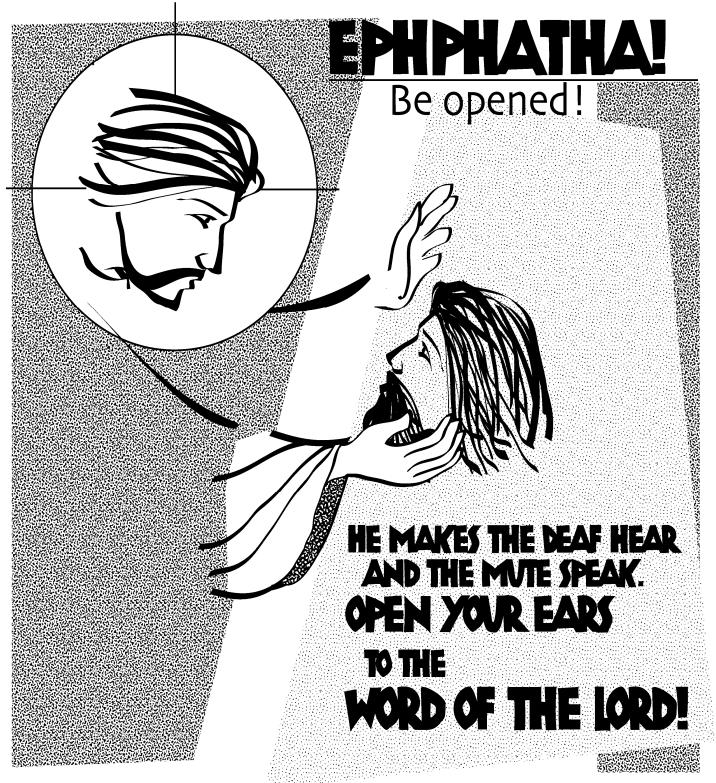
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018





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Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 10	7:45 am 9:00 am	Gerard Grace Antoinette Mangione Frank J. Horacek, Jr.	The Westerhoff Family The Mangione Family Mary F. Russell
Tuesday, September 11	7:45 am 9:00 am	The Children of Sue Hirsch George Scanlon	Barbara Marshall Anne Scanlon
Wednesday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary	7:45 am 9:00 am	Jane Foley Douglas Peterson	The SFX Sunshine Committee The Richie & Patty Collins Family
Thursday, September 13 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Lawrence Barry Antonio & Teresa Franzese David Benson	The Barry Family Marge Branecki
Friday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	7:45 am 9:00 am	Anthony Discipio Deceased Cummings Family Members Word & Communion Service	Joe Discipio
Saturday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Albina Samko Jean Condon Murphy Deceased Members of Martin & Swieton Families Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding~Cassandra Pritchard & Christopher Frigo Wedding~Ashley Albito & John Sifferman Sacrament of Reconciliation Patricia Fitzgerald	The Samko & Hanks Families Daniel Murphy The Martin Family Luanne Peterson
Sunday, September 16	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mickey Kelly People of the Parish Marie Ann Barry Rodelio Mendoza Suzie Gentica People of the Parish Patricia Fitzgerald	Donna Mulvenna Lorraine & Judy Ovnik The Mendoza Family The Mendoza Family The Mulvenna Family

Please Pray For...

Keeley Barr Jay Carroll Lillian Cunningham Louis Darovic Blake Donegan Fr. Dave Dowdle Pat Eaton William Egbert Bill Elliott Sharon Elliott John Fennell Lily Fielding Baby Collins Fitzpatrick Paulina Frustaci Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory Patricia Hassler Loretta Haxel Linda Hillsman Rose Ilo Jane Jacobson Mike Kellv Benny Kilman Jerry Kolman

Virginia Kottaridis Edward Kudia Emmett Miller Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison Amanda O'Brien Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Carissa Pessetti James Pridmore Baby Madison Raupp Anna Rose Marilvn Rutkowski Anthony Scafide Matthew Schiek Greyson Stanley Sarah Stanley Kate Frugoli Sullivan Jerry Tazic Marty Thuerk Anne Titzer Michael Ungari Amanda Valerugo Gregory Van Gorp

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:

> *Thomas Honan* Father of James

Audrey Walsh Mother of John and Grandmother of Caitlin, Jack & Matthew



Weddings

Cassandra Pritchard & Christopher Frigo Ashley Albito & John Sifferman Cecilia DiTommasco & Charlie Penicook Samantha Marousek & Daniel Summers Jenny Harper & Michael Brems

Pastor's Notes

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, ... who comes to save you. Isaiah 35:4

In early August, Cardinal Cupich asked that, this weekend, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago "raise consciousness about the plight of immigrants and refugees" in our world. His request came before the release of the Pennsylvania grand jury report on hidden abuses in the diocese of western Pennsylvania; and it calls us to remember that our mission is to <u>all</u> who suffer in this world, even as we confront the suffering caused by the actions of church officials in the last half of the 20th century and their subsequent efforts to hide their failures. We, the sons and daughters of immigrants, are challenged to learn and remember the stories of our own ancestors: how and why they left their homelands to come to this country.

In a time of political polarization, the struggles of immigrants and refugees too often becomes politicized when addressed from a faith perspective. A *gospel perspective* challenges us to set aside political positions and specific solutions – to choose to see the immigrants and refugees of our world and in our nation, <u>above all else</u>, as children of God; our sisters and brothers. The apostle James cries out today: "Show no partiality." Isaiah challenges us to be a people who bring hope and strength to those who live in fear. Jesus travels beyond

the borders of Israel; in healing a man who is deaf and mute, he gives him a voice within his own community.

We are called to bring healing through our words and actions. Scriptures challenge us to identify with the desperation of a family fleeing war or other violence and leaving everything behind to protect those they love. The gospel calls us to learn the story of the immigrant, whether documented or undocumented, who lives among us between two worlds, without security in either one. Jesus asks us to be instruments of healing: praying for refugees and immigrants who struggle to find safety and peace: learning about their struggles, as painful as it might be for us to know the details; *reaching out* through Catholic Charities, Extension Society, Catholic Relief Society, and other groups who care for the stranger among and around us; *demanding* of our elected officials a willingness to move beyond partisan concerns and find a common solution to our broken immigration system. We, a communion in the Body of Christ, have been given the gift of many voices and perspectives; we believe that God speaks when we listen to one another and discover the common ground to which the Spirit leads us.

May there be no distinctions among or beyond us of who is most worthy of our love and protection.

Peace,

7. Bill

Join Us

Former and future pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela (Way of St. James) are invited to a gathering on September 19, 2018 at Ascension Parish in Oak Park, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Come to hear from French *hôtes* who welcome pilgrims from all over the world to their homes on the *Via Turonensis* (Paris-St. Jean Pied-de Port). Come for table discussion on our own camino: life lessons learned, friends made, graces received. Refreshments will be served. Ascension Parish is at 808 South East Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302. Free parking. For more information call Ascension at 708-848-2703.

Scripture Reflection

We might not witness such dramatic deeds as the deaf hearing, or the mute speaking, but we witness God's activity in the world on a daily basis. We can participate in the activity of Jesus by bringing in the excluded, reaching out to those on the margins, and empathizing with those who have less. Each time we as an "other Christ" or an *alter Christus*. By virtue of our baptism that is our vocation, to be another Christ on earth, ministering to those in need wherever and whenever we find them. Figuratively, and even literally, we can help to give voice to the voiceless, and assist those who cannot hear to hear. The voiceless might not be mute, but instead the marginalized without access to the microphone of public debate. Those who cannot hear might not be the deaf, but those who are figuratively deaf to the injustice in our world. As another Christ, it is our duty as baptized Christians to enact God's kingdom on earth. Today we are given a model for doing that. When we do so, our behavior might be thought of as odd, but it is nevertheless our calling and our vocation.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – How it Works:

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the official process of welcoming adults into the Catholic faith. It is modeled after the process used in the early Church for the initiation of new members. RCIA is for those not yet baptized, persons who have been baptized in another Christian denomination, and Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

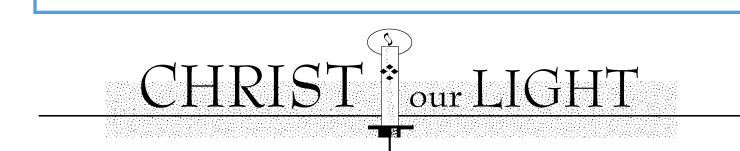
The first phase of the RCIA process is called the period of "Inquiry." This is a period of searching, questioning, and investigation into Catholicism. It is a time to recognize and name your experience of faith, and how God is calling you to conversion. The Inquiry phase begins on September 18, and will last through the end of November. Then, you will be asked if you would like to continue by preparing to receive the sacraments, or not. Details about the remaining three phases can be found at: www.sfxlg.org/ RCIA.

Registration is necessary. Please contact Kate DeVries, kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 by Tuesday, September 11.

RCIA – Inquiry Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm St. John of the Cross Parish Center 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs

The second phase, the Catechumenate, goes from December 2 until Lent begins, on March 5. That is the period for learning key elements and practices of the faith. We meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm, at St. John of the Cross Parish Center. At that time, you will be asked if you would like to continue by preparing to receive the sacraments, or not. Details about the remaining three phases can be found at: www.sfxlg.org/ RCIA.

On September 28, the RCIA Team will welcome seven Inquirers who seek to enter into the Catholic tradition. As they begin their spiritual journey, please join team members and sponsors in embracing their pilgrimage, and praying for their journey.



Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier and Grace Lutheran

All are invited to our Taizé Evening Prayer Friday, September 14 7:30 pm @ St. Francis Xavier



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind to inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.



Novena For The Healing of Our Church

Mundelein Seminary at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake is launching a nine-day **Novena for the Healing of Our Church** from Friday, September 7 through Saturday, September 15 to unite Catholics in prayer for healing, justice and hope amid the ongoing crisis within the Catholic Church. All are invited to attend nine special Masses to be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago.

"This prayerful response to the crisis serves as a powerful witness of the hope we find in our faith, even in the darkest times," said Father John Kartje, rector of Mundelein Seminary. "It also provides our seminarians and the entire seminary community the opportunity to engage with parishioners in their local churches throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago and spend time with them in prayer."

The nine Novena Mass will be held at locations throughout the Chicago area so that Catholics across the city and suburbs can attend. The opening and closing Masses will also be live-streamed on Mundelein's website at www.usml.edu.

The nine Novena Masses will be celebrated at the following locations:

Friday, September 7 at 7:00 pm Chapel of the Immaculate Conception 1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein (Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling.)

Saturday, September 8 at 7:00 pm St. Columbanus, 331 East 71st Street, Chicago

Sunday, September 9 at 7:00 pm Mary, Seat of Wisdom, 920 Granville Ave, Park Ridge

Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm St. James Wabash, 2907 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago

Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm St. Julie, 7399 West 159th Street, Tinley Park

Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm St. Anastasia, 624 Douglas Avenue, Waukegan

Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 pm St. Theresa, 455 North Benton Street, Palatine

Friday, September 14 at 7:00 pm Our Lady Mother of the Church Polish Mission 116 Hilton Street, Willow Springs

Saturday, September 15 at 7:30 pm Holy Name Cathedral 730 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago (Celebrated by Cardinal Blase Cupich) Please join us in prayer for our Church.



We sing as one family of faith!

REGISTRATION FORM NEXT PAGE -----→

*Registration Forms and Rehearsal/Mass Schedules also available at all of the EXITS and on our website (sfxlg.org) under "quick links" and the Music Ministry page!

*Cherub Choir (Girls and Boys *Grades 1-3)

Weekly commitment: Tuesday rehearsals **3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. *3:15 snack time & activity for early arrivals.** Sing once a month at the 5:00 p.m. Mass (Saturday)

First rehearsal: Tuesday, September 25 (in church)

*SF Choristers (Boys and Girls *Grades 4-8)

Weekly commitment: Thursday rehearsals 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. *3:15 snack time & activity for early arrivals.

Sing once a month at the 5:00 p.m. Mass (Saturday)

First rehearsal: Thursday, September 27 (in church)

*Registration Due Date: Monday, September 24th, 2018

St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form 2018 - 2019

PLEASE PRINT	
Name of Child	
Name of Parent(s)	
Address	
E-mail	
Home Phone Number	
Cell Phone Number	
School	
Grade Age	
Birthday (month/day)	
Cherub Choir (Grades 1 – 3)SF Choristers (Grades 4 – 8)*Rehearsals start Tuesday, September 25*Rehearsals start Thursday, September 273:45 to 4:15 pm3:45 to 4:30 pm	
I am available to be a parent helper at <u>rehearsals</u> . <i>(circle one)</i> Yes No	
I am available to be a parent helper at <u>Masses</u> . <i>(circle one)</i> Yes No	
*Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by <u>September 24th</u> to the attention of: Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Music Director St. Francis Xavier Church~124 N. Spring Avenue~LaGrange, IL 60525 asterwalt@sfxlg.org	





Job Opening

Half-time PreK4 teacher Monday-Friday

Must hold valid teaching license. If interested please see the Archdiocese of Chicago Employment website and contact SFX Principal Sharon Garcia at sgarcia@sfxlg.org.

St. Francis Xavier School Enrollment Session Now Open!

St. Francis Xavier School provides students from Preschool 3 through 8th grade with an extraordinary educational experience firmly rooted in our Catholic faith.

We Pray

Students receive daily religion instruction and celebrate the presence of our faith throughout each and every day. Grade levels participate in liturgy planning and attend mass on a regular basis.

We Learn

Our students are continuously encouraged and challenged by a talented and dedicated staff to perform at their highest academic level. We continue to outscore schools in district in standardized testing and our graduates realize a 100% acceptance rate to high schools of their choice.

We Serve

Our nationally recognized Service Program inspires our students to be the hands and feet of Christ. Serving communities throughout Chicago, our students impact change and embrace the gift of service enriching their lives and the lives of those around us.

AT SFX...

We offer half day and full kindergarten classes, a Before and After Care program, non-cut sports with a 98% participation rate, and many extra-circulars and leadership opportunities.

Contact Mary Tassi at 708-352-2175 for more information.



SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:

http://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Youth%20Ministry

Ice Cream Social



Join us after 6pm Mass this week for an ice cream social sponsored by Youth Council! See the newly renovated courtyard, meet members of the 2018-19 Youth Council, and grab an ice cream sundae or float!

We Need YOU!

We are still looking for adult volunteers to lead <u>6 MORE</u> Quest Confirmation groups. <u>You do not need to be a</u> <u>parent of a teen seeking to be Confirmed to lead a group!</u> The Quest Confirmation program is based on discussion rather than catechesis and lasts from September to April/ May.

For more information or to sign up, contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

Quest Confirmation Registration

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET

<u>REGISTERED YOUR TEEN FOR</u> <u>THE QUEST CONFIRMATION</u> <u>PROGRAM, PLEASE DO SO</u> <u>ASAP!</u> Registration forms can be found on the Youth Ministry website.



Once you have completed the registration form, have your teen fill out the group preference form, also found on the Youth Ministry website. This helps us place your teen in a Quest Confirmation group.

Contact Olivia Hollman with any questions!

Concert!



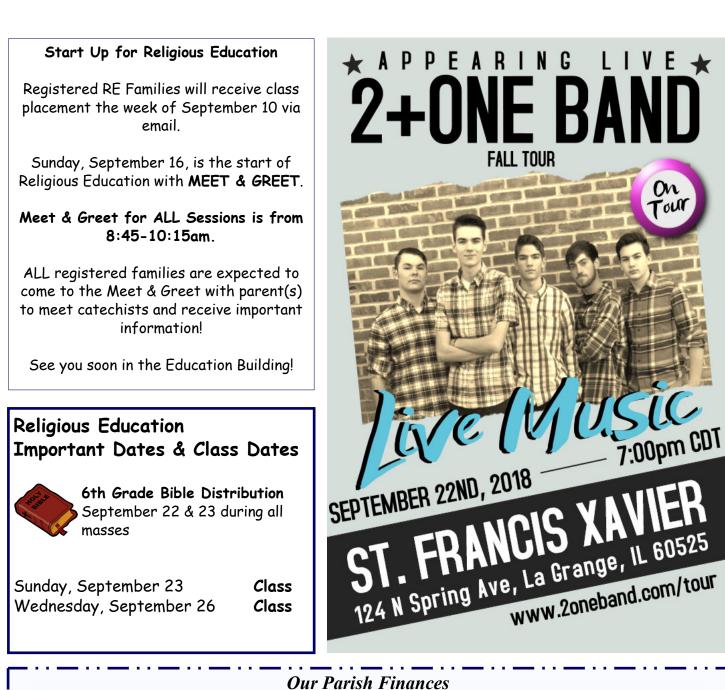
Who: 2+One What: Christian music concert geared towards teens and open to everyone! When: Saturday, September 22nd at 7pm Where: Joyce Hall Cost: Free will offering

Liturgical Ministers!

Are you interested in singing in the Spirit Choir? Or how about lecturing at the 6pm Mass? Or being a Eucharistic Minister at the 6pm Mass? All high school students are invited (and encouraged!) to participate in these very important ministries. If interested, contact Olivia Hollman.



~ Olivia Hollman



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	Sunday Basket Collection Sept This week last year	tember 2, 2018:	\$12,421 \$15,104	
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1	August 2018	\$59,248	\$52,204	\$111,452
	August 2017	\$43,882	\$59,369	\$103,251

We are in the process of revising our budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which began July 1st. Until this has been finalized and reviewed by the Finance Council in early September, we will not be reporting actual collections versus budget.

God bless you for your generosity to the Parish's many ministries, including education, youth, music, outreach, and more!

What is Stewardship?

Our willingness to acknowledge the blessings we have in our lives and to reflect how we can continue to steward our time, talents, and treasure to act as Jesus' hands and feet in the world.

This fall offers great opportunities to engage with SFX parishioners and our neighbors at several exciting SFX sponsored events! **Stewardship of Time** calls us not only to daily prayer and weekly prayer together; it also invites us to spend time together and develop relationships within our community. <u>ALL are welcome</u> to join.

- September 14: Golf Outing all adults
- September 28: Oktober fest a community event for all over 21 years of age
- October 19: Men's Club Pig Roast all adult men of the community
- October 24: SFX Night at the Theatre of Western Springs all ages
- November 3: Falcon 5K run (or walk!) <u>all ages</u>

All of these events build upon our fellowship here at SFX. Come to one, come to two, COME TO ALL!



Attention Alumni from the SFX Class of 1964!

Your classmates are gathering for a tour of the school on Saturday morning, October 13th and would like to connect with you! If you are a member of the SFX Class of 1964, please contact Mary Tassi, Advancement Director at mtassi@sfxlg.org or 708-352-2175 x331.

SAVE THE DATE

SFX Men's Club



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

All men of St. Francis Xavier are welcome. For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

Welcome Committee

A Welcome Committee is being formed to connect with new parishioners and introduce them to the stewardship opportunities here at SFX.

If you are interested in learning more about this new outreach, please contact Alex David at: alex.p.david91@gmail.com.

An exclusive night at the theatre for SFX parishioners and their guests!





Join us on Wednesday, October 24 for when the internationally-recognized Theatre of Western Springs presents Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," the 1978 hit that was nominated for four Tony Awards, including Best Play. Deathtrap holds the record for the longest-running, comedy-thriller on Broadway, and critics call it "a rare thriller that delivers both laughs and unexpected twists."

Now SFX parishioners and their friends can thrill to the plot twists and turns of this memorable performance that includes a VIP reception before the show and features beer, wine, soft drinks and delicious bites from notable restaurants. Please watch the bulletin and parish website for details about how you may purchase tickets for an exceptional night at the theatre; 100% of the proceeds from this delightful evening will benefit SFX Parish.

Join us for the 13th Annual

Sign up today for the St. Francis Falcon 5K!

https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/LaGrangePark/StFrancisFalcon5KRunWalk



Saturday, November 3rd

Kids' Fun Run (~0.5 mile), Junior Falcon 100 yd. Dash, 3.1 mile Run/Walk

Be a part of the fun, start training today Strollers, walkers, non-SFX parishioners, and all ages welcome!

• USATF certified*, chip timed, flat, tree lined La Grange Park neighborhood course

- 5K and Kids Fun Run participants receive a technical t-shirt. Under 19 discount
- Indoor post-race celebration with Flash Magnets & fabulous treats from local vendors!

Want to volunteer? Questions? Please contact Meghan Fijal at Falcon5KSFX@gmail.com

*IL 17026WR Race benefits St. Francis Xavier School, a not-for-profit organization.

BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM



Bricks are available in 2 sizes:

Small 4"x 8" **\$175 each** Large 8" x 8" **\$300 each**

Please check our website for updates regarding our next brick installation.

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ST FRANCIS XAVIER DAY SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ORDER FORM



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Please check our website for updates regarding our next brick installation targeted for July 2019.

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Interfaith Career Network

Career Search and Development Boot Camp - Week 1 We invite you to join us on Tuesday, September 18 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. This fall's five-week Boot Camp will kick off with an overview of the State of the Job Market. Keynote speaker, Heather Davis, will share her success story in re-entering the workforce after a lengthy absence and Dr. Joe Yount will deliver a special presentation on building your self-confidence for your career search. There is no cost for attending the Boot Camp and everyone is encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of the training. Meetings will be in Westminster Hall; please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Attaining and Retaining Job Search Referrals

Join us on Thursday, September 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. Key takeaways covered at this presentation will include...the importance of having employee referrals as a key part of your job search. Steps in preparing to search, find and select employee referrals. How to get an internal sponsor to help your cause. How to write effective introduction messages. What to say and do with targeted individuals in face-to-face new networking conversations. Our speakers, Bob Johnson and Bob Rosell, have helped place job seekers through sponsored referrals, as well as shortened the transition time for people looking for work. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to welcoming you.

Have you ever wished that you could have a conversation with Jesus?



This fall, St. John of the Cross Parish will be hosting The Loyola University Institute of Pastoral

Studies (IPS) **Chicago Catholic Scripture School.** This course provides a transformational encounter with Jesus Christ and formation in Sacred Scripture within a Roman Catholic framework. Anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of scripture will benefit from this program.

Class begins Wednesday, September 12 and is held weekly. Both an afternoon class (10:00am-12:00pm) and evening class (7:00-9:00pm) are offered.

For general information, contact Director Kevin Pease at kpease@luc.edu or at 312-915-7485.

For further information or to register for class, on site or online, please go to Loyola University's website at: http://www.luc.edu/ips/ccss

Our goal is to help bring people into a closer relationship with God's revealed Word in the Roman Catholic tradition. Empowerment of the Word, and one's response, transforms lives.

Thank You

On behalf of the children and their families in our S.A.F.E. after school program, our News School Journalism Program, and parishioner children and grandchildren at St. Agatha, I want to extend our gratitude to you for your donation of \$360 toward backpacks and school supplies, which were distributed to over 200 children and teens this past Sunday. Your gift helps us as we serve the youth and families in great need in the St. Agatha/North Lawndale neighborhood community. The generosity of people like you helps us tremendously as we continue to live the mission of Jesus in the North Lawndale community through our outreach to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the poor and needy beyond our doors.

Please be assured of my continued prayers. May God bless you for your generosity and may God continue to bless you in all that you do!

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry Dowling, Pastor



Bereavement Support Group

The loss of a loved one is a time of deep sorrow in life and our grief can be expressed in many ways. SEASONS OF HOPE is a faith-based, healing program for those who have suffered such a loss.

To begin healing does not mean forgetting—our loved ones will be remembered forever. We can however, deepen our spirituality and faith by reflecting and sharing while being guided toward a path of healing. Our hope will be strengthened in the sure knowledge that one day we will all be reunited with our loved ones.

Participants meet weekly in a small group that is guided by leaders who care and truly understand the depth of your sorrow as they too have experienced the loss of a loved one.

SEASONS OF HOPE is co-sponsored by St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross. The upcoming fall season is at SJC. Call their parish to register at 708-246-4405 (The winter session will be here at SFX with details to be announced.)

Monday evenings: 7:00-8:30 pm September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 15 and 22 St. John of the Cross~5005 Wolf Road~ Western Springs



Women's Spirituality Circle on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:30 pm. September 12, 26; October 17, 31; November 14, 28 and December 12. Facilitator: Kathy Conway, BVM. Women have gathered in Growing Downward: Day Retreat with circles to share their experiences for centuries. Where do women go today to share their spiritual journey, their deepest by the poet /farmer Wendell Berry that says, desires and questions; to tell their stories in a listening, supportive environment? The image suggests rooting ourselves more fully Women's Spirituality Circle is being called within the sacred community of life. During to meet this need. Limited to six participants. our time together, we will explore what it Cost: \$105.

Succession Trail, Portage, IN on translating them into action for our world. Saturday, September 15 from 9:30 am-3:30 pm. We'll start our hike on a bare sand beach and end in an oak forest, tracing a process of plant succession that took Sara Thomsen: Concert and Sacred thousands of years, and seeing an incredible Universe Award on Saturday, October 20 variety of plants, butterflies, birds, and at 7:00 pm. Sara Thomsen's music draws us maybe a lizard or two. Experience the dunes inward and outward - in, to the movements anew with naturalist Cathy Martin from Save of what is deep within, and out, into the humanity we all share. She is a staunch

Restorative Yoga on Mondays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. September 17, October 1, 15, 29 and December 3, 17 with Facilitator Nina thank Sara for her gift of music and depth of Ginocchio. Restorative yoga is the art of feeling for all Creation. practicing relaxation, an opportunity for the nervous system to relax. It is perfect for the Matthew Fox: Naming the Unnameable brand new beginner as well as for someone Presentation and Book Signing on with years of experience. Cost: \$60 or \$10 per session.

10:00-11:30 am September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 13 with Facilitator Bridget Sperduto. Touch into the wisdom that is within you: the same Wisdom Divine Names gathered from scientists, that creates galaxies and life itself. Through poets and mystics past and present. touching into the depth of wisdom and love at the heart of the Universe we hope our time Pat Bergen, CSJ: Something Wonderful

Know is Possible: Conversation and time. Join us during this final week of Contemplation on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 pm from Sept 20, 27; Oct 4, 18, 25; Nov 1, 8, 15 with Facilitator Jackie Schmitz, CSJ Fridays 9:00-11:00 am (meets in River Forest) Sept 7, 21, 28; Oct 5, 19, 26; Nov 2, will be offered in the evening and repeated 19, 26 Facilitator: Bridget Sperduto Our the following morning. book groups will explore The More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know is Possible, by Charles Eisenstein. Real life stories throughout the book show how small, individual acts of courage, kindness, and self -trust can change our present narrative of separation, a narrative that has generated our current planetary crisis. In this time of social

and ecological crisis, what can each of us do to make this world even more beautiful? Cost: \$120 book available in Joseph's Corner.

Mark your calendars for 4 exciting Fall programs co-sponsored by St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross. Growing Downward, Sara Thomsen, Matthew Fox and Pat Bergen programs are free to parishioners of SFX and SJC:

Gail Worcelo, SGM Saturday, October 6 at 9:30 am-3:00 pm. There is a line in a poem "I am growing downward." This beautiful means to "grow downward" through the work of Thomas Berry, discovering the Our Evolving Region: West Beach Dune "Footprints of God" inside our own lives and Includes lunch. Please register in advance by October 1.

> supporter of struggles for human dignity and ecological sustainability. Join us for a concert that is sure to inspire you and also to

Thursday, October 25 from 7:00-9:00 pm. What do we mean by "God" in today's world? How many names for Divinity are Embracing Wisdom on Thursdays from there? Do the names for God change as we mature and evolve? Renowned theologian and author Matthew Fox will ignite our imaginations, offering a colorful range of

together will weave a firmer fabric of **and New is Happening** on Monday, planetary love. Advance registration December 17 from 7:00-8:30 pm and requested. Cost \$60 or \$15 per session. Tuesday, December 18 from 9:30-11:00 am. We know it is difficult to perceive, but The More Beautiful World Our Hearts something wonderful is happening in our Advent, as we attend, reflect and respond to the newness emerging in ourselves and our culture. The unseen God of Love is making a new breakthrough in our time. This program

> The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue LaGrange Park To register online and see complete list of programs: www.csjthewell.org call 708-482-5048.



Sponsorship Opportunities, Bags Tourney and Dinner tickets are available for uild The Legacy Guild Fall Golf Outing Sept 28th at

LaGrange CC. Donation of raffle prizes would also be appreciated!

Help provide college scholarships for local students who have lost a parent.

More info at https://thelegacyguild.com/golf -event/. Contact Bob Brogan at 708-243-7004 or Bob Bock at 708-646-9047.

Knights of Columbus **Tootsie Roll Drive**



The Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 will be collecting donations after each mass on this Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 for the Intellectually Disabled Tootsie Roll Drive 2018.

Donations collected help fund SPRED and other Intellectual Disabilities programs. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Do your youth need community service hours? Are you looking for a project that makes a difference right here in our community?

LaGrange Knights of Columbus need



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a total of 40 service hours for the Fall Food Drive. Groups and volunteers can take as little or as much as they like in increments of 1 hours. Volunteers can choose their own day and time during Saturday, September 29 to Sunday, October 7. The work is attaching flyers to the doorknobs of homes in the LaGrange area. Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the K of C. K of C members will handle pick-up of donations. Food Pantry staff and volunteers will handle sorting, storage and distribution of the donations. Since 2012 the K of C Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drives in April and October help our most vulnerable neighbors make ends meet. Call, text or email for more information or to join our effect. 708-207-2780 Hattie Mike. and council6483@gmail.com Thank you for your support!



- *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
- Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown-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
- Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC—nephew of John & Linda Hill
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- *Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army*—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
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- Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC-son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy-nephew of Rita Pantoni
- Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy-brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy-nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army-cousin of Lauren Schultz

Please inform us of those serving in the Military Overseas... and please let us know when friends and loved ones return from their deployment Overseas. Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday	
Friday	. 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday	
Sunday	

Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am,12:00 Noon and (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May) Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning	After 9:00 am Mass
Saturday afternoon	4:15 pm
The Reconciliation room is located	
tabernacle prayer area.	, second s

Liturgy Schedule

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

Word Communion Services

Thursday	7:45 am
Friday	9:00 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, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—September 15-16, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Hoffman	P. Shanley L. Mackenzie Q. Shanley	L. Bannach C. Cooke K. Corrigan A. Fekrat K. Kanzer M. Milligan D. Mulvenna K. Preussner L. Young	ТВА	K. Kelly	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Hoffman	R. Hillsman F. LaMantia G. Rutkowski	D. Challender M. Hermesdorf N. Kalkowski K. McInerney R. Nutt	ТВА	B. Kalnes	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	R. Cook J. O'Connor E. Fix	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson C. Froemel E. Froemel A. Gargano T. Urchell L. Weyrauch	ТВА	L. Hoigard	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Eraci K. McCarthy G. Sbrissa	N. Cummings M.P. Flaherty M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovnik	ТВА	B. Kalnes	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	E. McGovern C. Anderson J. Gatsos	A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann A. Gatsos Not Filled	ТВА	C. Jakubisin	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



Readings For The Week of September 9, 2018

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38 Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



