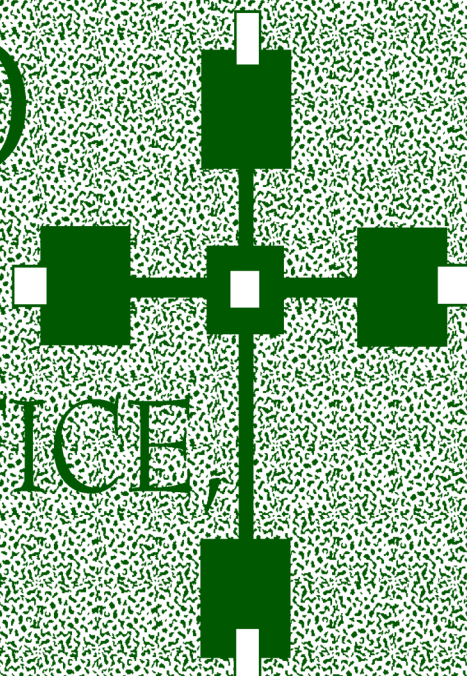


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2019



BLESSED
are the ones
who keep the faith,
SECURE JUSTICE,
FOR THE
OPPRESSED
and feed the hungry.



Let your actions proclaim the Gospel!



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 30 Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	8:30 am	Colleen Hogan	Carlene & Jack Kaps
Tuesday, October 1 Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	8:30 am	Mercedes McDonnell	The McDonnell Family
Wednesday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels	8:30 am	Dorothy Bauer	The Westerhoff Family
Thursday, October 3	8:30 am	Lambert & Dorothy Elwood	Mary Tio
Friday, October 4 Saint Francis of Assisi	8:30 am	Mercedes McDonnell	The McDonnell Family
Saturday, October 5	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Raymond Barry Sacrament of Reconciliation Pet Blessing (Spring Avenue Lawn) Wedding~Mary Lewis & Jon Harrington Wedding~Sara Flores & Cesar Torres Sacrament of Reconciliation Marilyn Hayes John Kelly Richard J. Martin, Sr. Allan Fitzpatrick	The Barry Family The Gibbons Family Mary Whelton The SFX Sunshine Committee The SFX Sunshine Committee
Sunday, October 6 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	John Kelly Jim Richta Don Blaha Roy Leslie People of the Parish	The Kostrewa Family Jim & Joan Potsch Peggy & Brian Golden Betty Moyer

Please Pray For...

James Boardman
Jay Carroll
Chili Challenger
Anthony Dina
Blake Donegan
Pat Eaton
Lily Fielding
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Patricia Hassler
Loretta Haxel
Harold Held
Linda Hillsman
Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Jane Jacobsen
Theresa Kandall
Benny Kilman
Marilyn King
Jerry Kolman
Virginia Kottaridis

Lou Ellen Krueger
Mary Ann Lewis
Marian Lucas
Emmett Miller
Patrick Morgan
Mike Morrison
Bernice Niemiec
Arnold Oppenheim
Jane O'Reilly
Ryan Patyk
Donna Pekarek
Jim Potsch
James Pridmore
Madison Raupp
Anna Rose
Marilyn Rutkowski
Matthew Schiek
Gretchen Sterwalt
Kate Frugoli Sullivan
John Thoms
Anne Titzer
Michael Ungari
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:

Robert Verhunce

Father of Bobbi Hannigan and
Grandfather of Katy & Jack

Conrad Staudacher

Brother of Shirley Hart

Weddings



Mary Lewis & Jon Harrington
Sara Flores & Cesar Torres
Kaitlyn Welgos & Jacob Soehlke
Marie Lynch & John Sturgeon

Pastor's Notes

"Lying at the door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the tables of others."

Luke 16:20-21

I do not have to travel to downtown Chicago to pass those on our streets who long for but the scraps from our tables. Today's gospel challenges me to take note. How often do I choose to *see* them rather than to pass by as if they were not there? How often do I offer a greeting, a smile, or some acknowledgement of them as my sister or brother? What conditions do I set on whether to reach into my pocket and offer them money in response to their request? How often have I offered to buy a meal or a cup of coffee on a cold day?

Friday was the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, a priest of the 17th century who devoted his life to care for the poor and invited others to join him. When the need of another interrupted his formal prayer, he viewed his response to that need as his prayer in that moment. He believed and taught others that the poor to whom we tend on this earth are likely to be the ones who will reach out and welcome us into the Banquet of the Kingdom. Our efforts to know their faces and their stories, and to see our relationship to them, will cause them to recognize and embrace us in gratitude.

Our parish Vincent DePaul Society continues the work of St. Vincent for those in need in our own community. Humbly and kindly they offer the resources we provide them to assist families and individuals with short term needs; they also offer their expertise in various areas to

help those in need find long-term solutions to place themselves on better footing. The names of those they serve are known only to the members of the parish Society. They protect the privacy and dignity of those among us in need.

At the south end of the east parking lot are three collection bins for the area St. Vincent DePaul Society. All are invited to gather and bag clothing and shoes in good condition and place them in one of the bins, which are emptied each week. What do you have in your closets or clothes drawers that you have not worn for a while and that is just "taking up space"? That forgotten item may prove a welcome treasure to one whose closets are bare. In addition, the food and donations provided to our parish Food Pantry and the BEDS Program are tangible expressions of our love and care for those in greater need than ourselves.

Let us never grow weary of recognizing the needs of those among and beyond this community. May we hold loosely the gifts that have been given to us so that we might share them with another. May we know the faces of the poor when we reach God's banquet table. More importantly, *may they recognize us.*

Remember to bring your pets for a blessing this Saturday morning at 10AM on the Spring Avenue (east) side of the church. *All pets* and their owners are welcome.

Peace,

J. Bill



Blessing of Pets

October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who preached by his life God's call for us to care for all of creation. This year, his feast day marks the end of a four-week period during which Christian groups throughout the world have been praying for a deepening commitment to healing our planet from the effects of climate change. The Feast of St. Francis also has been a time when we offer blessings to pets and renew our commitment to be good caretakers. St. Francis Xavier Parish will offer a Blessing of Pets on **Saturday, October 5th, at 10AM**. We will gather on the Spring Avenue lawn along the east side of the church building. Pets of all types and sizes are welcome. Pass the word to friends and neighbors who might be interested.



Thank You!



Thank you so much for your support of the Toys for Tyler Toy Drive! So many toys, gift cards and monetary contributions were collected and donated to the Treasure Chest Foundation. This incredible organization helps to distribute the gifts to children and teens battling cancer. You have no idea what a wonderful distraction a new toy can be!

The event was organized by Cathy Murphy and the Catholic Women's Club Board. All of their hard work was very apparent as hundreds of little kids were running around, playing and having a great time. A huge thanks to all the student and parent volunteers and the delicious Bake Sale by the Girl Scouts. The toy tables quickly filled and cars were overflowing with all that was collected. The event was truly a great party and a wonderful success!

Thank you to all those who came and to those who so generously donated. What a great community we have at St. Francis Xavier!

With great appreciation,
Laura and Brent Duelm



Christifideles Award 2019

This award is bestowed upon an individual Catholic layperson who has demonstrated by participation in parish life, the personal and ministerial renewal called for by Papal Exhortation, Christifideles Laici, calling the laity to the vocation of responsibility for the Church's life springing from the gift and mission of their baptism. The awards will be presented at Queen of All Saints Basilica on Sunday, October 13th, 2019 at 2:30. The criteria for the award are: 1. The individual (or married couple) is to be practicing Catholic who manifests an understanding of the teachings of the Church and has been graced with a life formed in the Catholic spiritual tradition. 2. The individual has used their talents to deepen the life of the Church in the parish or has served in an extraordinary way the ministry of the parish. 3. The nomination for the award has been advanced by the pastor of the parish in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council. 4. The Episcopal Vicar approves of the nomination. Only one award will be given per parish.

This year, the Parish Pastoral Council recommended David Sherman. David and his late wife Rosemary raised their family in the parish and have been active parishioners throughout the years. David has been involved in parish liturgy as lector, communion minister, "lighting coordinator" and liturgy planner. He also has provided leadership as a member of the parish Liturgy Board and in training ministers of communion. He was an active member of a parish acting troupe that used to present plays for the parish; he has continued this ministry with the plays and talent shows of the parish elementary school, maintaining connections with school alumni. He also has served at the area and Archdiocesan levels.

Congratulations, David, and thank you for your generous stewardship!

All Parishioners: You are encouraged to participate in a Parish Conversation on **A PPC that speaks Our Voice**

Monday, September 30th @ 7-8:30 pm in Unity Hall

What structure best supports a PPC that speaks in the parish voice
when raising, discussing, and providing counsel to the pastor
on key issues of concern?

Are you interested in becoming one of those voices for two years?

Join the conversation and offer your feedback!

Your voice is important to us!

❖ Spirituality ❖ Community ❖ Lifelong Learning ❖ Justice
❖ Service ❖ Worship ❖ Youth Involvement ❖ Family Ministry ❖

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. Last week, men and women of the parish had a blast at our Annual Golf Outing (photos below). **ALL are welcome** to join the next round of events:

- October 18: Men's Club Pig Roast - all adult men of the community
- November 2: Falcon 5K run (or walk!) - all ages

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



We all shop! But did you know your normal purchases could be helping SFX and earn tuition credit for a SFX school family?

The SFX Scrip program allows you to buy gift cards, either plastic or electronic, for hundreds of vendors for all types of goods and services. Making money for SFX is as simple as 1-2-3.

- 1) Buy a gift card for whatever you need
- 2) Use the gift card to buy stuff
- 3) Reap the rewards

It is that simple!

The vendors offer the cards at a discount, and SFX gets the difference as profit. Your family has the option of getting 40% of the profit back as a tuition credit, or you can choose to send your credit to another family or return it to the school.

You can buy gift cards for just about anything that you need to buy. There's more to the program than grocery gift cards. You can replenish your Starbucks Card, drop off a sunshine gift, start stockpiling gift cards for the holidays...the possibilities are endless!

HOW TO ENROLL:

- 1) Go to www.ShopwithScrip.com and click on Join a Program.
- 2) Enter our enrollment code: **5471CCD65575L**
- 3) Enter a user name, password, and your account information. Fill in the validation, click Register, and you can start earning money for SFX!

Find the schedule of Due Dates and Order Fulfillment Dates at hop4SFXLG.com.

Questions? ShopForSFX@sfxlg.org



A special thanks to all of the families that already support Shop SFX!

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Super Bowl Champion
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Super Bowl Champion
Tom Thayer
Hall of Fame Voice
of the Chicago Bears
Jeff Joniak



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER AT 7:00 PM

\$100 PER PERSON

Cost for Senior members is a donation
to the Men's Club. See below for details.*



Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Professional Pitmasters

Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda ★ Mixers

Bring your favorite spirit in a bottle!

TABLES OF
8 AND 10
ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE FOR
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CIGAR TENT
HOSTED BY
CASA DE
MONTECRISTO



Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

*All male parishioners age 70 and over contact Matt Hubert directly at mthubert@gmail.com or 773-619-0554



NO MORE CLIPPING.

SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.

Please send Box Tops to the school office
Help SFX earn money!

The deadline for the Fall collection is
Friday, October 18th.

**Going forward, instead of clipping
from packages,
all Box Tops will be earned digitally
by scanning your receipt!**

**Be sure to download the new app
from the Apple App Store or Google Play.**

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, we can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Box Tops has been an impactful source of income for school resources. Thank you for your participation!

**Join us
for the 14th Annual**



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

www.sfxfalcon5k.com

Saturday, November 2nd

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 (Register by 10/14)
- 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.*

Living Rosary

All are Welcome!

*Mary identifies herself as
Our Lady of the Rosary
and told the children at Fatima
to pray the rosary daily
for peace – a message
that was meant for
every single person.*

October 7, 2018

8:30 am

School parking lot

(rain location: School Gym)



Prayers of the Rosary

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope, to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears; turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Closing Prayers

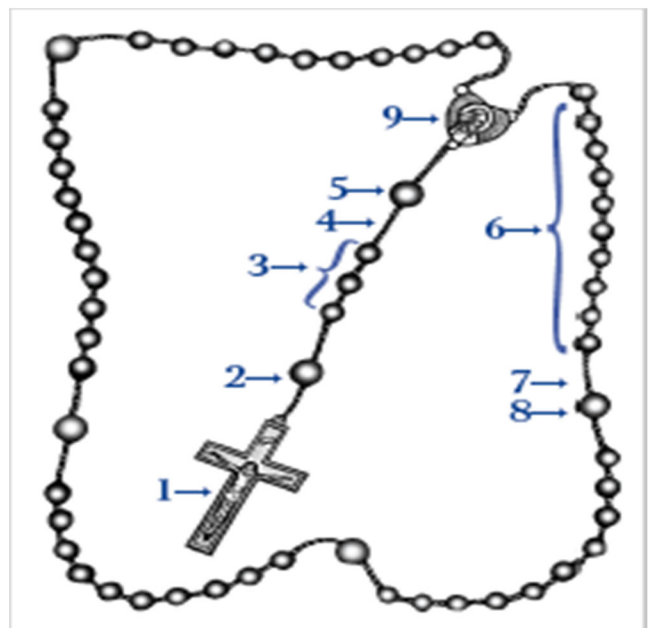
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O God, whose only-begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

How to Pray the Rosary

1. *Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles Creed.*
2. *Say the Our Father.*
3. *Say three Hail Mary's.*
4. *Say the Glory be to the Father.*
5. *Announce the First Mystery;* then say the *Our Father.*
6. *Say ten Hail Mary's,* while meditating on the Mystery.
7. *Say the Glory be to the Father.*
8. *Say the Fatima Prayer* after each decade.
9. *Announce the Second Mystery:* then say the *Our Father.* Repeat 6-8 and continue with the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
10. *Say the Hail, Holy Queen and Closing Prayers* on the medal after the five decades are completed.

As a general rule, Joyful Mysteries are said on Monday & Saturday; Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday & Friday; Glorious Mysteries on Wednesday & Sunday; and Luminous Mysteries on Thursday.



What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Liturgical Ministers

Are you a teen in high school? Do you regularly attend the 6pm Sunday Mass? Are you trying to find ways to get more involved? As a new year starts, consider joining the Spirit Choir or training to become a Lector or Eucharistic Minister. All high school students are invited (and encouraged!) to participate in these very important ministries.

There will be training THIS Sunday for new Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for the 6pm Mass. Eucharistic Minister training will be before the 6pm Masses at 5:45pm and Lector training will take place directly after the 6pm Masses.

Questions? Contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

Boys Church League Basketball

Registration for Boys Church League Basketball is now open! The registration form can be found on the Youth Ministry website on the Men's Church League page. Cost is \$110 and includes all practices, games, and a reversible mesh jersey. Form and fee must be turned in to St. Francis Xavier by November 1. See the website for information about practice start date and Information/Meet the Coaches Night for Freshmen. Contact Olivia Zurowski with any questions.

Rite of Enrollment

Next weekend, October 5/6, we will be celebrating the Rite of Enrollment at all Masses for teens enrolled in the Quest Confirmation program. If you've chosen a sponsor already, they are welcome and invited to attend and sign the Enrollment book with you. Questions? Contact Olivia Zurowski.

Family Speaker

Parents and community members are welcome to join the conversation at Nazareth Academy's Parent Speaker Series. On **Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 pm** hear from Dr. John Duffy, author of *Parenting the New Teen in the Age of Anxiety*. This is a free event. More information can be found at nazarethacademy.com. Nazareth Academy, 1209 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

Religious Education

Important Dates & Class Dates

Pizza Fundraiser

Starts on September 29

All Orders Due on October 20

Pizza Order Pick-up on October 30



Eucharistic Liturgies

Grade 3

October 19

Practice 4:15 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Class Dates

Sunday, September 29	Class
Wednesday, October 2	Class
Sunday, October 6	Class
Wednesday, October 9	Class
Sunday, October 13	No Class
Wednesday, October 16	No Class
Sunday, October 20	Class
Wednesday, October 23	Class
Sunday, October 27	Class
Wednesday, October 30	Class

Are You Registered As Parishioners?

Do We Have A Record of Your Children?

We invite all to register as parishioners. If you are not receiving periodic mailings from the parish, you are not in our database. A registration form can be picked up at the back of the Church or printed out from our website, www.sfx-lg.org.

To help with our planning, we also ask that you let us know about your children, so that they can also be included in the database. Sometimes children are baptized elsewhere or families move into the parish after their children have been baptized. Consequently, we don't know about them until it is time to register for the Day School or for Religious Education. Again, the registration form available at the back of the Church or on the website can be used for this purpose.

Thank you for helping us keep our information as up-to-date as possible!

Retired Men's Group



Gerry Gutek Presents *Going to the Movies: Memories & Reviews*

Wednesday, October 16th
Coffee @ 10:00am
Presentation @ 10:30am
Unity Hall
Lunch @ 11:30am
Court Yard Room

RSVP by Friday, October 11th
to the Rectory 708-352-0168



SAVE THE DATE

Searching for a new or deeper relationship with God? Join fellow SFX women at our Spiritual Spa - details below. Questions!
Contact Laurie Severino 708-421-5034.

Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend

Saturday, February 8 -

Sunday, February 9, 2020

(begins at 8:30 am on Saturday and
ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday)

Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL



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

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.

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!



October is Respect Life Month

*"If you want peace, work for justice.
And if you want justice, defend life!"*
Saint Pope John Paul II

Area Respect Life Ministry

Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross partner together on a Respect Life Ministry, jointly advocating for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions. If interested in this ministry, please contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

The next meeting will be held on November 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Women's Care Center, 136 North LaGrange Road.

October 6: National Life Chain

Gather with parishioners from St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross on the south side of Ogden Avenue beginning at LaGrange Road from 2:30-3:30 pm.

Women's Care Center

Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support and education to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds help determine viability and dates (prenatal medical care and abortions not provided). We serve 26,000 women annually from 32 centers in 11 states, including Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania & Wisconsin.

Baby Bottle Donation Envelopes benefiting the mission of the Center will be available at all the church exits for the month of October. Envelopes can be dropped off in the collection baskets or Rectory.

40 Days for Life September 25-November 3 www.40daysforlife.com

November 4 at 7:00 pm, the Closing Mass for 40 Days for Life at St. Mary of the Angels Church (1850 North Hermitage Avenue in Chicago).

**THEY WILL
KNOW YOU ARE
CHRISTIANS
BY YOUR LOVE**

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ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK



**SAVE THE DATE
CROP 5K WALK**

LaGrange~Western Springs~Brookfield

Sunday, October 27

12:30 pm Onsite Registration

1:15 pm Walk

First Congregational Church
of Western Springs
1106 Chestnut Street

Suggested donation per Walker:
Free will monetary offering along with a
nonperishable food item.

CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG

Annual Mass Supporting People with Mental Illnesses, Families, Friends, and Mental Healthcare Providers

Mental illnesses, such as depression, bi-polar disease, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders and others touch one in four families. Stigma, the misinformation about these illnesses, keeps people from seeking help, and stigma keeps people from helping. The Mass is for all affected and those who are interested in helping. This celebration is our petition to the Holy Spirit to give encouragement to those affected by mental illness to pursue paths of recovery and wellness and to inspire and motivate all others to be advocates and helpers to those in need of housing, jobs, and support to reach their life goals.

The Mass will start at 2:00 pm on October 26 at St. Gertrude Church, 1400 West Granville, Chicago (6200 North, four blocks west of Broadway at Granville and Glenwood.) Refreshments and conversation will follow Mass.

For more information contact:

Deacon Tom Lambert
773-525-0453x21 or olmcinfo2@aol.com
Deacon Dan Welter
312-534-8283 or dwelter@archchicago.org
Faith & Fellowship
708-383-9276 or faith_fellowship@hotmail.com

Sponsored by: Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness/Office for Persons with Disabilities and Faith and Fellowship



From the Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury and death for women of all socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, and affects up to **1 in 10 men and 1 in 3 teens**. We invite you to join us to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with all those affected by violence.

This month we present a series of survivor stories.

Note that these are intended for adult readers.

All names have been changed for protection.

Jolene's story

The abuse

My partner has been physically and emotionally abusing me for about twelve months. It started with pushing and shoving and taking my keys when I wanted to leave. He was very insecure about past relationships and jealous of people he thought were a threat. We would have evenings where he'd been drinking and start calling me names. It would go on for hours until he would fall asleep. The next day it was always the same, he was sorry and he didn't know why he said and did the things he did.

I believed him at first but after the third time I knew it was a mistake and I had to get out. The final straw was the worst behavior, hours of verbal abuse and name calling and then he became violent when I tried to call someone. That night it dawned on me things will never change. I had to put myself first and do what was right for me. How could I let myself be hurt this way?

How I coped

I believed he wanted to change. We even went to counseling together but it didn't last. I kept telling myself that it was the drink, or I tried to change my way of thinking and acting. Nothing worked. I knew I had to get out. I confided in a friend who helped me cope and then to eventually leave.

How the situation changed

After the last time, I had the strength to tell him to leave. Of course, he wouldn't leave, but I asked my friend for help and she reinforced to him that I wanted him out, or else I'd call the police. He believed me then because I'd told someone.

What helped me

My belief is that this was wrong and no matter what, his behavior was not my fault. Good friends helped and are still helping me to get stronger. I will seek counseling now and I know I'll keep going forward and get stronger still.

What I would say to others

Believe in yourself and tell yourself you deserve better. I know it's hard but you can get out, you don't have to live like this. No matter what they tell you, never ever believe that the abuse is your fault.

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
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233 (SAFE)

Knights of Columbus Fall Food Drive

Are you or your youth looking for a service project that makes a difference right here in our community? Volunteers are needed to help distribute food drive flyers to homes in LaGrange and LaGrange Park. Choose your own day and time Saturday, September 28 to Sunday, October 6. Flyers and rubber bands are provided. Most people volunteer for 1 hour, a total of 40 hours is available.

Donations are collected by the Knights of Columbus: sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/ food-for-families and delivered to the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry: sfxlg.org>Parish>Ministries>Human Concerns; for distribution to local people, families and seniors struggling to make ends meet.

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

Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE

October 16th at 7:00 PM Joyce

***The Knights of Columbus
Presentation***



**Dr. Mary Amore
Eucharist: Invitation to
Transformation,
Healing and Discipleship**

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Francis Xavier School is looking for a Middle School Math Teacher. Must have current references and a valid Professional Educator's License. Interested applicants should contact Sharon Garcia at sgarcia@sfxlg.org.

Position Available Parish Director of Development

St. Francis Xavier Parish seeks a candidate for the position of Director of Development to serve as strategic leader and professional manager of all aspects of mission development and fundraising for the parish and parish elementary school. The Director of Development will be accountable for all fundraising initiatives and specific special events. The ideal candidate is a self-starter with at least 5 years of development experience, and is a person of faith committed to Gospel values. He or she understands and prioritizes the organization and responsible management of resources and helps the parish fund and fulfill its mission and purpose, including the parish mission to provide quality, affordable Catholic elementary education to families who want to provide this for their children.

This position is part time and a description is posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org). If you are interested, please send a cover letter and copy of your resume to Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Business Manager, via the parish rectory.

Job Opportunity

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Interfaith Career Network

Volunteers Needed

If you have an interest in supporting job seekers in our community, we'd love to hear from you! Even with the improved job market there are continuing layoffs, and many seeking a better opportunity. We are staffed by volunteers and are seeking new members to join our ICN team. Anyone interested in supporting others during their search would be welcome. We are in need of volunteers for marketing efforts (including social media, website support, etc.) as well as anyone who could assist with job coaching advice or networking help. A business or HR professional for one-on-one coaching would be a great addition! If you have a warm smile but no related job search experience, we need you as well for greeters at our monthly meetings and quarterly resume reviews. This September is our 11th Anniversary of helping others help themselves. You, too can help make a difference! Please call Tom Rohan at 708-772-4231 or Judy Kennedy at 708-352-8943 to learn more go to our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.



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Journey of the Universe. Monday, September 30 at 7:00 pm. Mary Evelyn Tucker and Brian Swimme weave a tapestry that draws together scientific discoveries in astronomy, geology, and biology with humanistic insights concerning the nature of the universe.

Overcoming Spiritual Myopia: Nurturing Healing & Hope Through a Unitive Worldview. Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 am–3:30 pm. Margaret Placentra Johnston, O.D. and Pat Bombard, BVM, D. Min. explore how overcoming spiritual myopia – divisiveness among people of different faiths – offers hope for the human future. Participants will learn how to cure spiritual myopia by seeing what is common to the spiritual wisdom in all traditions. Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC, includes lunch.

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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 Friday 8:30 am

Saturday 9:00 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

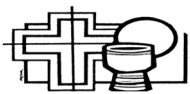
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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—October 5-6, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	B. Bock C. Grech K. Murphy	C. Cooke T. Conwell M. Becker J. Denson S. Devitt D. Dunlap K. Kanzer M. Milligan L. Young	E. Geraghty M. Kanzer C. Shanley	C. Kline	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	M. Hermesdorf T. Marthaler D. Walsh	D. Challender N. Kalkowski K. McInerney P. Olson K. Stetz	E. Cushing C. Cushing T. Mulcahy	L. Hoigard	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	O. Washburn B. Olson P. Zadeik	R. Barker L. Krepps A. Gargano L. Hill M. Lukanich B. McMahon L. Nichol E. Olsen D. Nighswander	Q. Filbin M. Mullen S. Parkes	A. Rago Gallery Choir	J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	H. Labrador B. Boyd S. Lastres	M.P. Flaherty A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak G. Rutkowski P. O'Malley L. Ovnik	D. Quinlan B. Griffin Open	T. Pangan Celebration Ensemble	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	B. Hemminger C. Pietrzak E. McGovern	N. Dekoker K. Borawski A. Chimento Open Open	D. Collins J. Nisivaco E. Kostal	TBA	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

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Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Mt 18:1-5,10

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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