

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 21, 2018



Whoever wishes
to be great among you
will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be
first among you will be
the slave of all.

**FOR THE
SON OF MAN
DID NOT COME
TO BE SERVED,
BUT TO SERVE
AND TO GIVE
HIS LIFE
AS A RANSOM
FOR MANY**



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, October 22 Saint John Paul II, Pope	7:45 am 9:00 am	Thomas Honan Word & Communion Service	Ernie & Clare Froemel
Tuesday, October 23 Saint John of Capistrano, Priest	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service John P. Russell, Sr. Carlo Zoppa	Mary F. Russell Dr. Joel & Francine Richman
Wednesday, October 24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	7:45 am 9:00 am	Russell Brixie Word & Communion Service	Pat & Bob Roach
Thursday, October 25	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Gerald Lorenzi	The Carter Family
Friday, October 26	7:45 am 9:00 am	Robert McDonnell Janice Nigida Word & Communion Service	The McDonnell Family Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
Saturday, October 27	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Verona Whitmore Cathy Downey Deceased Members of the Martin & Doonan Families Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding~Cindy Lambros & Tom Maloney Wedding~Kristin Cullinan & Dan Bink Sacrament of Reconciliation Audrey Walsh	The Van Gorp Family Lynn Regan The Driscoll Family
Sunday, October 28	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Dorothy Lynch, CSJ People of the Parish Dorothy Lynch, CSJ Helen Fila People of the Parish	The O'Connor's The Lucado Family The Kastrewa Family

Please Pray For...

Whitney Austin
Keeley Barr
Linda Bienik
Jim Boardman
Leonard Bruce
Linda Carpinelli
Jay Carroll
Tom Challos
Anthony Dina
Gregory Dold
Blake Donegan
Fr. Dave Dowdle
Pat Eaton
William Egbert
Bill Elliott
Sharon Elliott
John Fennell
Mike Fennell
Lily Fielding
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick
Palma Frustaci
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Patricia Hassler
Loretta Haxel
Linda Hillsman
Rose Ilo
Jane Jacobson
Theresa Kandall

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

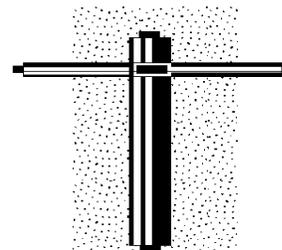
Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

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

Born Into Eternal Life



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



he has
given
his
life
as a
ransom
for
many

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Weddings



Cindy Lambros & Tom Maloney
Kristin Cullinan & Dan Bink
Connie Gonzalez & Brian Iaculla
Dora Rodriguez & Jose Madrigal
Katie McCabe & Mike Wojcik

Pastor's Notes

*"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.
The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."
Mark 10:43-45*

Who will be first? As an eldest child, I tended to assume the answer. Then my little sister got a bedroom of her own "first"; I shared mine with one, and then two younger brothers. I was a good student; but others were better than I at certain subjects or tasks. I could sprint with the best of them and often overcame my lousy batting by beating the throw to first base; but I lacked coordination when it came to most team sports. It has been an ongoing process of maturity to accept that I was not placed on this earth to be either "first" or "best." The disciple of Jesus chooses rather to place the talents that God has given them *at the service of God's desires* for God's family.

On this third Sunday of Stewardship, we focus on **the gift of talent**. God has given each of us *specific abilities to different degrees for the good of all*. As one Body in Christ, we are healthy and vibrant to the extent that we encourage each person to develop and share their gifts, celebrating the talents of others and gratefully sharing our own. When we leave the talents of others untapped and place all in the control of a chosen few, however good those few may be at what they do, we are unable to be the church that Jesus calls us to be.

Good stewardship of talent is first about discover: What talents has God given me? and How might these talents best serve others? It is about discerning what God asks me to do and what God asks me not to do so that another might share her or his talents. It is about accepting that God sometimes

asks me to do one thing less; and at other times God asks me to do one thing more. It is surrendering the outcome to God: I do the work of God as *collaborator* rather than as God's substitute or "temp."

St. Francis Xavier Parish offers over 50 ministries through which parishioners are invited to share your talents with the parish community. Our families, the communities around us, and our places of work and play offer many other opportunities to share our talents. Many among us are sharing their talents as parents and caretakers of parents or spouses.

I invite you to set aside some time to review the parish ministries described in the Parish Ministry Guide. If you are interested in learning more, someone from that ministry will welcome a conversation. If you find it is time to step away from a ministry, heed that voice and let us thank you for your past service. If you feel called to change ministries, then follow where God is leading you.

God be praised for all the talents with which God has blessed our faith community! May we continue to grow in our ministry to others and our mission to the local community and larger world.

I am practicing the stewardship of time this weekend through my annual silent eight-day retreat in Sedalia, Colorado. Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers.

Peace,

F. Bill

Scripture Reflection

Today we sit down and listen to the beginning of the first reading. It is from Isaiah. "The Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity." Wait a second, did I hear that right. God was happy with suffering. I knew it. When I mess up and end up suffering for it, it is just God's way to make me hurt for doing the wrong thing. It confirms what I thought as a young kid.

When I was young and in school, I would have to take tests or write something down so that I could be graded along with the rest of the students. When I would get my test or paper back, all my incorrect answers were circled. Also circled was any misspellings, because, of course, for it to be right, it had to be spelled right. So in looking at the sheet then, all I would see is my mistakes, not the things that I had answered right.

When I was young, I thought God was like a teacher. Whenever I did something wrong, or did not do what I should have done, God would circle those mistakes and make a list. God, I knew, would ultimately make me suffer for it.

It was not until I was older that the message of Jesus showed me another way. God does not circle things we get wrong, but circles all we get right. He is more interested that we learn to love the good and turn away from the bad. He wants to underline the positive.

So when we hear that the Lord was pleased in the prophet's being crushed, we recognize that it is only a poor translation. The Lord was pleased that the prophet and also Jesus did the right thing. Their suffering came from sin, the evil of our hearts and of this world, not the good or the loving stance of our lives. Like the "Suffering Servant" we may hurt from doing the right thing, but not because God wants us to suffer. Following Jesus is not easy, but it does lead to everlasting life.

F. Bill Killian

November is a Month For Remembering



All Saints Day Mass

We remember All Saints on Thursday, November 1 at the 7:00 pm.

All Souls Day

We will remember All Souls on Friday, November 2 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.

Altar Committee Needs Help

SFX has been served for many years by a group of women behind the scenes. They wash and iron the many purificators used to wipe clean the chalices for Holy Communion. They keep things neat in the sacristies and clean and dust the altar spaces. We presently have teams working on a rotational basis, one Friday a month following the 9:00 am Prayer Service. If interested, please call and leave your name and phone number for Lorraine Ovnik at 708-246-6062, a member of the Altar Committee for more information. Men and women can participate and you do not need to be “long retired.”

We Need Your Help Bereavement Ministry

The church has as always made the care of the grieving a priority in her ministry.

Our ministers of consolation, called by the healing ministry of Jesus, serve the families who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Classes will be held in Unity Hall starting in October. Please listen to your heart. Contact Donna Mulvenna at 708-352-1825. Thank you!

Week Day Mass Changes For October

Word & Communion Services:

Monday, October 22	9:00
Tuesday, October 23	7:45
Wednesday, October 24	9:00

Welcome Committee

A Welcome Committee is being formed to connect with new parishioners and introduce them to opportunities share their gifts here at SFX.

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

World Mission Sunday

Today we join with the Catholic Church across the globe to celebrate World Mission Sunday. This annual second collection provides critical support to communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world. Working with limited means, these local churches bear witness to the Gospel amid poverty and turmoil, addressing all forms of material and spiritual need. Today, we stand in solidarity with them through prayerful and financial support.

Who the World Mission Sunday Collection Serves:

- Approximately 75 percent supports efforts of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to help sustain over 1,000 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.
- Nearly 10 percent supports the work of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association to alleviate poverty, foster Christian unity, and promote interreligious dialogue in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe.
- About 15 percent supports the operations of the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which builds bridges of love and support between global missionaries and members of the Church in Chicago.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis states that, “No one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are.” Those serving in mission at the global peripheries, especially communities and individuals who follow the command to serve despite their own financial struggles, witness this message of service and self-sacrifice. By joining with them, we in turn bear witness to a message of love and compassion so needed in our world today.



Season of Stewardship

How do you witness?

...more prayer?

...more service?

...more giving?

Our Season of Stewardship enters its third 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.

Stewardship is our tool kit for living as disciples. Through our time in prayer and formation, through our talents that we generously share in ministry, and through our gifts of treasure, each of us is called to live the Gospel message and in doing so, we are living as disciples. Today, you will hear from our Pastoral Minister, Dr. Kate DeVries (or our Youth Minister, Olivia Zurowski, at our 6pm Mass) regarding stewardship discernment. Remember, stewardship is not a program and it is not a fundraiser; rather it is an invitation to participate actively in parish life as disciples.

This week you are encouraged to complete a stewardship intention card. We ask you to bring it to Mass next week or drop it off at the rectory. This card is an invitation to consider how you will pray, serve, and give next year to act as Jesus' hands and feet in the world. We invite you to live as stewards with us! As we discern our intentions for next year, please keep the St. Francis Xavier community and our stewardship effort in your prayers.

To Sign Up for Automatic Giving

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.SFXLG.ORG OR

TEXT DONATE TO 708-340-6630.



YOU ARE INVITED

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER THEATRE NIGHT THRILLER



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

AT THE THEATRE OF WESTERN SPRINGS

VIP RECEPTION: 6:45 – 7:45 PM

PERFORMANCE: 8:00 – 9:40 PM

COST: \$40/PERSON BENEFITTING SFX PARISH

Please note that *Deathtrap* is an intense suspense thriller with some stage violence.

Join us when the internationally-recognized Theatre of Western Springs presents Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," the 1978 hit that was nominated for four Tony Awards and holds the record for the longest-running, comedy-thriller on Broadway. Critics call it "a rare thriller that delivers both laughs and unexpected twists." Parishioners and guests will be thrilled by the plot twists and turns of this memorable performance which features:

- Private reception with beer, wine, soft drinks and delicious bites
- Enjoy refreshments at Intermission
- General Admission, all tickets will be held at the door
- Complimentary parking
- Enjoy parishioner Tim Gannon in a starring role!

Don't delay!
Availability is limited.
Visit www.SFXLG.org
to purchase tickets or
call the parish office at
708-352-0168.



We look forward to enjoying refreshments generously donated by these local restaurants and bars!



A Huge Thank You to our Sponsors for the evening!



BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Join us
for the 13th Annual



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

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

Saturday, November 3rd

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

Be a part of the fun, start training today

Strollers, walkers, non-SFX parishioners, and all ages welcome!

- USATF certified*, chip timed, flat, tree lined La Grange Park neighborhood course
- 5K and Kids Fun Run participants receive a technical t-shirt. Under 19 discount
- Indoor post-race celebration with Flash Magnets & fabulous treats from local vendors!

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

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

Living Rosary

The SFX Main Campus children joined with parents and parishioners in joyful prayer and adoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the outdoor Living Rosary on Friday October 12th.





Guest Readers Wanted

You know that look of wonder and joy that children get on their face when they listen to someone read them a story? The St. Francis Xavier Day School is looking for older adults who are willing to occasionally share the stewardship of time as "Guest Readers". You may occasionally be asked to read books to children, or perhaps to listen to children read aloud. Being able to read and a desire to spend time inspiring children to read are the only skills needed to be a successful reading volunteer. You are never too old to inspire a new young friend! Please contact Advancement Director Mary Tassi mtassi@sfxlg.org or 708-352-2175 x 331.

SFX Parish Day School Service Program News



This year our 5th Graders service theme is Honoring Veterans and Active Duty Members. A component of their service includes writing letters and sending care packages. In addition a mass honoring our Veterans and Active Duty Members will take place on Friday, November 9th at 9:00 am.

If you know of a veteran OR active duty member please provide their name, address and current status to jeafurlong@sbcglobal.net. If you have any additional information you can provide about them we would appreciate it.

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!

The St. Francis Xavier Book Fair is coming...



When: Tuesday, November 6th
Student browsing during the school day and family shopping 5:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday, November 7th
Student orders will be filled and the fair will be open for parents/parishioners from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Where: Main Campus in Joyce Hall Featuring:
* favorite children's authors
* young adult titles
* Bluestem, Monarch, & Rebecca Caudill Award Books holiday books and much, much, more!

The **BOOK FAIR IS OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS** and is available online throughout the year. Anytime you are shopping for a book, please visit www.abcfairs.com and type in Saint Francis Xavier, LaGrange in the billing/contact information section during checkout. The books will be delivered directly to your home or you can choose to pick up the books at the Anderson's Bookshop in downtown LaGrange and pay no shipping fees. Hope to see you at the fair!!!

Remember, 20% of your purchase will benefit SFX.

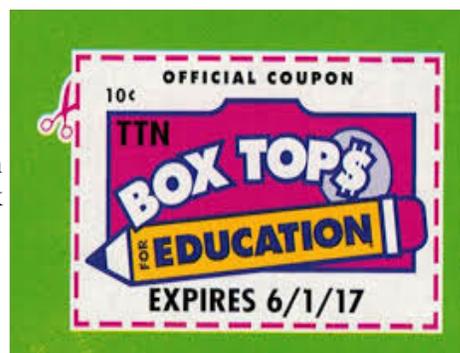
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Use this coupon at either of
AB ANDERSON'S BOOKSHOPS 3 locations
 Naperville, Downers Grove & La Grange
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20%
 of your purchase goes directly
 back to your school.

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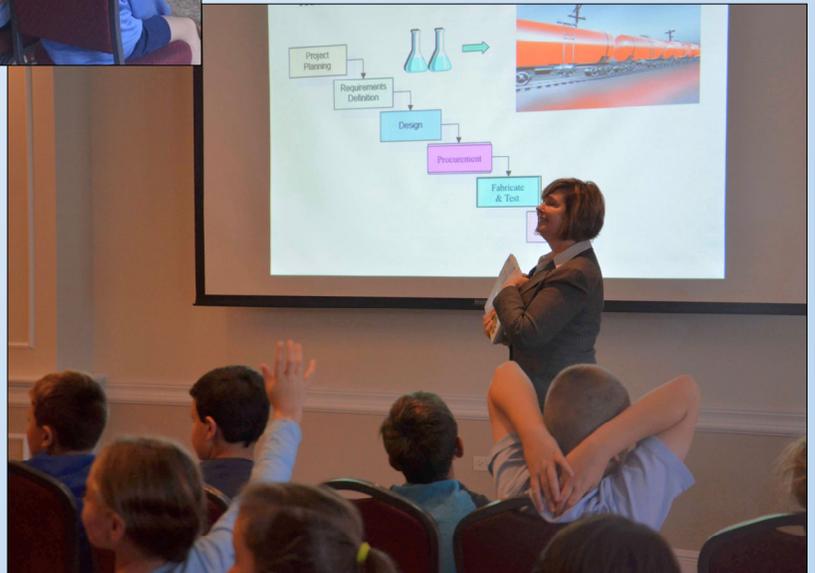
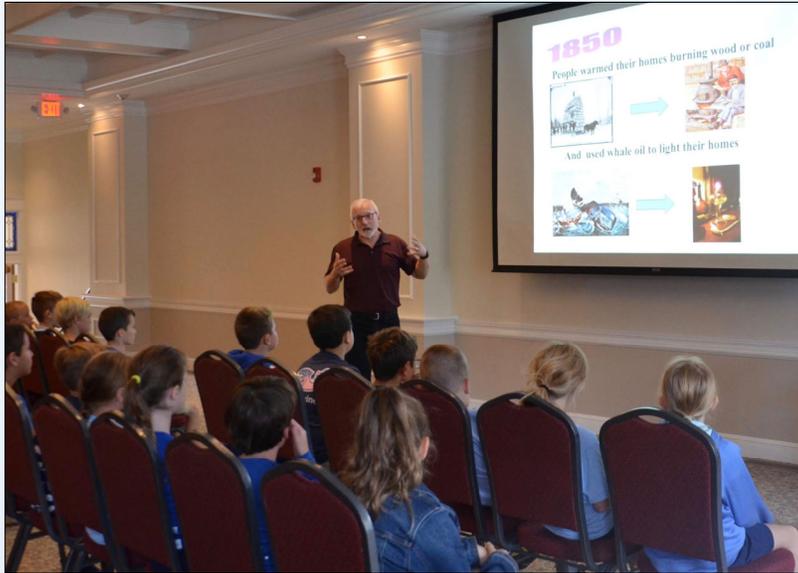
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Pre-tax Amount



Thank You

Thank you to engineers Frank Rosser and Jackie DeThorne, from our community, who visited the 4th Grade and talked about the different types of engineers and what they do. SFX Day School children were enthralled and benefited from the Stewardship of Time and Talent of these parishioners.



We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media:

SFX School Instagram: [@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

Facebook SFX School site: <https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site: <https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni/>

SFX School Website: <https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Retreats

Kairos 31 Oct 25-28
Registration closed



Frosh/Soph Jan 4-6
Registration open soon!

Kairos 32 Mar 14-17
Registration open Jan 2019



Kairos 33 July 11-14
Registration open
May 2019

Quest

Confirmation groups assigned
Look for communication from
your leader this month

Rite of Enrollment Mass
Nov 18 at 6pm preceded by
Sponsor/Candidate meeting at
4:30pm

Lenten Reconciliation Service
April 7 after 6pm Mass



Confirmation
Thursday, May 9
and Friday, May 10
at 7pm

Church League

Men

Registration open now!

Women

Registration open Feb
2019



Mission Trip

June 23-28, 2019
Springfield, KY

Stay connected!

Follow us on social media, visit the
website, read the bulletin, and email
Olivia Zurowski for information on
upcoming events and programs.



St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry



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www.sfxlg.org

Click on Youth Ministry

Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

October 21	Class
October 28	At Home Lesson Fundraiser Orders Due
November 4	Class
November 11	Class Toy Shower
November 18	No Class
November 25	No Class

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Wednesdays

October 24	Class
October 31	At Home Lesson
November 7	Class Fundraiser Pick-Up
November 14	Class Toy Shower
November 21	No Class
November 28	No Class

Religious Education Important Dates

Pizza Fundraiser

September 30-October 23
All Orders Due on Sunday, October 28
Order Pick-up on Wednesday, November 7



Toy Shower

Collection of Toys November 11 and
 November 14 (all week)
Toy Delivery on November 20

Eucharistic Liturgies at 12:00 Noon

Grade 3	November 4
Grade 4	November 11



Grade 2 First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Monday, November 12 at 7:00 pm in Church

Grade 4 Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00pm 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. 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.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs:
 November 3 & 10; December 8; January 5 & 26;
 February 9 & 23; March 2; April 6

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 20 & 27; November 17, December 15 & 22;
 January 12 & 19; February 2 & 16;
 March 9, 16, 23, & 30; and April 27

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

New Parish Instagram and Twitter Accounts

We are increasing our social media presence and are now on Instagram and Twitter! Make sure to like and follow us for updates on SFX happenings, upcoming events, and more!



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SFX Alumni News! Falcon Pride!

3 National Merit Semifinalists are SFX Alumni, including 2 of Fenwick's 4 Semifinalists!

Of approximately 1.5 million students who sat for last year's PSAT/ NMSQT examination, these SFX alumni placed in the top 1%. We join as a community to congratulate:

Michael Dillon - Fenwick
Nate Fisher - Fenwick
John Walls - St. Ignatius

5 National Merit Commended Students are SFX Alumni.

These SFX Alumni placed among the top 3% percent. We are so proud of your tremendous accomplishment!

Grace Campbell - St. Ignatius
Liam Collins - Benet Academy
Janey Dillon - Lyons Township
Ian Havenaar - Fenwick
Jon Weller - Lyons Township

Black & White Shopping Night!



Join the Fenwick Mothers' Club for some fabulous boutique shopping, socializing with old and new friends and some delicious food and drink!

Wednesday, October 24th
7:00-10:00 pm
Fenwick High School
505 Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

\$21 (includes 1 free raffle ticket) or \$25 at the door

Pre-purchase at
<https://www.fenwickfriars.com/mothersclub/>
and look for Black and White Shopping Night under Upcoming Events

Questions: Contact Lauren Kapusta at
lkapusta@sbcglobal.net or 630-234-7942.



TENORS needed!
***(high male voice)**

Gallery Choir – 9:00 am Mass
Rehearsals: Tuesdays
7:30 – 9:00 pm

***music reading skills NOT required...**
...just an ear and a love for singing!

COME AND JOIN US!!

Please contact our
Music Director, Allen Sterwalt
asterwalt@sfxlg.org
708-352-0168

SFX Christmas Midnight Mass Choir: New Singers Invited!



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, October 23rd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 18th.

Please consider singing, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring to your lives during this special time of year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, before the first rehearsal on October 23rd at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or by phone 708-352-0168.



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.

Tracey's Story

The abuse

I was in my late twenties when I met my ex at the church I attended. We married a year later. He slapped me across the face one time when we were engaged as he didn't like the meal that I cooked. I was dumbfounded but accepted his apologies and excuse of having had a hard day at work. The abuse started a week after we were married and escalated very quickly. Six months into the marriage I asked him for a divorce. He said that if I divorced him he would kill me and kill my parents. I confided in the minister of the church as to what was going on. The minister tried counseling us, but my husband was telling the priest one thing and doing another.

I earned more than him and had to cover all the household expenses. He would also make demands for money from me. If I said no to sex he would force himself on me. He would give me 15 minutes to get home from work. If I were late, he would accuse me of being unfaithful. One time I was late, and an argument broke out. I ran to the bathroom and locked the door. He put his fist through the door. I jumped into the shower recess and he completely smashed it to get to me.

He cut me off from my family and friends and eventually from my church. I became a prisoner in my own home. He destroyed my self-esteem by telling me how worthless I was and continued with the mind games. It got to a stage where I didn't know what the truth was and what was a lie. He stripped me of my dignity and self-respect. My thoughts were scattered and not logical.

I thought: I cannot be free, he will hunt me down; this was his only promise to me. I wondered: Is there nowhere to take refuge and shelter? Must I leave my home that I have purchased and paid for myself? Should he continue to enjoy the benefits his life with me affords him? My thoughts would turn to my baby boys: what would be their fate? I lived in fear for my life.

I saw a movie one day, and it was a real story of an abused woman who shot her husband to escape the abuse. I started entertaining the idea of killing him, but I realized that I wouldn't be successful.

How things changed

The change came for me when I made the decision that if I could no longer live like I had been living and if I had to die to be free, then I was willing to pay that price. I decided to succumb to a final beating and present myself to the police and have him charged. On that day he pushed me and I pushed him back, expecting a belting. He then spat in my face and I spat back at him, expecting a belting. But instead he called the police and cried battered husband – he said I was the one abusing him. Luckily, the police didn't believe him and helped me leave.

The police asked me to pack a bag and they tried for about an hour to get us into a women's refuge, but they couldn't get through as the lines were busy. I then said to my ex that if we had to leave our home, I would disconnect the gas and electricity and get a restraining order to get him out. He then agreed to leave. I gave him two weeks to get out. The boys and I went to my parent's home. When he left the house, my parents and I went back, packed up and moved my furniture and possessions to their home. We stayed with them for three years. I rented out my home during that time.

He still had contact with my sons with access at the police station. But incidents were still occurring. There was a time when one of my sons had a graze to his forehead. My ex told the police that I was mishandling the boys. The police officer believed my ex and I had to get a doctor's letter stating that he believed that the boys weren't being mistreated.

My advice to others

When I was going through this abuse I remained silent about what was going on in my home and I believe that it was my silence that enabled him to continue with the abuse. By remaining silent and not telling others what is happening in our homes, we enable the abusers to continue with the abuse. We need to break the silence and expose those who seek to keep us bound in fear and dread.

At the end of the day, every woman who is killed, injured or harmed through domestic violence is someone's daughter.

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)



Coat and Outerwear Drive VI

The Knights of Columbus SFX Council 6483 is coordinating the 6th Annual Outerwear Drive and will be collecting clean, pre-worn outerwear for those in need this winter.

There will be drop off boxes at the church entrances to deposit outerwear before each mass on November 10 and 11. 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 Steve Better, Knights of Columbus with questions at 708-380-3101 or email gutheriepike@msn.com.



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

Community Service Opportunity Service Hours

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KOC)
KOC needs volunteers to distribute flyers to homes for the 6th Annual Outerwear Drive

Volunteers do not ask for anything, you simply attach supplied flyers rolled with a rubber-band to assigned homes (door knobs, gates etc.)
DO NOT PLACE IN MAILBOX
between October 27 to November 4
the assignment will take about one hour.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
will pick up coats on Saturday, November 10th.

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:

Steve Better
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gutheriepike@msn.com
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THANK YOU!!!!

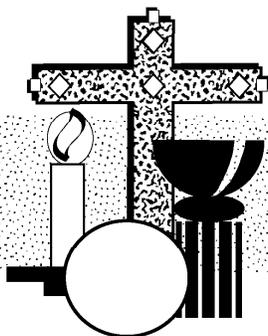


Boy Scout Troop #33 Wreath Sales



Boy Scout Troop #33 is selling Christmas wreaths, garland and other fresh greenery items. Orders received by October 26th will be delivered to your home the weekend before Thanksgiving. Order forms are available from Bill McKeown at william.mckeown@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of Boy Scout Troop #33.



*we have a great high priest
Jesus, son of god*



Matthew Fox: Naming the Unnamable on Thursday, October 25 from 7:00-9:00 pm. What do we mean by "God" in today's world? How many names for Divinity are there? Do the names for God change as we mature and evolve? Renowned theologian and author Matthew Fox will ignite our imaginations in this presentation and book signing. Free to parishioners of SFX and SJC.

Finding Jesus Among Muslims on Thursday, November 1 and 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Come join Dr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, D.Min., for a presentation and group discussion about a great little book *Finding Jesus Among Muslims: How Loving Islam Makes Me A Better Catholic* (available from Sr. Mary Jo Curtsinger at mjcurtsinger@csjoseph.org for \$19, or from Amazon). Cost: Optional free will offering.

Discovering the Potential Within Through Reflection and Art on Saturday, November 3 from 9:30 am-2:00 pm. Come with a heart of curiosity to discover what you are being called to be in this phase of your life. Facilitator Carol Cummins will guide us through a creative process that just needs kindergarten art skills, includes sacred circle images, and group sharing. Cost: \$40; includes soup lunch and all materials.

Trivia Night
Friday, November 9
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Games begin at 7:00 pm

Start watching Jeopardy to prepare yourself for a night of laughter and recall as your team competes against others in a "battle of the brains." Gather your own group or come on your own and we will find you a team. Cost: \$20 through November 8th; \$30 on November 9th.

The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue~LaGrange Park

To register online and see complete list of programs:
www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048



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AARP Tax-Aide Needs Volunteers For the 2019 Tax Filing Season

Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community?

The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2019 tax filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to have a tax or an accounting background to volunteer. However, some knowledge of your own personal tax matters is very helpful. All returns are prepared on computers; thus, volunteers should be somewhat computer literate. Training classes will be held in January, 2019. Minimum time commitment during the filing season is 4 to 5 hours one day per week from early February to mid-April.

This income tax preparation and assistance service is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older. Won't you help?

For further information about the program and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit:

https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/
or contact St. Cletus parishioner,
John Wagner at 708-352-0170 for further details.

Christmas Cards For Prisoners

Jesus said, "*I was in prison, and you visited me.*"
Matthew 25:36

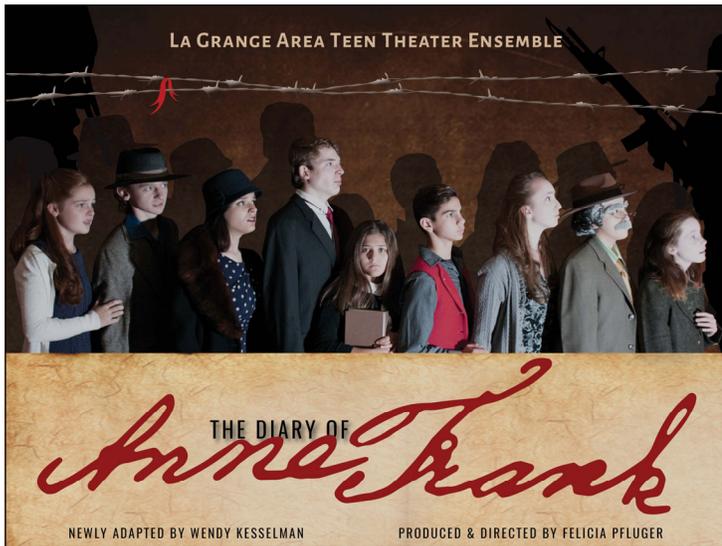
Please consider signing a Christmas card or two or more.

- * Sign ONLY your FIRST name
- * Write brief, cheerful note, if you wish
- * No stickers, no glitter, no pasted-on decorations--prisons will *not* accept these
- * Do not seal the envelope
- * Do not *affix* postage stamps--please provide postage separately
- * Do not use cards offering Masses or Novenas

Please put signed cards in the box in the vestibule before Sunday, November 4.



Thank You and God Bless You.



Immersive Living History...A Real Haunting Tale.
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In *THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK*, Anne emerges from history a resilient, lyrical, intensely gifted young girl, who confronts her rapidly changing life and the increasing horror of her time with astonishing honesty, wit, and determination. An impassioned drama about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic.

It captures the claustrophobic realities of their daily existence—their fear, their hope, their laughter, their grief. Each day of these two dark years, Anne's voice shines through: "When I write I shake off all my cares. But I want to achieve more than that. I want to be useful and bring enjoyment to all people, even those I've never met. I want to go on living even after my death!" Directed and Produced by St. Francis Xavier's own Felicia Pfluger. Newly Adapted for Stage by Wendy Kesselman.

\$5~Students/Seniors/Military/First Responders and \$15 ~Adults

7:00 pm
Friday, November 9th

2:00 and 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 10th

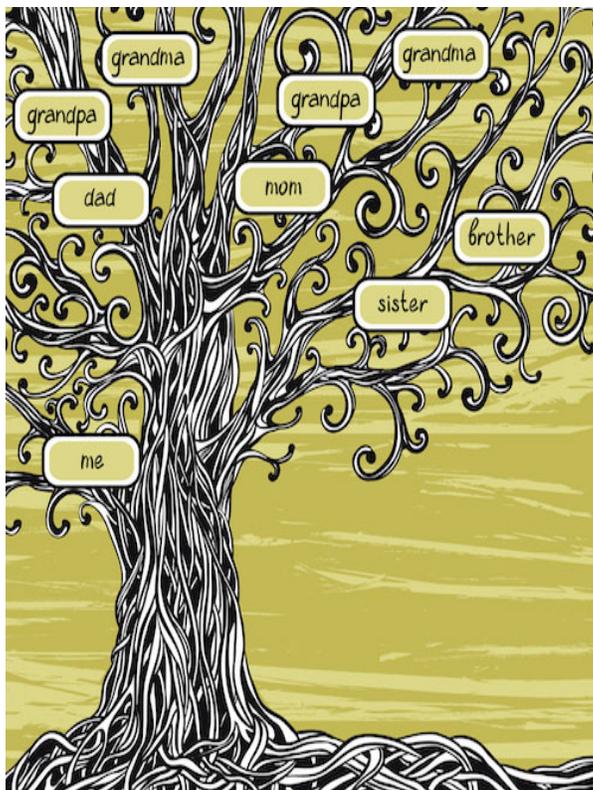
Plymouth Place Auditorium
315 N LaGrange Road in LaGrange Park
2 Hour Run Time including 10 Minute Intermission
Educational Materials Available

Presale Tickets will be available at Tate's Ice Cream in LaGrange or by calling 708-655-0989.

Panel Discussion Following Each Show with the cast and, Steve Koek, a speaker from the Illinois Holocaust Museum who is a Second Generation Survivor. Educational Materials Available for Enrichment.



LaGrange Area
Teen Theater Ensemble



Senior Women's Group _____

THE STORY OF
ST. SAINT ANDRE' BASSETTE
AS TOLD BY

Sharon Bassette-Femieux Allison

A FAMILY LINEAGE TO A SAINT

Wednesday, November 7, 2018
9:30 am Gathering
10:00 am Presentation

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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 Meeting

Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross (SJC) will gather to continue discussing ways we can 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.

Next Meeting: November 14 at 7:00 pm in SFX Unity Hall. All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

Baby Bottle Collection

A baby bottle donation envelope, benefiting the life-saving services of the Women's Care Center in LaGrange, is at all entrances. The Women's Care Center opened in June and have nearly 200 babies expected to their moms. Donation envelopes can be dropped off at the Rectory or put in the collection baskets through October. Thanks for your generosity!

The Women's Care Center helps pregnant women choose life through counseling, ultrasound, parenting classes, literacy training, self-sufficiency education and incentive programs to set goals and finish educations. Information about the Women's Care Center, located at 136 North LaGrange Road in LaGrange, is at all entrances.

**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME**
CROP HUNGER WALK



Sunday, October 21

CROP 5K WALK

LaGrange/Western Springs/Brookfield

12:30 pm Onsite Registration

1:15 pm Walk

Presbyterian Church
of Western Springs
5250 Wolf Road

Suggested donation per Walker:

Free will monetary
offering along with a
nonperishable food item.

CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG

Food Pantry Gratitude

Our pantry shelves are running low so we give thanks to everyone for their ongoing donations to the SFX Food Pantry.

A Special Thanks to:

Plymouth Place staff and residents' recent food drive

Knights of Columbus' *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families* drive last weekend and

Religious Education's upcoming Food Drive, led by 7th Grade students.

We continue to serve an average of **70 families, consisting of 250 individuals** each week who give thanks for the wonderful choices the Pantry offers because of the generous community support we receive.

*We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
St. Oscar Romero





10TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DANCE PARTY!

WHAT: *Free* dance classes for a good cause.

WHERE: Jo's Footwork Studio, Studio I
1500 Walker Street, Western Springs
708-246-6878

WHEN: November 18, 2018 1:00pm - 4:00pm

DETAILS:

Jo's Footwork Studio would like to share the "goods" this Thanksgiving holiday. With so much to be thankful for, we would like to give back to our community with free dance parties! We will have staff set up in the parking lot where you can drop off your non-perishable item(s) and then come upstairs to join us for some fun. Pick your dance party/parties! No dance experience required, just a canned good or non-perishable item. *(No Goods? Bring \$5.00 cash)* All goods & \$ donated to St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry. Please call ahead to reserve your spot!

DANCE PARTIES!

1:00-1:50 pm ~ *Disney Theme Party* ~ Come as you are or dressed as your favorite character for a magical Disney dance party! (Taught by Zoe Martinkus)

2:00-2:50 pm ~ *Pom Dance/Fun Dance Party* ~ Students will have a Pom Dance with fun dance moves combined Party! No experience necessary. (Taught by Annie Pinta and Alyssa Smith)

3:00-3:50 pm ~ *Jazz Dance Party* ~ Fun music, fun moves, it's a party! (Taught by Janine Aquino)

Space is limited so please **RSVP** (708-246-6878) for your free party.
You may register for more than one party and you can bring your friends.
Must be 6 years to adult to participate in classes.



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
- **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
- **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
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz

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

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday..... 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)
 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 12:00 pm on the Friday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
 LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

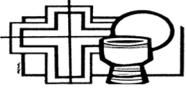
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—October 27-28, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	L. Young H. McCormick L. Lach	L. Bannach M. Becker K. Corrigan J. Denson D. Dunlap A. Fekrat D. Mulvenna A. Saladino P. Saladino	R. Garcia A. Grech N. Olson	S. VanOrdstrand	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Carroll R. Hillsman M. Kalkowski	P. Olson K. Stetz J. Van Gorp D. Walsh M. Westerhoff	C. McLaughlin D. Collins N. Strayer	G. Adams	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	M. Lukanich R. Cook M. Kalkowski	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson J. Cogelja C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast T. Urchell	F. LaMantia E. Siffermann M. Kachmarik	L. DiGianfilippo	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	A. Dougherty J. Eraci E. Anderson	N. Cummings M. P. Flaherty M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak K. Witowski	L. Nowak A. Edwards Q. Filbin	B. Kalnes	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	T. Downey E. McGovern D. Lewis	A. Chimento L. Donegan K. Johnson N. L. Kampe Not Filled	A. McCarty E. Geraghty M. Burriesci	C. Jakubisin	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

to love
is the
command
of the LORD

Readings For The Week of October 21, 2018

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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