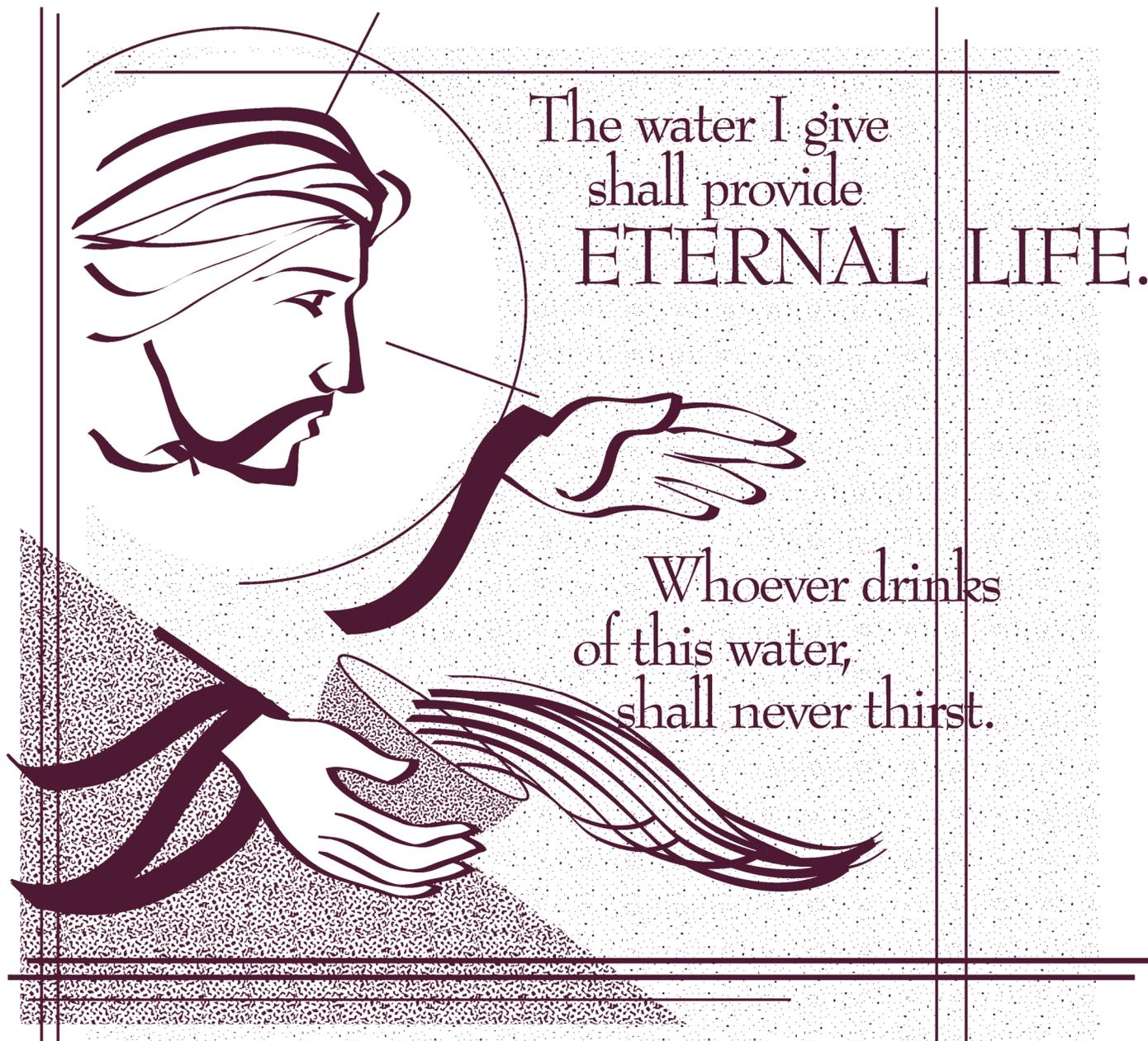


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020



The water I give
shall provide
ETERNAL LIFE.

Whoever drinks
of this water,
shall never thirst.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 16	8:30 am	Jim Dunne	The Dunne Family
Tuesday, March 17	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Deceased Members of the Balfe, Creahan & Parlon Families	Pam Parlon
Wednesday, March 18	8:30 am	Bill White	Paul & Jennifer Bielat
Thursday, March 19	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Patrick Woods	Pat & Bob Roach
Friday, March 20	8:00 am 8:30 am	Stations of the Cross Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Saturday, March 21	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Jim Potsch Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Carrie Grech	The Barrett Family Dan & Annette Meurer
Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Ralph V. Pfiefer Bill Peram People of the Parish Jim Potsch David Hinton	The Griffin Family Mary Spain Pam Oplawski The Hinton & Bell Families

Please Pray For...

Jack Boyd	Mike Morrison
Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challenger	Bert Ogilvie
Americo DiGianfillippo	Arnold Oppenheim
Anthony Dina	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Shawwna Palazzolo
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Lilli Gregory	James Pridmore
Wilson Gregory	Madison Raupp
Brian Hahn	Anna Rose
Patricia Hassler	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Larry Skippet
Mary J.	Greyson Stanley
Jane Jacobsen	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Michael Janus	Anne Titzer
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Mark Kiley	Gregory Van Gorp
Benny Kilman	Carl Walsh
Jerry Kolman	Marian Ward
Lou Ellen Krueger	Liz Wilk
Patrick Morgan	Malcolm Young

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



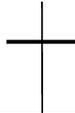
Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died,
as well as their families:

Edward M. Hefler
Brother of Marie, Martha
and the late Elizabeth

Weddings



Miranda Padilla & Nishanth Krothapalli
Jennifer Potsch & Kyle Anderson

While still sinners 
CHRIST died for us

Pastor's Notes

*"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it
for the people to drink."
Exodus 17:6*

*"The water I shall give will become in you a spring of water
welling up to eternal life."
John 4:14*

We thirst. Whether in the deserts of life in which we sometimes find ourselves wandering aimlessly, or in the blazing heat of oppression at a well that will provide us with only as much as we can carry. We may grumble in anger; or we may have lost hope that life will ever be any different. Whatever the source of our thirst, do we accept that God alone can quench our deepest thirsts and trust that God is eager to do so? Do we seek the openness of the unnamed woman at the well rather than the self-centered grumbling of the wanderers in the desert? Are we choosing Lenten practices that lead us into honest conversation with Jesus?

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Last week we implemented several precautions for parish Masses at the direction of the Archdiocese and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. These are in direct response to the outbreak of the coronavirus, and include moving away from physical contact during the Our Father and Sign of Peace, suspending the distribution of the cup at communion, and asking those who normally receive the host on the tongue to switch to reception in the hand. Those with a cold or flu symptoms are encouraged to remain home on Sunday. We will return to our usual procedures after Easter or when advised that it is reasonable to do so.

A few parishioners expressed concern about the passing of baskets for the collection. We have been assured that this is a low-risk practice and is equivalent with touching doorknobs. However, to provide an alternative to those for whom this is a concern, we will temporarily resume the use of the baskets on poles in the main section of the church. We will continue to pass baskets in the east and west transepts. If passing the basket causes you concern, please sit in the main section of the church. I heed those who are elderly or have significant health concerns to act as you deem appropriate for your circumstances. That includes the decision to remain at home on any given Sunday, to come to one of the less attended Masses, and/or to sit in Unity Hall for Mass to lessen contact with others. We can do one another a great service by refusing to engage in "panic talk" that increases the anxieties of those who are sensitive to these emotions. *Reasonable precautions* are what have been advised to practice at this point. It is an act of compassion to care for one another in our words and actions during this time.

Lenten Joy,

F. Bill

Scripture Reflection

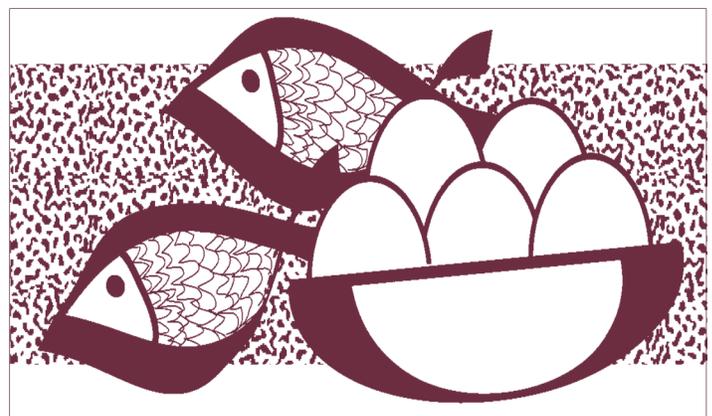
**Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent
Liturgy Planning Team #1
Marge Branecki, Jude Dumfeh, Maureen Lang,
Ed & Michelle Mirecki, Lisa Young**

The Samaritan woman probably felt a sense of shame, and went to the well at noon, hoping not to run into anybody in the middle day heat. The Israelites saw the Samaritans as outcasts. Other Samaritans likely looked down on the Samaritan woman, as she was married five times, and was living with someone else. Little did she know that of all the people in Samaria, Jesus was waiting to meet her at the well that day. He came for people just like her that the world considers unworthy.

We may sometimes feel like the Samaritan woman due to our past choices and predicaments. The world may have condemned us for our wrongs. We may have condemned ourselves because of the guilt of past failures. We may also pass judgements and shun others whom we consider as less worthy than us.

"But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus came not for those who are well, but for those who are sick and in need of a doctor. Jesus saw a glimmer of faith in the Samaritan woman, who was also waiting for the Messiah, and lit a fire in her heart. Jesus started with a request to the Samaritan woman, "Give me a drink", and this started the dialogue. He also has a request for each of us, and wants to engage with us, no matter where we are on our journey. If only we would open ourselves to him, he will give us the true "living water" so we "will never thirst" again.

The Samaritan woman "left her water jar" and ran to share the good news about the Messiah with her people. Let us leave our past failures behind, embody the good news in our lives, and bless others with this gift. In times of difficulty, let us not be like the ungrateful Israelites who grumbled against Moses, and failed to recognize the Lord's presence in their "midst". In a special way this Lent, let us embrace and encounter afresh, the One who gives us a "hope that does not disappoint".



Lent Events Calendar 2020

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 8:30 am

Word & Communion Service

Tuesday and Thursday 7:45 am

Stations of the Cross

The Fridays of Lent 8:00 am

3/19 Eucharistic Adoration

6:00-7:00 pm in church.

Area Reconciliation Services

3/15 SFX Quest Reconciliation after

6:00 pm Mass; all welcome

3/16 St. Cletus, 7:00 pm

3/24 St. Francis Xavier, 7:00 pm

4/10 Morning Prayer/Living Stations

Thursday 8:30 am

4/11 Eucharistic Adoration

6:00-7:00 pm in church.

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.

Almsgiving

Make sacrifices, and give to the poor. St. Vincent de Paul boxes are at the church entrances.

Little Black Book

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

Lenten Night of Reflection

Tuesday, March 24th, in the Colonnade Room of St. Louise de Marillac School, from 6:00 until 8:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Carol Jacklin, parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Parish will give a reflection regarding holy week in Jerusalem. Please contact Helene Clarke, 708-485-1844, for reservations.

4/10-4/25 LaGrange Knights of Columbus Food Pantry Spring Food Drive

Have your donation picked up or donate online at www.MyFoodDrive.org/?LGKofC2020.

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.

Holy Week Services

4/5 Palm Sunday

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
10:30 am, Noon & 6:00 pm

4/8 Tenebrae

A Service of Darkness, Wednesday 7:00 pm. A beautiful tradition of prayer and scripture, which portrays the final hours of our Lord's life on earth.

4/9 Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer/Living Stations 8:30 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
Church open for visitation until midnight

4/10 Good Friday

Morning Prayer 8:30 am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
3:00 & 7:00 pm

4/11 Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 9:00 am

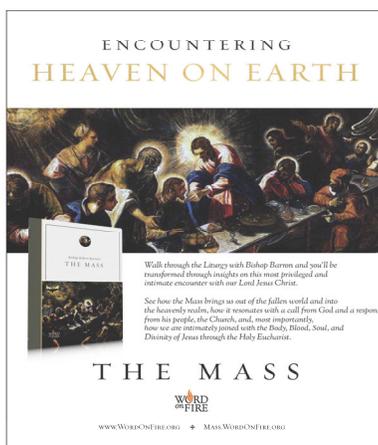
Blessing of Easter Baskets 1:00 pm
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

4/12 Easter Sunday Mass

In church: 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
10:30 am & Noon

In gym: 9:15 am & 10:45 am

No 6:00 pm Mass



Lenten Opportunity from the Catholic Identity Committee of the SFX School Advisory Board

For most Catholic adults, the Mass is a most familiar part of the Faith. But, that familiarity can prevent us from appreciation of and reflection on the "source and summit" of our faith life. **"The Mass,"** a DVD series led by Bishop Robert Barron, beautifully explains the Mass in detail: what we do, why, and the significance it has in our lives. It's a long, complex prayer. Every movement, gesture, & response is Biblical, and/or traditional, and it all has meaning. As Catholic adults, we may not know the significance of all the details.

This Lent, let's take the opportunity to learn more about the Mass, not only for ourselves, but for our kids, neighbors, and community. They ask questions, and they want more than, "we go to Mass because we HAVE to."

The Catholic Identity Committee of the SFX School Advisory Board will present this 6-episode series over three Monday nights which started on March 9. All are welcome to join us on **Mondays, March 16, and 30th from 7:00-9:00pm in Unity Hall for a DVD presentation and discussion.** Please **RSVP to Katie Kanzer k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or Katy Newcomb katynewcomb@hotmail.com.** Walk-ins are welcome---bring a friend!

Coronavirus Information From Bishop Ron Hicks & Dr. Jim Rigg

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish and School Community members,

We have been monitoring the news about the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), particularly the cases identified in the Chicago area. The archdiocese has issued guidelines for worship services based on advice from public health authorities and we have joined with the Holy Father in praying for all affected by this epidemic.

We are writing today to share developments that may have an impact on some archdiocese facilities. The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) has recently confirmed a case of COVID-19 involving a staff member at Vaughn Occupational High School, a Chicago public school. The CDPH has stated that the immediate health risk to the general public from this case remains low. The CDPH recommended that anyone present at Vaughn School between February 25 and March 6 self-quarantine. The CDPH and CPS also advised that:

"People who were *not* at Vaughn between February 25 and March 6 do *not* have restrictions at this time, even if they have been in contact with someone at Vaughn. They can attend work and school, as long as they are not sick.

Based on this guidance, and our own contacts with CDPH and Illinois Department of Public Health we are not closing archdiocese schools where a student or staff member has a connection with Vaughn. We will follow the same guidance for other cases of secondary family exposure. Students and staff with a family member who might have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case will be allowed to attend work and school, as long as they are not sick.

The health and safety of our Parish and School communities is our first priority. We ask that you join us in protecting our community by following the guidance of public health authorities and your medical provider. It is critically important that our community share only trusted sources of information.

For the most reliable information, please visit:

- Chicago Department of Public Health www.chicago.gov/coronavirus CDPH has developed [an FAQ](#) that will be updated regularly as the situation develops.
- The Illinois Department of Public Health www.dph.illinois.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.
- We will continue to follow the guidance of local, state, and federal health officials will update you as our situation changes or more information becomes available. Please email preparednessaoc@archchicago.org if you have concerns or questions of the archdiocese or the Office of Catholic Schools.

As a faith community, we must respond with compassion and prayer to everyone affected by the COVID-19 epidemic around the world, particularly those who do not have access to medical and community support. We will include these brothers and sisters in our prayers for the sick and those who have died. Please keep our community in your prayers and know that we are praying for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Ron Hicks
Vicar General

Dr. Jim Rigg
Superintendent, Office of Catholic Schools

Updated Mass Guidelines From the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Chicago has issued guidelines to be implemented immediately in all parish Masses within the Archdiocese.

For the remainder of Lent we are making the following changes:

- ✓ **All holy water fonts will remain empty.** You still can make the Sign of the Cross as you enter and leave church.
- ✓ **Refrain from holding hands during the Our Father.** Instead, extend your arms forward, palms up, in a gesture of offering.
- ✓ **Refrain from physical contact during the Sign of Peace.** You may nod, smile, wave, or use the American Sign Language gesture for peace.
- ✓ **Refrain from receiving the Eucharist on the tongue.** Reverently practice the gesture of receiving in open hands.
- ✓ **We temporarily will discontinue sharing the Eucharist from the cup.** If this poses any difficulties for you, please speak with Fr. Bill.

You are not obligated to attend Mass when you are ill. At these times, the most charitable thing may be to remain at home.

All are reminded that the best prevention measures are careful hand washing (at least 20 seconds), not touching the face, and covering all sneezes and coughs with a tissue or elbow. Thank you in advance as we demonstrate our care and concern for one another.



St. Vincent de Paul

This 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.

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Quest Lenten Reconciliation Service



There will be a Lenten Reconciliation Service after 6:00pm Mass (starting around 7:15pm) THIS WEEKEND. This meditative-based celebration of Reconciliation is open to everyone, but is geared especially towards those preparing for Confirmation.

Good Friday

Again this year, we are asking teens to fill ministry roles at the 7:00pm Good Friday liturgy (Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers). If you are interested in participating, please contact Olivia Zurowski by phone at 708-352-0168 or by email ozurowski@sfxlg.org.



Freshman/Sophomore Retreat

We had a great time at St. John of the Cross this year for the Frosh/Soph Retreat! In just 24 hours, we played games, shared stories, celebrated Mass (thank you, Fr. Bill Tkachuk!), and got to know new friends.

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

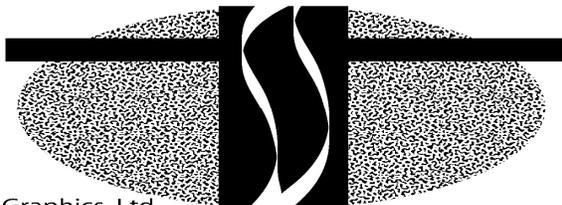
Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL



Religious Education Important Dates

Grade 3 Reconciliation March 15 & March 18
During Class

Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgy March 15
1:30 pm in Church

Optional Events in Joyce Hall at 1:30 pm:
Rosary Making April 1
Banner Making April 19

Grade 8 Graduation April 18 5:00 pm Mass

First Communion Celebrations May 2
9:00 am; 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm in Church

Class Dates

Sunday, March 15	Class
Wednesday, March 18	Class
Sunday, March 22	No Class
Wednesday, March 25	No Class
Sunday, March 29	No Class
Wednesday, April 1	No Class
Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday)	Class
Wednesday, April 8	Class
Sunday, April 12 (Easter Sunday)	No Class
Wednesday, April 15	No Class
Sunday, April 19	Class
Wednesday, April 22	Class

RE Fair ALL Sessions in Joyce Hall
Sunday, April 26 8:45-10:15 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer AND when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily.

The Grade Level Mass will be held on April 18. Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space on the following Saturdays (subject to change): March 14, 21 & 28; April 28.

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



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

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 following committees:

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

Interested in Becoming a School Advisory Board Member?

*****FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2020*****

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 need to have experience on a board or have a career in education? NO, you do not need 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 6-8 hours per month.
- Do you need 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 of current SFX students.
- 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 selection committee members Matt Duffy m.duffy@nonnis.com or 708-280-1995, or Katie Kanzer a k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or 773-860-5283.

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site <https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School%7CParent%20Volunteers%3E%3ESAB%20-%20School%20Advisory%20Board>. ***Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.*** We look forward to receiving your application!



A Fabulous Evening at the Theatre of Western Springs!



**Ann Serafin
(our host)
with son Matt**



What a night! Excellent musical entertainment by Multiplicity (courtesy of Barb and Tom Kalnes), appetizers and beverages from our sponsors Barrel House, DiNico's Pizza, Kenny's and Nothing Bundt Cakes. *Please consider these area restaurants when you plan your gatherings and gift certificate purchases!* And then the main event: the suspenseful and tragic tale of Nick Carraway, Daisy Buchanan, and the Great Gatsby. SFX's very own, Beth (Brewick) DiMarco was all smiles as she danced with the ensemble. God bless Thom and Ann Serafin, our patrons, who purchased the house for that night, donating it to SFX for an evening of fellowship and fundraising.

Hats off to the Fundraising and Social Committee, chaired by Nancy and Joe Cummings, with volunteers Mary Pat Flaherty, Joanie Domanico, and Shannon Gannon for organizing the night. Thank you for the gift of your talents in planning such a fabulous evening! And a shout out to Caitlin Walsh, who took these photos and coordinated our social media coverage for the evening.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SPRING FOOD DRIVE



Do your youth need community service hours? Do you want to do some good right here in our community? Volunteers are needed to help distribute food drive flyers to homes in LaGrange and LaGrange Park on Friday, April 10 to Sunday, April 19. Volunteers can choose their own day and time that works best for them. Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Most people volunteer for 1 hour, a total of 50 hours is available. Collection of donations is handled by the Knights of Columbus and delivered to the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry for distribution to local people, families and seniors struggling to make ends meet. This community service project, twice each year, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the kindness and generosity of friends and neighbors like you.

To volunteer or for more information - text or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please Join Family Ministry As We Partner With Salt Creek Watershed Network To Help Clean The Creek Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 am-Noon

Where: North Bemis Woods. Entrance to the woods is on Wolf Road South of 31st Street. Drive to the foot bridge over Salt Creek to sign-in.

Volunteers: Please sign in and drive to assigned site along the creek.

Waiver Form & Minors: A signed volunteer waiver must be provided for participation. No minor may participate unless accompanied by an adult with a signed volunteer waiver.

Complimentary Cookout Lunch and Program
11:00 am-Noon.

RSVP for this event by contacting
Elizabeth Torrisi at
Elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com.

THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MEN'S CLUB



**NCAA
WATCH PARTY**
Friday March 20th
5:30 pm to Midnight in Joyce Hall

**\$25 PER PERSON
\$40 COUPLE**

WATCH YOUR FAVORITE TEAM ON THE BIG SCREEN!

WEAR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS!

PLAY SQUARES AND OTHER GAMES OF CHANCE!

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS OVER THE AGE OF 21!

Keg Beer, Coppola Wines, White Claw, Soft Drinks & Light Snacks Provided!

Food Trucks Serving
Mexican/Lenten Fare & Misericordia Desserts

Please contact Matt Hubert for any questions:
mthubert@gmail.com or 773-619-0554



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**JOIN US AT THE SCHOOL'S
LARGEST FUNDRAISING EVENT**

What:
SuperHero Gala - Auction 2020

When:
Saturday, April 25, 2020

Where:
SuperHero Headquarters
(A.K.A the School Parking Lot)

**Silent and Live Auction
Split the Pot Raffle
Sweet Mandy B's Cupcake Raffle
Food, Drinks, and Fun**

Tickets and Additional Information:

SuperHeroGala.givesmart.com

or Text SuperHeroGala to 76278

**Alumni Pre-Party
is Back!**

The money raised benefits the school and parish by providing funding for tuition assistance, grounds maintenance, technology upgrades and general operating expenses for the next two school years.

Thank you for your support!



The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue in
LaGrange Park

Stations of the Cosmic Christ on Wednesday, March 18 from 12:00-5:00 pm with Matthew Fox and Bishop Marc Andrus believe that Jesus is important today for far more than the last 20 hours of his life. Their 16 stations center on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus or significant events in his life. Pray these stations as a contemplative walk. Cost: Free will offering, suggested range \$10-15.

Singing Bowls on Thursday, March 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Experience internal healing as Jalima Cuesta uses breathing techniques, guided meditation, and intuitive playing of various alchemy crystal bowls to bring a sense of calm and peace to participants. Cost: \$25.

Contemplative Music and Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé on Wednesday, March 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm. An ecumenical evening of music and chant composed by Jack Crowe will include periods of silent contemplation. We will explore different faith traditions including Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism which use silence as a foundation for acting in the world. Cost: free will offering, suggested range \$10-20.

Visio Divina on Wednesday, April 1 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Visio Divina invites us into an encounter with The Holy through beholding an image or symbol, which some might say are the language of the soul. During this evening with artist Mary Southard, CSJ practice "contemplative seeing" while praying with images. Cost for SFX/SJC parishioners: free.

To register: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Interfaith Career Network

Better Resumes for Applying Online

Resumes submitted online are often screened by an applicant tracking system (ATS). ATS software ranks your resume according to a variety of criteria such as keywords and skills, depending on the needs of the employer. Studies show that up to 75% of qualified job seekers may be overlooked by an employer because their resume did not follow ATS rules. Join us on Thursday, March 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm and our speaker, Denis Curtain, will provide specific recommendations for making your resume ATS-friendly and for selecting the best keywords and skills to describe your background. Many of you already know Denis as a LinkedIn Trainer and Coach who helps job seekers and companies optimize their LinkedIn profiles. Don't miss this opportunity to optimize your resume for Applicant Tracking Systems. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

A JAZZ PASSION

VICTORIOUS + ETERNAL + LIGHT



Sunday
March 22
4:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish Center

ADMISSION IS FREE



Join us at St. Cletus in the Parish Center for a free concert on Sunday, March 22 at 4:00 pm. Victorious, Eternal, Light: A JAZZ PASSION is a one-of-a-kind experience. Believed to be the first major production of the Passion set to jazz, this work combines the emotional power of jazz harmonies and rhythms with the power of the gospel message to express the extraordinary spiritual journey of the last days of Christ's ministry.

This original staged production, written for choir, vocal quartet, soloists and a 12-piece jazz orchestra, pairs top Chicagoland Jazz instrumentalists with vocalists from Chicago's Lakeside Singers to tell the story of Jesus' passion and resurrection in modern language in the jazz medium. Jazz artists Andy Tecson, Bobby Lewis and Bobby Schiff scored David Abrahamson's libretto to produce a lively yet moving and faithful rendition of the familiar story.

More information can be found at www.edwardfas.com.

Habitat for Humanity



For the past 20+ years, during the months of June and July, St. Francis Xavier has sent as many as four separate groups of volunteers, for a week at a time, to build homes with Habitat for Humanity in Clarksdale, Mississippi. The exact dates for this summer's trips will be firmed up soon, but in the meantime, if you think you'd like to make the journey, or you'd like more information, please contact Chris O'Hea at chris.ohea@yahoo.com. No prior construction experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old, and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. We hope you can join us!

EXPANDING OUR
CIRCLE
ENRICHING OUR
LIVES
FILM/DISCUSSION
SERIES

Friday
April 3, 2020

Doors open at 6:00; film starts promptly at 6:30 pm
Sisters of St. Joseph, 1515 W. Ogden, LaGrange Park
(Ogden entrance)

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How where you live affects what you learn

RSVP with dates you can attend to
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...Or watch the movie online and come to
Meaningful Conversations
April 14, May 12
7:00 pm and join discussion at
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange

Area Respect Life

Our next Area Respect Life meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31st, 7:00 pm at St. Cletus Parish Center, 600 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

Domestic Abuse

St. Francis Xavier is committed to serving the needs of the abused in our parish and beyond. For more information regarding our domestic violence outreach ministry efforts here at SFX, please call: 708-352-0168.

Did You Know?

In the United States, one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the U.S. between the ages of 15 and 44—more than car accidents, rapes, and muggings combined.

Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children as adults.

Signs of Abuse:

Is your partner . . .
Controlling you?
Isolating you from people/activities?
Blaming you for his/her problems?
Making all the important decisions?
Humiliating you?
Threatening or using violence?
Making you feel as if you are crazy?
Expecting you to “do as you’re told”?
Abusive to children/past partners?



If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you are not alone.

Call 911 if you feel you are in immediate danger.

If you or someone you know needs help,
call a 24 hour hotline:
Pillars: 708-485-5254
Family Shelter Services: 630-469-5650

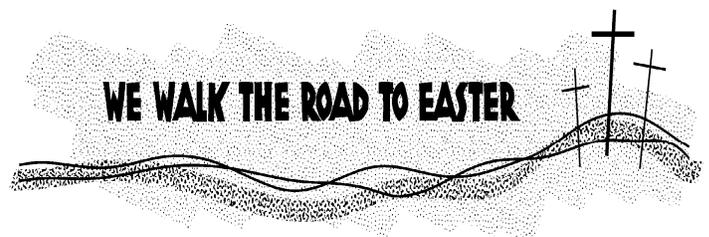


Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years, yet there are many people who are relatively new to the parish and do not know about them. If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please call Susie Lehuta at 708-354-6380.

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Rectory Hours

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

Sabbath Liturgy

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday8:30 am
 Saturday9:00 am
St. Cletus (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

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

Domestic Violence Resources

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

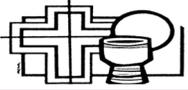
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—March 21-22, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	M. Kanzer D. Veverka H. McCormick	M. Becker L. Bannach D. Dunlap K. Corrigan J. Denson P. DeMars S. Devitt K. Preussner N. Veihman M. Zeisloft	M. Kachmarik B. Gannon S. Parkes	G. Adams	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Thachuk	S. Lindsay P. Olson M. Carroll	S. Augustyn D. Challender M. Hermesdorf G. Rutkowski D. Walsh	E. Geraghty C. Shanley C. Hull	C. Jakubisin	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Ilo	J. O'Connor T. Gannon J. Spearman	J. Fix L. Nichol D. Nighswander B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali G. Prendergast D. Sherman G. Soulje	D. Collins D. Janiszewski E. Kostal	K. Fron	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	H. Labrador L. Nowak K. Justak	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis B. Sorice	E. Cushing C. Cushing T. Mulcahy	TBA	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	L. Dillon M. Weihofen C. McLaughlin	N. Dekoker A. Chimento L. Donegan T. Bogart Open	A. Edwards N. Edwards D. Dudek	TBA	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of March 15, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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