

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2017



**BY PRAYER
AND PETITION
WITH
THANKSGIVING
MAKE KNOWN
YOUR NEEDS
TO GOD**

**THE PRAYERS
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RISING
TO THE LORD**



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, October 9 Columbus Day	7:45 am	Patricia Jacobs Michael Engels	The Byrne Family Ellie & Tom Carroll
	9:00 am	Lou McCulloch Mary Ellen Fitzhugh	The Dimalig Family Rita Pantoni
Tuesday, October 10	7:45 am	Don Cushing Rosemary Sherman	The Fuller Family Ernie & Clare Froemel
	9:00 am	Robert E. Witte Joe Kulage	The McAuliffe Family Kathy McInerney & Family
Wednesday, October 11 St. John XXIII, Pope	7:45 am	Special Intention Lucille Rabe Katherine Seibert Rosemary Sherman	Jim, Joan & Jennifer Potsch The Hofstetter Family Dolores Lewis
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Thursday, October 12	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	Joanne & Gene Murphy Rosemary Sherman Sam Pitera	Dan Hefner SFX Day School The Kartholl Family
Friday, October 13	7:45 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Rose Vlcek	The Schrack Family The Vlcek Family
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, October 14 Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	9:00 am	The McGoldrick Family Michael Bannach Robert Leahy	Mary Charleza The Bannach Family 3rd Anniversary
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	3:00 pm	Wedding—Julie Spidale & Matt Schiffler	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

On Wednesday, October 11 there will be a Word & Communion Service at 9:00 am.

Please Pray For...

Tony Banda	Benny Kilman	James Pridmore
Keeley Barr	Joan Kirby	Baby Madison Raupp
Marjorie Crnkovich	Shirley Kollenberg	Karen Reato
Blake Donegan	Jerry Kolman	Anna Rose
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Virginia Kottaridis	Marilyn Rutkowski
Pat Eaton	Judy McCann	Matthew Schiek
Bill Elliott	Molly Anne McKenna	Linda Spychala
Lily Fielding	Emmett Miller	Greyson Edward Stanley
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Mike Morrison	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Lilli Gregory	Megan Morton	Jerry Tazic
Wilson Gregory	Fr. Jim O'Connor	Marty Thuerk
Frank Grippo	Jane O'Reilly	Anne Titzer
Linda Hillsman	Michael Patena	Michael Ungari
Rose Ilo	Ryan Patyk	Amanda Valerugo
Jane Jacobson	Donna Pekarek	Gregory Van Gorp
Mike Kelly	Carissa Pessetti	

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:

Norine Sullivan

Sister of Rosemary & Margaret

Joseph Slavik

Father of Judith, Ellen,
Arleen & Maribeth

Rosemarie Sullivan

Mother of Tim Sullivan

Weddings



Julie Spidale & Matt Schiffler
Keara Barker & David Kemme
Olya Cholewick & Michael Valenta
Suzanne Spritzer & Drew Webster
Kristen Lewis & John Cunningham

Pastor's Notes

"Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."

Philippians 4:9

What are the consequences of *refusing* to be honest and dedicated laborers in God's vineyard? This is not about the failures that each disciple since Peter commit when we lose focus; in these, God is quick to forgive and bless us with the grace to resume our labors. Rather it is the *deliberate refusal* to even *consider* for whom, and in whose vineyard, we labor, and to live instead as we please. St. Paul encourages the opposite: the attitudes of truth, justice, and gratitude that connect our hearts and minds to the mission of Christ, so that God's peace may dwell within us and bear fruit for the world.

We can hear the faulty logic of the tenant farmers in the parable; they conclude that by killing the son of the landowner they will obtain his inheritance. Yet it is more difficult to hear our own inner voices when we think ourselves deserving of some reward, benefit or privilege that, in truth, comes to us as gift or blessing from another's compassion. Gratitude invites us to an awareness of even the simplest gifts of good health, the country of our birth, the family into which we were born, our physical characteristics – items that we did not choose and over which we have little control. Gratitude connects us to our mission in Christ as we allow our gifts to bear

fruit in serving God and others. This is how we experience the peace that comes from being our authentic selves.

You are reading this while I am in the middle of my annual 8-day silent retreat at a Jesuit retreat house in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. I pray some of this peace into your lives, and ask your prayers in turn. Next Saturday, we celebrate a new chapter in the life of this faith community when our local Vicar, Bishop John Manz, officially installs me as the tenth pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish. I am grateful for this blessing; I look forward to the ways in which our time together will bear fruit for those we serve in our time, and the seeds we will plant for those who will follow us.

We keep in prayer those recovering from physical or emotional wounds and mourning a death following the mass shooting in Las Vegas. We pray to find a common path to reduce and someday eliminate gun violence in our nation. And we pray for those struggling in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean Islands, Florida, and Texas following this summer's hurricanes. May God give all strength and comfort through our efforts.

May we all keep on doing what we have learned and received and heard and seen in Christ.

***Peace,
Fr. Bill***

Scripture Reflection

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes!" These are the words spoken to us at the end of today's gospel. These are also the words that are very familiar to us as we sing the alleluias of Easter; the stone being Jesus. These are words that have me reflecting on what rejection does.

The parable of today's gospel talks to us about a landlord, a vineyard, tenants and servants. The landlord, who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants, sends servants to obtain the produce of the vineyard, One servant, after another, and after another, get rejected. The landlord's son is even sent, and he, too, is rejected and killed.

In his ministry, Jesus went from village to village, reaching out to all people. He healed the sick, freed the possessed, and forgave sinners. He ministered with compassion. He did not reject or turn away those who may have seemed unworthy, not lovable, different, or forgotten. Rejecting was not a form of his ministry. And yet he was reject!

All of this has me inviting us to think about the ways we have been called to serve God. How do we share what we have with others? How do we share with people who are rejected? Today's second reading tells us, *"Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."*

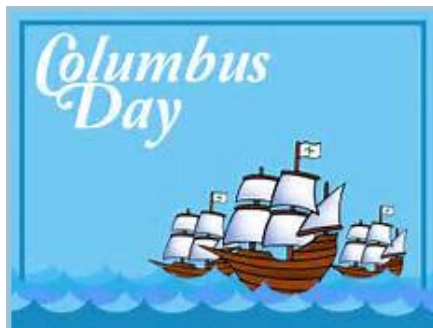
We probably all know, to some extent, what it's like to be rejected. But we are a people who have been formed well, in the image and likeness of God, and through the example given to us through the ministry of Jesus. Therefore, the God of peace will be with us as we accept the marginalized, welcome the homeless, pray for the unborn, feed the hungry, give comfort to the sick and dying, march for peace efforts, and mourn those who are mourning.

The God of peace will be with us. Let us go and live out of this peace.

Jeri Simeoni

In observance of Columbus Day, the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 9.

We will reopen on Tuesday, October 10 at 8:30 am.



Thank You From John Hoffman

Thanks again for the twelve years of vibrant church life we shared while I was at St. Francis Xavier and thank you for your heartwarming words you gave to me in cards, letters, books and texts. Your great generosity helped to significantly fund the Regina Coeli Foundation which our parents, Diantha and Joe Hoffman, started to help those in need.

Ministry continues to be part of my life with baptisms, weddings, funerals and helping at parishes with Eucharistic liturgies.

It was a privilege and a pleasure to be with you as all of us did our best to follow the cross and live the gospel.

Peace,
John

DACA RECIPIENTS DINNER

On September 5 an end was put to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program by President Trump. These Dreamers, many of whom are now young adults who contribute greatly to our society and to our Church, have an unknown and potentially frightening future ahead of them.

Cardinal Blase Cupich is asking each parish to reach out to the Dreamers by inviting DACA recipients to a dinner in our rectory for an evening of conversation, pastoral accompaniment and support.

We would like to invite any DACA recipients to have dinner at the St. Francis Rectory on **Monday, October 16 or Monday, October 23 at 5:30 pm**. To RSVP please call Fr. Bill Tkachuk's Assistant, Maureen Pipal at 708-352-0168 or email her at mpipal@sfxlg.org.

This is just one small way St. Francis can show our support and let our immigrant brothers and sisters know that they are not alone. Please pass this invitation on to any DACA recipients in our area who may not read our bulletin.

INSTALLATION OF THE TENTH PASTOR OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Fr. Bill Tkachuk will be installed by Bishop John Manz Join us next Saturday, October 14th at the 5:00 pm Mass Reception to Follow in Joyce Hall

All are Welcome!

Tax Advantaged Way To Support the Parish

Have you considered making a donation of appreciated common stock? Gifts of appreciated securities provide an immediate income tax deduction in the amount of the value of the stock and are not subject to capital gains tax.

If it seems appropriate, please consider taking advantage of this for your Capital Campaign pledge payment.

For more details, please call Jane Bandyk at the rectory office 708-352-0168.

This article is not intended to provide legal or tax advice. Please consult your professional advisors before taking action.

Leave A Legacy

We are grateful for the generous support that you give to St. Francis through your weekly contributions. Have you considered providing for the continuation of that support by including the parish in your Will? Bequests given to the parish through Wills are for the sole use of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

To include the parish in your Will, the correct language is: "I give (a percentage or amount) to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago—A Corporation Sole, for the sole benefit of St. Francis Xavier Parish, LaGrange."

Thanks for giving consideration to leaving a legacy!

Your Parish Finances



Sunday Basket Collection October 1, 2017:

\$ 19,043

Prior Month's Offerings:	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	=	August Total
September 2017	\$ 44,164		\$ 64,712		\$ 108,876
September 2016	\$ 38,326		\$ 71,179		\$ 109,505

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN YOUR PARISH INVESTMENT	CURRENT WEEKLY INVESTMENT WITH WEEKLY INVESTMENT INCREASE...				
		2.5%	4.0%	5.0%	7.0%
Please consider the following for increasing your investment in SFX Parish ministries: > Locate your current weekly investment. > Prayerfully consider investing an additional 4% or more.	\$ 10	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.40	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.70
	\$ 25	\$ 25.63	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.25	\$ 26.75
	\$ 50	\$ 51.25	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 53.50
	\$ 100	\$ 102.50	\$ 104.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 107.00
	\$ 250	\$ 256.25	\$ 260.00	\$ 262.50	\$ 267.50



ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM

Sign up to have your contribution to the Parish transferred conveniently each month from your checking account directly to St. Francis Xavier. **A voided check is required.**

I/We hereby authorize St. Francis Xavier, to initiate debit entries and, if necessary, debit correction and adjustment entries to my/our account at the financial institution listed on the **voided check attached.** This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Francis Xavier has received written notification from the recipient of its termination in such a time and manner as to afford St. Francis Xavier a reasonable time to act upon it.

Option 1:

Please transfer my contribution of \$ _____
Twice a month on the 5th and 20th.

Option 2:

Please transfer my contribution of \$ _____
Once a month on the _____ 5th or _____ 20th.

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

School Scoop

Monday, October 9

No Classes
Happy Columbus Day!

Tuesday, October 10

Pizza Day Lunch
School Board Meeting at 7:00 PM
Catholic High School Info Night 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 11

2:00 PM Dismissal

Friday, October 13

Ice Cream Social for Pre-3 – Grade 3
at 6:30 PM in Joyce Hall

Catholic High School Information Night

On Tuesday, October 10th from 7:00-8:00 pm St. Francis Xavier will host a Catholic High School Information Night. Parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross are invited. Admission Directors from 17 Catholic High Schools will be in attendance. Students are encouraged to participate; however, they must be accompanied by an adult. This event will take place in the gym, please enter through the gym doors.



THANK YOU!

The First Annual SFX Oktoberfest was a huge success! Over 200 parishioners, school families, alumni, and neighbors gathered together for a great evening under the stars. New friends were made and old friends caught up over brats, beverages, and Kickin' Jimmy.

A big "thank you" to organizers Mary Cormier and Prudence Hopkins for bringing this event to SFX, and to their wonderful committee who transformed the parking lot into a beautiful bier garden. We also had some fantastic local businesses who helped make this event a reality: BuckleDown Brewing, Burke Beverage, Symphony Pastries, and Kickin' Jimmy. Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks to all for coming out to support this great community event!

Preschool

We here at St. Francis Xavier School are very excited to announce the expansion of our Preschool Program beginning 2018-2019! Preschool 3 will offer half day classes with three and five day attendance options, and Pre K 4 will run Monday through Friday with half day and full day options.

Our Preschool program combines cognitive and play-based philosophies. We believe purposeful play with experiential learning fully engages the child and develops a true love of learning. In addition, SFX focuses on actively living one's faith and providing an example of character to others in daily life. Our goal is to guide children in their journey to realizing their own personal gifts and learning to value the contribution of others.

Enrollment will begin mid-November! Please contact our Advancement Director Jennifer Courier at jcourier@sfxlg.org for more information or to be placed on the distribution list for applications.



Walk with a neighbor. Race a friend. Run a personal best. **Enjoy a fall morning.** Cheer. High five the Falcon. Catch up with alumni in Joyce Hall. Pose at the Selfie Spot. Savor a sweet treat. **Volunteer.** Watch a child cross the finish line and cross it yourself.

Be a part of the fun.
Saturday, November 4th!

8:00 am Kid's Fun Run; 8:20 am Junior Falcon Dash (FREE); 8:30 am 5K Run/Walk

Register, volunteer, and find more information at:

<https://runsSignup.com/Race/IL/LaGrangePark/StFrancisFalcon5KRunWalk>

SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:
www.youthministry.sfxlg.org
CROP Walk

The Annual CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 15. This is a great opportunity to get involved as a Quest group (both Confirmation and post-Confirmation years) in a service opportunity. For more information, go to page 13.

Men's Church League Basketball:
Players and Coaches

Are you a young man in high school? Do you NOT play on your high school's basketball team? Are you looking for something to do on Wednesday and Saturday nights? If you answered YES to these questions, Church League basketball is for you! Registration forms can be found on the Youth Ministry portion of the Parish website or by contacting Olivia Hollman.



If you are interested in coaching a team, please contact Olivia at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x 338.

We're on social media!



Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Scan the QR code below or search "St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry" on Facebook.



Make sure to like our page!

Service Opportunity for all Freshmen!

Are you a high school freshman and want to participate in service with other high school freshmen? We have booked 100 slots at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville for November 11, from 12:00-2:00 pm. This is a few months away but we want you to get the date on the calendar! If you are interested in participating or being an adult volunteer, please contact Olivia Hollman at 708- 352-0168 x338 or ohollman@sfxlg.org to sign up!

~ *Olivia*

Religious Education
Important Dates & Class Dates

Sunday, October 8	No Class
Wednesday, October 11	No Class
Sunday, October 15	Class
Wednesday, October 18	Class
Sunday, October 22	Class
Wednesday, October 25	Class
Sunday, October 29	At Home Lesson Fundraiser Orders Due
Wednesday, November 1	At Home Lesson
Sunday, November 5	Class
Wednesday, November 8	Class Fundraiser Pick-Up

Upcoming Events

Pizza Fundraiser:

Started~October 1
 All Orders Due~October 29
 Pizza Order Pick-up~November 8



Eucharistic Liturgies

Grade 3	Practice Mass	November 4~11:15 am November 5~Noon
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Box Tops For Education Collection



Please help in earning cash for our school. We would like your help in collecting Box Tops For Education. There will be a drop box located at the back of church in the vestibule. Please place Box Tops that you have collected inside.

Thank you for your help!



Boy Scout Troop #33 Wreath Sales

Boy Scout Troop #33 is selling Christmas wreaths, garland and other fresh greenery items. Orders received by November 6 will be delivered to your home the weekend before Thanksgiving. Order forms can be found in the back of church in the rectory office, or you may email Erika Carr at erikascarr@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your continued support of Boy Scout Troop #33.

Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, October 13
7:30 pm
at
Grace Lutheran*



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.

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.

Archdiocese of Chicago

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Young Adult Faith Night
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Join together with thousands of fellow young adults at UIC Pavilion for an event that will remind you that you are not alone in your faith! Discover how you can live your dream and have an active faith life.

On Friday, October 20 at the UIC Pavilion.
Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Register Today!
Tickets \$15~Ages 18-39

Featuring Cardinal Blase Cupich, Mark Wahlberg, Fr. Paul Mueller, JS, and more!

Welcome to RCIA Participants from St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross!



How exciting it is to have adults from both parishes in the joint RCIA Process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), seeking to join the Catholic Church and complete their sacraments of initiation at Easter! We will meet almost every Tuesday night between now and Easter, to focus on what it means to be a fully initiated Catholic, and enter into experiences of prayer, community, and service.

The group from SFX will be formally presented to the community at the 9:00 am Mass on November 5. At that mass, the SFX participants will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for those preparing for baptism, and the Rite of Welcome for baptized Christians. The group from St. John of the Cross also will be presented to their community on November 5. Prior to this rite, those who are not already Catholic are called "inquirers." They are exploring what it means to enter into or deepen their relationship with the Catholic Church. In this ceremony, unbaptized persons are accepted into the order of Catechumens. Those who have been baptized in another Christian church or who are Catholic and completing their sacraments of initiation are welcomed as Candidates for full communion within the Catholic Church.

In celebrating this rite, our inquirers officially and publically declare their intention to respond to God's call and follow the way of Christ as members of the Catholic Church. The Church, in turn, accepts their commitment and pledges its support throughout their journey of faith. This rite marks their entrance into the second stage of the RCIA process, called the Catechumenate.

Biographies and photos will be shared soon.

Please offer your prayers and support for all of them.

RCIA celebrates the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome November 5 at the 9:00 am Mass.

DON'T LOOK AWAY:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM TOPICS:

WHEN I CALL FOR HELP - A PASTORAL RESPONSE

IT'S A HEALTH ISSUE!

WHY DO THEY STAY?

WHAT CAN I DO?

IS THE LAW ON MY SIDE?

WHEN AND WHERE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 7-8:30 PM

NORTH RIVERSIDE COMMONS

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100th Anniversary

of the Apparitions of
Our Lady in Fatima
1917-2017

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

**Let's Gather for a
Community Rosary
October 13, 2017**

8:20am

**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 inners, 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 Marys.

4. Say the Glory be to the Father.

5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the **Our Father.**

6. Say ten Hail Marys, while meditating on the Mystery.

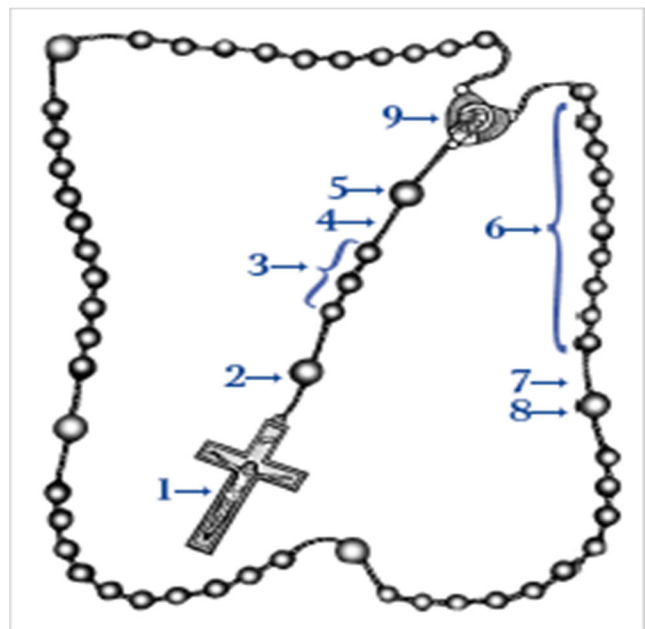
7. Say the Glory be to the Father.

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.





Next Sunday, October 15
First Congregational Church of LaGrange
(corner of Cossitt and LaGrange Road)

12:30 pm~Registration;
5K Walk (3.2 miles) begins at 1:15 pm

Suggested Donation: \$5/pp + a nonperishable food item for local pantries.

Calling All QUEST Groups, Scouts, Teens, Individuals and Families!

Please show your solidarity with people in underdeveloped nations who walk miles each day for access to food and clean water.

CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) provides a means to bring awareness to this daily challenge for so many people.

Questions? Contact Mary Freeman by email mfreeman@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168.



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Food For Families Fall Drive 2017

- ◆ Saturday, October 21 9:00 am-Noon food pick-up.
- ◆ Please leave non-perishable food items on your porch by 9:00 am Saturday morning.
- ◆ Please check the expiration date on your donation. (Expired food cannot be distributed to families)
- ◆ Or donate online to the Greater Chicago Food Depository at:
www.myfooddrive.org LGKnights2017Fall

Nonperishable food items we need include:
Non-sugared cereal, rice, peanut butter, low sodium canned vegetable, pasta, potatoes, jelly, mac n' cheese, tomato sauce, low sugar canned fruits, soup and beans.

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry mission is twofold: (1) provide supplemental nutritious food assistance to those in need in a safe, respectful and prayerful environment, and (2) partner with our community to support the pantry through food drives and volunteer opportunities. We serve an average of 90 families (or approximately 275 individuals) each week. Each family receives non-perishable and perishable food as well as toilet paper. We also provide "specials" when available, including: coffee, tea, snacks, condiments, baking goods, personal hygiene products, baby items, laundry and dish detergent and paper towels. Our homeless clients receive a bag especially packed to meet their needs (read-to-eat, pop-top cans, paper plates, bowls, utensils, cold drinks, etc.) Leftover perishables are donated to the Constance Morris House, a home for abused women and children. We also share food with BEDS Plus, and overnight shelter organization. We have about 25 weekly volunteers who assist with food pick-ups and preparing and packing the food bags. We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our generous community!

Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 partners with local community groups to distribute flyers and collect food in the community and deliver it to local food pantries. Projects helps local teens get community service hours and helps the food pantry to provide nutritional assistance to local residents of the community. Aligning the needs of the local council, local community groups, the local food pantry and local residents benefits all of us when we work together. Experiencing the cooperation and generosity of the community and volunteers renews my faith in God and my neighbors, and our ability to make the world a better place.

Thank you for your Support!

Questions, Missed pick-up?

Call, text, or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com or visit sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

Council 6483

Established May 1973

Did You Know?

Knights of Columbus Established the \$2 million Pacem in Terris Fund for the benefit of the Church's pastoral mission to the Christian communities in the Holy Land.

Learn more about your local council at sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483council6483@gmail.com or call or text 708-207-2780.

The Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food For Families Fall Drive Needs Volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to put flyers about the food drive on the front door of local residents. Flyers and rubber bands are provided. A different team of volunteers will handle pick-up of the food donations. Flyers will be distributed October 7-15. Volunteers can choose their own day and time within that week to distribute flyers. Volunteers are asked to choose a street in their community to distribute flyers. One volunteer can do four blocks, both sides of the street, in about one hour. Two volunteers working together can do eight blocks in about one hour. More information about the food drive, food pantry, online option, and the Knights of Columbus can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483> and www.myfooddrive.org/?LGKnights2017Fall. To volunteer or for more information call, text or email 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com Mike Hattie.

Thank you for your support!



Coat and Outerwear Drive V Drop-off Boxes at St. Francis Xavier Church

**Saturday, November 11 & Sunday, November 12
(Church Entrances - all Masses)**

The Knights of Columbus SFX Council 6483 is coordinating it's 5th Annual Coat Drive and will be collecting clean, pre-worn outerwear for those in need this winter.

There will be drop off boxes at church entrances to deposit outerwear before each mass on November 11 & 12. Clothing will be donated to Catholic Charities which distributes the coats, sweaters, hats and gloves to the needy, without charge. The Knights thank you for your generosity these past four years. Tax receipts will be provided. God bless you.

Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions at 708-380-3101 or go to <https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/about-the-knights> for more information.

Thank you for your support!



PARISH COUNSELOR

Hello! I would like to reintroduce myself. I am Nancy Kennedy and this is my second year at St. Francis Xavier Parish as your parish counselor. The assignment is made through a cooperative agreement with Claret Center and the parish. The center has offered faith based psychotherapy, spiritual direction and spiritual retreats since 1979, and has been part of St. Francis for 18 years.

I come to the parish from the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago where I have learned to integrate psychology and spirituality in clinical practice. My background is in critical care nursing, as well as, 25 years' experience raising five children, coaching soccer, teaching RE, and leading in a variety of parish and school organizations. I am delighted to be a part of this vibrant parish as your counselor.

Why might you call me for an appointment?

- You are feeling more sad or anxious than you want to feel.
- You are stressed by problems at work or have recently lost a job.
- You struggle with relationships.
- You have trouble controlling your anger, or live with one who does.
- Some event has changed your life and you are having difficulty adjusting.
- You have recently lost someone close to you, or you are about to.
- You are challenged by raising children, understanding your parents or caring for aging parents.
- Your life has lost purpose and meaning.
- You desire a closer relationship with your spouse.

These are just some of the areas I can help you address by providing a safe, respectful and understanding environment where you can gain insight and explore your strengths. I have the use of office space in the rectory at St. Francis Xavier and a flexible schedule in order to meet with you. I also see clients at Assumption Catholic Church in Chicago, as well as in Hyde Park if these locations are more convenient. This may be just the place to start on your path to healing, wholeness and peace. I accept Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO or work on a sliding scale. If you think I could help, please leave a message for me at Claret Center 773-643-6259 ext. 31 or text/voice message at 708-325-8582. Look for my bulletin inserts throughout the year!

I look forward to meeting you.

God bless,
Nancy Kennedy RN, BSN, MA
Parish Counselor
Claret Center Resident
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Seasons of Hope Grief Support

Monday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 pm)
October 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20, 27



St. John of the Cross Parish in Western Springs will host a 'Seasons of Hope' support group for anyone grieving the loss of a family member or loved one.

'Seasons of Hope' is a six-session support ministry designed to help participants navigate the grieving process. Weekly sessions present a faith-based topic and include discussion, prayer, personal reflection and Scripture. There is no obligation to share, however it is recommended that participants allow 3-6 months from time of loss before attending.

Seasons of Hope is facilitated by experienced, caring adults who are familiar with the grief process.

To Registration Online:

www.stjohnofthecross.org/grief-ministry

To Register by Phone:

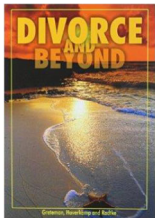
708-246-4404 ext. 137

'Grief only exists where love lived first.'
Franchesca Cox

Disclaimer: 'Seasons of Hope' support groups are not intended to provide or replace professional counseling or individual therapy.

Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 pm)
October 26
November 2, 9, 16, 30
December 7, 14, 21



The Divorce and Beyond process provides emotional and spiritual support to those who have experienced divorce or those in the dissolution process. It is a faith-based, Catholic Christian support ministry that welcomes other faith traditions as well.

Each session highlights an aspect of the divorce-recovery process. Topics include: *Healing, managing emotions, blame, loneliness, and achieving growth and personal happiness.* Sessions are led by experienced Divorce and Beyond graduates committed to fostering the personal, emotional and spiritual growth of all participants.

To Register Online:

www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond

Cost: \$10.00 fee (Participant Manual)

Disclaimer: 'Divorce and Beyond' support groups neither provide nor replace the possible need for professional counseling or individual therapy.

Interfaith Career Network

Last 2 Weeks~Career Transition Boot Camp

ICN invites you to join us on Tuesday, October 10 from 7:00-9:00 pm at The First Baptist Church of LaGrange, 20 North Ashland Avenue. This week co-facilitator, Jim Peterson, will discuss the fundamentals of networking and provide an overview of job search tips for people over 50. Time will also be devoted to practicing your Elevator Speech. There is no cost to attend the Boot Camp. For further information, please contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Listen and Learn From A Panel of Recruiters

ICN invites you to join us on Thursday, October 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. Learn what recruiters look for when they search for candidates. Our panel will offer their insights and advice on how job seekers can improve their chances of being selected for an interview. Learn "what to do" and "what not to do" from a recruiter's perspective when you are applying for a job. Our panel will tell you their views on a follow-up call after you've submitted a resume; or when you haven't heard from them following an interview. Come with your questions and get the insider's view on the interview process.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further information, please visit our website: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.



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Journey Toward Healing

Grief & Bereavement Support Groups

Evening Grief Group

For any adult grieving loss of a loved one.
6 consecutive weeks starting Monday:
October 30th-December 4th
7:00-8:30 pm
Location to be determined

Parental Loss Grief Group

For any adult grieving loss of a parent.
6 consecutive weeks starting Monday:
January 8-February 12
7:00-8:30 pm
Location to be determined

Advance registration is necessary to ensure small groups for sharing. Cost: There are no fees, but donations are accepted.

To register or if you have questions, contact our Bereavement Coordinator, Chaplain Dave Melzer at 773-570-6606 damelzer@lumc.edu.

Loyola Medicine Hospice, 2301 West 22nd Street,
Suite 107, Oak Brook, IL 60523, 630-861-5200.



We look forward to welcoming you into our new space and our new program year. We have some exciting new programs coming up – among them:

Forest Therapy Walk: This three-hour sensory-focused guided excursion in the forested area behind the Well will offer encounters with other-than-human nature. Thursday, October 12 from 9:00 am-Noon.

Practicing Peace: an hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets Mondays twice a month; next session is Monday, October 9, 11:00 am-noon.

Trivia Night Fundraising: Gather a team or come on your own for this evening of friendly competition, knowledge-testing, and fun. Friday, October 20, doors open at 6:00 pm, game begins at 7:00 pm. Please register by October 19 for discounted entry.

On Your MARK...Get Set...Go! Delve into the Gospel of Mark with popular speaker Sallie Latkovich, CSJ. What was Mark's message to the first hearers of this gospel and what is the meaning of MARK for us? Saturday, November 18, 9AM-Noon. Co-sponsored with SJC and SFX parishes.

Please see our website www.csjthewell.org to register and for further details on these and many other wonderful programs. Or call us at 708-482-5048.

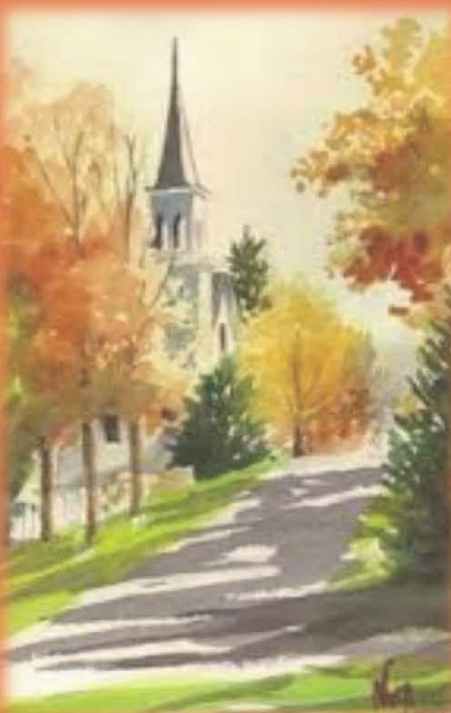
ONE HOPE: TWO CONGREGATIONS IN CONVERSATION

Jesus prayed “that all may be one.” These words adorn the central window of Unity Hall and are at the heart of our mission in Christ. As we commemorate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's call for reform in the Church, I invite you to gather with our sisters and brothers from Grace Lutheran Church for three nights of conversation and fellowship. We will use the book “One Hope”, a collaborative effort of Lutheran and Catholic scholars, to guide our conversation. The book is small, and is written to be accessible to all; **you need no formal theological background to participate.** Join Pastor Said Ailabouni and me on three Monday evenings, **October 16, October 23, and November 6, from 7:00-8:30** in Unity Hall. We all will converse with one another about shared values that lead us to deeper unity as disciples of Christ. I also invite you to participate in our monthly Taize prayer with Grace Lutheran at Grace Lutheran on Friday, October 13, and with Grace Lutheran at St. Francis Xavier on Friday, November 10. We also have been invited to attend the **9:30 worship service at Grace Lutheran on Sunday, October 29.** Let us all hope toward a church in which “all may be one”.

Please RSVP for the “One Hope” sessions at
<http://gracelutheran-lg.org/One-Hope-Registration>

Peace,
Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Retired Men's Group



Catholics, Lutherans, and Reform

Fr. Bill Tkachuk Presiding

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Coffee @ 10:30 am
Prayers & Reflections @ 11:00 am
East Rectory Meeting Room
Lunch @ 12:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier Court Yard Room

RSVP by Monday, October 16, 2017 to 708-352-0168

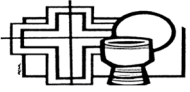


Please Pray For...all those serving in the military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **U.S. Navy James Lynch & Christopher Cugier, Air Force**—cousin and nephew of Sr. Helen Sullivan
- **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
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **SPC Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschakovsky Family
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Ensign Julia McKenna, U.S. Navy**—friend of John Rogers
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio

Please inform us of others serving in the military...and let us know when friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas.

Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—October 14-15, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	D. Veverka G. Weismantel L. Lach	C. Cooke K. Kanzer J. Kelly J. Kelly F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Murphy A. Saladino P. Saladino Not Filled	E. McFadden C. McLaughlin M. Hayford	B. Kalnes C. Kline Combined Choirs	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	S. Lindsay P. Olson J. Hamilton	D. Challender J. Morsch R. Nutt K. Stetz D. Walsh	H. Lisek N. Havenaar P. Adams	L. DiGianfilippo	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Mucino	A. Stowe M. McFadden M. Rotert	M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson C. Froemel E. Froemel L. Hill B. McMahon E. Olsen B. Olson	S. Kostal F. LaMantia A. Fix	C. Jakubisin	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	T. Serafin G. Sbrissa J. Nowak	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings C. Gatsos A. Krol S. Martin G. Rutkowski K. Witowski	A. Sullivan B. Culin C. Kachmarik	B. Mayo	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	T. Bezouska J. Gatsos C. Anderson	A. Chimento N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley M. K. Pasin Not Filled	E. Akalaitis A. Justak A. Dillon	J. Petkus	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	D. Kilrea J. Gatsos	G. Dimalig B. Dimalig N. Bandyk T. Weyer D. Kilrea		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of October 8, 2017

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-8:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:00 am-2:00 pm

Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and
(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 off the walkway behind the
tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Word Communion Services

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

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the
Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on
a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous
Thursday. All articles must be emailed 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.