

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 27, 2019



*The spirit  
of the Lord  
is upon me;  
therefore  
He has  
anointed me.  
He has sent me  
to bring  
glad tidings.*



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Lillian Cunningham Tyler Duelm	The Metzger family The Atseff Family
Tuesday, January 29	7:45 am 9:00 am	People of the Parish Fr. Collins Ekpe	Therese & Tom Byrne
Wednesday, January 30	7:45 am 9:00 am	Raymond Hassler Dorothy Lynch, CSJ	Pat Hassler Judy & Lorraine Ovnik
Thursday, January 31 Saint John Basco, Priest	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service John R. Cunnea	Mary F. Russell
Friday, February 1	7:45 am  9:00 am	Jim Dunne Mary Cannon Maryann Blyth Word & Communion Service	The Dunne Family The Cannon Family Donald Blyth
Saturday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Herbert & Mary Schrack Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Thomas Main James Campbell	The Schrack Family  Susan Devitt The Dybas Family
Sunday, February 3	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm <b>NO 6:00 pm</b>	People of the Parish Deceased Members of McCormick & Urycki Families Patrick O'Connell People of the Parish <b>No Mass~Super Bowl</b>	Bernard & Pat Urycki  Pam Oplawski & Family

## Please Pray For...

Jim Boardman  
 Jay Carroll  
 Sam Cibula  
 Marjorie Crnkovich  
 Anthony Dina  
 Blake Donegan  
 Fr. Dave Dowdle  
 Pat Eaton  
 Lily Fielding  
 Baby Collins Fitzpatrick  
 Tom Flynn  
 Lilli Gregory  
 Wilson Gregory  
 Patricia Hassler  
 Linda Hillsman  
 Barbara Hudson  
 Diane Hughes  
 Rose Ilo  
 Mary J.  
 Jane Jacobson  
 Rosemary Kaiser  
 Theresa Kandall  
 Mike Kelly  
 Benny Kilman  
 Jerry Kolman

Virginia Kottaridis  
 Anita Kronowitz  
 Edward Kudia  
 Emmett Miller  
 Patrick Morgan  
 Mike Morrison  
 Amanda O'Brien  
 Jane O'Reilly  
 Ryan Patyk  
 Donna Pekarek  
 Carissa Pessetti  
 James Pridmore  
 Baby Madison Raupp  
 Anna Rose  
 Marilyn Rutkowski  
 Matthew Schiek  
 Greyson Stanley  
 Sarah Stanley  
 Kate Frugoli Sullivan  
 Kristi Tannehill  
 Anne Titzer  
 Michael Ungari  
 Amanda Valerugo  
 Gregory Van Gorp  
 Richard Vlcek  
 Julie Wilson  
 Virginia York

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

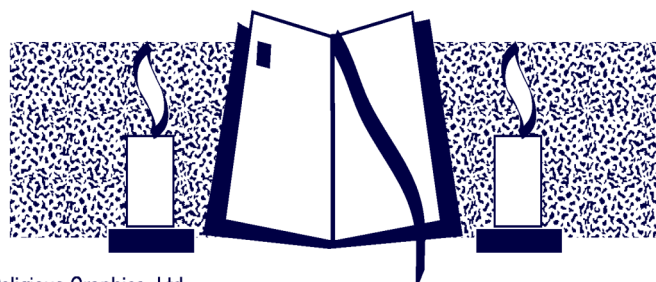


Please remember in your prayers,  
those who have died,  
as well as their families:

***Elizabeth Fagan***  
Grandmother of Katie Kanzer

***Anthony Skokna***  
Father of Michael, Mary, Elizabeth, Evelyn,  
Jacqueline, Bernadette, Andrea & Lucy

***Jack McCrory***  
Father of Susan Albertini & Mary Beth McCrory



## Pastor's Notes

*As all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.  
In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
1 Corinthians 12:12-13*

The people of ancient Corinth were a diverse and gifted people. Yet their very gift of diversity could become a source of division and rivalry. Since they could not be one people in public and another when they gathered as the community of believers, the divisions and rivalries of their public lives would weaken their witness as the One Body of Christ. Paul challenges them to remember that they are intimately and inextricably joined to one another in Christ – wherever they gathered. We cannot be authentic to the world if the way we “act” on Sundays does not reflect authentically the way we live among one another the rest of the week.

The people of Christian communities in our day face this same challenge, including the Catholic community of St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are blessed with a diversity of talents, gifts, perspectives, and backgrounds. As good stewards, we are each called to place our specific gifts at the service of the community to the extent that we are able. There is no individual's call that is “better” than that of any other. There is no one “path” that every person must follow exactly. We encourage one another to follow the path that God has set out for us, and to share our unique gifts in the way and to the extent that the Spirit ignites in us.

This weekend families from St. Francis Xavier Parish Elementary School have been asked to share the ways in which their stewardship of time, talent, and treasure within the elementary school community has supported and enriched their family's faith life. We have invited them to do this as the parish elementary school invites all to an Open House at the opening of Catholic Schools' Week. Sadly, too often in the past some have felt that such moments indirectly criticize parish families who have chosen our religious education program as their path for the faith formation of their children and families. St. Paul reminds us that celebrating the gifts of one is not criticizing the gifts of another. All are important; all are needed; and the Spirit is at work in all for the sake of our shared mission in Christ.

Our parish has an excellent elementary school that excels academically, spiritually, athletically, and artistically. This is possible because of the leadership of Principal Sharon Garcia and the school administration; the dedication and sacrifices of a superb faculty; the hard work of the School Advisory Board and Family School Association; and the generosity of many volunteer coaches, chaperones, event planners, story readers, and more. It is also possible because of our parish commitment to invest a significant part of our resources in this mission; the generosity of individual donors; and the good stewardship of the school parent community. Come see the gift that is St. Francis Xavier Elementary School. Celebrate with them what they bring to us.

*Peace,  
Fr. Bill*

## Scripture Reflections

A thought for today: Consider one or two of the wonderful ways the Holy Spirit is at work in your life.

As Dr. Ruth Anne Reese, Professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky, writes about today's Gospel:

"Jesus' work is accompanied by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit in Luke leads, fills, and empowers for prophetic work. Such characters as Zechariah (Luke 1:15, 67-79), his wife, Elizabeth (1:41), Simeon (2:25-32), and John (3:16) experience the Spirit and proclaim truth through the filling of the Holy Spirit. Jesus himself is filled with the Holy Spirit (3:22) who then leads him into the wilderness for a time of fasting and testing. So, when we see Jesus being led by the Spirit (4:14), we should not be surprised to encounter guidance, empowerment, and prophetic words."

The Spirit's gifts of "guidance, empowerment and prophetic words" have been given to all baptized Christians. Like Jesus, may we be led by the Holy Spirit. May the words and actions of our lives flow from those grace-filled gifts.

*Kate DeVries*

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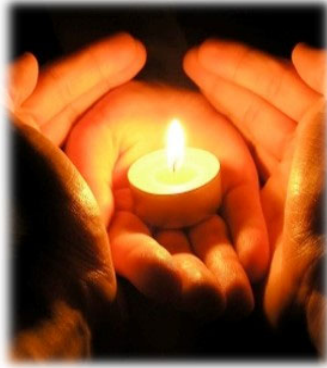
## NO 6PM MASS ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

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 3rd, Super Bowl Sunday**. Please make plans accordingly.

### Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier  
and  
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our  
Taizé Evening Prayer  
Friday, February 8  
7:30 pm  
at  
Grace Lutheran*



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind to inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.

### Men's Choir Rehearsals begin soon! New voices are welcome!



Men's Choir rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, February 26th!** A call goes out to all men who have an ear for singing and like to sing but, do not have the time to commit to an entire season, or are thinking about joining on a more regular basis and would like to give it a try.

This choir will meet for an 8 week rehearsal block starting on **Tuesday, February 26th from 8:30 to 9:30 pm** in the church and will continue through Tuesday, April 16th in preparation for the 7:00 pm **Lord's Passion on Good Friday, April 19th** of Holy Week.

An invitation goes out to all past members to return for another season, and a special invitation goes out to all men who have not yet made that move. This is the year! Come be a part of a beautiful tradition.

New singers are asked to please contact our Director of Liturgical Music, **Allen Sterwalt**, in advance of the first rehearsal date if at all possible.

asterwalt@sfxlg.org  
708-352-0168



**SFX Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, January 30**  
**3:30-7:30 pm**  
**Joyce Hall**

**145 North Waiola Avenue in LaGrange**

Please be sure to eat a Healthy Meal,  
including Iron-Rich Foods,  
Drink Plenty of Water and  
Avoid Energy & Caffeinated Drinks  
before donating.

Appointments are encouraged.  
Walk-ins are welcome to schedule an  
open appointment at the blood drive.  
Photo ID Required.

Eligibility questions?  
Call Heartland Blood Centers  
at 1-800-7-TO-GIVE.

Give blood, get noodles. When you give blood at this drive, we'll give you a coupon for a free entrée when you purchase a Coca-Cola Freestyle beverage from Noodles & Company (while supplies last)!



**Give the Gift of Life. Give Blood.**

1200 N. Highland Avenue • Aurora, IL 60506 • www.heartlandbc.org



### Thanking All Bakers!

Thank you to everyone who baked cookies/donated mixes for the outreach to the residents and staff of the North Lawndale Adult Transition Center. Your generous response produced many delicious cookies, mini-muffins, brownies, and breads (342 dozen in total)! The North Lawndale ATC staff and residents send their thanks and wanted you to know your kindness is appreciated.

See you next year!  
Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc



# St. Francis Xavier Parish School

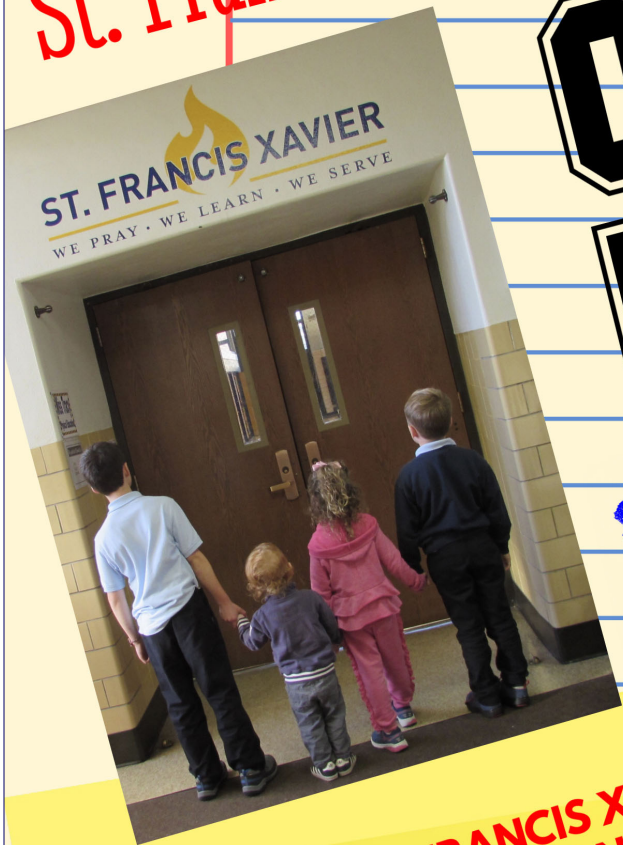


# OPEN HOUSE

PS-3, Pre-K, Kindergarten & Grades 1-8

10AM-12:30PM

JAN 27TH



**LEARN ABOUT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER & GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

**Open House Highlights!**

- Student Guided Tours
- Tech Cafe: Computer Coding Gr. 1-8
- Activities Fair: 22+ activities & clubs!
- Student Community Service Program
- No Cut Sports

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO AT  
**(708) 352-2175**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT  
**www.sfxlg.org**

**Open House Locations:**

- \*\* 1st Grade through 8th Grade at 145 N. Waiola Ave. LaGrange, IL
- \*\* Early Childhood PS 3 - Kindergarten) at 21 N. Catherine Ave. LaGrange, IL



### who

Two & Fall Three year olds!  
A parent or an adult caregiver must be present.  
Open to SFX school families, parishioners,  
and community members.

### what

Lil Falcon Fun: Play, sing, meet new friends!  
A casual, play-based program that would provide an  
opportunity to meet, socialize, and play together. Each  
class will include fun with literacy, music and movement.  
Younger siblings are welcome!

### when

Monday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am  
Twice a Month  
January 28; February 11 & 25; March 11 & 25;  
April 8 & 29 and May 6 & 20

### where

SFX Early Childhood Building  
21 North Catherine Avenue, LaGrange  
Room 25 (second floor)

### why

Provide families an opportunity  
to engage and develop a sense of community.

### how

Register online at:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/XM85UFPbg0So4OEO2>  
Session fee is \$50/duel at the first class.  
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX.)

We encourage all to follow  
SFX School on social media:



SFX School Instagram:  
[@sfxlg\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

Facebook SFX School site:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:  
<https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni/>

SFX School Website:  
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

## Parish School Job Opening

Half-time PreK4 Teacher Assistant needed  
Monday-Friday from 7:45am-12:45 pm.

Please contact Principal Sharon Garcia at  
[sgarcia@sfxlg.org](mailto:sgarcia@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-2175.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass offers the  
opportunity for children in Grades K-4 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.  
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-4 will go to their prayer space  
on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs:

February 9 & 23;  
March 2; April 6

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):

February 2 & 16;  
March 9, 16, 23, & 30; and April 27

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



## Box Tops For Education Collection

Please help in earning cash for our school. We would like  
your help in collecting Box Tops For Education. There  
will be a drop box located at the back of church in the  
vestibule. Please place Box Tops that you have collected  
inside.

Thank you for your help!

## Religious Education Class Dates

### Sundays

January 27 At Home Lesson  
 February 3 Class  
 February 10 Class  
 February 17 No Class  
 February 24 Class

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### Wednesdays

January 30 At Home Lesson  
 February 6 Class  
 February 13 Class  
 February 20 No Class  
 February 27 Class

## Religious Education Important Dates

### Grade 6 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, February 3 during Class Time in Chapel  
 Wednesday, February 6 during Class Time in Chapel

### Grade 7 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, February 24 during Class Time in Chapel  
 Wednesday, February 27 during Class Time in Chapel

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### Grade 6 ~ Eucharistic Liturgy

February 10 at 12:00 Noon in Church

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### Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, February 3 at 1:30 pm in Church  
 Sunday, February 24 at 1:30 pm in Church

## Family Outreach Ministry Volunteer Event

On Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, SFX is encouraging families with teenagers to join us as we volunteer with the Saturday Meals Program at the First Congressional Church of LaGrange, located at 100 6th Avenue. We will be preparing and serving breakfast and lunch to as many as 40 people. Our volunteers will be preparing and serving hot foods to guests in a buffet line, run the dishwasher, and wipe down tables and chairs following the meal. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old and accompanied by an adult. We also ask that all volunteers donate \$5 per person to help cover the cost of food, which we supply.

There are two options to volunteer at this event: The Breakfast shift runs from 7:00-10:00 am. There are six volunteer spots for the Breakfast session. The Lunch shift runs from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. There are twelve volunteer spots for the Lunch session.

Please contact Rachel Peterson at [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in the Breakfast session and Rebecca Daly at [rebeccadaly@rebkdaly.com](mailto:rebeccadaly@rebkdaly.com) for the Lunch session.

## Crosses Received



The children preparing to receive their First Communion in May received their crosses on a Sunday 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.

## 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 2019 Giving Tree!

### Are you called?

Do you like to read and are a good public speaker? Are you looking for a way to connect deeper with the Eucharist? Are you looking for a way to use your gifts? St. Francis is always looking for teens to share their gifts with our community during Mass. Teens are invited and encouraged to sign up to be Lectors and/or Eucharistic Ministers at any Mass, but especially the 6pm Mass, which is teen-led! If you are interested in learning more or signing up, contact Olivia Zurowski at [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 or talk to Katie McCarthy, the 6pm Sacristan, before or after Mass.



### Questions?

Do you have questions about your faith or just want to talk to someone about your faith journey? Olivia is available! Teens (or parents!), if you've been looking for someone to answer questions you may have or chat about life and your faith journey, your youth minister is a great resource... and she can help point you toward other resources if needed. Olivia Zurowski has a very flexible schedule, so just contact her to set something up!

## Spaghetti Dinner

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



Adults \$9  
Children 5-10 \$4  
Under 5 Free

Spaghetti with Meat Balls or Marinara Sauce, Salad,  
Garlic Bread, Dessert, Coffee and 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.



### Fundraiser For Local Students Who Have Lost A Parent Saturday, February 23

The Legacy Guild, a local nonprofit that provides college scholarships for area students who have lost a parent, hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, February 23, at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. The Big Spring Event 2019 is a rockin' evening featuring a live band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from LaGrange. The Legacy Guild has provided almost \$700,000 in college scholarships since its inception in 2012. Current Legacy Guild Scholars receive a \$2,500 scholarship renewable for up to four years of college. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at [www.TheLegacyGuild.com](http://www.TheLegacyGuild.com). Contact Ryan Williamson with any questions at 312-714-7665 or by email at [ryan.williamson@lpl.com](mailto:ryan.williamson@lpl.com).



#### New Year, New Church?

Join us on Thursday, January 31 from 7:00-8:30pm with Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ. This presentation will review the troubling events in our institutional church over the last several years, providing history and opinion, and leaving time for directed sharing and discussion. May our lamentations this evening come to a hopeful conclusion of actively claiming what is ours to do at this point in time. Cost: \$20.

#### Transformational Breath

Please join us on Monday, February 4 from 7:00-9:00pm (also March 4, April 1 and May 6) with Facilitator: Kim Rager. How would you like to learn a new breathing technique that helps open restricted breathing and renews your body at a cellular level? Find out what it feels like to breathe deeply, free of stress, anxiety and tension. Bring a pillow and blanket. Cost: \$140 for all 4 dates or \$35/session. Required registration is 24 hours in advance is.

#### Dreams as a Spiritual Practice – Part 1

On Thursday, February 7 from 10:00-11:30 am Facilitator: Ann Letourneau, Psy.D, CSJ. Dream work can help us grow into the people God desires us to be. To prepare for this program, write down your dreams upon waking (before the dreams fade with the light) with as much dream detail as possible and bring them to the workshop. Cost: \$20. (Part 2 is on February 28 from 10:00-11:30 am.)

Start off **St. Patrick's Day** with a festive Mass and Irish Brunch for the benefit of The Well—Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 am. Register soon to save your place.

To register online and see a complete list of our new 2019 Winter-Spring Programs, go to [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048. The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park.

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HATS  
We Wear

THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

### 2019 Ladies Pre-Lent Event

PROVERBS 31:31

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let  
her work bring her praise at the city gate."

Saturday, March 2, 2019

La Grange Country Club  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Open House style, come and go as your schedule permits.

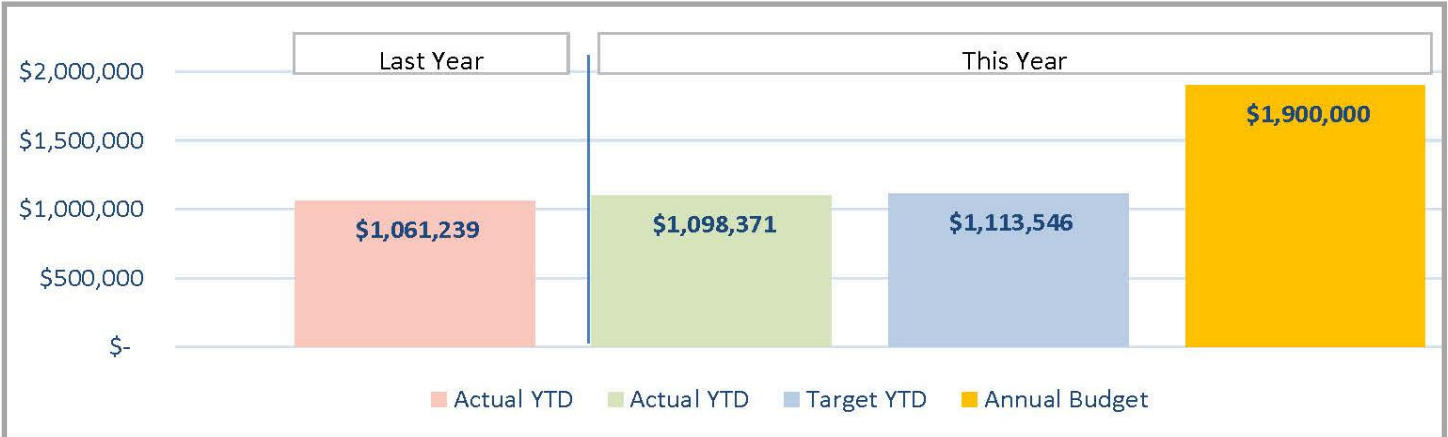
PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES AND FOOD STATIONS  
CASH BAR / LIVE MUSIC / BINGO / VENDORS

Register online at [www.prelevent.com](http://www.prelevent.com)





**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT**  
**AS OF JANUARY 20, 2019**



At this mid-point to our fiscal year, we have much to celebrate!

- Increased collections of 3.5% as of January 20, 2019 (budget target is 4%) with significant lump sum contributions from IRA and donor advised funds.
- An additional 39 families donating via our automatic offertory program.
- Our Christmas offertory of about \$152,000 has almost met budget of \$155,000.

Thanks to all those who signed up for our automatic Sunday offertory program through Give Central. To those who love their Sunday envelopes—more power to you! We appreciate your continued support of SFX, especially during December with the postal delivery glitch!

If you are interested in signing up for our automatic offertory program, visit our website or text DONATE to 708-340-6630.

God bless you all for supporting the MANY ministries here at SFX!

**Tax Reform and Charitable Giving**

In December 2017, Congress approved the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which led to the most far-reaching changes to the tax code in more than 30 years. Taxpayer ability to take itemized deductions is subject to certain limitations. As a result of this tax code change, SFX has seen an increase in donations from donor-advised funds in the past few months as parishioners adjust their giving strategies.

Other strategies that could help taxpayers maximize the benefits of the new tax laws on charitable giving include:

- If you are age 70½ or older, consider making a tax-free gift to SFX through an IRA charitable rollover.
- If you have experienced gains in the financial markets this year, consider donating appreciated securities to avoid paying capital gain taxes.

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.

A statement of your 2018 donations was sent out on January 25<sup>th</sup> via email unless we don't have your email address or you specifically requested it to be sent via USPS mail. Please note that the email comes from [notifications@ondemandmail.com](mailto:notifications@ondemandmail.com) as a PDF attachment.



WELCOME Women's Retreat  
February 2 - 3, 2019

Do you need time to rest? How about time to listen to the special call God has for you or to receive God's love in a new way? Join us for our "spiritual spa weekend" and be inspired by the stories shared by women just like you! Enjoy the quotes that follow, as well as registration information.

**" I found my community within our Parish by attending the Women's WELCOME (CRHP) Retreat." ~ Heather**

**"The retreat is a wonderful opportunity to relax, reflect and reconnect with God and our SFX faith community." ~ Jane**

**" Connecting with the other women who love God without measure is why I attend the Women's Retreat every year." ~ Therese**

**" It's where I go to experience unconditional love by God and the women of SFX Parish." ~ Laurie**

Women's Retreat Weekend



February 2 - 3, 2019

Carmelite Spiritual Center  
8433 Bailey Road  
Darien, IL

Scholarships are available — please contact Father Bill Tkachuk

Registration forms are available on the WELCOME Women's Retreat Facebook page (address below), on the SFX Parish website (<http://www.sfxlg.org/>) or by contacting Therese Bryne directly at (708) 588.0845.



Visit our Facebook page to register: <https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWomenSFX/>





## Seasons of Hope

The loss of a loved one is a time of deep sorrow in our lives and grief is expressed in many ways.

SEASONS OF HOPE is a faith-based, healing program for those who have suffered such a loss.

To begin healing does not mean forgetting — our loved ones will be remembered forever. We can however, deepen our spirituality and faith by reflecting and sharing while being guided toward a path of healing. Our hope is strengthened in the sure knowledge that one day we will be reunited with our loved ones.

Participants meet in a small group setting guided by leaders who care and can relate to the depth of your sorrow as they too have experienced the loss of a loved one.

SEASONS OF HOPE is co-sponsored by St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross. The upcoming winter season will be at SFX.

Three more Saturday mornings at 9:45 am  
February 2, 9, 16

To register call our office 708-352-0168  
or do so at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org).

PEACE  
CORNER

The news and other outlets give a glimpse of the realities of what **REFUGEES** face as they flee for their lives.

The SFX Peace & Justice Ministry invites parishioners-age 12 years and older-to an interactive, hands-on simulation that will engage you physically and emotionally in the refugee experience, including a guided reflection at the end.

**SAVE THE DATE: March 3, 2019.**  
More details to follow about sign-up.



**“Jesus was a refugee. He had to flee to save his life.”**  
Pope Francis

*Peace & Justice Ministry meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:15-8:30 pm in the Rectory Courtyard Room.*

*Focus for 2018-19: Refugees. The Peace & Justice mission is to carry out the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount; to work for peace and justice in our community, the world and on behalf of all creation; to involve the parish and the broader community in this mission; and to create awareness through education, dialogue and action. All Are Welcome!*

## Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from *Equal Exchange Fairly Traded*. There is a lot behind this coffee. “We work closely with our farmer partners, year after year, to better understand each other’s needs. The result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee.” Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

Fair Trade builds right relationships between buyers and sellers that are rooted in the principles of human dignity and solidarity.

Fair Trade:

- Respects human dignity
- Promotes the common good
- Advances economic justice
- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- Cultivates global solidarity



The Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program creates opportunities for us to bring these core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Effort is made to see that these coffee farmers are given a fair wage!!!

## Food Pantry Outreach To Our Parishioners

We encounter many people outside the parish who are in need of food assistance and we give thanks for the generosity of our parishioners to provide help to anyone who comes to our door. We also recognize that our own parishioners need help along the way for a variety of reasons. Please know that the food pantry is open and available to all who could use help easing grocery bills. This is our mission -- to love and serve one another. To make confidential pick-up arrangements, please contact Mary Freeman [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or Fr. Bill Tkachuk [wtkachuk@sfxlg.org](mailto:wtkachuk@sfxlg.org) or call 708-352-0168.



## 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
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **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
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **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 Julia & 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
- **Sgt. Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tchaikovsky Family

**Please inform us of those serving in the Military Overseas...  
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*  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Deacon*  
*Pastoral Associate*  
*Weekend Sacramental Ministers*  
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*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
*Rev. William Killeen*  
*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
*Dr. Kate DeVries*  
*Rev. Stan Ilo*  
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### Education Ministry

*Day School Principal*  
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*Day School Secretary (Main Campus)*  
*Day School Secretary (East Campus)*  
*Coordinator (East Campus)*  
*Advancement Director*  
*Tuition Accounts*  
*Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep*  
*Religious Education Office Staff*  
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*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
*Mrs. Peggy Evans*  
*Mrs. Kathie Kinahan*  
*Mrs. Margaret Houston*  
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### Youth Ministry

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### Parish Office Staff

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*Parish Accountant*  
*Pastor's Secretary*  
*Parish Secretary*  
*Staff Secretary*

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*Ms. Jane Bandyk*  
*Mrs. Maureen Pipal*  
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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

*Coordinator*

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### **Contact Information**

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 St. Francis Xavier Day School .....708-352-2175  
 School of Religious Education .....708-352-4555  
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 Main Day School e-Mail.....sfxmain@sfxlg.org  
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 Parish Web Site .....www.sfxlg.org

### **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)  
 Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

### **Liturgy Schedule**

Monday through Wednesday .....7:45 and 9:00 am  
 Thursday .....9:00 am  
 Friday .....7:45 am  
 Saturday .....9:00 am

### **Word Communion Services**

Thursday .....7:45 am  
 Friday .....9:00 am

### **Bulletin Deadline**

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 12:00 pm on the  
 Friday 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**

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

### **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**

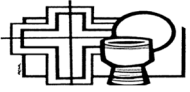
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday  
 Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of  
 every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this  
 program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **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, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-  
 8582 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—February 2-3, 2019

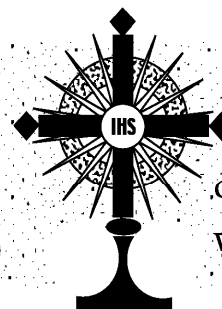
Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	K. Murphy K. Prenger L. MacKenzie	T. Conwell C. Cooke K. Corrigan S. Devitt K. Kanzer M. Milligan K. Preussner L. Young Open	A. Holmes A. Edwards T. Newcomb	K. Kelly	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	G. Rutkowski T. Nichol D. Walsh	S. Hayes M. Hermesdorf N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch	B. Culin E. Cushing Open	L. DiGianfilippo	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	C. Michel G. Prendergast K. Hull	M. Hull M. Lukanich B. McMahon L. Nichol D. Nighswander B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast	H. Labrador A. Brown E. Siffermann	C. Kline	J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Justak D. Titzer M. Atseff	B. Boyd M.P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník K. Parisi	C. Gonzalez Q. Filbin M. Kachmarik	J. Petkus	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	L.G. Dillon B. Hemminger C. Anderson	B. Edelmann C. Gatsos K. Johnson N.L. Kampe M. O'Malley	B. Griffin D. Collins A. Grech	C. Jakubisin	O. Lozano

**NO 6:00 PM MASS DUE TO THE SUPER BOWL**

### Readings For The Week of January 27, 2018

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or  
12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40  
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or  
13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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JESUS



In the  
sacrament  
of the Eucharist  
we adore you