



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” - Mk 1:14-15

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 19	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Terese Franzese	
Tuesday, February 20	Mass	8:30 am	Nora Byrne	Domenica Stephenson
Wednesday, February 21	Mass	7:00 am	Scott Sowa	The SFX Sunshine Committee
Thursday, February 22	Rosary	8:15 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	8:30 am		
Friday, February 23	Stations of the Cross	7:45 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	8:30 am		
Saturday, February 24	Mass	8:30 am	Brian Stephenson	Minnie, Mary, Grace, Madeline, Sophia & Cole
	Reconciliation	9:00 am	Susanne Walsh	Pat DeMars
Mass	5:00 pm			
Sunday, February 25 2nd Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	Ann & Joe Clark Katie Oplawski Sedlacek The SFX School Community
	Mass	9:00 am	Sheila Boyle	
	Mass	11:00 am	JoAnn Shreve	
	Mass	5:00 pm	Chris Ellis	

Presider's Schedule for February 17-18, 2024				
5:00 pm Fr. Milek	7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk	9:00 am Fr. Milek	11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk	5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Dave Armstrong	Eleanor Love
John Baggio	James Lowry
Ed Barrett	John Madden, Sr.
Albert Boemo	Darren Masier
Angela Bowman	Patrick Morgan
Dorothy Burnicks	Rosemary Nash
Dick Callahan	Josephina Pangan
Blake Donegan	Geri Pfluger
Barbara Doyle	Laureen Rabe
Matthew Doyle	Rita Mae Spearman
Pat Eaton	Steven Stirn
Kathy Gleason	John Stopka
Lilli Gregory	Catherine Stubitsch
Angela Hill	Richard Szatkowski
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Olivia Tarsney
Tiffany Kahn	Theresa Toher

To add a name to the prayer list who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. 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:

Tom Flynn, Jr.
Brother of Maureen, Dan, Tim and Peggy



Stations of the Cross Every Friday at 7:45 am



Remember you are dust
and unto dust
you shall return

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Pastor's Letter

*"I am establishing my covenant with you
and your descendants after you and with every living creature."
Genesis 9:9-10*



We enter Lent with a reminder of God's ancient covenant with humankind and with all creation. God desires to be in communion with us and for us to be in communion with one another. The redesign of seating areas within worship spaces such as our own is intended to make clear that the Mass is not a private prayer experience, but rather a communal one. We are meant to be aware of the sights and sounds of those around us, and even know their names to the extent possible. We come to the Eucharistic table to be drawn into deeper communion with Christ and one another. We, not I, become the Body of Christ sent to carry the gospel to the world.

We have been using the term *missionary disciple* in recent months. The renewal that Cardinal Cupich has called for is one that teaches and forms us in our *missionary purpose and identity*. Our communion with Christ is more than a connection between us and Christ. *Christ sends us out on mission* to bring hope and healing to all those in need and to our world. No matter how well we worship or how much we care for one another within the community, the chief sign of our vitality is *the extent to which we reach out* to care for and bring hope to those in need.

Five areas of growth define the journey of a missionary disciple and are arranged in a circle, or wheel. No one has achieved full growth in any one of these areas. We have areas in which we are stronger and areas that we have not developed as much. And there is *no set order or progression* in how a given person moves through these five areas to deepen their identity as a missionary disciple. The five areas on missionary discipleship wheel are:

COMMUNITY **FAITH FORMATION** **MINISTRY** **WITNESS** **WORSHIP**

I have listed them alphabetically to emphasize that *there is no priority or order of progression* among these five areas of growth. *We begin where we are* and discern where in the wheel the Spirit may be inviting us to grow. On each of the five Sundays of Lent, I hope to focus on one of these five areas in which the missionary disciple moves.

COMMUNITY. A missionary disciple chooses to become *connected with and related to other members* of the faith community. This goes *beyond the time spent at Mass*; it reaches into social activities, casual encounters, and coming to know one another by name. We nurture a sense of belonging when we seek ways to connect with others and to help others to make connections with one another. A "hospitality time" in which we form "circles" with those we know, leaving few entry points for those who are new or who are less adept at making connections is not hospitable. *A missionary disciple is always looking for ways to help people connect with one another* and to draw in the person on the edges. It involves skills that come more naturally to the extroverts among us; to an extent, we rely on their willingness to use their gifts to draw us into relationships with one another. These are the men, women, and youth whose way of being gives witness that *we are a welcoming community* in which *all are invited to belong*. Nonetheless, we all are called to keep an eye out for the person "on the fringe" and encourage their sense of belonging.

How might the Spirit be leading you to deepen your relationship to Christ as Christ lives among the members of our parish community? How might the Spirit be inviting you to do something that might increase a sense of belonging for a family member, friend, the person who sits near you on weekends or the one whom you often see in the parking lot or at the store? How are you being invited to deepen a sense of community in our shared mission?

Lenten Blessings,

J. Bill

STEWARDSHIP



Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday and Christmas Collection through January

This Year: \$ 1,085,373
Last Year: \$ 1,035,855

Total Annual Offertory Budget: \$ 1,846,000 (see Note 1)
(7/1/2023-6/30/2024)

This month, we recall our gratitude for our bereavement and funeral ministry. Since the New Year our parish gave comfort to the families and friends of seven of our faithful, now born to eternal life. Maureen Pipal, a member of our parish staff, shares how the parish supports loved ones at this difficult time.

“One of my responsibilities as the pastor’s assistant is to help families and funeral homes with scheduling their loved one’s funeral. We do as many as 70 funerals a year at SFX, and sometimes 3 or 4 of them fall within the same week. Visitations can also be held prior to the funeral service in church or Unity Hall. Until the time of the funeral itself, and before the families can meet with the priest, I am often in contact with them to answer any questions they may have or guide them through the process. It is often pointed out to me by the grieving families that this must be a difficult part of my job. Quite the opposite. It is a blessing to be able to be supportive in any way and is much more a ministry than a job.”

St. Francis also has wonderful volunteer funeral sacristans and bereavement ministers who assist the priests/families during the visitations and funerals. New volunteers to the sacristan and bereavement ministries are always welcome.

God bless you for your generosity in supporting our bereavement and funeral ministries!



Note 1: The budget was approved based on a 5% offertory increase over last year and the use of about \$90,000 in parish savings to cover the budget deficit. Through January, our offertory is running in alignment with the budgeted 5% increase, and we continue to project a \$90,000 deficit.

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Our parish is completing our campaign for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The theme, "Together at the table," asks us to prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal, embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or [click here](https://annualcatholicappeal.com) to make a gift online.

Reflection for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #3

George Rutkowski, David Sherman, Barb Kalnes, and Gertrude Nalumansi

Perhaps today's Gospel is calling us in this moment to pay closer attention to the movement of the Spirit and to discover where the Spirit might be driving us. Lent is an opportunity to foster a deeper level of discipleship, to follow more faithfully in the steps of Jesus. Let's listen today to the stirrings of the Spirit to discover what obstacles might keep us from wholehearted discipleship or what new ways of living we might need to embrace to follow faithfully. The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and works of charity may provide the framework for responding to the Spirit's promptings, but the first step is to listen in the quiet of whatever wilderness to which we may be led.



Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddling Together group) (subject to change each month)

When: 8:00pm (every 2nd Thursday)

What: Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration! We meet on 2nd Thursdays of the month (location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or bulletin each month.) Questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.

Lent 2024

Began February 14th!

Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish, are you looking for a more meaningful Lenten devotion this year?

Gather with other men of the parish to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. By living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain us on this spiritual journey, we will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God.

Meetings will be **Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM in Unity Hall that started on February 13**. Scan the QR code or [click here to register](#)—or just show up anytime.

Questions? Contact Ernie Froemel at ernie.froemel@gmail.com



33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

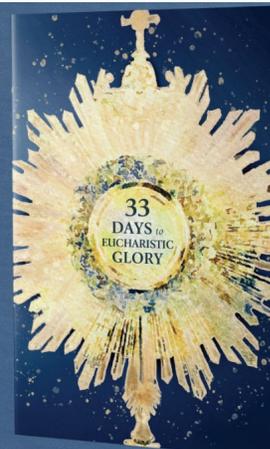
Gather with fellow parishioners on a journey of Eucharistic Consecration—a journey towards a deeper experience of Mass, a deeper relationship with Jesus, and the great joy of encountering God's relentless love for YOU.

The consecration involves a daily reflection, weekly faith conversation by zoom on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm beginning February 21, and flexible opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.

This isn't just another book.

IT IS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRED JOURNEY—

a Spiritual Pilgrimage



Zoom Conversations: Wednesdays, 8:00-8:45pm beginning February 21

Meeting ID: 845 7546 2404

Passcode: 013531

Register via the QR code, by emailing Heather Fitzpatrick (heatherfitzwelcome@gmail.com), or by clicking [this link](#).

Little Black Books for daily reflection

Available for free at all church entrances!



Pray every day this Lent on Hallow



Stations of the Cross from Mary's Perspective

*Wednesday, March 6
7:00 pm in Church*



New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30pm**, for a special Newcomer Blessing presided by Fr. Rich.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for **socializing in Unity Hall**. Alpine subs, salad, fruit and cookies will be served.

Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

Who is invited?

Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish.*

Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet.*

Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us.*

Families with children of all ages.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7:00pm, or BOTH!

If you are able, **please RSVP by February 23** to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

RSVP and Questions

Call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email lauraduelm@gmail.com

BE the LIGHT for the FUTURE!

It is our pleasure to introduce St. Francis Xavier School's main fundraising event, *Ignite '24*, formerly know as the 'auction.' On April 27 at Countryside Banquets, we hope to inspire the St. Francis community towards the growth of our students and school's future. At *Ignite '24*, alumni, current and past parents, and grandparents will come together to celebrate SFX. Guests will enjoy an evening of entertainment, live and silent auctions, all while enjoying a premium bar with gourmet heavy hors d'oeuvres and much more!

This year, our goal is to raise \$200,000 to allow us to invest in our faculty, staff, and aid families in need of financial assistance. We are grateful for the many benefactors, volunteers, parents, faculty and staff who help make the evening a huge success.

Please join us with your support of *Ignite '24* so that we may be the 'light' that shines for the future of St. Francis Xavier School.

Thank You to Our Sponsors



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Jack '20 Patrick '21 Mary Grace '20 Michael '21



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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

INDIVIDUAL TICKET: \$150

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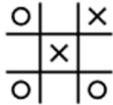
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BENEFIT CHAIRS

Grace Reilly Burke '02 & Marie Hanson

Engage Community February Event



Game Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 29th for a board game/card night.

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

When: February 29 from 7:00-8:30pm

Who: All are welcome: married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

What: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. We'll choose what to play based on the group's size and interests. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine).

RSVPs are encouraged.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com

One of Our Own



On Tuesday, March 5, the Senior Women's Group of St. Francis Xavier invites you to meet Diane Walsh. Diane has been an active parishioner for many years. She has been a reader and Eucharistic minister. She has worked on a liturgy team and conducted Word and Communion services. She has served on the RCIA team and the Parish Pastoral Council. On March 5, Diane will tell us about her "other" life. After earning her law degree, Diane was a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney, prosecuting both bench and jury trials. She is currently Chief Legal Officer for the Juvenile Justice Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Diane will give us a look at the structure of the criminal justice system, the youth involved in the juvenile justice system, and its goals. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. Please meet in Unity Hall after the 8:30am Mass for fellowship and light refreshments. The program will begin about 9:25am.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 21st

Cocktails 11:30am

Lunch 12:00pm

Plymouth Place

30 North Restaurant

315 North La Grange Road

La Grange Park

Reservations required
By Tuesday, February 20th

RSVP to the rectory (708) 352-0168

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!
Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 5

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com

or Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com

for more information.



Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.

SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned

All Parish Service Day 2024

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact: Mary Freeman, Director Of Community Outreach mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



SUMMER 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IMPORTANT NEWS AND SAVE THE DATE!

The Parish Pastoral Council is excited to announce that SFX will be partnering with Grace Lutheran for a Vacation Bible School Program. The Summer 2024 VBS will run the week of June 24th (Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm) so mark your calendars now as you plan your summer activities.

Registration for VBS will open at the end of January. More details about how and where to register as well as volunteer opportunities will be provided early next year. In addition to parent volunteers we will be looking for teen volunteers, a great way to get service hours.

For those of you not familiar with Vacation Bible School, the program is a faith based, one week long (mornings only) filled with fun indoor and outdoor activities. It is open for pre-K through 5th grade children. 6th through 8th graders can participate in a "service crew" which spends the week doing service projects in the community.

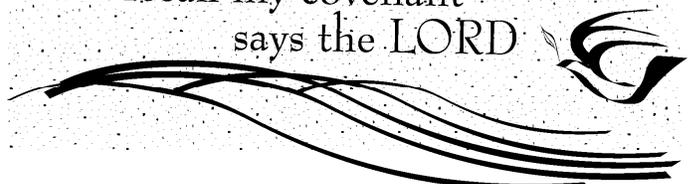
The PPC is very excited about providing the opportunity to the SFX community. Watch the bulletin and the SFX Facebook page for more details. You can reach out to Phil Zadeik at pizadeik@gmail.com for further information about VBS and volunteer opportunities at this time.

Save The Date
2024 Summer Mission Trip
June 9-14, 2024
in Louisville, KY



Rising Sophomores through Graduating Seniors join us for a life-changing week of service, faith and fun. St. Francis, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes are partnering for another Summer Mission trip to Love, Serve and Connect with Catholic Heart Workcamp in Louisville, Kentucky. We will join other teens from across the country as we serve community members painting, gardening, building, and volunteering with social service agencies. Teens will earn 30 hours of service for our Summer Mission Trip. [click here](#) or go to our website for more information and to access the registration link. We require a \$150 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. We need to know by the end of February how many teens are interested. We do not yet have enough teens registered to make the trip affordable.

I will recall my covenant
says the LORD





Doughnuts For A Cause!

St. Francis Xavier Religious Education is giving you the best reason to purchase a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts. From now until March 9, 50% of your order will be donated back to St. Francis Xavier Religious Education when you purchase via our fundraising sales page! Simply buy online, visit your local store and redeem using your code.

Codes never expire! Treat yourself or even gift them to friends and family by clicking on this link here: grouprai.se/krispykreme38257sa or by scanning the QR code to access the order page.

Thank you for your support!



Teens Needed for Ministries at 5PM Sunday Mass

Being part of the liturgy is such a special gift. And our 5PM Sunday Evening Mass is for teens and run by teens, but we need your help! Since our Confirmation Prep has shifted to 7th and 8th Grade, we are inviting these students to take part in the Mass as ushers and choir members (singing or instrumental). Below you will find the Teen Mass schedule for the rest of the school year. Please review the available slots to usher and sign up for one by clicking on this link: [Click Here](#) or by scanning the QR code.



We need at least four ushers for each Mass. A reminder email/text will be sent to you the week prior to the Sundays you signed up to usher for. If you are in 8th Grade and are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister please see Katie McCarthy after one of the 5PM Masses or email her at kmcarthy@getblueprint.com. Thank you and we can't wait to see all of our teens involved!

YOUTH NIGHTS @ ST FRANCIS
SUNDAYS JAN 21 - APR 7

FOR TEENS BY TEENS

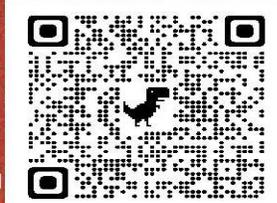
Bring your friends for: social time, dinner, a video, and small group (where you can share your thoughts or just listen.)

All are welcome. Bring your atheist friend from school, bring your Lutheran buddy, bring that new kid on your sports team, Seriously, any teen is welcome.

Sundays at 6pm, January 21-April 7 in Unity Hall, St. Francis Xavier (with St. John of the Cross & St. Cletus Youth Ministry)

Scan QR code to RSVP (and vote for food!)

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.



Your Parish Counselor

If you are like me, February can be a uniquely tough month. After the fresh chapter of January, February begins to feel like a rut. The cold days feel longer, and the gloomy darkness still falls early in the evening. If January is “getting back into the swing of things” after the holidays, it may be a challenge to get “back to the run-of-the-mill,” making February difficult. Looking to make change to the routines in life? Support and connection are available as a guide through navigating life’s challenges, consider reaching out at 704-750-0686 or bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

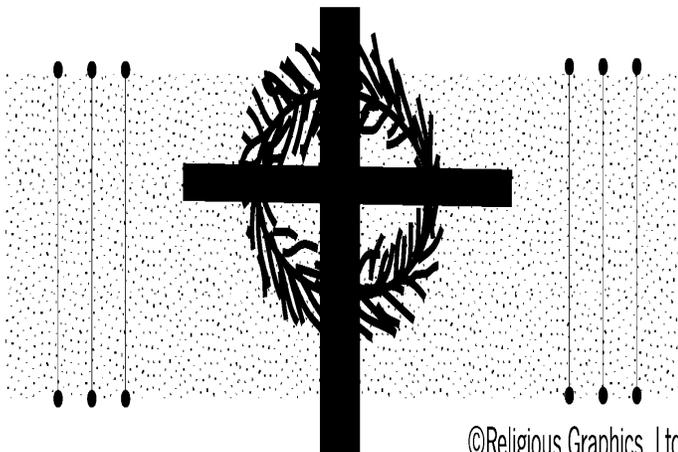


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Family Outreach Ministry

The St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry would like to invite you to join us this year to help prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. The dates for the 2024 school year are: March 16 and May 18. There are two time slots to choose, or come for the whole time: 9:00-11:30am: Food prep and cooking or 11:30am-1:00pm: Food serving and clean up. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult.

To register [click here](#) or contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.



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Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

Our scheduled meetings in Unity Hall are as follows:

Wednesday, March 13 from 7:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, April 11 from 7:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 8 from 7:00-8:00 PM

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.



Mark your calendar for the Cossitt Elementary School's bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, March 9, from 10:00am to 1:30pm. Explore quality name-brand items from infants to size 16, including spring/summer clothes, shoes, sports gear, and books.

Catch the amazing HALF PRICE deals from 12:30 to 1:30pm. Plus, your purchases support local children in need – unsold items are donated to Chicagoland non-profits. Shop smart, help the community, and care for the environment!

For details and involvement opportunities, visit www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale.



Church Women United

Church Women United LaGrange/Western Springs United invites all area women to a program, "Bear with One Another in Love," on Friday, March 1, at Advent Christian Church of the Highlands, 1525 Plainfield Road, LaGrange Highlands.

This World Day of Prayer celebration will feature guest speaker Jennifer N. Eseed, JD, who will offer comments on the topic "Perspectives from a Palestinian Christian Woman." Under the direction of Church Women United International, this program was written, during the initial COVID outbreak, by the Christian women of Palestine who call us to connect with the homeland of Jesus. The content is especially pertinent in view of the conflict currently affecting the nations in the Middle East.

The morning will include 10:00 am Bible Study, 11:00 am Celebration, and conclude with optional dutch-treat luncheon at a selected area restaurant. Reservations are not required; all are welcome.

For more information contact: 708-710-0644 or email: cwulgws@gmail.com

The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark and Luke

You are invited to:

"The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence."
By Fr. John Dear

Who:

Father Dear will lead a discussion and book signing on Thursday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the School Hall (School Lunch Room).

Where:

St. Patricia Parish, 9000 South 86th Avenue, Hickory Hills
708-598-5222

Father John Dear offers the first-ever commentary on the Synoptic Gospels from the perspective of active Nonviolence, in the tradition of Gandhi and Dr. King. In his commentary, he goes through every line of the three Synoptic Gospels to point out Jesus' practice and teachings of nonviolence to inspire us to practice creative nonviolence like Jesus.

Father Dear is an internationally known author, peace activist, and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee.

"John Dear is the embodiment of a peacemaker." - Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote when he nominated Dear for the Nobel Peace Prize.

"John Dear's inspired journey-inside and out-gives us renewed hope for our own personal and public peacemaking." - The late Fred Rogers, TV star of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood."

"Some teachers are all theory and some are all practice. John Dear has earned ability to be both. Some teachers are very orthodox and some open new ground. John Dear puts the two together knowing they are the same." - Richard Rohr, American Franciscan priest and writer on spirituality.

"The Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount are Jesus' blueprint for peace. I urge everyone to study John Dear's beautiful reflections ("The Beatitudes of Peace") and join his campaign of peace and nonviolence." - President Jimmy Carter.

A buffet dinner from 5:30-6:30pm precedes the program, so the individuals planning the event would appreciate the favor of your reply by March 4th. To register, please contact Missy Keegan at mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com or contact mkaraban@stpatriciaparish.com.

All are welcome. Please Spread the Word!
Father Mike Meany



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

- **Sgt. FC Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Special Forces Group**—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander 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**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC** niece of Jon Peterson
- **Warrant Office 3 Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Chief Petty Officer Marko Mandac, U.S. Navy**—husband of Anna, son-in-law of David & Lynn Rogers

**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.
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm
Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus 7:00-8:00 pm

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

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

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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 Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxing@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

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 and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.



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