# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20, 2019





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## **Mass Intentions For The Week**

Monday, October 21	8:30 am	The Froemel Family	The Van Gorp Family
Tuesday, October 22 Saint John Paul II, Pope	8:30 am	Fred Westhoff Besse Parlon	Pam Oplawski
Wednesday, October 23 Saint John of Capistrano, Priest	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack John P. Russell, Sr.	The Schrack Family Mary F. Russell
Thursday, October 24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	8:30 am	James Reilly	The McVady Family
Friday, October 25	8:30 am	Bea Nelligan	The Orseske Family
Saturday, October 26	9:00 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Peggy Schultz Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding~Marie Lynch & John Sturgeon Sacrament of Reconciliation Dolores E. Alanso	Gloria Klienke Deb Dybalski
Sunday, October 27	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mary Simeoni People of the Parish Jean Bender Anne Marie Woods Margaret Mary Anderson Conrad Staudacher Peggy Schultz William Killilea	John & Marilynn Lux The Kevin & Sarah O'Brien Family The Cummings Family Nancy & Harry Devereux Shirley Hart The Oplawski Family Bob & Jennifer Driscoll

#### Please Pray For...

James Boardman Jay Carroll Chili Challender Anthony Dina Blake Donegan Pat Eaton Lily Fielding Baby Collins Fitzpatrick Peter Ganzel Adam Gawrysh Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory Brian Hahn Patricia Hassler Linda Hillsman Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Benny Kilman Marilvn King Jerry Kolman Lou Ellen Krueger

Marian Lucas Emmett Miller Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison Bernice Niemiec Arnold Oppenheim Jane O'Reilly Rvan 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 Liz Wilk

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:

#### Harold Held

Father of David, Michael, Kathy, Timothy, Philip, Julie, Stephen, Kevin and the late Thomas

*Eunice Stanczyk* Mother of Debra, James, Susan, Linda and Shary

#### Weddings

Kaitlyn Welgos & Jacob Soehlke Marie Lynch & John Sturgeon Sarah Sipek & Charlie Lawler Marissa Olszewski & Jim Hermle



# **Pastor's Notes**

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

This year the children in our parish elementary school are focusing on "superpowers." These superpowers are not the ability to fly, shoot webs, or transform themselves into another being. Rather, they are focusing on the superpowers that are their God-given talents and abilities that become the ways in which they love and serve God in their relationships with others. What are your "superpowers"?

**Stewardship of time and talent** is the focus on our second Sunday of reviewing the stewardship of our lives as individuals and as a faith community. Parish youths and young adults offer their reflections this weekend on how they are living a life of stewardship and how this affects their lives as disciples of Jesus. Our children and youth remind us that stewardship is a virtue we can practice from early in life until the end of our lives on earth. As St. Peter says, each of us has received gifts for the common good. It is the communion of our varied gifts that makes Christ that much more present and active among us and in our presence and action beyond the walls of our church building. Good stewardship is nothing more than choosing to share our time, talent, and treasure as God directs us.

In two weeks, we will emphasize some of the parish ministries that are especially in need of new volunteers. You will be asked to reflect on whether God is inviting you to share some of your time and talent through one of these ministries. Some of you are called to share your time and talent within the family or with the larger community. God bless you. Some of you may have the mistaken notion that you must be a certain "type" of person to participate in a parish ministry. Obviously certain ministries require certain talents (It would require more than a little practice before I could participate in the knitting of Prayer Shawls). Most ministries ask only a willingness to give some of your time and talent in a spirit of kindness and collaboration.

I am appealing today to <u>anyone</u> who is hearing a call to serve as a member of the **reformatted Parish Pastoral Council**. In the renewed format, we are seeking a diverse group of parishioners who offer a variety of perspectives and who together represent the "voice" of this faith community. So, <u>there is no one "type" of person</u> that we seek for the reformatted PPC. This is a two-year commitment. If you want to be considered, or if you know someone who should be considered, please contact me in person, or via phone (708-352-0168 x302) or email (wtkachuk@sfxlg.org).

This is week three of the annual **Sunday October Count**, in which all parishes of the Archdiocese participate. Our numbers for the first two weeks:

	5:00	7:30	9:00	10:30	Noon	6:00
Week 1	275	146	326	325	215	375
Week 2	277	134	324	310	276	178

I am hoping that we can exceed last year's average of 1,624 and report our first attendance increase in several years. Consider inviting a neighbor or friend to join us next week or <u>any</u> week. We are blessed when those who have not been with us fill the empty spaces with their presence and talents.

Peace, J. Bill

#### Thank You

I wish to thank the Parish Pastoral Council and Fr. Bill for selecting me as the recipient of the Archdiocesan Christifideles Award. It is an honor to represent SFX for all of us who serve SFX in big ways and small as we together serve this beautiful and vibrant parish which we call our Catholic family.

I want you to know that I share this award with my wife Rosemary who is not with us but with whom we shared so many opportunities over the years when we have said "Here I am, Lord" and been blessed by so many we have worked with in different ways as together we brought joy, fun and comfort.

David



Our Season of Stewardship enters its second weekend. Stewardship is 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.

What would our parish look like if all of God's believers actively chose a stewardship way of life? This weekend, we reflect with our fellow parishioners on what stewardship has meant to them - how it impacted their spiritual lives and their hopes for this community. Nicole Klein, Bella Schierl, Sarah Schierl, Brendan Dunne, Erin Schuette, & Matthew Cooley have each graciously agreed to share their individual stories at each Mass during the homily. May the Spirit be with them!

What is your witness story?



# Stewardship Opportunities

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 the next round of events:

- October 27: CROP Hunger Walk
- November 2: Falcon 5K run (or walk!) all ages
- November 5 & 6: Book Fair
- November 11: Veteran's Day Mass
- Family Ministry Events

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



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.



# Veterans Day Mass and Reception

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. Francis Xavier School would like to invite any veterans and active duty service members, and their families, to a mass honoring their service to our county. The mass will be held on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall.

If you would like to attend please RSVP by November 4<sup>th</sup> to Sara Edwards by phone at 773-844-8474 or email saraedwards9@hotmail.com. We hope to see you!



## November is a Month For Remembering



#### All Saints Day Mass

We remember All Saints on Friday, November 1 with a Mass at 7:30 pm.

#### All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

We will remember All Souls on Monday, November 4 at a special Mass at 7:00 pm. We will be remembering all family members and friends that have died this past year. We invite you to bring a picture of your loved one(s). Please place the picture on the table in front of the altar before Mass. After Mass, please take the picture with you as you leave church.

As we remember the dying and rising of the Lord, may we feel the embrace of God, not only for those who have died, but also for all that mourn their loss.

## Domestic Violence Outreach St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross



#### I live in your neighborhood.

"I am a woman with three children. I have an MBA, a good job, and I live in a nice Chicago suburb. However, I have had several visits to the Emergency Room this past year. I try to go to different ERs so they won't recognize me coming in. I have to pay out of pocket since my insurance doesn't cover all these out-of-network visits. I don't come in right away. I wait until the bleeding has stopped, until I am calmer, until I can think up a plausible story to go with my cuts and bruises. I think that my husband is jealous of my education and earning ability. He never finished college. He earns less than I do. Still, I do not withhold money. We put everything into a joint account. I love him and I don't hold it over him. But it seems like every month when we pay bills, he starts feeling like he's one down. He starts belittling me first, I guess to make himself feel better, and soon he gets physical. He has never hurt me too bad. I've had a few stitches, but no broken bones like some women. He always feels so sad when it's all over. I know he doesn't want to hurt me. Something just happens......"

<u>MYTH:</u> Victims provoke their partners' violence.

<u>FACT:</u> Whatever problems exist in a relationship, the use of violence is never justifiable or acceptable. There is NO EXCUSE for domestic violence.

You are not alone!

In an emergency, dial 911 or call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233.

Carrol A. M. Smith, PhD, RN, faculty of UIC. The Many Faces of Interpersonal Violence. The Family Violence Prevention Fund, Chapter 1, What is Domestic Violence?

# October is Respect Life Month

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

#### Baby Bottle Collection for Women's Care Center

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.

#### Area Respect Life Ministry Meeting

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.

#### **About 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.

#### **About 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.

#### 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).



QUEST Group Service Opportunity 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**





\* All Parishoners can also support the day school by using the coupon below at Anderson's Book Shop through November 20.

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#### We all shop! But did you know your normal purchases could be helping SFX <u>and</u> 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!

## Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

#### Pizza Fundraiser

All Orders Due on October 20 Pizza Order Pick-up on October 30



#### Class Dates

Sunday, October 20 Wednesday, October 23 Sunday, October 27 Wednesday, October 30

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#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades Kindergarten-Fourth to experience hearing and reflecting on the Word of the Lord in a way that is an empowering experience. Children in these grades are invited to follow their Reflector of the Word to a prayer space away from the gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer AND when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing and when a specific grade is not scheduled to celebrate liturgy at the 5:00 Mass.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs: October 19; November 16; January 25; February 29; March 14.

Here is the schedule when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated: October 19; November 9; February 1 & 8; April 18.

Children in Grades K–4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change): October 26; November 2 & 23; December 14 & 21; January 11 & 18; February 15 & 22; March 7, 21 & 28; and April 28.

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

## Nazareth Academy Fall Open House

All families are welcome to learn more about Nazareth Academy at their **Fall Open House**. Visit on Sunday, October 27, for a 1:00 pm presentation or Monday, October 28, for a 7:00 pm presentation.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. More details can be found on their website at www.nazarethacademy.com.

## Trinity High School Open House

Trinity High School will be hosting its Open House on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30pm (last tour leaves at 7:30pm). Open Houses are the perfect opportunity to visit Trinity and see what life is like as a Trinity Blazer. Administrators, faculty, students, parents, and alumnae will be on hand to share their perspectives on a Trinity education. Students will be offering tours of the campus, which will end in Trinity's Athletic Facility where guests will be able to meet coaches, discover co-curricular opportunities, schedule a Shadow Day, and more!

Trinity is located at 7574 W. Division Street, River Forest. Please enter through the main entrance on Lathrop, center doors. Parking is available in the school parking lot.

Stay connected with Trinity! For more information on upcoming admissions events, go to Trinity's website at www.trinityhs.org/beablazer or contact Mary Beth Lavezzorio, Director of admissions, at 708-453-8343 or mblavezzorio@trinityhs.org.

#### Benet Academy Open House

Are you interested in seeing Benet Academy and all it has to offer? Please visit benet.org and view admissions to register for a shadow day.

Another great option to learn about the school is "Coffee with Kelsey" on the following Fridays this Fall:

October 25 December 6 December 13 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Any questions please call Meg or Tim Shanley at 708-354-5091.

# What's going on in Youth Ministry???



#### Boys Church League Basketball

Don't forget to register for Boys Church League Basketball! The registration

form, along with more information, can be found on the Youth Ministry website. Form and fee must be turned in to St. Francis Xavier by October 30th. Contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 with any questions.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Looking for some volunteer opportunities? Here are some upcoming options:

- CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, walk at 1:15pm
  - \* Register for the St. Francis Xavier team through
  - www.crophungerwalk.org
- Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 15, 7:15-9:15am, 11am-1pm
  - \* Contact Olivia Zurowski by October 16<sup>th</sup> to sign up
- Knights of Columbus Coat Drive Flyer Distribution – anytime between 10/19-10/29
  - \* Contact Olivia Zurowski to sign up
- Giving Tree Gift Sorting Sunday, December 22, in the morning
  - \* Contact Olivia Zurowski to sign up by yourself or with a group!

## St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

The St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry Group is excited to share the following service opportunities for the 2019/2020 school year! SFX families are invited to participate in these service events. The idea behind the Family Ministry is to give families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please help us make a difference.

#### October

On Saturday, October 26, SFX is encouraging families with teenagers to join us as we volunteer with the Saturday Meals Program at First Congressional Church of LaGrange, located at 100 6th Avenue. We will be preparing and serving breakfast and lunch to as many as 40 people. Our volunteers will be preparing and serving hot foods to guests in a buffet line, run the dishwasher, and wipe down tables and chairs following the meal. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old and accompanied by an adult. Volunteers need to wear close-toed shoes, comfortable clothes and caps for safety reasons. Do not bring valuables that can not be kept in pockets. The Breakfast shift runs from 7:00-10:00 am. There are 12 volunteer spots for the Breakfast session. Please contact Ana Dimailig at apd3@core.com if you are interested in the Breakfast session.

#### **October through May**

Every Monday evening October 2019 through May 2020, two SFX Family Ministry volunteers provide dessert for BEDS Plus clients. Families drop off homemade or store bought baked goods at Joyce Hall by 7:00 pm. Email Theresa Sullivan at thsully28@yahoo.com to sign up.

See a full list of events on our Website.

Give thanks to the Lord of the harvest

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# Christmas Midnight Mass Choir: New Singers Welcome!



A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been wanting to join, but just haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an ear and a love for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at **12:00 am on December 25th**. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth.

Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday**, **November 12th-7:00 pm to 8:15 pm**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 17th.

Please consider singing, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, before the first rehearsal on **November 12th** at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or 708 352-0168.

#### SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome. For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or Joseph Enright at joseph\_owen@hotmail.com.

## **Catholic Women's Club**

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

## **Christmas Cards for Prisoners**



It's already time to collect Christmas cards for prisoners. These cards mean SO MUCH to those isolated people; the cards let them know they are not forgotten.

- Sign only your FIRST name
- Write a brief note if you wish
- Place stamps in a SEPARATE envelope
- NO cards with glitter
- NO cards about masses or novenas
- Do NOT seal the envelope

Place the cards and stamps in the box in the vestibule by October 27.

#### *Mercy Made Flesh Encountering God Behind Bars* A fresh look at corporal work of mercy

Guest Speaker: Joshua Stancil, former inmate, Magnificant contributor, and author of 'Shakedowns, Shanks, and Shackles: A Writer's Guide to Prison Like'

> St. Julie Billiart 7399 West 159th Street Tinley Park, IL 60477 Gathering after the 4:30 mass on Saturday, October 26.

St. Vincent Ferrer 1530 Jackson Avenue River Forest, IL 60305 Gathering after the 11:00 mass at 12:15 in Kyte Hall, Room 3 on Sunday, October 27.

Please join us on either date and bring a friend.

## Invitation to a Discernment Weekend About Becoming an Associate or a Sister of the Congregation of St. Joseph

**For whom:** Single women in your 20s/30s/40s who feel drawn to the CSJ mission & charism of reconciling love and unity.

When: Friday, October 25 from 5:00 pm through Saturday, October 27 at 8:00 pm\*

Where: Congregation of St. Joseph Center, 1515 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park, IL 60526



**Featuring Sister Mary Southard, CSJ** as presenter and co-facilitator (as well as COSJ Co -ministers of Vocations.\*) Mary's paintings and sculptures have long been inspired and nurtured by the beauty of God's Creation, and as well as her passionate work for the care and healing of the Earth. She will speak of her own living of the mission of unioning love through these experiences. Adapting from her *Come & Paint* retreats, Mary will guide participants to reflect through what they paint, (with no prior experience necessary!)

## **Overview of activities**

**Friday, October 25:** 4:30-5:00 Gathering in The Well (Rm 164) to meet each other, supper at 5:00, followed by prayer, overview of the place and Sister Mary's introduction to discerning through painting. 7:30 Social.

**Saturday, October 26:** Morning: {Mass available in chapel at 7:30 am followed by break fast at 8:00} Presentation from 9:00-11:30 about the spirituality, life and mission of the sisters and associates of the Congregation of St. Joseph, with Sister Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ and Ms. Kate Theriot, CSJ Associate Director, with input from Sister Mary Southard. Time for interaction, quiet reflection, second session using art media, group sharing.

Noon-1:30 Lunch & brief siesta for quiet reflection.

Afternoon Q&A/sharing from 1:30-4:00 with Sr. Mary and team, discernment space. Supper and Closing from 5:00-7:00. Group check-in about social/fun.

\*Sunday, October 27: Travel day, options for 9:00 am Mass at the Center, and/or Chicago outing.

<u>Cost</u>: All meals and materials are provided. However, we have no regular guest rooms at this time due to ongoing renovations, so that locals may need to commute, and out-of-town participants may need to assume the cost of a hotel room. (The online registration form asks participants if you would assistance in locating a room with favorable cost and distance.) The optional Sunday excursion may involve personal expenditures, depending on what the group decides to do.

Registration online with this link: <u>Come and Be! Registration-LaGrange</u> (by October 18, please.)

**Questions?** Email Co-ministers of Vocations, Kate Theriot, CSJ Associate\* or Sister Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ\* at vocations@csjoseph.org.

Come and Be!



## The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue~LaGrange Park A Member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network

Please see our website for a full listing of Fall programs and to register: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

#### **Embracing Wisdom**

Tuesdays, October 22, November 26 from 10:00-11:30 am. We gather to touch into the wisdom that is within us: the same Wisdom that created the stars, galaxies and life itself. Through touching into the depth of Love and Wisdom at the heart of the Universe we hope our time together will weave a firmer fabric of planetary love. Cost: \$18 per session.

#### God as Us – the Sacred Feminine and the Sacred Masculine

Wednesdays, October 23, November 13, 20, December 4; from 1:00-2:30 pm. Based on a DVD presentation by Richard Rohr, OFM and Cynthia Bourgeault, this program is designed to help participants open their inner eyes and ears to insights taught in the Christian Scriptures. Topic for Oct. 23: The True Spiritual Path. Cost: \$15 per session.

#### Helen Prejean *River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey*

Talk/Book signing/Reception on Wednesday, October 30 from 7:00-9:00 pm with CSJ Sister Helen Prejean returns to The Well to speak about her latest book and her own spiritual journey from near cluelessness to social activism. Known the world-over for her efforts to abolish the death penalty and her book *Dead Man Walking*, the spirit and joy of this remarkable woman is infectious. Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC.

#### Mirabai Starr-Wild Mercy: Living the Fierce and Tender Wisdom of the Women Mystics

On Friday, November 8. Talk/Book Signing at The Well from 7:00-9:00 pm After party at Steak & Vine, 37 South LaGrange Road.

A frequent contributor to Richard Rohr's Center for Action and Contemplation, an author and a bridge-builder among spiritual traditions, Mirabai Starr's work builds upon years of contemplating, writing and teaching about the mystics. *Wild Mercy*, her latest book, will inspire those who are thirsty for the life-giving essence of feminine wisdom to find their own lyrical voice. Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC, books will be available for purchase.



## Community Service Opportunity Service Hours

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KOC) needs volunteers to distribute flyers to homes for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Outerwear Drive.

Volunteers simply attach supplied flyers rolled with a rubber-band to assigned homes (door knobs, gates etc.) between October 19 to October 29 the assignment will take about one hour.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will pick up coats on Saturday, November 9th

#### Volunteers do not ask for anything, you simply attach provided flyers to the front of houses (door knobs etc.) with rubber band. DO NOT PLACE IN MAILBOX

Volunteers can choose one or more routes in and around the LaGrange area.

Proof of community service hours will be provided. Tax receipts are provided to donors.

Sign-up and/or send questions by calling or emailing the contact below:

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS gutheriepike@msn.com 708-380-3101

council6483@gmail.com https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483

THANK YOU!!!!



Coat and Outerwear Drive VII Drop-off Boxes at Saint Francis Church Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and November 3 and November 9 and November 10 (Church Entrances - All Masses)



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The Knights of Columbus SFX Council 6483 is coordinating the Sixth Annual Outerwear 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 2 and November 3 and on November 9 and November 10. 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 in past years. Tax receipts will be provided. God bless you.

Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions at 708-380-3101, or email gutheriepike@msn.com



Thank you for your support!

https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/ about-the-knights



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

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

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.

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



# What does four hours a month mean to you?

To a person in need, it can mean the world.

BEDS is in need of volunteers. Your contribution can make a difference in the lives of homeless and at-risk individuals in our community.

You can sign up directly using the link below https://goo.gl/forms/Qalrj7nDwVU2Xqei2 or contact Erin Molek www@beds-plus.org volunteer@beds-plus.org 708-354-0858 ext. 113



## **Interfaith Career Network**

#### **Free Resume Review**

Join ICN on Saturday, October 26, 9:30-11:30 am for a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with an HR or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? Come see us at St. Cletus Parish

#### **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.



## Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- Sgt. David Phillips—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- Commander Robert O'Donnell—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army-friend of the Berger Family
- Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF-daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy-nephew of the Devitt Family
- LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC-nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- *Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC* son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- *Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman*—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- *Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army*—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- 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 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 Julie & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- Chris Johnson, USCG-nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- 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
- Sgt. David T. Benson—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- Sgt. Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army-cousin of the Tschaikovsky Family
- Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF-nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- 1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC-nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- Rob Parisi, PV2, U.S. Army 19K-son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack

Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military... 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	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 praver 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 26-27, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Bruni L. MacKenzie H. McCormick	L. Bannach C. Cooke T. Conwell K. Corrigan S. Devitt J. Denson D. Dunlap Open Open	B. Gannon D. Dudek Open	A. Cherry	S. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	M. Kalkowski P. Olson G. Schuler	S. Augustyn N. Kalkowski S. Hayes J. Van Gorp D. Walsh	E. Siffermann D. Quinlan A. Culin	G. Adams	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Stopka K. Hayes M. Lukanich	M. Branecki V. Bracht A. Gargano L. Krepps B. McMahon B. Olson G. Prendergast D. Sherman T. Urchell	Q. Filbin M. Doyle J. Nisivaco	C. Jakubisin	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Schwister A.M. Holmes A. Sullivan	<ul> <li>B. Boyd</li> <li>M. P. Flaherty</li> <li>N. Cummings</li> <li>J. Garreau</li> <li>M. Joscelyn</li> <li>L. Ovnik</li> <li>G. Rutkowski</li> <li>B. Sorice</li> <li>Open</li> </ul>	E. Cushing C. Cushing E. Justak	B. Mayo Celebration Ensemble	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Clark L. Freda L Dillon	A. Chimento N. Kampe Open Open Open	D. Collins D. Janiszewski Open	A. Rago	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8

 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

**Readings For The Week of October 20, 2019** 

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