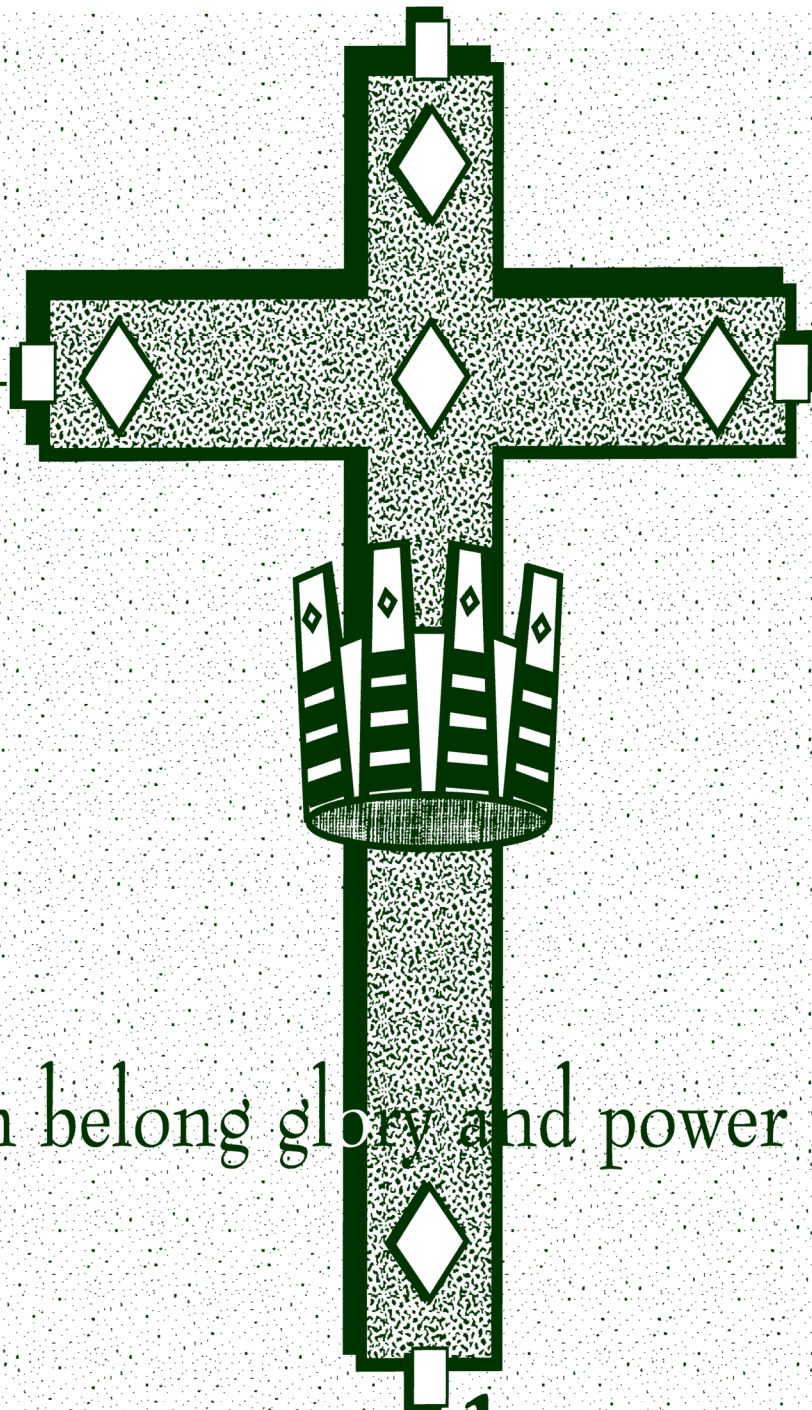


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**November 26, 2017**



To him belong glory and power forever

**CHRIST the KING**

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 27	7:45 am Lucille Gunther Joanne Noonan 9:00 am Frank Horacek, Sr.	The Byrne Family Pat & Bob Roach Mary F. Russell
Tuesday, November 28	7:45 am Nicholas B. Tkachuk Albina Samko 9:00 am Jean Murphy Yolanda Leos	Family The Samko & Hanks Families Dan Murphy Jim & Grace Wit
Wednesday, November 29	7:45 am Patricia Jaslowski 9:00 am Algert Paliakas Joan Flynn	The Mulhern Family Garth & Sue and Family
Thursday, November 30 Saint Andrew, Apostle	7:45 am Word & Communion Service 9:00 am Joanne Jana Cosley	Patricia Hassler
Friday, December 1	7:45 am Gail Mauro Pete Harris 9:00 am Word & Communion Service	The Frustaci Family Lynn Regan
Saturday, December 2	9:00 am Richard Griffin Jessica Barry Mercedes McDonnell 9:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation	The Michael Griffin Family The Barry Family The McDonnell Family

## Please Pray For...

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

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:

***Shirley Kollenberg***  
Mother of Arthur, Kevin,  
Kelly, Patrick and the late Brian Keegan

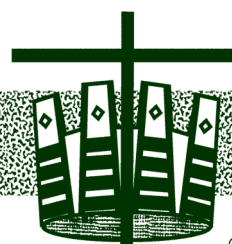
***Sr. Jude Marie Van Baalen***

***Tom Comer***

## Weddings



Kerry Fox & Dan Bean



## Pastor's Notes

*"Whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me."*  
Matthew 25:40

This year, our liturgical year overlaps with an intense season of planning, preparing, and gathering which can overwhelm and overtake so many lives. Each year I ask myself, "How can I do things more simply this year?" "What can I do or not do so that my heart and mind will be ready to celebrate the season of Christmas, rather than greet the day with tired relief that it is 'finally over'?" "Are there ways for me to be more focused on bringing light into the darkness in the lives of those near and far who struggle with illness, poverty, or fear?"

We enter Advent each year with the celebration of the feast day of our patron, Saint Francis Xavier. We hear his challenge to "Go set the world on fire!" Children in our parish elementary school will give their time and energy to a day of service this Friday. Children in our religious education program are gathering toys and food for families in need. Our youth distribute tags next weekend, and then sort and organize gifts that will go to families on the west side of Chicago. And many among us are engaged in special activities through the parish, community, or world organizations that serve those in need. Such activities are not "extra work." They are the very heart of preparing for

Christmas as they direct our hearts to the presence of Christ in the last and the least among us.

This Monday evening is the annual distribution of tickets for the 3:00 and 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Masses for Families with Young Children in the parish church, and for the parish 3:00 PM Mass at the Motherhouse Chapel of the Congregation of St. Joseph. In recent years, we have been able to accommodate all who come to the 5:00 PM Mass at the Motherhouse; therefore, people will *not* need a ticket for that Mass. I appreciate the fact that requiring tickets to attend Mass does not convey the hospitality that we try to express throughout the year. Would that we had enough space to accommodate all who wanted to gather at each of these three Masses. Your patience and understanding are blessings for us all.

As we experience the pull of a busy "holiday" season around us, may our gatherings each weekend keep our minds and hearts focused on the "holy days" of the Advent season – a time of proclaiming the light in the darkness as we prepare to embrace the wonder and mystery of God, who chose to become one like us and one with us.

Peace,  
*J. Bill*

## Scripture Reflection

*The world would be **better off**, if people tried to **become better**. And people would **become better** if they stopped trying to **be better off**. For when **everybody** tries to become better off **nobody** is better off. But when **everybody** tries to **become better**, **everybody is better off**." (Peter Maurin)*

Neither the just nor the unjust in today's gospel have any idea as to when they fed, clothed, or sheltered Jesus or neglected him. Both the just and the unjust needed to ask, "When did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" Jesus' answer to them, calls us to minister to others. "I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of mine, you did for me." Jesus' answer calls us to **become better** so that the **world would be better off**.

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we find Jesus identifying himself with the poor, the refugee, the marginalized, the outcast. Jesus also identifies himself with our own family, our friends, our co-workers. Jesus' call for us to minister to others extends to the relationships we experience every day. Jesus calls us to treat **all people** with compassion and love.

How can we be sure that we are living and being as Jesus calls us to live and be? There is no single right way. However, we can begin by examining the relationship we have with the people we see every day. In our common everyday relationships with family and friends, we may not experience people who are physically hungry, homeless, or naked. Instead, Jesus' gospel message to us today is to forgive our family members and friends when they make us angry, listen to them when they are lonely, and laugh with them when they are down.

Jesus is also very clear in his message to us that we also must minister to the least in society. Some of us choose to answer this call by working B.E.D.S. or contributing to or working the Food Pantry, while others write to our legislators on gun control, aid to the hungry and the homeless in society, and still others write Christmas cards to the imprisoned. These actions are those of charity and social justice. Charity that directly helps people makes us feel good, and rightly so. Social justice addresses the root cause of a problem and attempts to change that cause. Charity and social justice actions are in response to Jesus' call to us to minister with both feet - the foot of charity and the foot of justice. Our faith in Jesus commits us to minister to others through both charity and justice.

Are you willing to follow Jesus and walk with both feet so that the **world would be better off**?

*Jeri Simeoni*

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## *Electronic Giving*

### **You can begin today!**

In our Annual Report our Parish Finance Council recommended that we increase our donations by 4% and give regularly whether through envelopes or Electronic Giving. The convenience of Electronic Giving can make it easier for us to support the important ministries at St. Francis Xavier and reach more people with Christ's love. We have set a goal of enrolling 100 new families by the end of 2017.

You can enroll online at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) by clicking the "Donate Online" button. You will be connected to GiveCentral, our electronic giving vendor. Follow the prompts to donate to Sunday Offertory, Food Pantry, Christmas, and more!



**GIVING OPTIONS:** Choose the method of your donation:

- 1) Enter your bank account information or
- 2) Enter a credit or debit card of your choice.

Schedule recurring gifts or make a one-time gift at any time.



**ENROLLMENT:** Creating an account on GiveCentral is simple. After you choose the item (or items) to which you would like to donate, click on "Complete Profile" during the checkout process and fill in your contact and payment information. Registration on GiveCentral ensures that your donations are attributed to your giving record and allows you to access a list of your donations at any time.

## Features and Benefits



**ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT:** The online system lets you manage all aspects of your account so you are always in control of your donations.



**PEACE OF MIND:** You'll be able to support your parish on a consistent basis, whether you're out of town or unable to attend Mass.



**SECURITY:** Know that your information is protected, every transaction is secure, and your donations are automatically transferred to St. Francis Xavier Parish's bank account.

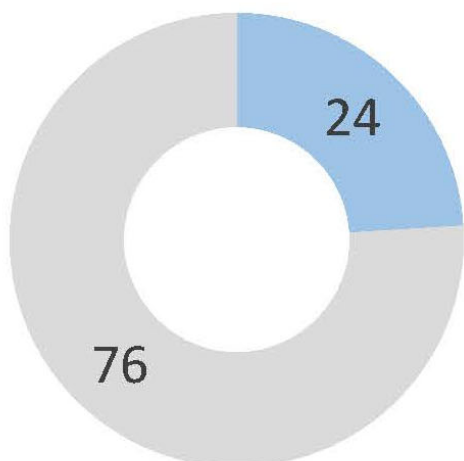


**OFFERTORY CARDS:** That can be used to represent your participation during the collection.



**QUESTIONS:** Please call Jane Bandyk at (708) 352-0168 or GiveCentral directly at (312) 929-2306.

## Electronic Giving Goal



■ New Enrollees

■ Needed to Meet Goal

We are off to a GREAT start!  
After only one week, we have  
24 new enrollees. Let's keep  
the momentum going to reach  
100 by the end of 2017.

We can do this!

### SUGGESTIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN YOUR PARISH INVESTMENT

Please consider the following for increasing  
your investment in SFX Parish ministries:

- ◆ Locate your current investment.
- ◆ Prayerfully consider investing an additional  
4% or more.

### CURRENT INVESTMENT

### WITH INVESTMENT INCREASE...

	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
\$ 10	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.40	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.70
\$ 25	\$ 25.63	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.25	\$ 26.75
\$ 50	\$ 51.25	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 53.50
\$ 100	\$ 102.50	\$ 104.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 107.00
\$ 250	\$ 256.25	\$ 260.00	\$ 262.50	\$ 267.50

## Your Parish Finances

Due to bulletin deadlines  
the collection will be  
reported in the bulletin of  
December 3.

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

## Leave A Legacy

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

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

Thanks for giving consideration to leaving a legacy!

## Tax Advantaged Way To Support the Parish

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

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

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

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

# Preschool

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

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

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

## 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 Jennifer Courier, at [jcourier@sfxlg.org](mailto:jcourier@sfxlg.org) or call her at 708-352-2175:

Name; Year of Graduation from SFX; Mailing Address; E-mail Address and 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.



## 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!

## Welcome Wednesdays at St. Francis Xavier School



We would like to invite you to attend a Welcome Wednesday admissions event and learn all about our programs and tour our school. Reservations are suggested, but not required.

2018 Welcome Wednesday dates:

January 17, 2018

May 16, 2018

Welcome Wednesday kicks off at 8:30 am at our East Campus with an informal presentation from our principal and an early education teacher, and ends with a school tour.

Our East Campus (preschool 3 – kindergarten) at  
21 N. Catherine Avenue, LaGrange  
morning begins at 8:30 am

Families interested in enrolling a child in grades 1-7,  
please call the school to arrange for a  
private tour at your convenience.

To make reservations, schedule a private tour, or request  
a shadow day for your child,  
please contact Jennifer Courier at 708-352-2175.

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Our all-school **Open House is January 28, 2018.**  
The “Gym Fair” at the Main Campus will showcase  
all clubs and extracurricular activities, and teachers  
will be in their class rooms at both campuses  
to answer any questions you may have.

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Open Enrollment begins mid November.  
Our early education classes reach capacity very quickly.  
Contact Jennifer Courier [jcourier@sfxlg.org](mailto:jcourier@sfxlg.org) to be placed  
on distribution list for the application paperwork.

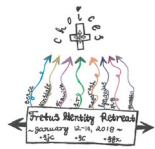
## SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:

[www.youthministry.sfxlg.org](http://www.youthministry.sfxlg.org)

### God's Garage Open Hours

God's Garage will be open weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm. I (Olivia) will be there during these times with snacks if anyone would like to stop by and say hi, use the space to hang out with friends, do homework, etc. I have set this time up as an opportunity to get to know the teens and parents of St. Francis. Don't be afraid to stop by!

### Fretus Identity Retreat: Choices



Calling all freshmen and sophomores! We have a retreat just for YOU! This year, St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus (formerly Fretus Retreat) are also joining with St. John of the Cross (formerly Identity Retreat) to create the Fretus Identity Retreat. Join us for a weekend of reflection on choices, transitions, relationships with others and God, and of course, FUN! The retreat is January 12-14, 2018. More information and registration can be found on the Youth Ministry website under Retreats. For more information contact Olivia Hollman at [ohollman@sfxlg.org](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338.

### We're on social media!



Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Search "St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!

~ *Olivia Hollman*

## Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Sunday, November 26	No Class
Wednesday, November 29	No Class
Sunday, December 3	Class
Wednesday, December 6	Class
Sunday, December 10	Class
Wednesday, December 13	Class
Sunday, December 17	Class
	Pajama Day
Wednesday, December 20	Class
	Pajama Day
Sunday, December 24	No Class
Wednesday, December 27	No Class
Sunday, December 31	No Class
Wednesday, January 3	No Class

## Upcoming Events

### Grade 4 Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm in Church

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Word of the Lord has a message for children as well as adults. Children's Liturgy of the Word offers the children an experience to hear the scripture in words that they can understand. Here at St. Francis we are fortunate and proud to have adult volunteers and Presiders of Liturgy who journey with our children so that they can experience the Word of the Lord with a message that is relevant and fitting for them.

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 Reflectors 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 "kicked off" the school year on Saturday, October 14. Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music, along with our Cherub Choir and SF Choristers (Children in Grades 1-8) led us in prayer with music. **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 to 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:  
December 9—Combined Choirs;  
January 6—Cherub;  
February 3—Combined Choirs;  
February 24—Choristers;  
March 3—Cherub and  
March 24—Choristers

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflectors 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):

December 16;  
January 13, 20 & 27;  
February 10 & 17;  
March 10 & 17;  
and April 7, 14, 21 & 28

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your questions to:

Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator  
Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music

## Christmas Eve Masses Schedule For Children in Church

This year, on Christmas Eve, we will once again celebrate 3:00 and 5:00 liturgies planned for children. Again, tickets will be issued to parishioners for these two masses. These tickets will be available in church on the Monday evening after Thanksgiving.

### On Monday, November 27

1. Doors of church will open at **5:30 pm**.
2. Know the Mass for which you want tickets. As you enter church, obtain a number for that Mass.
3. You will be asked to sit in numerical order, beginning with the last row in church.
4. At **6:00** a drawing will decide the first number that will be called for picking up tickets. Following the number decided by the drawing, all numbers after this first number will be called in consecutive order.
5. Anyone coming in after the beginning number is picked will be given a different set of numbers, which will be called numerically AFTER the initial numbers have been exhausted.

**There is no need for anyone to arrive earlier than 5:30 pm. A drawing will decide the number that begins the distribution of tickets. The drawing will take place at 6:00 pm.**

## Christmas Eve Masses at Motherhouse Chapel

Immediately after the distribution of tickets for 3:00 and 5:00 masses in church, taking place on November 27th, we will distribute the tickets for the Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel. **This year you will only need tickets for the 3:00 mass at the Motherhouse.**

Please arrive at church at 6:30 pm and we will follow the exact same procedure as above.

**No need to arrive earlier than 6:30 pm, as distribution will begin at 6:45 pm.**



## St. Francis Xavier Christmas Mass Schedule 2017

Sunday, December 24  
7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am  
NO NOON MASS

*Christmas Eve*  
3:00 pm and 5:00 pm in Church  
*are Masses for which*  
*Tickets have been distributed*

*Christmas Eve*  
3:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel  
*Tickets are only required and have been*  
*distributed for 3:00pm Mass*

*Christmas Eve in Church*  
7:00 pm

*Midnight Mass in Church*  
preceded by Christmas Carols  
at 11:30 pm

*Christmas Day in Church*  
NO 7:30 am  
9:00 am, 10:30 am and NOON

## SFX Family Ministry

Christmas Caroling at  
Helping Hand Center  
Group Homes



Join the SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee on Sunday, December 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm, when we will travel to Helping Hand Center's residential homes for adults with disabilities and sing Christmas Carols. We will be visiting a various group homes in the LaGrange area to sing and share some hot chocolate with the residents. We will supply the song sheets and drinks, you just need to bring your best singing voices and holiday cheer.

Interested? Please contact Rachel Peterson by email at [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net).



## Calling All Bakers!



Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc are continuing a tradition of bringing a taste of Christmas to the residents and staff at the North Lawndale Adult Transition Center, a work-release program that is part of the Illinois Department of Corrections. The holidays can be very difficult for those who are incarcerated, and following the Gospel, we want to reach out in kindness at this time of the year.

This is the seventh year of our outreach, and it is a great service opportunity for parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, Quest groups or anyone who just loves to bake! As you plan your Christmas baking, we ask you to consider setting aside some of your favorite cookies (or muffins, or brownies, or chocolate-covered pretzels) to share with the residents and staff at North Lawndale.

Sarah, Barb and their crew of helpers will collect, package, and deliver the cookies. We are planning to deliver 250 dozen cookies! In order to plan our own baking, please let us know by December 10th, if you would like to participate. Send an email to [OutreachCookie@gmail.com](mailto:OutreachCookie@gmail.com) with your name and an estimate of the number of cookies you'll donate. Cookies may be dropped off at Barb's home, 205 46th Street in Western Springs on **Friday, December 15th** from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please call Sarah at 708-261-3473 with any questions.

**Also an option:** If you are unable to bake, and would like to contribute to the success of this project, we ask that you consider donating brownie, muffin or cookie mixes. You may drop them off in the back of the Church through December 10th. We'll be happy to do the baking for you!

Thanks for your participation,  
Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc

## The Christmas Wafer

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available in the Rectory during office hours Monday through Friday 9:00 am until 8:30 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Sunday between 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.



The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.

The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

## The Giving Tree

Please help make Christmas a special time of year for families supported by our sharing parish, St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago as well as some outreach organizations in our community. Giving Tree tags will be available after all masses on **December 2 and 3**.



**Wrapped gifts with gift tags affixed to them, need to be returned by noon on Sunday, December 10** so that we can deliver them to St. Agatha's who will distribute them to members of their community that afternoon. We are grateful for your generous support of this annual Christmas tradition sponsored by the QUEST teens of our parish.

If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Hollman at [ohollman@sfxlg.org](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338.

# 2017 Nationwide Vigils & Events to #EndGunViolence

Come together to remember half a million Americans killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy.



Service on Monday, December 11

SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP

*Linda Hillsman*

PARISHIONER, CANCER SURVIVOR, AUTHOR, CRHP SISTER  
PRESENTS

*Faith and Fitness - Trusting God's Plan*

FAITH & FITNESS-TRUSTING GOD'S PLAN. WHERE ARE YOU ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY? IS YOUR BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT ALL CONNECTED? DO YOU TRUST THAT GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU IS BETTER THAN THE PLAN YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF? A FEW CHAPTERS FROM HER BOOK, *BLANKET OF HOPE THROUGH FAITH & FITNESS*, WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED, AS WELL AS LIGHT MEDITATION AND MOVEMENT. COME WITH AN OPEN MIND AND A WILLINGNESS TO LOOK DEEP WITHIN YOUR HEART AND SOUL.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017**

**9:30 AM COFFEE**

**10:00 AM PRESENTATION**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
124 N. SPRING AVENUE  
LA GRANGE  
EAST RECTORY MEETING ROOM

Are you Thriving or Just Surviving?

**Welcome.** CRHP 2.0

There is More to Life

**SAVE THE DATE**

**January 20-21**

**The Welcome (Christ Renews His Parish/CRHP 2.0) women's retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and share experiences on a journey to renew your relationship with the Lord and build a bond with other women of the parish. All women are welcome on this spiritual journey. Registration forms are available in the parish rectory.**

*Experience the weekend*

## 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!!!

## Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier  
and  
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our  
Taizé Evening Prayer  
Friday, December 8  
7:30 pm  
at  
Grace Lutheran*



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind of inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.

## A Call To Ministry

A new year with new challenges! What about that nagging feeling deep in your hearts? Is God calling you to be more fully a part of the ministries here at SFX? Have you thought that maybe you'd like to minister to those assembled as an extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? As a Eucharistic Minister, you would be a sign and carrier of Eucharistic joy. Please consider His call to serve our parish in this way.

At SFX we are in need of ministers especially at the 10:30AM and Noon Masses. To discuss the possibility of becoming a member of this ministry please contact either David at [d2rsherman@aol.com](mailto:d2rsherman@aol.com) or George at [Grutkowski@aol.com](mailto:Grutkowski@aol.com).

## Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years, yet there are many people who are relatively new to the parish and do not know about them. If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please call Susie Lehuta at 708-354-6380.

## Workbooks for Lector and Commentators

The workbooks for Lectors and Gospel readers have arrived. If you would like a workbook, please stop by the Rectory Office at your convenience. Please let the receptionist know your name so that we can check your name off our list.

We ask that you take only one book per family. Thank you.

## Winter Ministry Schedules

The new Winter Ministry Schedules have been emailed and you will be able to find a hard copy in the Priest Sacristy.

Thank you for ministering to our parish.



The EnlightIN Communications Team is looking for people with



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## AARP Tax-Aide Needs Volunteers for the 2018 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 2018 filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member nor 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, 2018. 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 is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older.

To volunteer: [www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_tax\\_aide/](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_tax_aide/) or call St. Cletus parishioner, John Wagner, at 708-352-0170 for further details.

## Catholic Women's Club

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

## SFX Men's Club

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

Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or Joseph Enright at [joseph\\_owen@hotmail.com](mailto:joseph_owen@hotmail.com).



*Mark your December calendars for two outstanding programs:*

**Transformational Breath:** Experience what it feels like to open restricted breathing and release negativity, bringing your whole being to a state of relaxation, through the power of your own breath. Monday, December 4, 7:00-9:00 pm. Please register in advance, as spaces are limited.

**Jack Shea & Kathy Sherman, CSJ: Seeing Haloes** During this Advent morning of reflection, Jack will share his poetry and Kathy her songs, opening our hearts and bringing us into Christmas memories we may have forgotten and experiences we may have overlooked. Saturday, December 9, 9:00 am-Noon. Cosponsored by SFX and SJC; free to parishioners.

**The Shock of Advent, Pat Bergen, CSJ** As we are drawn more deeply into Advent and Christmas something wonderful is beginning to dawn on us. When it comes to light, everything changes. If you can't figure out what is happening in the world and you are tired of walking around in the dark, join us! Offered twice: Monday, December 18, 7:00-8:30 pm and Tuesday, December 19 from 9:30-11:00 am. Cosponsored by SFX and SJC; free to parishioners.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. To register: 708-482-5048 or [thewell@csjoseph.org](mailto:thewell@csjoseph.org); [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org).



JACK SHEA  
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KATHY SHERMAN, CSJ

## SEEING HALOES

Christmas Poems and Music to Open the Heart

Saturday, 9:00 - Noon, DECEMBER 9

Christmas is unavoidable. But whether it happens for us is a question. It depends if we get in its way. Getting in its way means slowing down and doing something out of the ordinary, something that has to do with the spiritual meaning of the feast and the season.

During this Advent morning of reflection, Jack will share his poetry and Kathy will inspire us with her original music. These poems and songs hope to bring us into memories we may have forgotten and experiences we may have overlooked. When this happens, Spirit arrives to illumine our minds, inspire our wills, and gladden our hearts. Christmas happens.

Program is free for St. Francis Xavier parishioners.

Advance registration is requested, please call The Well Office at 708-482-5048.



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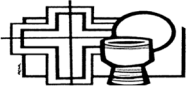
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- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—  
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **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  
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- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
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- **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
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- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,  
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **SPC Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschaikovsky Family
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- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio

**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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—December 2-3, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Kelly K. Murphy A. Mulcahy	L. Bannach M. Becker C. Cooke M. Milligan D. Mulvenna K. Preussner A. Saladino P. Saladino L. Young	E. Newman R. Newman H. Labrador	G. Adams	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	B. Ritchie G. Rutkowski T. Nichol	N. Kalkowski P. Olson K. Stetz D. Walsh M. Westerhoff	E. Madden P. Adams C. Stetz	C. Kline	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	O. Washburn J. Spearman G. Prendergast	J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel A. Gargano M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon J. Prendergast	C. Holmes K. Smith A. Holmes	S. VanOrdstrand Gallery Choir	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	B. Jouras J. Hayford S. Lastres	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník	K. Cooley C. Gonzalez T. Dudek	B. Kalnes Celebration Ensemble	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	J. Hamilton J. Jagodzinski E. McGovern	L. Donegan B. Edelmann K. Johnson N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley	C. DelGiudice B. McGovern A. McCarty	J. Pfluger	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	M. Kelly D. Kilrea	J. Eraci M. Hennessey A. Walls J. Walls D. McKenna		Spirit Choir	

### Readings For The Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46  
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36  
 Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37





## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
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### **Rectory Hours**

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

### **Sabbath Liturgy**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and  
(6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass  
Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the  
tabernacle prayer area.

### **Liturgy Schedule**

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

### **Word Communion Services**

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

### **Bulletin Deadline**

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the  
Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on  
a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous  
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### **Domestic Violence Resources**

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
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### **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  
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### **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  
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### **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  
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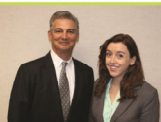
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