

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

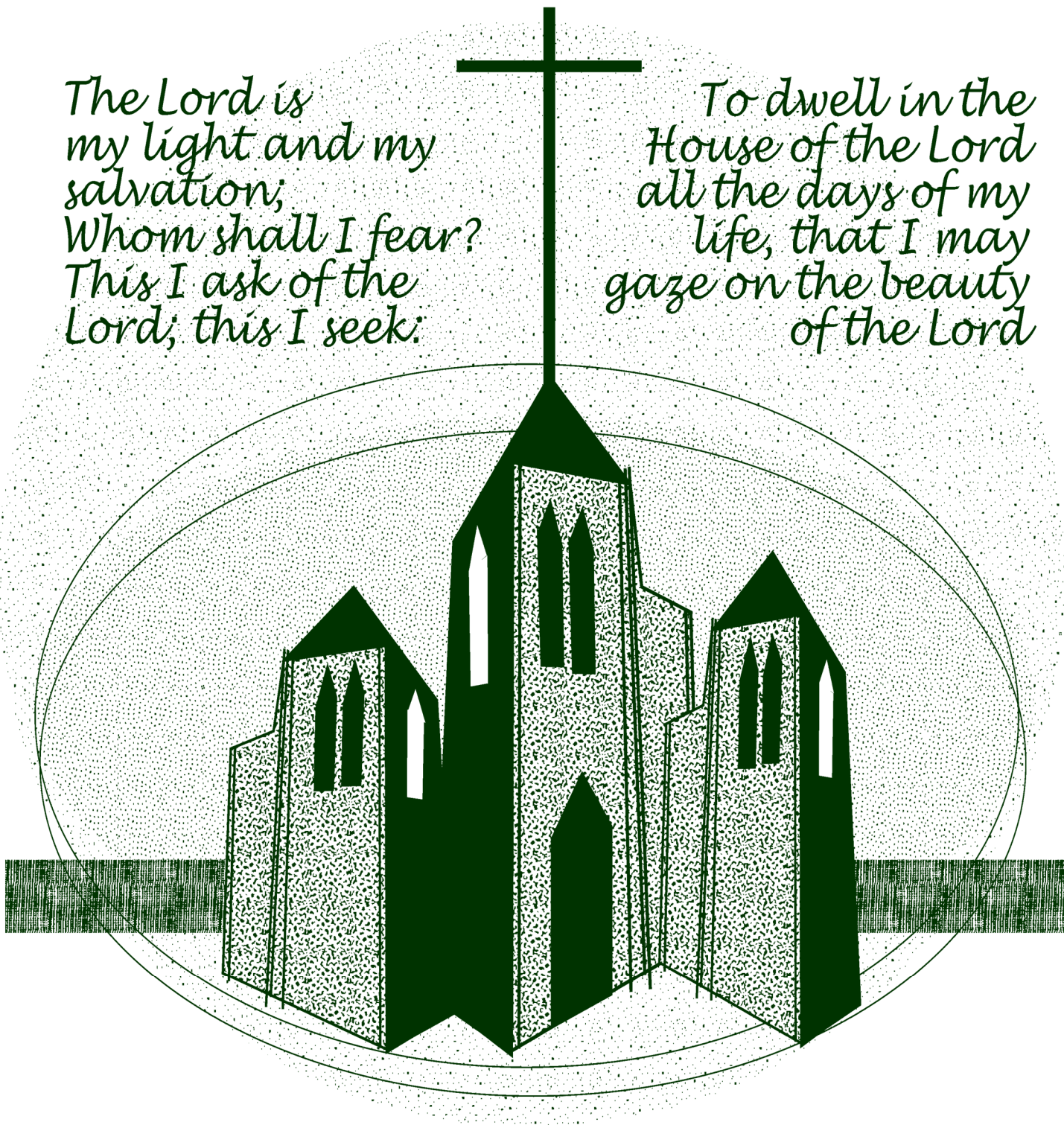
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020



*The Lord is  
my light and my  
salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?  
This I ask of the  
Lord; this I seek:*

*To dwell in the  
House of the Lord  
all the days of my  
life, that I may  
gaze on the beauty  
of the Lord*



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 27 Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder	8:30 am	Marjorie Crnkovich	Nick Crnkovich
Tuesday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Tyler Duelm	The Atseff Family
Wednesday, January 29	8:30 am	David Specht	Lillian Bannach
Thursday, January 30	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Raymond Hassler	Patricia Hassler
Friday, January 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest	8:30 am	Barbara Hinton	The Hinton & Bell Families
Saturday, February 1	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Jim Dunne Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Jack Kernan	The Dunne Family  The Kanzer Family
Sunday, February 2	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am  12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish Mrs. Muldoon Kiran Omohony Skip Burns People of the Parish NO 6:00 PM Mass	Betsy McManaman The Daly Family Bev & Willie Henry

## Please Pray For...

Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challenger	Bert Ogilvie
Anthony Dina	Arnold Oppenheim
Blake Donegan	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Shawna 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	Donna Suchoski
Benny Kilman	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Jerry Kolman	Joseph Tarin
Liz Kosteck	Anne Titzer
Lou Ellen Krueger	Michael Ungari
Marian Lucas	Gregory Van Gorp
Caroline MacGregor	Marian Ward
Joe Montana	Liz Wilk
Patrick Morgan	
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:

**Gretchen Sterwalt**  
Mother of Allen Sterwalt

**Herb Schepel**  
Friend of Howard Hammond

**Patrick Sullivan**  
Father of Jerry

**Mary Berger**  
Wife of Ollie and Mother of Mary, Michael, Gary, Janet, Margie & Keith

TIME  
OUT



**NO 6PM MASS ON  
SUPER BOWL  
SUNDAY**

Due to low attendance in recent years and the difficulty in scheduling ministers on that day, there will be **NO 6PM MASS on Sunday, February 2nd, Super Bowl Sunday**. Please make plans accordingly.

## Pastor's Notes

*Jesus went to live in Capernaum, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.*  
Matthew 4:13

Matthew places Jesus in a specific geographic location when Jesus calls his first disciples and begins his mission. While the names of these places mean little to us, they are an important detail for the Jewish Christians for whom Matthew writes his gospel. Jesus begins his ministry in the northern territories of Israel, which will cause the religious authorities in Jerusalem to challenge the authenticity of his mission. In the history of Israel, Jerusalem and the southern territories had avoided the invasion of "outsiders" during most of its history. Even when conquered by neighboring peoples, the people of the southern territories felt that they had kept their religion pure by resisting intermarriage or other mingling with foreign peoples or customs. In the northern territories, however, invasions lasted for much longer periods of time; intermarriage and the introduction of foreign customs was much more common. Those in Jerusalem felt it unlikely if not impossible that the Messiah would come from the northern territories.

What might keep us from recognizing the presence and action of God in our time? What prejudices, known or hidden, might cause us to fail to accept the words or actions of an individual, culture, or peoples as "coming from God"? Our nation continues to suffer the effects of limiting the speech and action of people because of their gender, the color of their skin, their religious preference, or their socioeconomic status. Too often these same biases have been reflected in our gatherings to worship and in our Church institutions. How are we being

challenged by Christ this day to open our minds and our hearts to his presence and action in this time and place?

We live in a time when some would divide us into opposing groups that could not possibly be reconciled with one another. In whatever way we label these groups, Jesus might have come from any one of them and called his disciples from all of them. In truth, Jesus is to be found in all of them, as are his disciples. Do we ask God's help to free us from the blindness that cannot see Christ in the face of the "other"; or the deafness that will not hear Christ in the words of the "other"? Can we experience another without regard for the "region" from which they come?

This Sunday morning, the staff and children of our parish elementary school invite you to come and see a bit of what happens in our education building on weekdays. We are blessed by the sacrifice and dedication of our teachers and staff. They and the families they serve are grateful for the ongoing support of Catholic education as a key part of our parish mission. Founded by the Congregation of St. Joseph over 100 years ago, St. Francis Xavier Elementary School continues its proud tradition of offering an excellent academic education and faith formation to all families who seek this for their children. All of us are blessed to be able to make this possible.

**Winter Peace,**

*J. Bill*

## Share Your Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America this 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](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).





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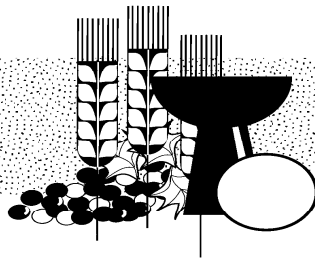
# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SUNDAY JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

Student Guided Tours  
Activities and Clubs Fair Presentations  
Robot Playground: Student Computer Coding Demos  
Alumni Presentations

We Pray, We Learn, We Serve



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## 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](http://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.

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 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

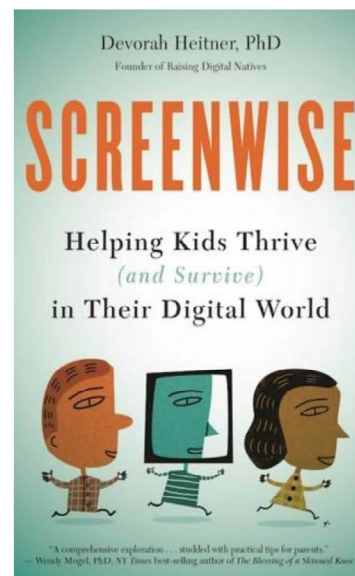
ALL 7th Grade Teaching Mass

(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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### 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 Freshman/Sophomore Retreat

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. Cost is \$25 and the registration form is online. Questions? Contact Olivia Zurowski.



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](mailto: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.

## AREA RESPECT LIFE

### January 22 was the 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

## 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](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net). Deadline to register is January 31. Join us!





## ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM



**Bricks are available in 2 sizes:**

Small 4" x 8" **\$175 each**

Large 8" x 8" **\$300 each**

**Order deadline for the  
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**NO EXCEPTIONS**

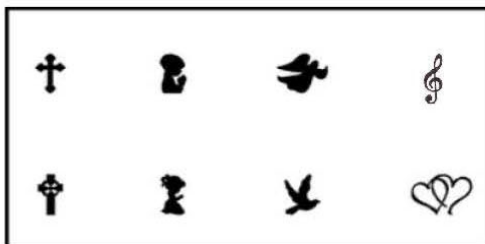
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**Small Bricks – 3 lines**

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**Optional icons:** If you wish to include an icon, please **circle one** from the options below. **Allow 3 consecutive spaces on 2 lines.**



Messages are subject to approval. Please return this form to the Rectory with check payment payable to: St. Francis Xavier Parish.

*Credit card orders can be done **online only** through the SFX website [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org)*

**Email all Questions to:**  
[bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org](mailto:bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org)

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# ST FRANCIS XAVIER DAY SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ORDER FORM



Bricks are available in 2 sizes:

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Religious Education

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## Crosses Received

The children preparing to receive their First Communion in May received their crosses on Sunday, January 12 at a special liturgy. This receiving of the cross is one of their first steps in the preparation process. These children will now receive a special blessing when they come up at communion time. Please encourage and congratulate the children when you see them at Mass these next several months.

## 2019 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2019 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk will be emailed to all parishioners by January 27, 2020. The email comes from [notifications@ondemandmail.com](mailto:notifications@ondemandmail.com) and has the subject line of "Contribution Statement from St. Francis Xavier Parish". Please contact Parish Accountant Jane Bandyk at [jbandyk@sfxlg.org](mailto:jbandyk@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 with any questions.

## 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).



## 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](http://www.catholiccharities.net/firstlook).



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# JANUARY 26, 2020

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## The Legacy Guild Spring Fundraiser Saturday, February 29 7:00 PM-Midnight Palmer Place, LaGrange



The Legacy Guild was formed by a group of local men in 2012. They were drawn together after a cluster of sudden and unexpected deaths of treasured friends and neighbors. The organization formed within weeks of these tragic events to honor the legacy of those parents who have died in our community and help send their children to college. In 2019, the Guild provided over \$225,000 in college scholarships and has awarded over \$888,500 to 144 scholars since 2012!

Sponsorships and Tickets available at: [TheLegacyGuild.com](http://TheLegacyGuild.com).

### Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, February 7 from 4:00-8:00 pm



Adults \$10  
Children 5-10 \$4  
Under 5 Free

Spaghetti w/Meat Balls or Marinara Sauce  
Salad Garlic Bread Dessert Coffee Cash Bar

**Robert E. Coulter Jr.**  
**American Legion Post 1941**  
**51st & LaGrange Road**

The Countryside Women's Club will also be hosting a  
Gift Basket Raffle to benefit local scholarship funds.



### Interfaith Career Network

#### 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.

### 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).

*Step out like it's the 20's!*

**SFX Theatre Night**  
**Wednesday, March 4th**

Roaring 20's reception  
6:45-7:45 pm

Includes light bites, beer & wine  
Live Performance 8 pm

Tickets \$35 each  
(Save when you buy 4 for \$120)  
Register to attend on our website  
([www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)) or in the rectory.  
ALL proceeds benefit SFX Parish  
and their ministries





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

**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).

**Art as a Contemplative Practice** on Thursday, February 6 from 9:30 am-Noon. Using a variety of mediums, we will explore the use of art as meditation, connecting our minds, bodies, and Spirit – allowing our souls to speak as we are drawn deeper into the Core of our True Self. Cost: free for SFX, SJC parishioners.

**Evolving Spirituality in an Evolving Universe** on Wednesdays, February 19, March 18, April 15, May 20, 9:30 AM–12 noon. The scientific story of creation invites us into a deeper understanding of our faith. In this series we will unfold the teachings of Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme, whose works are foundational to the work of The Well. Cost: \$25/session.

**The Free Flow of Letting Go: Painting with Watercolors on Saturday, February 22 from 9:00 am-3:30 pm.** Watercolor painting is a truly experiential metaphor for the spiritual journey. This medium defies precise control yet yields wonderful results when we can let go. Beginners are welcome, along with those with previous experience. Cost: \$75 includes all materials and lunch.

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



**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](http://InterfaithCommunityPartners.org). They provide training and work around your busy life!

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**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](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](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!



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
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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**

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.

### **Domestic Violence Resources**

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### **Food Pantry**

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

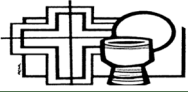
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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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**

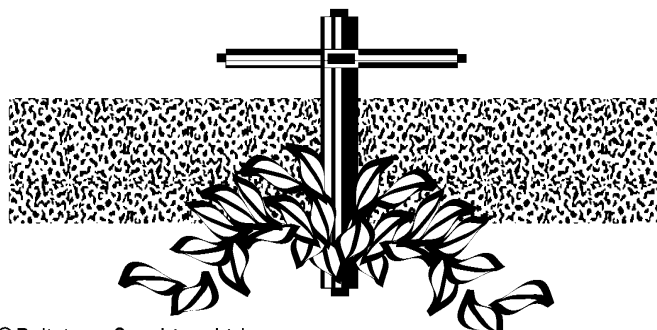
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## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—February 1-2, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Religious Education Mass	C. Cooke K. Corrigan L. Bannach K. Kanzer M. Becker S. Devitt D. Dunlap T. Conwell L. Young	M. Kachmarik M. Kudlacz D. Quinlan	Religious Education Mass
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	T. Marthaler G. Rutkowski M. Carroll	S. Hayes M. Hermesdorf N. Kalkowski K. McInerney P. Olson	A. Grech J. Nisivaco A. Grech	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Ilo	K. Hayes L. Nichol J. Opoka	R. Barker J. Cogelja M. Branecki M. Lukanich B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali G. Prendergast D. Sherman	Q. Filbin B. Griffin M. Mullen	J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	T. Dudek H. Labrador S. Zlatic	Clark J. Clark L. Egan B. Sorice P. McGinnis J. Nowak P. O'Malley L. Ovnik K. Parisi	E. Geraghty A. Culin J. O'Halloran	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	M. Weihoffen C. McLaughlin E. McGovern	B. Edelmann L. Donegan Open Open Open	N. Olson E. Justak M. Kanzer	J. Svehla

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### Readings For The Week of January 26, 2020

Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17  
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15.17-19/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



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