

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

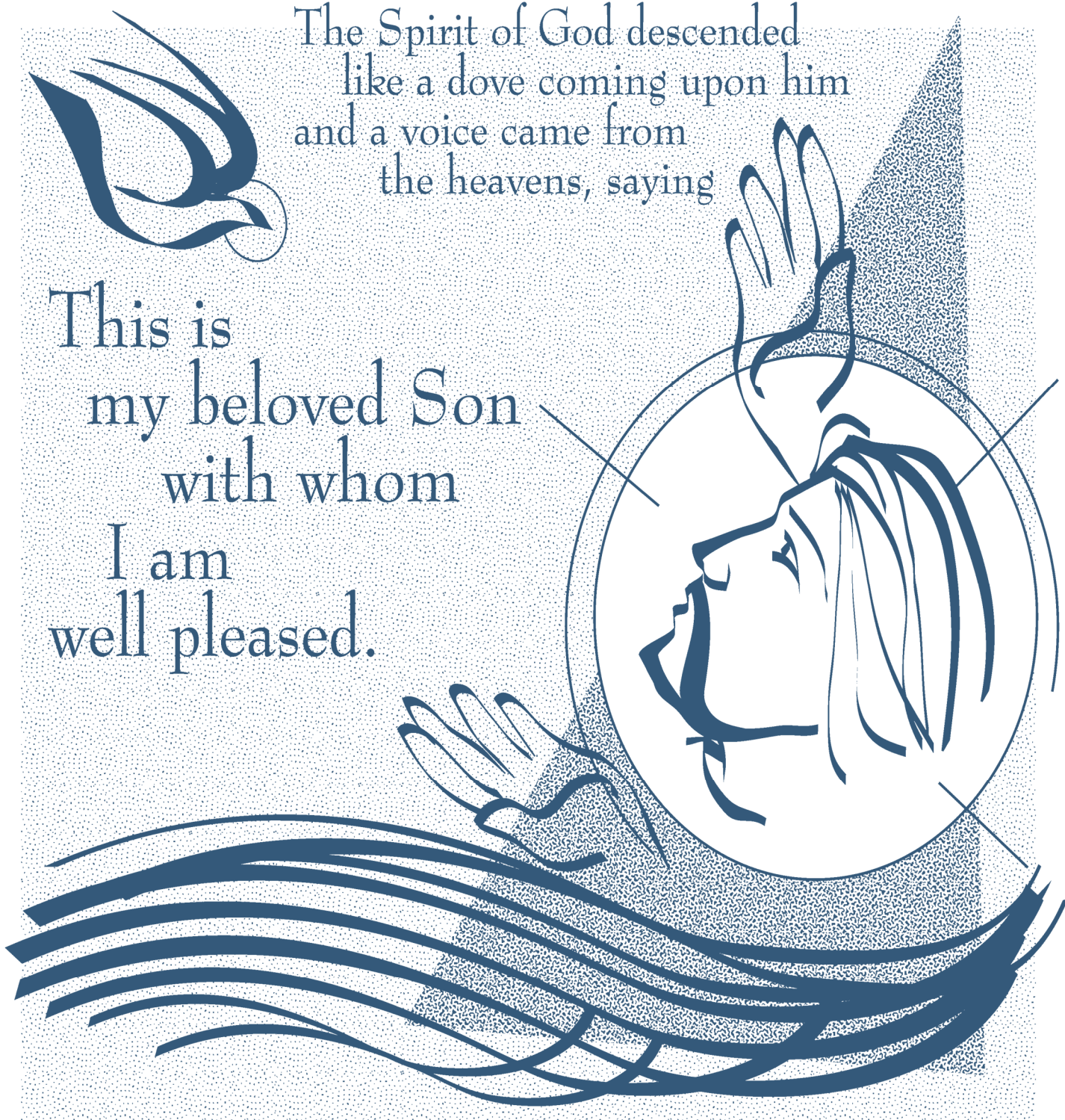
The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020



The Spirit of God descended  
like a dove coming upon him  
and a voice came from  
the heavens, saying

This is  
my beloved Son  
with whom  
I am  
well pleased.



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 13 Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	8:30 am	The Don Schwendner Family	Nancy & Dan Morgan
Tuesday, January 14	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Wednesday, January 15	8:30 am	Lynn Woods	The St. Francis Xavier Faculty & Staff
Thursday, January 16	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Bobbie Noonan	The Johnson Family
Friday, January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbott	8:30 am	Harold Held	The Braasch Family
Saturday, January 18	9:00 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Mary Catherine Comfort Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding~Mary Phillip & Paul Pabst Sacrament of Reconciliation Harold Held	The Owens Family    Dolores Lewis
Sunday, January 19	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm  6:00 pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish David Day Don Schwendner Ray Wielgos Kim Kerr	The Sarah O'Brien Family Jim & Joan Potsch Dolores Lewis The Ramaglia Family

## Please Pray For...

Jay Carroll  
Chili Challender  
Anthony Dina  
Blake Donegan  
Pat Eaton  
Lily Fielding  
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick  
Lilli Gregory  
Wilson Gregory  
Patricia Hassler  
Linda Hillsman  
Rose Ilo  
Mary J.  
Jane Jacobsen  
Theresa Kandall  
Anne Kelly  
Benny Kilman  
Jerry Kolman  
Liz Kosteck  
Lou Ellen Krueger  
Marian Lucas  
Caroline MacGregor  
Joe Montana  
Patrick Morgan

Mike Morrison  
Bernice Niemiec  
Bert Ogilvie  
Arnold Oppenheim  
Jane O'Reilly  
Shawnna Palazzolo  
Ryan Patyk  
Donna Pekarek  
Norma Petrancosta  
Jim Potsch  
James Pridmore  
Madison Raupp  
Anna Rose  
Marilyn Rutkowski  
Matthew Schiek  
Larry Skippet  
Gretchen Sterwalt  
Donna Suchoski  
Kate Frugoli Sullivan  
Joseph Tarin  
Anne Titzer  
Michael Ungari  
Gregory Van Gorp  
Marian Ward  
Liz Wilk

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

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

## Born Into Eternal Life



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

**Josephine Cindric**

Mother of Pamela & Cindy

**James Svehla**

Husband of Patricia and  
Father of James, Scott, Susan, and the late Sandra

**The Spirit  
of God  
came upon him**



## Pastor's Notes

*After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased".*

Matthew 3:16,17

The infant of Luke's gospel became the child of Matthew's gospel and now is the adult about to begin his ministry. An ancient tradition celebrates three distinct events as the "epiphany", or manifestation, of Jesus as the Son of God: the arrival of the magi bearing gifts; the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River; and the first miracle of Jesus as the wedding in Cana. The liturgical season of Christmas concludes with the second epiphany, the Baptism of Jesus. Matthew tells nothing of the life of Jesus from the time of the magi's appearance until now. We can presume that Joseph apprenticed him as a carpenter and that this was how he supported his mother after the death of Joseph. As far as we know, Jesus neither said nor did anything of note during these years, which sometimes are referred to as the "hidden years." This suggests that Jesus lived an ordinary human life for his first thirty years. He worked and he played; he succeeded at some things and failed at others; he developed friendships and learned the traditions and practices of his faith; he experienced illness and loss, the tensions of living under Roman occupation, and the judgments of people from the south that Galileans had compromised their religious practices through mingling with surrounding cultures.

We do not know what prompted Jesus to go to the Jordan on this particular day. We are told, however, that when he stepped into the Jordan waters and was baptized by John, a voice came from the heavens to proclaim him as God's beloved Son. Perhaps the voice of the Father is spoken as much for the sake of Jesus as it was for those who witnessed the moment. God affirms the call that

Jesus has been sensing in his mind and heart. After a period of reflection in the desert, Jesus enters boldly into his ministry, proclaiming the kingdom, choosing his first disciples, and setting forth, in the Sermon on the Mount, the path for those who choose to follow him.

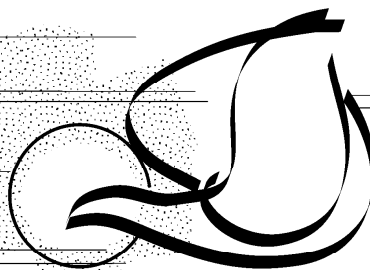
Most of us are infants when we are baptized into Christ. As with Jesus, we live an ordinary life until some point at which God breaks into our lives and calls us to use our gifts and become the presence of Christ for others. Perhaps you can identify the moment at which you made a conscious choice to live out your baptismal call. Perhaps you cannot identify that moment or may not yet have even experienced it. Today's feast challenges us to accept the call of our baptism. We are reminded that each of us is a beloved child of God in whom God delights. Each of us has been given a way to make God present to others. Each of us is called up from the waters of the Jordan to proclaim God's kingdom, to invite others to join us, and to teach and encourage one another, through word and example, to follow the path that leads to life in God.

As we close the Christmas Season, I again thank our Art and Environment ministers, who brought Christmas splendor to our house of worship; our Music Ministry members, who delighted us with glorious and joyful sounds; and our many other liturgical ministers who planned, proclaimed, and otherwise served us in these special days. Many visitors to our worship in recent weeks commented on the welcoming spirit of those who worship here. You all created a warm home where the light of Christ shone brightly.

Christmas Peace,

*F. Bill*

We are baptized  
in the SPIRIT  
of the LORD





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# GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

## The best opportunity of the year to support Catholic schools

To increase the funds available for tax credit scholarships\*, several donors partnered to create a **matching gift pool**. Every dollar donated to this program through the scholarship granting organization Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2019 and Feb. 29, 2020 and designated to a school operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago will be matched with two dollars from this pool (limitations apply). The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on Feb. 29, 2020, whichever comes first.

**Example:** A taxpayer donates \$2,000 to Empower Illinois through the match program. The taxpayer will be eligible to claim a \$1,500 tax credit when he/she files their previous year's taxes. The donation creates \$6,000 in scholarship support (after the \$4,000 match). For the net cost of \$500 (\$2,000 donation less \$1,500 tax credit), this donor will provide a student with a \$6,000 scholarship to attend a Catholic school of his/her choice.

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**To take advantage of the matching gift program, follow the steps at [empowerillinois.org/donors](https://empowerillinois.org/donors). For additional information, contact the Archdiocese of Chicago's Tax Credit Scholarship Office at [tcs@archchicago.org](mailto:tcs@archchicago.org) or 312.534.2617.**

\* The Illinois tax credit scholarship program provides a 75 percent state income tax credit to individuals who contribute money to fund scholarships for students from low-income families to attend private schools. Eligible students may use these scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools in Cook and Lake counties.



Mark your calendars!

**St. Francis Xavier Parish School**



# OPEN HOUSE

PreSchool-3, Pre-K, Kindergarten, Gr 1 - 8  
Under One Roof

## LEARN ABOUT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

- Student Guided Tours
- National Blue Ribbon School
- 2019 Winner of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Academic Excellence
- Student Community Service Program
- Activities Fair: 22+ Activities & Clubs
- Robot Playground: Student Computer Coding Demos
- Alumni Presentations "Portrait of a SFX Graduate"
- No Cut Athletics

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
(708) 352-2175  
[SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL](http://SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL)

10am-12:30pm

**JAN  
26TH**

145 N. Waiola Ave.  
LaGrange, IL 60525



## Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

**Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgies**  
Sunday, January 12 at 1:30 pm in Church

**Reconciliation**  
Grade 5 January 19 and January 22 during Class

### Class Dates

Sunday, January 5	At Home Lesson	Wednesday, January 8	At Home Lesson
Sunday, January 12	Class/8th Grade Retreat	Wednesday, January 15	Class/8th Grade Retreat (4:00 Only)
Sunday, January 19	Class	Wednesday, January 22	Class
Sunday, January 26	At Home Lesson	Wednesday, January 29	At Home Lesson

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades Kindergarten-Fourth to experience hearing and reflecting on the Word of the Lord in a way that is an empowering experience. Children in these grades are invited to follow their Reflector of the Word to a prayer space away from the gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer AND when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing and when a specific grade is not scheduled to celebrate liturgy at the 5:00 Mass.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs: January 25; February 29; March 14.

Here is the schedule when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated: February 1 & 8; April 18.

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change): January 11 & 18; February 15 & 22; March 7, 21 & 28; and April 28.

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

## THANK YOU!!



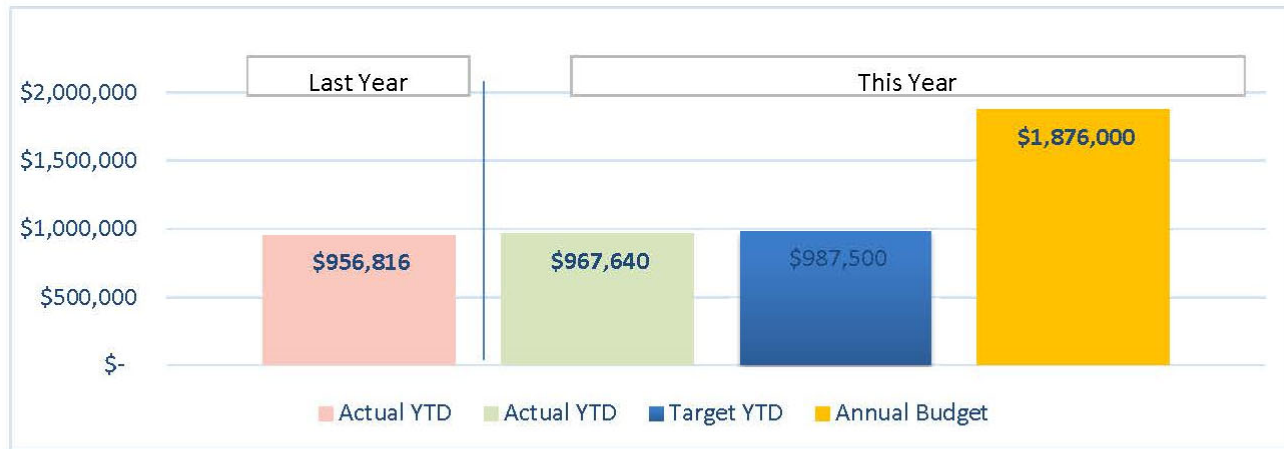
To the SFX Day School Grade 6 students and their parents for making the SPRED Christmas liturgy so special. We love partnering with you and sharing in this very beautiful celebration. Thank you for the lovely reception following Mass. Your generosity of spirit and kindness is much appreciated.



# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT

### AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019



Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	+	Other Offertory*	=	December Totals
December 2019	\$ 70,210		\$ 67,179		\$ 35,328		\$ 172,717
December 2018	\$ 63,868		\$ 78,093		\$ 32,410		\$ 174,371

\* Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions, and other miscellaneous gifts

**Christmas 2019 Collections Year-to-date: \$147,674**

**Christmas Budget: \$155,000**

Welcome 2020! Christmas contributions continue to come in – we have collected about 95% of our projected Christmas budget. Your contributions supported the liturgical and music ministries that made the Advent and Christmas Masses so special! *God bless all those who came together in stewardship to celebrate the birth of Christ and the Epiphany to mankind.*

If a donation to SFX is still on your To Do List, it's not too late! You can visit our website ([www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)), text JOYFUL to 708-340-6630 to receive the link for credit card donations via Give Central, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas".

In the next few weeks, we will report on mid-year (July 1 through December 31) revenue and expenses against budget.

### Tax Reform and Charitable Giving

As a result of this tax code change in December 2017, SFX experienced an increase in donations from donor-advised funds in 2019 as parishioners adjust their giving strategies. In addition, we have seen an increase in tax-free gifts to SFX through an IRA charitable rollover (for those who are of age 70½ or older).

SFX does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice. Please consult your attorney or tax advisor to evaluate your tax deductibility limits and benefits for any of these options.

# BUONA

THE ORIGINAL ITALIAN BEEF

## BECOME A "BUONA-FIED" SUPPORTER TUESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

20% OF ALL SALES ACQUIRED DURING 10:30 AM TILL 10 PM AS A RESULT OF YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL BENEFIT:

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

HILLSIDE  
2135 S WOLF RD  
(708)236-0575



PHYSICAL OR DIGITAL FLYER MUST BE PRESENTED WHEN ORDERING!  
"DELIVERIES NOT INCLUDED"

## What's going on in Youth Ministry???

### Giving Tree Tags

For the Tags for the Giving Tree project, we use the donated front covers of Christmas cards. When it's time for you to take down all the beautiful Christmas cards you've received, think about dropping them off at the rectory to be used for the 2020 Giving Tree!

### 6pm Mass

Interested in being a Eucharistic Minister or Lector for the 6pm Mass? Talk to Katie McCarthy, the 6pm Sacristan, before or after a 6pm Mass or contact Olivia Zurowski at [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 to sign up!

### 2020 Summer Mission Trip

The 2020 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Detroit, MI! St. Francis has 15 (12 teens, 3 adults) spots reserved with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 21-26, 2020 trip to Detroit, MI. The registration form can be found on the Youth Ministry website. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.

### 2020 Freshman/Sophomore Retreat

Save the date! The Freshman/Sophomore Retreat is going to be Friday, February 28-Saturday, February 29. This will be a one-night over-night retreat at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center. More details and the registration form to come!

### 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).

### Family Ministry



On Saturday, October 26, SFX Family Ministry volunteered with the Saturday Meals Program at First Congressional Church of LaGrange. We prepared and served breakfast and lunch to 40 people. If you are interested in other Family Ministry events, please contact Ana at [apd3@core.com](mailto:apd3@core.com).



On Sunday December 8, we were at Cantata in Brookfield and we visited the residents and sang Christmas carols and played bingo with them.

They enjoyed our singing and loved the Christmas cookies. We were joined by some SFX families and had a fun time.



## Christmas Flowers

### In Honor of:

Bernadette Crowe  
Donald Crowe  
George Dowd  
George Gambla  
Habbe & Lawless Families  
Peggy & Stanley Heineche  
Josie & Don Kalkowski  
Bette & Jack McMurray  
Lucille Ptak  
Claire Sharfey

### In Memory of:

Connie Aiello  
Louisa Aiello  
Allis & O'Halloran Families  
Michael K. Bannach  
Renee Challos  
Tom Challos  
Michael Cipriani  
Theresa Cipriani  
Victor & Lillian Copp  
Don Cushing  
Mary & Francis Discipio

Patricik Dowd  
Joe Dykhuizen  
William J. Elliott  
Wendy Slocum Fitzgibbons  
Rosemary Gambla  
Lillian Gentile  
John & Bernice Grzeslo  
John T. & Katherine Hannigan  
Loretta Haxel  
Lawrence Joseph Jaderberg  
Rosemary Kaiser  
Mary Moore Kearney  
Roy Leslie  
Mary Loomis  
Louis Mangione  
Bernard & Betty Martin  
Mary & Bill McLaughlin  
Joan Myroup  
Fred & Pauline O'Malley  
Paul & Mavis Ortmax  
Besse & Dick Parlon  
Bernice Partacz  
Walter Partacz  
Mary Ann Pasquinelli

Gilbert, Isabel & Richard Riess  
Bill Riordan  
Rosa Sarno  
Florence & Bob Schmuhl  
Jo Schreyer  
Don Schwendner  
Mary & Joseph Simeoni  
Shirley & Kenneth Staskon  
Florence & Andrew Swiderski  
Tio & Elwood Families  
Mae Troendly  
James & Amelia Turturillo  
Maurice, Eleanor & Kevin Walsh  
A. David West  
Arthur C. & Dorothy West  
Michelle West  
John Yelnick & Family  
Lillian Zydel



Seasons of Hope meets over a six week period. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. We will meet at St. John of the Cross, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs.

Monday Evenings  
7:00-8:30 pm

January 27; February 3, 20, 24 and March 2 & 9

Register online: [www.stjohnofthecross.org/grief-ministry](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/grief-ministry)  
or contact Steve Weigand at the SJC Parish Office 708-246-4404.

## Divorced and Separated Support

St. John of the Cross Parish is hosting a weekly support group for those who have been through divorce or who are in the midst of the divorce process. **Divorce and Beyond** meetings are faith-based and designed to bring hope and healing to one of life's most difficult and painful experiences of loss. Topics include; dealing with stress, anger, loneliness, forgiveness, and healing. Experienced leaders create an open and confidential atmosphere conducive to judgement free sharing and discussion.

**Begins Thursday, January 16 (7:00 pm)**

Register online: <https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond> or contact Steve Weigand at the SJC Parish Office. 708-246-4404 ext.137.



**Loving Outreach  
to Survivors of Suicide**

*Offering Hope and Healing for Those Who Mourn a Loss to Suicide*

St. John of the Cross parish will begin hosting a monthly support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one from suicide. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

**L.O.S.S.** (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) is a non-denominational program that provides a safe, judgement-free environment intended to help survivors and family members share experiences and draw strength and hope within a loving community. Trained counselors are on hand at each meeting. Call LOSS at 312-655-7285 or SJC 708-246-4404 for more information.

## Help Wanted



Interfaith Community Partners is looking for a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to arrange for transportation for clients 60 and better within our community. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. Computer skills necessary, pleasant phone communication plus love of working with older adults.

Please submit your resume to Janet Garreau at: jgarreauicp@gmail.com or call our office for further assistance at 708-354-9328.

## Interfaith Career Network

### Leverage the Power of LinkedIn

For our January speaker we have a LinkedIn Account Manager coming to speak to our group. LinkedIn provides you with opportunities to reach company execs, find contacts that can open doors into companies you are interested in, and helps recruiters find you. Want to learn how to target employers? Want to know what employers look for in their candidates? Join us on January 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm and get answers to these and other questions related to LinkedIn. Our speaker, Lisa Rudisel is an Account Manager at LinkedIn. Her insights will be informative and important to everyone in a job search. Start the New Year with ICN at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

### Career Resource Center

The ICN Career Center is open on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm. It is volunteer staffed to help job seekers with internet usage, resume/cover letter preparation, LinkedIn and other electronic job search skills. These services are available at no cost and no appointment is needed. Just ring the Office door bell at First Baptist Church of LaGrange, 20 North Ashland Avenue and let us help you.



## The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park

**Emotional Bypassing** on Monday, January 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Calling all men (and women)! Marv Baldwin will lead us in a lively introductory session, as we gather and explore our thoughts, emotions, and motivations, touching the edges of our consciousness and listening for the Divine within. If there is further interest, we will continue to meet every other week. Cost: \$20/session.

**Mary Southard Paint Your Soul Retreat** from 9:00 am on Thursday, January 16 through 3:00 pm on Sunday, January 19. Mary Southard, CSJ is a celebrated artist, experienced educator and retreat director in love with Life and with the Creator/Creation. In this retreat, for artists and non-artists alike, we will engage with the energies and images from within our own abundant and beautiful souls. Cost: \$475 (includes meals and overnight accommodations).

**Wild Mercy: faith sharing and book discussion** on Thursdays, January 23–March 26 from 9:30-11:00 am (at The Well) or Fridays, January 24–March 27 from 9:30-11:00 am (River Forest). Using Mirabai Starr's book *Wild Mercy – Living the Fierce and Tender Wisdom of the Women Mystics* as a jumping off point, we will explore and nurture the feminine wisdom and healing that is deeply needed at this critical time on our planet. Cost: \$130 for the series; \$20/session.

**Singing Bowls** on Thursdays, January 23, March 19 and May 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Experience deep relaxation and internal healing as Jalima Cuesta uses breathing techniques, guided meditation, and intuitive playing of various alchemy crystal bowls to bring a sense of calm and peace to participants. Cost: \$25.

**What's so Sacred about our Universe?** On Saturday, February 1 from 9:00 am-Noon. What is the Universe Story and why is it important at this time? This introductory class will awaken you to awe and wonder and provide insight into the God of the Universe, the God "within," the God who is closer to us than we might dare to imagine. Cost: free to members of SFX and SJC (parish co-sponsors).

To register: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048.

## COPING WITH GRIEF: A General Grief Group for Adults

Edward-Elmhurst Hospital is offering an 11-session series for any adult coping with grief. The group will meet on the main campus of the hospital, at Roosevelt and York Roads in the Maple Conference Room, east entrance, lower level. The series begins on Monday, January 20, and continues on the first and third Monday of each month through June 15. A 30-minute presentation is followed by one hour of sharing time. The series is open to any adult who has experienced the death of someone they have lost. There is no cost for this program. For more information, call 331-221-0451.





**Mark your calendar now and for the upcoming blood drive!**

**St. Francis Xavier Parish  
January 29 from 3:30-7:30 PM**

Appointments are encouraged!

Please click: [https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5576878](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5576878)  
to schedule your preferred donation time!

**Who benefits from blood donation?**

At Versiti Blood Center of Illinois, formerly Heartland Blood Centers, we never forget the patients who receive the blood we collect. Every unit of blood is collected from volunteer donors who meet specific criteria and have been screened according to strict guidelines. Every unit (pint) is collected, transported, tested and stored according to tightly-controlled procedures.

**Examples of transfusion needs are:**

- Cancer: up to 8 units/month
- Bone Marrow Transplant: up to 2 units/day
- Liver Transplant: up to 100 units
- Auto Accident: up to 50 units
- Cardiovascular Surgery: 2-25 units

For specific questions regarding your blood drive, please contact your Account Representative, Lawrence Smith, directly at [LSMITH@HEARTLANDBC.ORG](mailto:LSMITH@HEARTLANDBC.ORG).

Text “**CHARLIE**” to **999-777** to opt into text messaging to receive information about upcoming blood drive events, promotions and blood inventory needs!



**Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend**

**Saturday, February 8-Sunday, February 9, 2020**  
(begins at 8:30 am on Saturday  
and ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday)

Carmelite Spiritual Center  
8433 Bailey Road, Darien IL

Registration is open and spots are filling up fast.  
Please visit the SFX Parish website  
or our Facebook page at:

(<https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWomenSFX>)  
for more details and if you have questions, please  
contact Pam Devitt at 708-250-3711.

Please join us for the  
SFX Catholic Women's Club  
**Pre-Lent Event**



Saturday, February 1, 2020  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
LaGrange Country Club

To purchase event tickets or donate, please visit:  
[PreLentevent.com](http://PreLentevent.com)  
Please register by January 25th



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—  
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—  
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and  
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **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 Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,  
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- **Rob Parisi, PV2, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack  
and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch

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



## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

*Pastor*

*Deacon*

*Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister*

*Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister*

*Weekend Sacramental Minister*

*Rev. William Tkachuk*

*Mr. Andrew Allison*

*Rev. William Killeen*

*Rev. Ed Barrett*

*Rev. Stan Ilo*

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### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm

Friday ..... 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Saturday ..... 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday ..... 9:00 am-1:00 pm

### **Sabbath Liturgy**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and

(6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

### **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 Friday ..... 8:30 am

Saturday ..... 9:00 am

**St. Cletus** (Monday - Saturday) ..... 8:00 am

**St. John of the Cross** (Monday - Saturday) ..... 9:00 am

### **Bulletin Deadline**

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

### **Infant Baptisms**

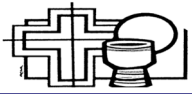
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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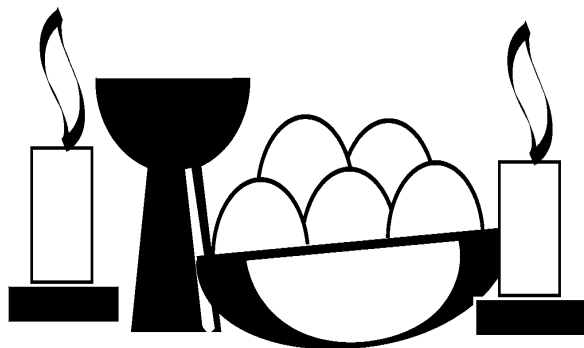
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All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—January 18-19, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	D. Veverka H. McCormick H. Fitzpatrick	L. Bannach M. Becker T. Conwell K. Corrigan M. Milligan C. Cooke D. Mulvenna L. Young K. Preussner	M. Kachmarik C. Hull B. Gannon		M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Van Gorp P. Olson M. Kalkowski	S. Augustyn S. Hayes M. Hermesdorf N. Kalkowski D. Walsh	A. Grech A. Grech D. Dudek		C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Barrett	M. Perkovich M. Rotert T. Gannon	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel D. Sherman C. Pratali R. Pratali	A. Edwards N. Edwards E. Justak		G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Ilo	T. Hill T. Serafin C. Dillon	A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak P. O'Malley L. Ovník K. Parisi B. Sorice	E. Geraghty J. O'Halloran A. Culin		K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	L. Freda L. Freda C. Pietrzak	N. Dekoker A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann K. Borawski	E. Cushing C. Cushing J. Nisivaco		D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



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### Readings For The Week of January 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



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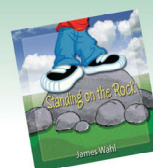
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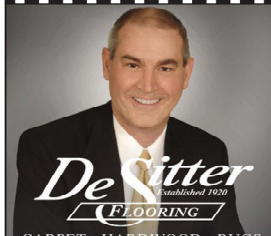
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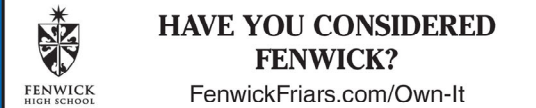
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