

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2017



**YOU ARE
PETER
AND UPON THIS
ROCK I WILL
BUILD MY
CHURCH**



**I WILL GIVE YOU
THE KEYS
TO THE KINGDOM**

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, August 28 Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am	Ardel McKenna Ben Turner	The Roach Family The McKenna Family The Wielgos Family Nancy Filip
	9:00 am	Virginia Hirsch Special Intention	
Tuesday, August 29 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	7:45 am	Jeff Morel James Stukel	Linda Huetson Tom & Lucile Nichol Jacquelyn Van Gorp
	9:00 am	Roman Van Gorp	
Wednesday, August 30	7:45 am	Michael Bannach	Nancy & Ron Cwik Dolores Lewis & Family Anne Scanlon
	9:00 am	Joe Shannon George Scanlon	
Thursday, August 31	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	Kathleen Murphy
	9:00 am	Pamela Murphy Nessler 60th Wedding Anniversary of the Malek's	
Friday, September 1	7:45 am	Janice Nigida Don Cushing	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn Scott & Jill Burson
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, September 2	9:00 am	Michael Bannach Alfreda Zvonek	The Specht Family The Moles Family
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	1:00 pm	Wedding-Danielle Ward & Ryan Lindquist	
	3:00 pm	Wedding-Erin Vondrasek & Ross Mangano	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Please Pray For...

John Amato	Molly Anne McKenna
Grace Bafaro	Steven McKinnon
Tony Banda	Emmett Miller
Keeley Barr	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Megan Morton
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Patricia Norum
Marian Dudek	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Ryan Patyk
Bill Elliott	Donna Pekarek
Lily Fielding	Carissa Pessetti
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	James Pridmore
John Gannon	Baby Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Anna Rose
Wilson Gregory	Sam Ruffino
Frank Grippo	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Linda Spychala
Jane Jacobson	Greyson Edward Stanley
Mike Kelly	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Benny Kilman	Jerry Tazic
Joan Kirby	Marty Thuerk
Shirley Kollenberg	Anne Titzer
Jerry Kolman	Michael Ungari
Virginia Kottaridis	Amanda Valerugo
Michael Marro	Gregory Van Gorp, Sr.

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:

Rita Uckerman

Mother of Mary, Jane, John, Jenny,
Danny, Susie & Tommy

Weddings



Danielle Ward & Ryan Lindquist
Erin Vondrasek & Ross Mangano
Allie Corrigan & Tim Kable
Christy Promisel & Andrey Zaytsev
Elizabeth Wiss & Stephen Supple

Pastor's Notes

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God."

Roman 11:33

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ without understanding what this means. How often does our wisdom run ahead of our understanding, causing us to realize only much later how wise we were about something we did not understand at the time. God begins with us *where we are*, ever calling us forward into deeper understanding and firmer commitment to our mission in Christ.

Wisdom and understanding are at the heart of a strategic planning process that we began for St. Francis Xavier Day School this summer. A group including teachers, day school parents, parish staff, and other parishioners began our work with Maria Ribera of Catholic School Management, a consulting firm that has guided many schools in the Archdiocese and throughout the country in the strategic planning process. Committee members have begun the process of data collection and developing preliminary assumptions that will be brought to surveys and focus groups in coming months; the final plan will be shaped by as many members of the parish and day school community as possible.

Our consultant defines strategic planning as "a roadmap for how a school will carry out its mission and reach its vision"; it is "creating the preferred future of the school and planning how to arrive at that future." Over the next six months, we will be seeking,

gathering, and listening for the wisdom among and around us; this will enable us to set a strong course for our day school. We plan so that we will continue to grow in providing an excellent Catholic education, grounded in our core values of prayer, learning, and service.

Our parish day school is a core element of our parish mission; it provides a quality option for families who seek to educate their children within a Catholic cultural context. In collaboration with our religious education and youth programs, St. Francis Xavier Day School supports our families in their vocation to create and nurture church in the home, which is the lifeblood of our faith community and the Church in the world. This investment of time and resources continues to help us live out our mission. Our strategic plan will focus our energies and resources on reaching the future we desire for our children whose families choose to enroll them in our day school.

I encourage you to follow and engage in this process. Pray that we will be open to the guidance of the Spirit of Wisdom. Help us set a strong course toward goals that will support and enhance the quality Catholic education that we offer our children.

Welcome back, St. Francis Xavier Falcons! It is a great blessing to hear your voices and see your smiling faces on campus once more.

Peace,
Fr. Bill

Scripture Reflection

Church isn't something we go to once a week, but it is an identity we share as members of the Body of Christ into which we were initiated at baptism. The disciples were "ordered" by Jesus to "tell no one that he was the Christ." No, we are not to talk about the Christ, we are to be the Presence of Christ living as he did. We build up this Body, the church, any time we reach out to another in need and respond as Christ would. We build up this Body, the church, every time we gather as a liturgical assembly to give God praise and thanks. We build up his Body, the church, any time we forgive, offer an encouraging word, show mercy and compassion. In all these and many other ways we are not only building up the church, we are also witnessing to our identity as church—as the Presence of the risen Christ made visible in and through us. Such an identity we share.

Electronic Offertory Program

Below is the form for our EFT program. This convenient contribution method to Sunday offerings saves the Parish envelope costs and administrative effort. Your contribution can be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account once or twice per month. Just cut out the form below, fill it out, and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket. God bless your support for SFX!

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SACRIFICIAL CONTRIBUTION

Please consider the following method for determining your offertory contribution:

- ◆ Locate your household income.
- ◆ Identify your current weekly contribution.
- ◆ See what percentage of your income you are currently sharing.
- ◆ Consider increasing your gift.



GROSS INCOME	WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION TO SFX					
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
\$10,000	\$2	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$19
\$25,000	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$40,000	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$76
\$50,000	\$10	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$96
\$60,000	\$12	\$23	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$116
\$70,000	\$13	\$27	\$40	\$54	\$67	\$134
\$80,000	\$15	\$31	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$154
\$90,000	\$17	\$35	\$52	\$69	\$87	\$174
\$100,000	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$192
\$125,000	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$240
\$150,000	\$29	\$58	\$87	\$115	\$144	\$288
\$200,000	\$38	\$76	\$116	\$154	\$192	\$384

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ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM

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

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

Option 1:

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

Option 2:

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

CITY: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE: _____

THANK YOU Off to a COOL Start for 2017-2018!

Thank you to each and every person who contributed to our annual Building Our Future Fund last year. We are so grateful to our school and parish families for the incredible support that pushed us up and over our goal of \$130,000! Not only did we close the tuition gap, we were able to launch some fantastic initiatives to improve the school building that is utilized by so many ministries and community groups.

The most noticeable improvement is the installation of air conditioning units to all the classrooms. This “cool” addition will keep students and staff comfortable during the day, technology stored in much better room temperatures, and classrooms and meeting spaces welcoming for Religious Education, SPRED, and all other groups that meet in the school. The exterior trim around the units will be painted by the fall.

God bless you for your generosity and God bless all families in the parish as we kick off a new school year!

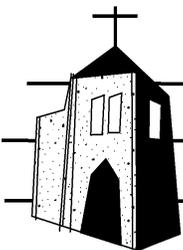
Tax Advantaged Way To Support the Parish

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.

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Your Parish Finances

Sunday Basket Collection
Aug 20, 2017 \$14,432
This week last year \$15,731

Monthly Electronic Offerings
(EFT and Credit Card)
July 2017 \$44,647
July 2016 \$37,470

Total Collection:
This Year's Year-to-date \$200,899
Last Year's Year-to-date \$210,930

From the beginning of our new fiscal year (July 1, 2017) to date, our Sunday donations have been lower than the same time last year. Father John Hoffman spoke to the parish in June, encouraging us to prayerfully consider our contribution and increase it if able. You can support your parish with your signup for withdrawals from your checking or savings bank account (using the form on the opposite page of this bulletin) or signup for credit card offerings online (visit <http://parish.sfxlg.org/giving/>).

You may note that we have not yet reported how we are doing against budget. We are in the process of finalizing the Day School's budget. Once this has occurred, we will return to reporting how our Year-To-Date collections compare against our budget.

God bless you for your financial commitment to your Parish. You have shared abundantly your time, talent, and treasure to support the many ministries here at St. Francis Xavier!

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!

UNITY HALL AND FUNERAL VISITATIONS – PART TWO

These early months of experimenting with Unity Hall are a time of learning the creative possibilities and the limits of our new space. This summer, the parish staff discussed the challenges of making Unity Hall available for visitations on the day before the Funeral Mass (the traditional wake). As I announced in July, we have determined that we cannot accommodate an evening wake as a general rule; it too often would conflict with parish meetings, ministries, and activities, and requires accommodations for families and friends that a Funeral Home is better equipped to provide.

Our intention remains to offer visitations on the day of Funeral Mass in Unity Hall when the family prefers to begin at the church rather than at the Funeral Home. This can occur whenever the church is not in use for another service. To minimize facilities maintenance support, visitations in Unity Hall offer these accommodations:

Podium for a guest book and two easels for photo boards or other items
Kneeler (when a funeral director is available to move one from the church)
One floral arrangement (additional floral arrangements can be placed in the church)
Cups for water
The basic room setting of four round tables with chairs will remain in place, and no food or drinks other than water are allowed in Unity Hall.
When the parish can provide the required facilities support, three additional accommodations are available, for which a facilities fee will be asked.
Use of the projector and other audiovisual equipment in Unity Hall
Resetting the tables and chairs in the room (removing or adding)
Two additional easels

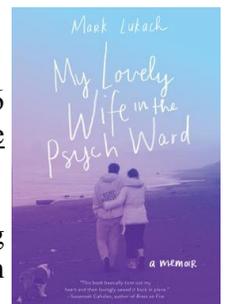
I ask your patience and understanding as we continue to consider how Unity Hall can best support our mission and ministries.

Peace,
Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Summer Reading

Join NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) Metro Suburban at Anderson's Bookshop, 26 South LaGrange Road in LaGrange as we welcome Mark Lukach, author of My Lovely Wife in the Psych Ward; on Sunday, September 3 at 2:00 pm.

"A compassionate yet searing memoir of the author, Mark Lukach, and his wife, Giulia. Their young marriage strained with episodes of mental illness, yet how they coped is a remarkable lesson in love. My Lovely Wife in the Psych Ward will stick with you."



This event is FREE and open to the public. To join the signing line, you will have to purchase the author's latest book, My Lovely Wife in the Psych Ward, from Anderson's Bookshop.

To hear more about the experiences of Mark and Giulia Lukatch you can listen to them being interviewed on the Mental Illness Happy Hour podcast by going to <http://mentalpod.com/archives/4485>.

Playing Hurt: My Journey From Despair to Hope is the posthumous memoir of well-known ESPN sportscaster, John Saunders', battle with severe depression. In the words of co-author John U. Bacon, "Ultimately, it's a book about courage."

Go to the link below for an excerpt of the book and an interview with his wife, Wanda Saunders, who has dedicated herself to speaking out about depression and encouraging people to get help at <http://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2017/08/08/john-saunders-playing-hurt>.

Your Invitation to Learn More about Catholicism

RCIA is a process of questioning and conversation for non-Catholics who wish to know more about the Church, and for Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.



New this year: St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier have combined efforts, to present the best of our three programs to participants. Leaders from all three churches will walk with you throughout the process. *If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments, please consider joining us.*

How it works: We will meet on Tuesday evenings, from 7-8:30 PM, and on some Sundays at various times from Sept. 19 – April 24. There are 4 stages in the Process:

1. **Inquiry** – a time to explore where God is calling you, ask questions, experience and learn about the faith, including: God, Jesus, the role of community, prayer, scripture, Mary, the saints; also, a tour of St. Francis Xavier Church. *Sept 19-Nov 5; meets primarily at St. Cletus*
2. **Catechumenate**– a time to dive deeper into key elements of Catholicism including: our approach to scripture, why we do what we do, signs & symbols, ritual, church history, what we believe, the 7 sacraments, and the mass. *Nov 7-Feb 13; meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier*
3. **Enlightenment**– a time of reflection and prayer before receiving the sacraments. *Feb 20-March 24 – meets primarily at St. John of the Cross; Sacraments will take place at the Easter Vigil, Sat. April 1, 8 pm at St. Francis Xavier.*
4. **Mystagogy**– a time to reflect on your experience, and what it means to live out your new life as part of the Body of Christ. *April 10 – 24 – meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier*

Next Step: Contact Kate DeVries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 to make an appointment to discuss your desires and how the RCIA Process can support your journey of faith.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Married in 1967? Have you registered for the Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass? If not, there is still time to register. The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, September 17 at 2:45 pm. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

Please register on or before August 31 online at pvm.archchicago.org.





ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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School Scoop

Tuesday, August 29

Back to School Night

Main Campus – Joyce Hall

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, August 30

East Campus Coffee 8:30 – 9:30 AM

2 PM dismissal

**No School on Monday, September 4
Happy Labor Day!**

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 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.

First Communion Banners



Remember to pick up your First Communion Banners, at the back of church.

First Communion



If you ordered a First Communion DVD please come to the Rectory to pick up your copy.

SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:

www.youthministry.sfxlg.org



QUEST Youth Ministry

QUEST SEEKS WILLING
ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

We still are looking for Quest leaders for the 2017-2018 school year. Quest gathers teens in small groups (10-14) on 8-12 Sunday afternoons between October and May.

Each group is led by at least two adults, and groups gather in the homes of one of the adult leaders whenever possible. However, space on the parish campus can be provided when necessary. Adult leaders are provided with formation, a Leader Guide for the Quest gatherings, and ongoing support.

Adult leaders of all ages are welcome. We need **at least 10 more adults** to lead the Quest groups for the high school freshman who are entering the program as they also prepare for Confirmation next April. If you have a teen participating in the Freshman Quest/Confirmation Program, we especially ask you to consider offering your time and gifts to this program.

If you have any questions or want to learn more, please contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 ext.338.

All new and returning Quest Leaders are invited to gather **this Sunday, August 27th** at 4:00pm in Joyce Hall.

6pm Mass resumes on Sunday, September 10th. Please join us! Following Mass there will be an ice cream social. All high school students interested in serving as a lector or minister or communion at the 6pm Masses, please contact Olivia Hollman. New ministers will begin to serve in October. Trained volunteers for the September Mass are encouraged to offer your services for the three Sundays in September.

All teens who want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this April and their parents are asked to attend a parent/candidate meeting on Sunday, September 10th at 4:30pm. We will review the Quest program and highlight important information. Please plan to attend!

-Olivia

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.

Save the Date

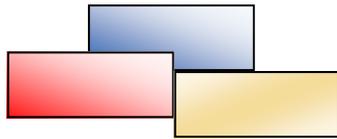
Tyler's Toy Drive
Friday, September 22
4:00-5:30 pm
SFX Parking Lot
(Joyce Hall in case of rain)



Senior Women's Club

Welcome to the 2017-2018 year of interesting topics and an opportunity to reconnect with the women of this parish. We will meet three times so mark your calendars for September 6, December 6 and March 7.

Please contact Missy Westerhoff by email at mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org to be put on an email notification list. Beth Olson and Marge Schwendner look forward to seeing you.



St. Francis Parishioner
Contact Changes

Please help us keep our records current! We are asking for any changes.

Also, if you could please update phone numbers and emails and specify as to who the information is for we would really appreciate it.

This will help to keep our data base current. Thank you!

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number Home _____

Mr. Cell _____ Mrs. Cell _____

E-mail Address Family _____

Mr. _____

Mrs. _____

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



Cherub Choir (Gr. 1 – 3) First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 5th – 3:45 to 4:15 in Church
SF Choristers (Gr. 4 – 8) First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 7th – 3:45 to 4:30 in Church

Reasons to join!

Singing in the SFX Children's Choirs...

- helps children feel a part of a group and make new friends;
- helps children develop better speech habits;
- helps children learn about poise under pressure;
- gives children a way to be **leaders** in liturgy and enhance all worship and significant celebrations with musical beauty;
- gives children a way to become more active in their church while giving back and serving their community;
- draws in relatives and friends into the walls of the church, where support and relationships with church might be nurtured;
- teaches children to strive for excellence;
- develops children's sense of culture and sophistication; and
- provides the foundation for a lifetime of enjoyment in and of music.

Sign up NOW!!

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**PLEASE PICK UP A REGISTRATION PACKET WHICH INCLUDES A
"REHEARSAL & MASS/EVENT" SCHEDULE AT THE EXITS OF THE CHURCH.**

St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form 2017 - 2018

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Child _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Birthday (*month/day*) _____

Cherub Choir (Grades 1 – 3) _____

**Rehearsals start Tuesday, Sept. 5*

3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

SF Choristers (Grades 4 – 8) _____

**Rehearsals start Thursday, Sept. 7*

3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

I am available to be a parent helper at rehearsals. (*circle one*) Yes No

I am available to be a parent helper at Masses. (*circle one*) Yes No

**Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by August 31st to the attention of:*

Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Music Director

St. Francis Xavier Church·124 N. Spring Ave.·LaGrange, IL 60525

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study
St. Paul Letters from Prison
Philippians, Philemon, Colossians
Thursdays beginning **September 7**
9:45-11:15 am

How is it that Paul's most joyful letters are written while he was incarcerated? Come and see. Ten sessions.

Please register with
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ
708-363-6728 or
mrace@csjoseph.org

Dreams as a Spiritual Practice

Thursday September 7, 2017
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Facilitator: Ann Letourneau, CSJ



“Dreams come from our deepest truer self who desires and is struggling to be born and live in our conscious lives.”

Don Bisson in Dreams as Spiritual Direction

Do you ever wake up in the morning wondering about the wild dream you just had? What did it all mean? This workshop will introduce you to some simple steps to begin making sense of your nighttime images. Dream work can help us to grow into the people that God desires us to be.

Dr. Ann Letourneau, CSJ is a licensed psychologist and trained spiritual director who works at Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center. She has had a long time interest in working with dreams and enjoys sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm for the work with others.

Cost: \$20

To register visit: csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048
The Well Spirituality Center
1515 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park

A Note From The Well Spirituality Center and From Joseph's Corner Gift Shop 1515 West Ogden Avenue

We have re-located into our new spaces and we have created a warm, welcoming environment for you!

We begin our fall 2017 semester in our new home in the three-story ministry building located on the east side of our campus just north of the Chapel. Our new entrance faces Nazareth Academy High School. Look for the balconies. Underneath you will find the new entrance. The new parking lot is in front of the chapel and wraps around the east side of the building. Of course parking is still available on the ring road.



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

Discover Your Core of Love: Awaken the Larger Love That Wants to Free You!, an 8-week workshop of discovery on how to live out of our unique loving nature, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 pm from September 6 – October 25.

Dream Workshop, an evening designed to teach some simple steps to begin making sense of your nighttime images, Thursday, September 7 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Practicing Peace, an hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets twice a month for three months, beginning Monday, September 11 from 11:00 am-Noon.

Please check our website www.csjthewell.org for further details on these and many other wonderful programs.

The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue
LaGrange Park

To register: 708-482-5048
thewell@csjoseph.org or www.csjthewell.org

SFX Adult Choirs Resume! It's Time To Join!



The **Celebration Ensemble** and **Gallery Choir** will begin rehearsals and will be present at the 9:00 am and the 10:30 am Masses starting in September. Now is the time to join! Please consider giving your time and talent to one of these life and spirit-giving choral groups and ensembles, either as a singer or as an instrumentalists. Music reading skills are not required; but music learning tools will be made available to members for a more successful experience.

A special invitation goes out to all of the **TEENS** in the parish who would like to become involved in the music ministry. The **Spirit Choir** is open to teens who are looking for a vibrant and relaxed contemporary style of worship.

The Resurrection Choir is looking for new singers. This choir sings at most funerals year-round. Singers must be available during the day.

If interested, contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168.

Gallery Choir—9:00 am Mass

First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 5
7:30-9:00 pm *Tenors Needed! (Male-high voice)

Celebration Ensemble—10:30 am Mass

First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 14
7:30-9:00 pm

Spirit Choir—6:00 pm Mass

Rehearsals prior to Mass 4:30 pm
Starting September 10

Resurrection Choir—10:00 am Funeral Masses

SFX Men's Club

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

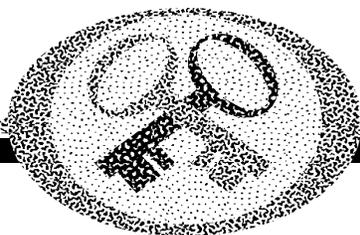
Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

Congratulations Eagle Scouts!



This past weekend, six Boy Scouts from SFX Troop 33 were honored at an Eagle Court of Honor. Sean Carr, Luke Cunningham, Ian Havenaar, Brian Metzger, Daniel Roche and David Titzer achieved the rank of Eagle Scout by earning at least 21 merit badges and completing a unique service project: Sean planted a tree in Elm Park in honor of the Legacy Guild, which provides scholarships for students who have lost a parent; Luke coordinated the building and delivery of 15 elevated dog beds for a shelter; Ian collected over 4500 books for distribution to disadvantaged kids in Chicago; Brian organized the painting of doors, walls and stairways in a low-income Chicago Catholic school; Daniel taught chess and organized a tournament for kids in an afterschool program; and David converted a storage room at Nazareth Academy into an Engineering Workshop.

Congratulations to all our Eagle Scouts!



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Archbishop's Mass in Cathedral to Focus on Domestic Violence

Archbishop Blase J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, September 30 at 5:15 pm in Holy Name Cathedral. Everyone is invited. He will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families. A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

For more information, contact Jan Burdulis at
773-841-3956 or jmburdulis@gmail.com.

Help Needed



We are in need of Ushers for the 7:30 am Sunday morning mass. If you would like to train to be an Usher and/or for more information about this ministry, please contact, Joe Discipio by phone at 708-482-8975 or email jadiscipio20@att.net.

Thank you!

Memorial Service for Aborted Children at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, in Hillside

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the fifth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than **59 million** children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

Event:

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When:

Saturday, September 9
2:00 pm

Where:

Queen of Heaven Cemetery
1400 Wolf Road at Roosevelt, Hillside

Special Guest:

His Excellency Bishop Joseph Perry

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

More info:

Call Wayne or Marianne Hamilton
708-525-7458

Domestic Abuse

St. Francis Xavier is committed to serving the needs of the abused in our parish and beyond. We have recently formed a domestic violence outreach ministry at SFX. For more information on our efforts, please call: 708-352-0168.

Did You Know?

In the United States, one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the U.S. between the ages of 15 and 44—more than car accidents, rapes, and muggings combined.

Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children as adults.

Signs of Abuse:

Is your partner . . .
Controlling you?
Isolating you from people/activities?
Blaming you for his/her problems?
Making all the important decisions?
Humiliating you?
Threatening or using violence?
Making you feel as if you are crazy?
Expecting you to “do as you’re told”?
Abusive to children/past partners?



If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you are not alone.

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

SAINT CLETUS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL  **SEPT. 7-10**

Join St. Cletus Parish for four days of carnival rides, bingo, food, beverages, raffles, and free live entertainment. Carnival wristbands are available for purchase on our website. St. Cletus Parish is holding our fourth annual Fall Fest and Carnival, September 7th through September 10th on our parish grounds in La Grange. The event promises to be fun for all ages and proceeds will help fund the next phase of our new parish center. We hope to see you there!

St. Cletus Parish, 600 West 55th Street in LaGrange
www.stcletusfallfest.com

Thursday, September 7
5-10pm Carnival Rides
7-10pm Kickin’ Jimmy

Friday, September 8
5-11pm Carnival Rides
6-8pm Bingo
7-10pm Infinity

Saturday, September 9
12-11pm Carnival Rides
1-3pm & 6-8pm Bingo
7-10pm Hillbilly Rockstarz

Sunday, September 10
11am 1st Responders Mass
12-9pm Carnival Rides
2-4pm Bingo
6-9pm Maggie Speaks

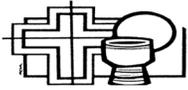


Please Pray For...all those serving in the military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **U.S. Navy James Lynch & Christopher Cugier, Air Force**—cousin and nephew of Sr. Helen Sullivan
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **PFC 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
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Ensign Julia McKenna, U.S. Navy**—friend of John Rogers
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio

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

Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—September 2-3, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	L. Mackenzie K. Murphy D. Mulvenna	L. Bannach M. Becker S. Devitt K. Kanzer J. Kelly K. Preussner A. Saladino P. Saladino L. Young	W. Carroll R. Garcia C. Carroll	A. Cherry	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Hamilton T. Marthaler P. Olson	S. Augustyn N. Kalkowski K. McInerney K. Stetz D. Walsh	D. Newcomb N. Havenaar A. Justak	A. Sterwalt	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	T. Walsh J. Stopka P. Zadeik	M.A. Barry L. Hill M. Lukanich B. McMahon D. Nighswander B. Olson P. O'Malley D. Sherman J. Van Gorp	J. Reven C. Kachmarik C. McLaughlin	S. VanOrdstrand	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	S. Zlatic S. Lastres C. Dillon	R. Caragher N. Cummings M.P. Flaherty C. Gatsos O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis L. Ovník K. Witkowski	Q. Siegel F. LaMantia L. Nowak	C. Jakubisin	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	C. Pietrzak D. Lewis J. Gatsos	A. Chimento N.L. Kampe M. O'Malley M.K. Pasin Not Filled	C. Schodrof B. Culin B. Griffin	J. Pfluger	D. Foss

Please watch the bulletin for the return of our 6:00 PM Mass; to resume in the Fall.

Readings For The Week of August 27, 2017

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mk 6:17-29

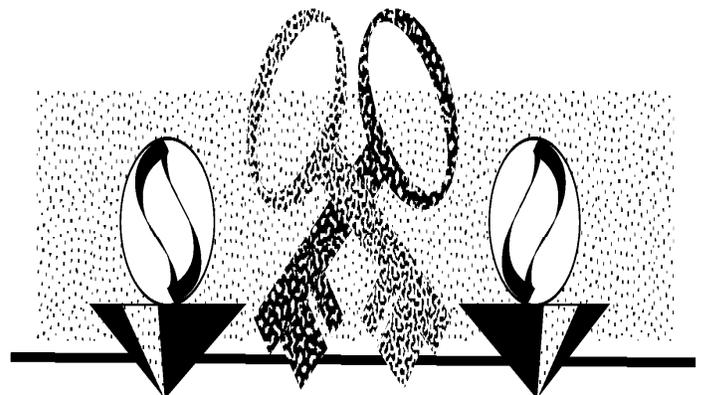
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday8:30 am-8:30 pm
Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday9:00 am-2:00 pm

Sabbath Liturgy

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

Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday9:00 am
Friday7:45 am
Saturday9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday7:45 am
Friday9:00 am

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.

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.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.

Domestic Violence Resources

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

Bulletin Deadline

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