

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 2019



All Souls Mass of Remembrance Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm

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Dennis Hogerty
Diane Hughes
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Howard Jacklin
Peter Janettas
Alice Joyce
Rosemary Kaiser
Phyllis Kalisz
Mardel Kalnes
Katherine Katara
Ruth Kegerreis
Leo Keller
John Kelly
Joseph Kelly
Michael Kelly
Jack Kernan
Im Sun Kim
Ronald Kostrewa

Rita Kott

Virginia Kottaridis
Anita Kronowitz
Edward Kudia
Virginia Lake
Mary Leahy
Bernard LeBeau
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Richard Vlcek Ellen Elizabeth Wallace Bruce Waring

Veronica Wieringer

Josita Witte



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 4 Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Alice Joyce All Souls Mass of Remembrance	The Farnan Family
Tuesday, November 5	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	The Schrack Family
Wednesday, November 6	8:30 am	Helen Ryan Francis Napleton	Mary F. Russell The Napleton Family
Thursday, November 7	8:30 am	James Heinlein	Marlene Heinlein
Friday, November 8	8:30 am	Adolph & Elizabeth Augustyn Edmund Burke	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn The Connolly Family
Saturday, November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Paul Lucas Carol Miller Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Geraldine Cahill	Marian Lucas The Miller Family The Farnan Family
Sunday, November10 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Peg Morsch Foley Rosemarie Agnello John R. McCrory People of the Parish Catherine Koscielski Allan Fitzpatrick Nancy Noren	The Morsch Family Yvonne Agnello-Adams The Zeisloft Family Welcome Retreat Team Welcome Retreat Team The Shanley Family

Please Pray For...

James Boardman Marian Lucas Jay Carroll Emmett Miller Chili Challender Patrick Morgan Anthony Dina Mike Morrison Blake Donegan Bernice Niemiec Pat Eaton Arnold Oppenheim Lily Fielding Jane O'Reilly Baby Collins Fitzpatrick Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Peter Ganzel Adam Gawrysh Jim Potsch Lilli Gregory James Pridmore Wilson Gregory Madison Raupp Brian Hahn Anna Rose Patricia Hassler Marilyn Rutkowski Linda Hillsman Matthew Schiek Rose Ilo Gretchen Sterwalt Mary J. Kate Frugoli Sullivan Jane Jacobsen Pat Sullivan Theresa Kandall John Thoms Benny Kilman Anne Titzer Marilyn King Michael Ungari Jerry Kolman Gregory Van Gorp Lou Ellen Krueger 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:

Veronica Wieringer
Mother of John, Jim & Daniel

Elsie Mannix Radtke
Sister of Fr. Richard Prendergast

Bernard LeBeau

Husband of Mary and Father of Edward & Jeanne

Rose Arunno Friend of Liz

Thora Cahill Former Parishioner

*James Burns*Husband of Marilyn

Weddings

Claire Mayo & Erik Soderstrom



Pastor's Notes

Jesus said, "Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Luke 19:5

Zacchaeus is literally and spiritually "up a tree." His heart both yearns to see Jesus and fears that Jesus might see him. He has been shamed and shunned by others for many years. Yet Jesus invites himself to dinner as Zacchaeus' guest. In gratitude, Zacchaeus offers more than half his wealth in response to God's kindness and mercy,

As we conclude our reflection on the virtue of stewardship, we are asked to consider our personal and household intentions to share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure and to put them in writing. The forms in the bulletin will be collected next week as we offer our intentions to God and to the community. If you express interest in a ministry, the parish office will forward your information to the appropriate coordinator for that ministry. I hope that our intentions will take root in our hearts, our lives, and our parish.

I find it important to remember that discernment can be as much about "doing something more" as "doing something different" or "doing something less." The challenge is to place God at the center of my discernment and allow God's priorities to become my priorities. God *always* gives gifts *in abundance*. If I feel that I do not have "enough" time, talent, or treasure in my life, then perhaps I am spending too much. The practice of stewardship is a deliberate aligning of my life and my gifts with God's call. It is rarely about "everything." It is always about "enough." May each of us allow God to guide our discernment well.

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Olivia Zurowski, our Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Parish Communications, is announcing a transition in her life. She has been offered an opportunity to work in an area for which she has developed much love in recent years. She will be transferring to part-time in her current staff position. We will be able to continue all our current youth ministry programs as we begin the search process for a new Coordinator of Youth Ministry. Olivia has contributed much to our youth ministry and youth. She reworked the Quest Confirmation small group program to better respond to the issues and challenges of freshmen. She introduced a new Summer Mission program that responded to needs and concerns that had been expressed. She coordinated with the other area youth ministers to enrich the Kairos Retreat experience and develop a new retreat for the freshmen and sophomores of the area. I will miss her as part of our pastoral staff and am grateful that she and her husband Peter will remain active members of the parish.

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Last week we completed the annual **Sunday October Count**. Our average attendance numbers for our six weekend Masses:

	<u>5:00</u>	7:30	9:00	10:30	Noon	6:00
Average	324	143	325	322	245	250
% Change	+12%	0	-4%	+1%	+26%	-10%
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2019 Weekly Average: 1576 (1%increase from 2018)

We adjusted the 2018 average to account for the presence of the Spirito Children's Ensemble and their families and followers at a 9:00 Mass attended by 650 people. For the first year in many years, the resulting average remained stable rather than decreasing. **This is a great place from which to build.** Consider inviting a neighbor or friend to join or to rejoin us next week or any week. We all are blessed when we fill the empty spaces.

Peace,

F. Bill

WORD AND COMMUNION SERVICES

Our Parish is so fortunate to have daily Mass offered. Some of us, however, are well into our morning busyness by the time 8:30 Mass is offered. The parish would like to offer a Word and Communion Service at 7:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for those who would like Communion and communal prayer before their day gets busy. This will start with Tuesday, November 5th and continue forward.

Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from *Equal Exchange Fairly Traded*. There is a lot behind this coffee. "We work closely with our farmer partners, year after year, to better understand each other's needs. The result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee."

Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

Fair Trade builds right relationships between buyers and sellers that are rooted in the principles of human dignity and solidarity.

Fair Trade:

- Respects human dignity
- Promotes the common good
- Advances economic justice
- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- Cultivates global solidarity

The Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program creates opportunities for us to bring these core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Effort is made to see that these coffee farmers are given a fair wage!!!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT CROP WALK 2019!

The St. Francis Xavier/Congregation of St. Joseph Team had **32 Walkers and Raised \$950!**

A portion of all donations will be given to local pantries, including St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry.





This Sunday, November 3 2:00 AM

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance



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.



Come for Eucharistic Adoration November 14 from 6:00-7:00pm

As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. "Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to give us the privilege of approaching him personally as so many people were able to do two-thousand years ago in Galilee and Judea" (Fr. F. Racine). During Eucharistic Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent adoration.

The next Eucharistic Adoration will be **Thursday**, **November 14**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Katie @ k.f.kanzer@gmail.com.

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacles expressly for you, for you alone?

He burns with desire to come into your heart."

St. Therese of Lisieux



MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES IN UNITY HALL

This weekend we reflect on our gratitude for the many gifts God has bestowed upon us and how we are sharing our *Time, Talent, and Treasure* as we strive to be good stewards.

The center pages of this bulletin contain our 2019 Stewardship Intention Form. Ministries that are in need of more support are listed with a short description of each. If you would like more information about the ministries, please stop by Unity Hall after Mass today to chat with a representative and enjoy some cookies and beverages! You can also check out our Ministry Resource Guide which is found on our website, www.sfxlg.org.

We invite you to take some time to reflect and turn in the Stewardship Intention Form (or complete it online) by November 10 (or as soon as you are able).

SAVE the DATE for the RETURN of the YULE FLIP!



A beloved Christmas tradition returns to Joyce Hall...

St. Francis Xavier Parish presents The Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast

> Sunday, December 15 8:00 am until Noon

Also...visit Santa's Workshop (NEW!)



More information coming soon on the parish website

Sponsored by the SFX Social Committee and the Knights of Columbus

All are invited to the BOOK FAIR

in Joyce Hall

20% of purchase benefits St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 5:30 - 8:30 pm:

Open shopping time 6:30 pm drop-off storytime while parents shop

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 8:15 am - noon:



Open shopping time 10:45 am drop-off storytime while parents shop

LIMITED EDITION "St. Francis Xavier Loves To Read" tote bags available. \$10

Earn More Money for Your School!



Use this certificate at Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville, Downers Grove, or La Grange or at Anderson's Toyshop and

20% of your purchase goes directly to your school!

School Name: School City:







Book Sellers: Staple this certificate to rece

CERTIFICATE EXPIRES 2 WEEKS AFTER THE BOOK FAIR ENDS. OFFER CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH U.R.A. DISCOUNTS OR OTHER OFFERS.

Veterans Day Mass and Reception

The 5th 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 11th at 8:30 am with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall.

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



HELP SUPPORT

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER **SCHOOL**

WHFRF 439 North Lagrange Road, LaGrange Park, IL 60526

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.

Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery?*

Enter "PRFUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

Learn more at Fundraising.PaneraBread.com

*Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count toward the event. Rapid Pick-Up and Delivery only where available.

Looking For St. Francis Xavier **Day School Alums**

Are you a graduate of St. Francis Xavier Day School? We are trying to create a database of all graduates. Please e-mail the following information to Mary Tassi at mtassi@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-2175:

> Name Year of Graduation from SFX Mailing Address E-mail Address Telephone Number

We would also appreciate knowing if your children subsequently attended or are attending SFX.

In addition, we would like to know of any alumni who may have passed away. Finally, if you have an interest in helping to organize alumni activities, please let us know that as well.

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Toy Shower

Collection~November 17 and November 20 (all week)
Toy Delivery~November 24

Eucharistic Liturgies

Grade 4 November 9 Practice 4:15 pm Mass 5:00 pm

Class Dates

Sunday, November 3 At Home Lesson Wednesday, November 6 At Home Lesson

Sunday, November 10 Class
Wednesday, November 13 Class
Sunday, November 17 Class
Wednesday, November 20 Class

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: November 16; January 25; February 29; March 14.

Here is the schedule when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated: 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): 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 Education.

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Boys Church League Basketball

Practice for Church League Basketball starts this week on Wednesday, November 6. Practices for the season will always be on Wednesdays in the Gym.

Freshmen: 7:00-7:45pm Sophomores: 7:45-8:30pm Juniors: 8:30-9:15pm Seniors: 9:15-10:00pm

Contact Olivia Zurowski at <u>ozurowski@sfxlg.org</u> or 708-352-0168 with any questions.

To the St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,

I cannot think of a better place to have done ministry for the past two years as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry (and Communications for the past six months). From Quest, 6pm Mass, Church League Basketball, Kairos, the mission trip, the bulletin, and everything in between, it has been a joy and blessing to see not only our young people grow and develop in their faith, but all of the wonderful programs and events that are offered here, and the supportive and involved parishioners. THANK YOU to everyone who makes this parish such a special place, especially the Youth Council teens, adult volunteers, and staff. You have made this role so much better than I could have imagined.

November 8th will be my last day as the full-time Youth Minister. I will be embarking on a new adventure as I start as an Animal Caregiver at PAWS Chicago and move to a transitional period of part-time in Youth Ministry. I have been feeling my heart pulling me more towards animal rescue. It was a very difficult process (full of prayer, self-reflection, and discussions with Peter) to decide to change career directions, because I have loved working at St. Francis so much. However, this is what I feel God calling me to do with my life right now and I couldn't ignore it any longer.

Just over 2 years ago, I was warmly welcomed in this parish and it became my home and my family. Peter and I will continue to be involved with SFX and will remain parishioners, even after my transition time is done. I ask for your prayers as we work together during this time to ensure the continued success of Youth Ministry.

Olivia Zurowski

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES AT ALEXINE CHAPEL

On Christmas Eve, we will celebrate Masses at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM at the Alexine Chapel (formerly the Motherhouse Chapel). We will not issue tickets for the 5:00 PM Mass. However, we need to respect the Chapel seating capacity of 800 persons. We have been able to accommodate everyone who has chosen to attend this Mass in recent years.

The 3:00 PM Mass continues to push us beyond the capacity of the Alexine Chapel. Therefore, we will return to the practice of issuing tickets for the 3:00 PM Mass only. We will distribute these tickets on Monday evening, December 2. Please tell your friends and others who plan to attend the 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at the Alexine Chapel that admission will be by ticket only.

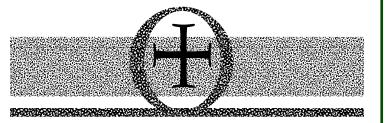
The procedure for obtaining tickets for this Mass:

- 1. Church doors will open on Monday, December 2 at 5:30 PM.
- 2. As you enter church, obtain a numbered stub from a volunteer.
- 3. Stubs will be given out in numerical order. You will be asked to sit in that same numerical order, beginning with the last row in church.
- 4. At 6:00 PM, a drawing will determine the numbered stub that begins the distribution process. We will proceed in numerical order from that point to the last stub given out at the door; then continuing with the first number given out as long as tickets remain.
- 5. If you arrive after 6:00 PM, you will receive a stub in a new series of numbers; these will be called AFTER all of the initial numbers have been called.

Please do not arrive earlier than 5:30 PM on December 2.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fr. Bill Tkachuk



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AT PARISH CHURCH

On Christmas Eve, we will again celebrate two Masses in the church at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM. These two Masses are planned for families with younger children. Again this year, tickets will not be issued for these two Masses. Each Mass will be broadcast into Unity Hall to accommodate those for whom seating in church is unavailable.

We hope to be able to accommodate everyone comfortably. However, we advise everyone that **the** 3:00 PM Mass usually is filled to capacity. Unity Hall will be standing room only and may not be conducive to adults without children or to families with children older than 6.

Please plan accordingly.

Christmas Blessings!

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

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 from 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.

Stewardship: Share with love









Give Treasure A way of life

SFX Stewardship Intention Form - Devote Time

Personal Information		
Household Name		
Address		
Address Line 2		
City/Town		
Zip/Postal Code		
Devote Time - As a family or as prayer with God and time with	an individual, indicate how you intend to devour Faith Community.	ote time to
Attend Mass		
Personal/Family Prayer Time		
Time at Parish Events		
Attend a Retreat, Small Faith Gr	oup, etc	
Pray the Rosary		

If you would like to complete this form online, go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFXStewardship

or focus your smartphone camera on this QR code to open <u>surveymonkey.com</u>.



- 1. Already Volunteer in Parish, School, or elsewhere.
- 2. Altar Committee Set up and clean up the altar spaces. 1 hour once a month. Generally after a morning Mass.
- 3. Art and Environment Decorate church for holiday seasons. Primarily Easter and Christmas. Daytime hours.
- 4. Baptismal Banners Create Baptismal Banners for Baptisms.
- Bereavement Ministry Accompany Parish Members through their journey of grief. Attend wakes and funeral liturgies. Requires Evening and morning hours.
- 6. Domestic Violence Bring awareness to the issue of Domestic Violence to the parish. Meets every two months giving special attention to October, (Domestic Violence Awareness Month).
- 7. Edythe Gardening Beautify the church grounds by maintaining baskets, refreshing planters. Anytime.
- **8. Eucharistic Ministers** Distribute the Eucharist at Mass. Average is about twice per month. You choose the Mass you want to be assigned.
- 9. Eucharistic Minister Alternate Fill in when called on by a scheduled Eucharistic Minister. For those who can't commit to be part of the monthly rotation.
- 10. Funeral Sacristans Serve as both an Altar Server and Sacristan for Funeral Masses. On-Call typically 1-3 days advance notice for about 2 hours in the morning.
- 11. Greeters Greet people before Mass on Sundays. 15-20 minutes before each Mass of your choice.
- 12. Kitchen Helpers Reach out to those in need to provide a home cooked meal. On average supplying one meal every 3 months upon requests.
- 13. Lectors Read the scripture selected for the weekend Masses. Based on need and as you are available.
- 14. Liturgy Planning Team 4-6 person team who writes the intro, intercessions, and dismissal for Masses. Give your reflection on the scriptures. Receive materials for reference for ideas. 1 meeting per month for 1 ½ 2 hours.
- **15. Ministers of Care** Bring the Eucharist to those in nursing homes, hospitals, and homebound. Varies 1 hour per week to 3 hours per month.
- 16. Music Ministry Sing in a choir or play an instrument at Mass.
- 17. Office Helpers Lunch time coverage of phones and the office reception area. Any day Monday through Friday.
- **18. Peace and Justice** Bring awareness of peace and justice issues through education, dialogue and action to the parish. Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month 7:00-8:30 pm in the rectory.
- **19. Respect Life** Bring awareness of issues through education and dialogue and action to the parish. Meets 3 or 4 times per year with special events in October and January.
- 20. Social Committee Plan and host parish events. Such as Night at the Theater, Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast, etc.
- 21. Special Religious Development (SPRED) Catechists for friends with special needs to form a community of faith in which everyone experiences the presence of God. Meets twice monthly on Friday nights or Saturday mornings.
- 22. St. Vincent de Paul Locally address the needs and requirements of everyday life: food, clothing, shelter. Meet first Monday of each month from 7-8 pm in the rectory, 2 hours each month is required to help those in need.
- 23. Sunday Sacristan Prepare the liturgy space for the liturgical celebration. Scheduled on a rotating basis.
- 24. Ushers Assist with seating, offertory, distribute bulletins and select individual/families for the procession of the gifts. Weekly or as often as possible for the mass of your choice.
- 25. Wedding Ministry Set up the altar, guide families, florists, and musicians. Approximately 2 ½ hours per wedding.
- **26. Welcome Committee** Welcome new parishioners by attending a dinner, answering questions and helping them to connect to ministries or groups.
- 27. 6pm Mass Volunteer (Teens only) Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors or Spirit Choir. You will be contacted.

SFX Stewardship Intention Form - Share Talent



The ministries on the opposite page are in need of more support.

Please indicate (by number) how each family member (teenage and older) intends to participate in the mission and ministry of our parish.

First Name	
Last Name	
Email Address	
Cell Phone (Optional)	
Ministry Selection Number(s)	
First Name	
Last Name	
Email Address	
Cell Phone (Optional)	
Ministry Selection Number(s)	
First Name	
First Name Last Name	
Last Name	
Last Name Email Address	
Last Name Email Address Cell Phone (Optional)	
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Last Name Email Address Cell Phone (Optional) Ministry Selection Number(s) First Name	
Last Name Email Address Cell Phone (Optional) Ministry Selection Number(s) First Name Last Name	

SFX Stewardship Intention Form - Give Treasure
Give Treasure - Indicate your Family's intention to support the parish financially.
We are reflecting on our financial gift to the parish We have reflected on our financial gift and will make a regular contribution
Would you like more information on automatic giving to the parish?
Yes, please contact me
Prefer to give via basket or other investment vehicles
Will access online giving via the parish website: www.sfxlg.org or text Sunday to 708-340-6630
Already signed up

How Much Should I Give?

Please include any comments or feedback here:

Use the chart below to determine your investment in the mission and ministries of our parish.

Approximate MONTHLY Contribution to Sunday Offertory

Annual Income	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$20,000	\$67	\$100	\$133	\$167
\$40,000	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333
\$60,000	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500
\$80,000	\$267	\$400	\$533	\$667
\$100,000	\$333	\$500	\$667	\$833
\$125,000	\$417	\$625	\$833	\$1,042
\$150,000	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250
\$175,000	\$583	\$875	\$1,167	\$1,458
\$200,000	\$667	\$1,000	\$1,333	\$1,667
\$250,000	\$833	\$1,250	\$1,667	\$2,083
\$300,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$400,000	\$1,333	\$2,000	\$2,667	\$3,333

[&]quot;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

Baptisms

We celebrate and welcome the newest members of our faith family, who were baptized:



Liam Raina Abernathy

Son of Anthony Abernathy & Christina Preto

Nathan Edward McDonald
Son of Brian McDonald & Venessa Lewis

Sean Everett Murphy
Son of Sean & Lizbeth (Barrera) Murphy

Natalie Carol Jakubisin

Daughter of Michael & Claire (Aronson) Jakubisin

Jack Louis Arpaia
Son of James & Brigid (White) Arpaia

*Teague Rowley McGinnis*Son of Patrick & Kirstin (Graef) McGinnis

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of October:

Deborah Stonich & Thomas Kay Pedro Pedroza & Cheryl Czerlanis Miranda Padilla David & Jillian Stucker Linda Macchia Laura Bevolo





Join us for our annual "spiritual spa."

Women's Retreat Weekend
February 8 - 9, 2020

Visit our Facebook page for more details https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWomenSFX/

St. Francis Xavier Parish New Parishioner Welcome DINNER

Wednesday, November 13th 6:30 - 8:00 pm St. Francis Xavier Rectory 124 N. Spring Ave., LaGrange

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier! We look forward to meeting you!!! Please join us for a casual dinner and fellowship with other parishioners and the SFX Welcome Committee.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 8th Call or text Laura Duelm 708-309-9079 or email lauraduelm@hotmail.com

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NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 2019

November 3-9

As we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, we ask our Lord for more dedicated holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact **Fr. Tim Monahan** at **312.534.8298** or **tmonahan@archchicago.org**.

THE PORCH LIGHT is preparing to shine for you, in its world premiere. This amazing show chronicles our history, our hope, our humanity through the simple front porch of a house, and all that went on...and was shared on it. An original work by Chicago Playwright, Felicia Pfluger that explores over 120 years (from the 1893 through the present) of American life and family. Through powerful, hilarious and fun vignettes, we explore times of radical change in history, the context of cultural change, changes in the family unit, social awareness, wars...and our humanity. Be part of the stage premier. The porch light is on, children, it is time to come home

7:00 pm Friday, November 8th 2:00 & 7:00 pm Saturday, November 9th



Plymouth Place Auditorium 315 North LaGrange Road LaGrange Park

\$5 Students/Seniors/First Responders \$12 Pre-sale Tickets Available at Tate's (25 South Ashland Avenue in LaGrange) \$15 Adults at Door

Post-show panel discussion with the Playwright, Cast, and Director. Unassigned Seating. Doors Open 40 Minutes Early for Pre-purchase.

Red Sled Holiday Bazaar

The 40th Annual Red Sled Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. It is held at Ogden Avenue Elementary School, 501 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange, and is fun for the whole family!

The Holiday Bazaar includes over 80 local crafters and artisans featuring jewelry, clothing, home décor, pottery, knits, stained glass, toys, woodworking and more! The event also hosts a Bake Sale, Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Candy Cane Lane with games and activities for kids, and a lunch café. Don't forget the raffle with great prizes including vacations, Cubs Tickets and memorabilia, electronics, dolls, family photos, fitness classes and way more!

Sponsored by the Ogden Avenue School PTC, all money raise benefits Ogden students. Don't miss this beloved community event!

For details, visit https://ogdenptc.org/fundraisers/.

Christian Meditation at St. John of the Cross

"It is one thing to know that Jesus is the Revelation of the Father, that Jesus is our Way to the Father, but quite another to experience the presence of Jesus within us. In meditation we experience the real power of His Spirit within us, and in that experience, we are brought into the presence of His Father and our Father."

John Main OSB

One of the long-time meditators says, "All the time spent in meditation is grace-filled, whether or not I was successful in putting aside distracting thoughts. It gives me time to be still and be present to the Spirit of God within me."

How To Meditate

- * Sit still and upright in a quiet place with feet flat on the floor and hands in lap or on knees.
- * Let go of any expectations or demands.
- * Just Be.
- * Gently close your eyes and silently, interiorly begin to say a single prayer word. The word recommended is Ma-ra-na-tha (Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke), meaning "Come, Lord".

Continue repeating the word during the entire time of meditation. Whenever distractions come, gently return your attention to the word, without judging or analyzing. It is recommended to meditate 20-30 minutes twice a day.

All are welcome to any of the 4 weekly groups for Christian Meditation in the Parish Center, Room 7. Meetings last 45 to 55 minutes, and no experience is necessary.

Tuesdays, 7:30 pm Wednesdays, 2:30 pm Saturdays, 8:00 am Mondays, 10:30am--Christian Meditation as an 11th Step Practice.

For further information contact Betsy at wccmchgo@gmail.com or 708-246-8315.







The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue LaGrange Park

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.

Watercolors: Discover the Artist Within

Saturdays: November 9, 16, 23, December 7, 14, 21, 28 from 9:00-11:00 am with Facilitator, Pat Willems, CSJ. Do you wish you could paint like an artist? This is a wonderful opportunity to explore and develop the artist within you with the help of an experienced watercolorist teacher and professional artist. Cost: \$150.

Pre-holiday Recalibration

On Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 am-Noon join us for the beauty and sacredness of the Christmas season which can be drowned out by our hectic pace. Take time with Bridget Sperduto and Kate Wester to pause, walk the labyrinth, ground through yoga and move in celebration. You will leave the morning feeling refreshed and recalibrated. Cost: \$30.

> To register: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048





Coat and Outerwear Drive VII Drop-off Boxes at St. Francis Church November 2 & 3 and November 9 & 10 (Church Entrances - All Masses)

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 3 and on November 9 and 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!

Food For Families Fall Drive 2019

Thank you for helping to make the Fall Food Drive a success. You make a difference for people, families and seniors struggling to make ends meet.

1780 lbs St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry 360 lbs Chicago Food Depository online 2140 lbs TOTAL

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Exemptions For Cook County Real Estate Taxes

Are you taking advantage of all Homeowner Tax Exemptions? Learn from Lyons Township Assessor Barbara M. Weyrick, who is experienced in how the process works. She will talk about the six different Homeowner Exemptions and whether or not you qualify. She can answer your questions on what to do if your property is assessed over market value, described incorrectly, or your property is not assessed uniformly with similar properties in your neighborhood.

Date: Thursday, November 7 Location: Again Care Connections 111 W. Harris Avenue in LaGrange

Cost: Free!

RSVP: Registration required.





Contact Renata Vitali at rvitali@agingcareconnections.org or 708-603-2277 to register if you have questions.



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
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- 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
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- 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 and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch

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-Inursday	8:30	am-8:30 pm
Friday	8:30	am-4:30 pm
Saturday		-
Sunday		-
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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 9:0)0 am M	ass
Saturday afternoon			4:15	pm
The Reconciliation room is located off	the	walkway	behind	the
tabernacle prayer area.				

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	9:00 am
St. Cletus (Monday - Saturday)	
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday)	

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

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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

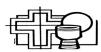
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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—November 9-10, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Religious Ed Mass	T. Conwell C. Cooke S. Devitt D. Dunlap K. Kanzer C. Witt D. Mulvenna L. Young K. Preussner	J. Nisivaco M. Doyle Open	TBA	Religious Ed Mass
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	T. Marthaler S. Lindsay J. Van Gorp	S. Augustyn S. Hayes N. Kalkowski D. Challender D. Walsh	B. Stetz A. Culin Open	TBA	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Barrett	J. O'Connor A. Fix O. Washburn	D. Sherman M. Branecki V. Bracht A. Gargano L. Hill L. Krepps B. McMahon G. Prendergast T. Urchell	B. Gannon C. Hull Open	TBA	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Nowak T. Dudek J. Derus	L. Ovnik M. Joscelyn B. Boyd N. Cummings J. Garreau A. Krol G. Rutkowski B. Sorice Open	C. Shanley R. Nowak Open	TBA	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Comboni Missionary	C. Anderson D. Newcomb L. Freda	N. Dekoker L. Donegan K. Borawski A. Chimento Open	D. Dudek E. Justak Open	TBA	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Cyscon	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of November 3, 2019

Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:13-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/

Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38



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