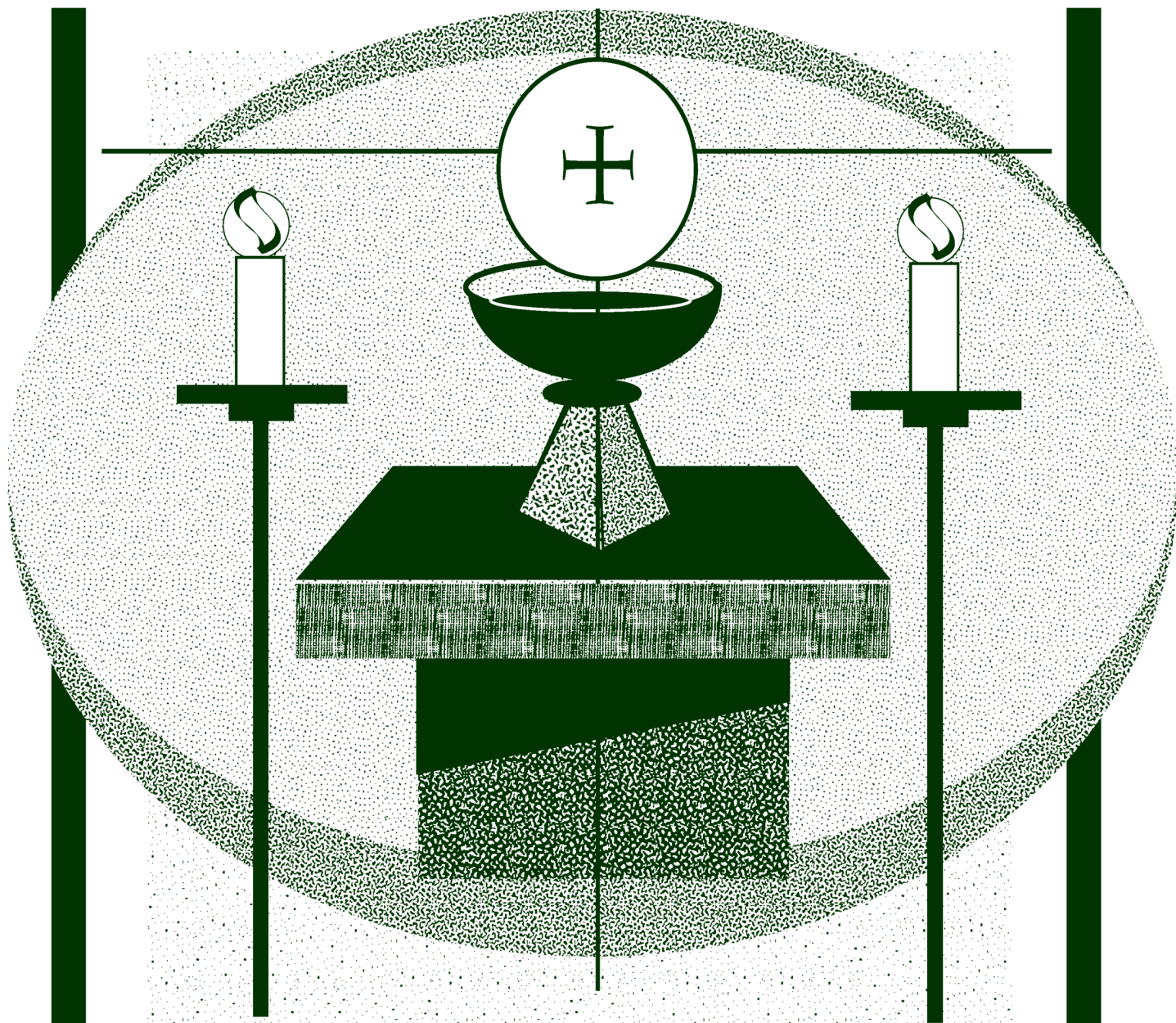


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020



Behold the LAMB of GOD
who takes away the sin
of the world

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 20 Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	8:30 am	Marian Dudek	The Griffin Family
Tuesday, January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Dick Parlon	Pam Parlon
Wednesday, January 22 Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	8:30 am	Jack Gleason	Norm & Donna Wasz
Thursday, January 23 Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Alfonso Mangione	The Alfonso Mangione Family
Friday, January 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Saturday, January 25 Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Anthony Skokna Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Ray Wielgos	The Skokna Family Bob & Cindy Lautner
Sunday, January 26	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish	

Please Pray For...

Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challenger	Bert Ogilvie
Anthony Dina	Arnold Oppenheim
Blake Donegan	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Shawwna Palazzolo
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Lilli Gregory	Norma Petrancosta
Wilson Gregory	Jim Potsch
Patricia Hassler	James Pridmore
Linda Hillsman	Madison Raupp
Rose Ilo	Anna Rose
Mary J.	Marilyn Rutkowski
Jane Jacobsen	Matthew Schiek
Theresa Kandall	Larry Skippet
Anne Kelly	Gretchen Sterwalt
Benny Kilman	Donna Suchoski
Jerry Kolman	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Liz Kosteck	Joseph Tarin
Lou Ellen Krueger	Anne Titzer
Marian Lucas	Michael Ungari
Caroline MacGregor	Gregory Van Gorp
Joe Montana	Marian Ward
Patrick Morgan	Liz Wilk
Mike Morrison	

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.

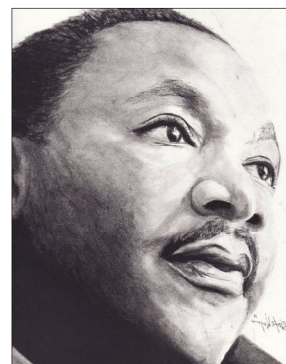
Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Rectory Closed



In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 20. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 21 at 8:30 am.

Pastor's Notes

"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

John 1:3|Isaiah 49:6

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time when the people of Israel would shine so brightly that they would be a light that would lead *all* people of *every* nation to the Lord's temple in Jerusalem. The early Christians believed Jesus to be the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. However, they came to understand that neither Jerusalem nor any one *place* would be the beacon on a hill to which all would be drawn. As people throughout the Mediterranean world embraced the message and mission of Jesus, Jews and Gentiles alike, they came to understand that God's light was something *they carried within them* through baptism into Christ; *they* were to be a light drawing *all* to Jesus from *every* place. Like yeast in dough, they realized that Christ reached those around them when they reflected his light in their words and actions.

This weekend our nation honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was a preacher and leader who witnessed to the gospel of Jesus in word and action. He challenged a racially segregated America to see ourselves as a people of *one* God revealed through *many* colors, cultures, and backgrounds. Dr. King wanted us to see that our strength as a nation lies in our ability to work toward the harmony that is achieved when we lift up the dignity of *each* person, encourage *all* to share their gifts, and create a society in which *every* voice is heard and *every* voice has its place. He gave his

life working to realize the dream that *all* God's children live in harmony and peace.

In every age and every place, Christian women and men of faith have called the church to conversion. They have been a voice for the poor, the vulnerable, and powerless, and have sacrificed wealth or status in service of the gospel. Like John the Baptist, these saints have witnessed to Christ's presence and power through their words and actions. Their *lived* testimony led others to believe and to act, and their stories continue to do so.

How are *we* the light of Christ, extending God's salvation *to the ends of the earth*? How are we called to shine ever more brightly? Are we willing to go beyond the boundaries of the "familiar" and safe? What voices among us must be encouraged; or what voice must we *become* so that we, the faith community of St. Francis Xavier more effectively reflect Christ's light to our community and beyond as we journey from worship into service?

Our young people are watching us. Are we credible witnesses? How well do our lives testify to the message and mission of Jesus, albeit imperfectly? Will our lived witness inspire others to follow Jesus and join us in mission?

Winter Peace,

J. Bill

Share Your Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America next weekend January 25-26. Unfortunately, human captivity remains a real challenge throughout the world. Human trafficking in Brazil, for example, is a serious problem that takes numerous forms: forced rural labor that amounts to modern-day slavery, trafficking to support prostitution, and forced marriages. The Church in Brazil is addressing this challenge by training leaders to publicize and denounce trafficking practices and to work with all levels of government to combat human trafficking.

By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, you are helping Brazilians fulfill their Gospel call to protect the vulnerable, defend human life and dignity, and address the causes of human trafficking throughout the country.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Mark your calendars!

St. Francis Xavier Parish School



OPEN HOUSE

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Under One Roof

10am-12:30pm

JAN 26TH

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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.

To take advantage of the matching gift program, follow the steps at empowerillinois.org/donors. For additional information, contact the Archdiocese of Chicago's Tax Credit Scholarship Office at 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.

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.

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Eucharistic Liturgies

Grade 5 **Saturday, February 1**

5:00 pm Mass in Church

Grade 6 **Saturday, February 8**

5:00 pm Mass in Church

Reconciliation

Grade 6 **February 2 & February 5**

During Class

Class Dates

Sunday, January 10

Class

Wednesday, January 22

Class

Sunday, January 26

At Home Lesson

Wednesday, January 29

At Home Lesson

Sunday, February 2

Class

Wednesday, February 5

Class

Sunday, February 9

Class (no 7th Grade)

Wednesday, February 12

Class

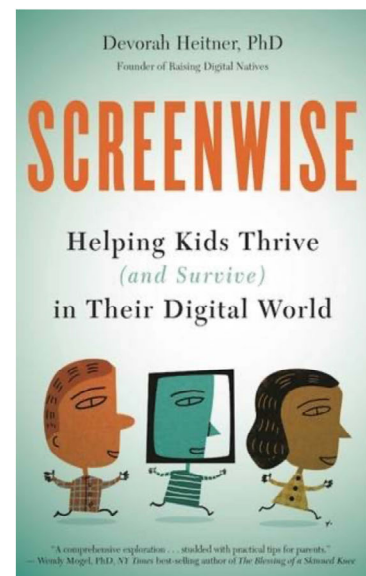
ALL 7th Grade Teaching Mass

(4:00 Only)

**You don't want to miss this! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
ALL parents are invited to attend!**

**Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 pm
Joyce Hall - St. Francis Xavier School**

**We are so fortunate to be hosting Devorah Heitner, PhD!
Dr. Heitner will be coming to talk to parents about the digital challenges of
modern parenting and how to help our kids thrive in their digital world.**



Dr. Heitner is the author of Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in their Digital World, a guide to mentoring digital kids. Her insights have appeared in the Washington Post, New York Times, Psychology Today, Real Simple, etc. Dr. Heitner has a Ph.D. in Media/Technology and Society from Northwestern University and has taught at DePaul University and Northwestern University. She is delighted to be raising her own digital native, too.

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 18; February 15 & 22; March 7, 21 & 28; and April 28.

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

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Teens: We need YOU!

As we look to improve our Youth Ministry program to best meet the needs of the teens we are serving, we are seeking input from teens! After the 6pm Mass on Sunday, February 9th, we will be providing dinner in Unity Hall to any and all teens who would like to share their opinion about the future of our Youth Ministry. Please spread the word!

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!

AREA RESPECT LIFE

January 22: Anniversary of Roe v Wade

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 100

SAVE THE DATES!

February 19, 2020

7:00-9:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Unity Hall

Pro-Life Training by Mary Kate Knorr,

Executive Director, Illinois Right to Life

RSVP: Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org

or 708-352-0168.

March 1, 2020

2:00-4:00 pm

St. John of the Cross Parish Center

Unplanned Film Screening

RSVP: Kendall Grant kgrant@stcletusparish.com

or 708-215-5418.

The St. Cletus/St. John of the Cross/St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Ministry is committed to a culture of life: a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions.



EXCITING NEWS! The annual SFX Summer Mission Trip is heading back to Detroit, MI with Young Neighbors in Action on June 21-June 26 (we visited this site in 2018 and had so much fun we are going back!) If you're looking for

an opportunity to serve others, make lasting friendships, and grow your faith, JOIN US! Cost of the trip is \$572, but there will be a group fundraising effort to help lower this cost.

Registration forms can be found on the Youth Ministry website (<http://www.sfxlg.org>, click on the youth ministry tab and then click on the Summer Mission trip tab). HURRY BECAUSE WE ONLY HAVE 12 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR TEENS! This is sure to fill up quickly. We are also in need of 2 adult chaperones (21 or older) to attend the trip. Cost for adult chaperone is \$260. If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth Cooley at ehcooley@me.com.

The theme this year is Let Justice Roll. Young Neighbors offers more than the opportunity to serve those in need. It helps youth connect the service they do to Scripture's call to bring justice to the world. Just as rain penetrates the earth and saturates everything, God calls us to be people of justice who seek human rights for all of God's people.

SFX Family Outreach Ministry

Start 2020 off strong by making a difference with St. Francis Family Outreach Ministry Committee! On Saturday, February 8, from 9 am-12 pm, we will partner with Big Shoulders Fund at their first Give Back Day of 2020. Join us as we help transform St. Catherine/St. Lucy School in Oak Park. It will be a fun morning full of painting, cleaning, organizing and so much more! Light breakfast and supplies will be provided. If you would like to join us, please contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net. Deadline to register is January 31. Join us!



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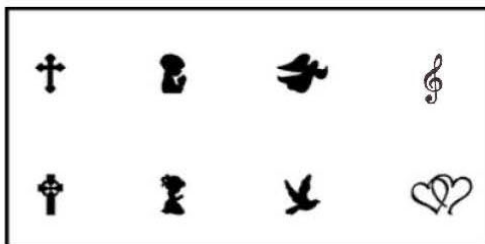
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First Look for Charity

February 7

Cruise on over to First Look for Charity, the exclusive preview night of the Chicago Auto Show, at McCormick Place in **Chicago** on Friday, February 7. Join Catholic Charities private, pre-event reception at 5:30 pm and enjoy cocktails, gourmet food, musical entertainment, private coat check, and raffle. The Auto Show floor opens from 7:00 to 11:00 pm with live entertainment, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, an all-access pass to the premier display of vehicles and a chance to win a new car.

Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities Maternity and Parenting programs and Neighbors in Need Fund. Tickets are \$275 per person. Be sure to select Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago when purchasing your ticket. The dress code is black-tie, and tuxedo attire is mandatory for men.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.catholiccharities.net/firstlook.



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JANUARY 26, 2020

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GOD IN THE HEART OF TRAGEDY – AUTHOR PRESENTATION

Becky Powell is a member of St. Mary Parish in Lake Forest. She is coming to LaGrange on Wednesday, January 22, at 7:00 pm for a book talk at Anderson's Bookshop. Her book, ***Awful Beautiful Life*** is a gripping story of grace, faith, and triumph for a woman whose world shattered hours after her husband Mark's suicide and the discovery that he had taken millions of dollars from friends and colleagues. Everything she believed to be true, the very fiber of her marriage, was called into question.

Awful Beautiful Life is Becky's journey through the two years surrounding Mark's death and how she overcame, including paying back every penny to those whom her husband had cheated. It came down to a loving God who surrounded her, a present and dedicated family, and friends, who made her life, offered her sanctuary and showed up for her and her kids in tangible ways. This is a story of remarkable grit, strength and what the Body of Christ in action looks like.



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 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.

Began Thursday, January 16 (7:00 pm)

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



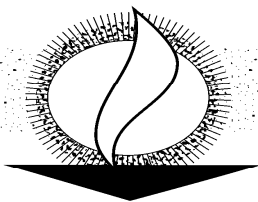
Loving Outreach
to Survivors of Suicide
Offering Hope and Healing for Those Who Mourn a Loss to Suicide

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.

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.



*I will make you
a light to the nations*



The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park

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 or call 708-482-5048.



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:
Prelevent.com
 Please register by January 25th



Does the new year have you interested in volunteer opportunities? Consider becoming a volunteer driver with ICP!

Can you spare an hour or more a week to drive an older adult? Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships and is expanding to the western suburbs west of Rt. 83. Volunteers provide accompanied transportation to medical appointments, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, hairdresser, and church. There is no cost to clients and donations are accepted, if able.

Contact ICP at 708-354-9328 for a volunteer application and for more information, visit them on the web at InterfaithCommunityPartners.org. They provide training and work around your busy life!



VERSITI™

Mark your calendar now 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 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 the blood drive at St. Francis, please contact Lawrence Smith, Account Representative, directly at 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 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
- **PFC Rob Parisi, 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...
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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 Friday8:30 am
 Saturday.....9:00 am
St. Cletus (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

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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The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

Infant Baptisms

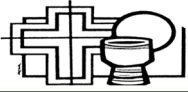
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

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



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—January 25-26, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Children's Liturgy A.M. Holmes E. Anderson	J. Denson S. Devitt D. Dunlap K. Kanzer M. Milligan D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt Open	M. Kachmarik E. Kostal C. Hull	S. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	P. Olson T. Nichol M. Hermesdorf	D. Challender K. McInerney P. Olson G. Rutkowski D. Walsh	K. Grubish B. Stetz S. Parkes	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	O. Washburn P. Zadeik J. Stopka	L. Hill M. Hull A. Gargano L. Krepps B. McMahon M. Lukanich L. Nichol D. Nighswander G. Prendergast	M. Merchant B. Gannon D. Dudek	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	K. Justak S. Lastres J. Schwister	B. Boyd L. Egan N. Cummings M.P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn A. Krol L. Oswaldo S. Martin	D. Collins M. Doyle R. Nowak	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	L. Dillon B. Hemminger D. Lewis	K. Borawski A. Chimento N. Dekoker Open Open	E. Siffermann C. Shanley T. Mulcahy	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		



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Readings For The Week of January 19, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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