

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020



If you choose you can keep
the commandments, they will
save you.

If you trust in God,
you too shall live.

He has set before you
fire and water

to whichever you choose,
stretch forth your hand.

Before man are

life and death,

good and evil,
whichever he chooses
shall be given to him.

from the
Book of Sirach



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	8:30 am	Ray Wielgos	Bill & Karen McLaughlin
Tuesday, February 18	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Jim Boardman	Brian & Domenica Stephenson
Wednesday, February 19	8:30 am	Bryan Miller	Erika & Sean Carr
Thursday, February 20	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Barbara Van Natta	Sr. Marlene
Friday, February 21 Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Saturday, February 22 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Zona Ballweg Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Rose Stevens Helen Farnan	The Driscoll Family The Metzger Family The Farnan Family
Sunday, February 23	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	John Kelly Gretchen Sterwalt People of the Parish People of the Parish William White	The Westerhoff Family The Gallery Choir The Filbin Family

Please Pray For...

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

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:

Ron Engels

Husband of the Late Sally
Former Parishioners

Keith Stirrat

Brother of Laura Zavala

Stephen McKinnon

Brother of Michael Boone

Jean Juvancic

Friend of Lucile Nichol



Pastor's Notes

We speak a wisdom not of this age. What God has prepared for those who love God, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:6,9,10

The wisdom of our age is no different than the wisdom of the age in which St. Paul lived. The "wisdom of our age" places importance on wealth, power, and status. We claim that we want truth and transparency from our leaders, both in society and in the Church. The *wisdom of our age* rewards those who tell us what we want to hear, true or false. The *wisdom of our age* punishes those who speak the truths that are unpopular. The *wisdom of our age* mocks those who seek to lead with conscience and a consistent moral ethic; they are labeled "naïve" and unable to deal with the harsh realities of the "real world." The *wisdom of our age* resists or actively opposes gospel values when they conflict with a "simpler path." The *wisdom of our age* avoids or ignores problems that seem beyond our power to resolve.

Paul reminds us that *God's wisdom* is the fruit of love and is poured into our hearts by the Spirit *if and when* we open our hearts to receive it. *God's wisdom* provides the strength to stand firm when others demean us as naïve; the patience to work for solutions that can become reality in the long term if we focus on what unites us; the courage to live by

what we value no matter the cost in fortune or fame. *God's wisdom* is the hope and blessing we are called to invite into our hearts and to bring to our interactions – where we live, work, shop, and play. *God's wisdom* guides us to let go of the desire to judge, oppose, condemn, or disregard the "other"; it focuses us on opportunities to listen and learn from one another and seek common ground.

Paul also reminds us that *God's wisdom* proclaims *the Cross of Christ* as the greatest treasure, the ultimate sign of power, and the proudest status symbol of a disciple of God's kingdom. The *wisdom of our age* deems this folly. The wisdom of ancient ancestors in faith insists, "If we trust in God, we will live; whatever we choose will be given us." We must choose the wisdom that will guide our thoughts, our words, and our interactions. For a person of faith, there is no "third way."

Will we choose *God's wisdom* to guide us and bring us together at a time when the *wisdom of our age* would seek to benefit by driving us apart? Will we listen to one another.

Winter Peace,

J. Bill

It's Flu and Cold Season!

As a reminder during cold and flu season, please remember to protect your health and that of others. Recommended steps include:

- * If you have a serious cold or the flu, please stay home on Sunday. You are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass if you are sick.
- * Be aware that others might not want to shake hands during the Sign of Peace or hold hands during the Our Father. They might be protecting YOU. Please don't attempt to force others to shake or hold hands against their will.
- * If you are not feeling up to par, but you are not sick enough to stay home, or if you are coughing or sneezing: please receive the Host in your hand, not on your tongue; refrain from receiving Communion from the cup; do not hold hands during the Our Father; do not shake hands or hug other people at the Sign of Peace – a smile and nod of the head with the words, "The Peace of the Lord be with you" will suffice. Although there is no evidence that germs are transmitted in this way, your fellow communicants might be reluctant to receive.

We show concern for our brothers and sisters in the community, especially the elderly and chronically ill, when we follow these simple guidelines to ensure a healthier winter for us all!

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

These projections are based on anticipated needs and are subject to change. The list below is meant to summarize the far-reaching impact of the Appeal, and so is not a comprehensive list of all the archdiocese's ministries.

Parish Communities (60%)

- Support for financially disadvantaged parishes and schools
- Parish-based incentives (rebates)

Archdiocesan Ministries (29%)

- Evangelization efforts
- Human dignity and solidarity efforts
- Family and community ministries
- Religious education
- Continuing education for priests, staff, and lay volunteers

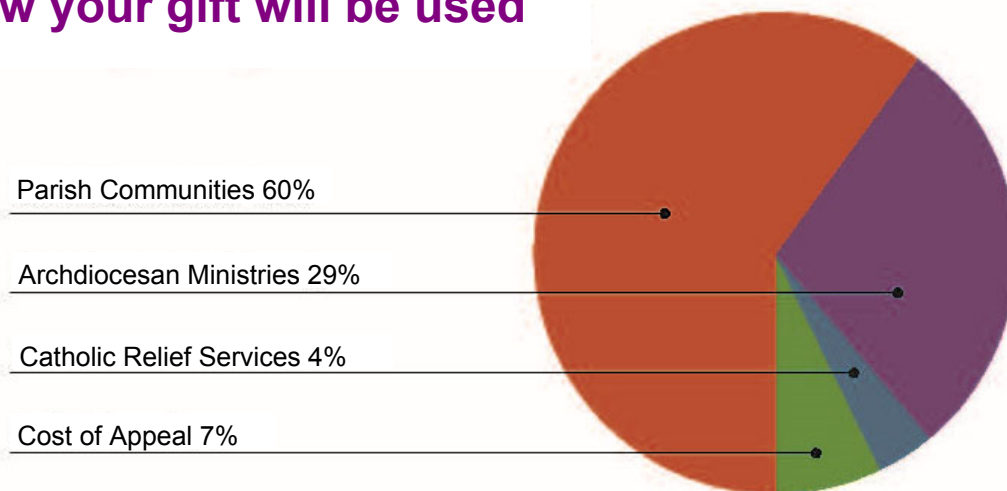
Catholic Relief Services (4%)

- Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world

Cost of the Appeal (7%)

- Printing, postage, processing

How your gift will be used



2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal

\$17,000,000

To make a gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal and for information on how Appeal funds are spent visit annualcatholicappeal.com.

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COME, FOLLOW ME...
and heal our world

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal



This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, follow me... and heal our world,” was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus’ call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our parish and our archdiocese.

This year’s goal for us here at SFX is \$128,969. This amount is a 1% increase over last year’s goal, based on our annual parish income. The Archdiocese of Chicago has reduced the goal for parishes with average household income less than \$40,000, and increased others to offset this. Approximately 90% of any amount contributed above our goal will come back to the parish as a rebate. For the 2019 Appeal, our rebate was about \$14,000, which will be set aside for roofing and tuck pointing projects.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Position Available Parish Director of Development

St. Francis Xavier Parish seeks a candidate for the position of Director of Development to serve as strategic leader and professional manager of all aspects of mission development and fundraising for the parish and parish elementary school. The Director of Development will be accountable for all fundraising initiatives and specific special events. The ideal candidate is a self-starter with at least 5 years of development experience, and is a person of faith committed to Gospel values. He or she understands and prioritizes the organization and responsible management of resources and helps the parish fund and fulfill its mission and purpose, including the parish mission to provide quality, affordable Catholic elementary education to families who want to provide this for their children.

This position is part time and a description is posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org). If you are interested, please send a cover letter and copy of your resume to Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Business Manager, via the parish rectory.

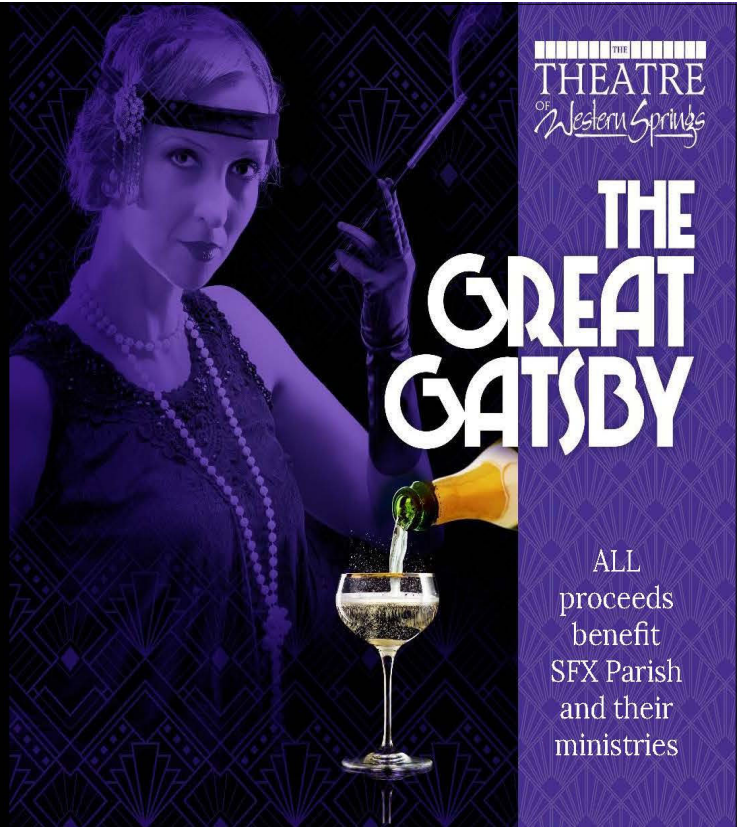
Step out like it's the 20's!

**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
four or more for \$30 each

Register to attend on our website
(www.sfxlg.org) or in the rectory.



Attending the SFX Theatre Night with The Great Gatsby on Wednesday, March 4th?

Consider making a night of it and join your fellow parishioners and school families for dinner at Palmer Place before heading to the theater!

St. Francis Xavier School and Palmer Place have partnered together for the school's March Restaurant Fundraising Night.

Palmer's will generously donate 20% of sales* back to SFX School. Simply show this flier (or a digital copy) to your server.

We hope to see you there!

*-excludes alcohol; sales tax and gratuity; dine-in only

Palmer Place 56 South LaGrange Road, LaGrange, IL 60525 708-482-7127



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

The St. Francis Xavier Parish School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board that works throughout the year on behalf of our school and parish community.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Develop, formulate, and adopt policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of eleven members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Development
- Finance
- Marketing/Communications
- Strategic Planning

Interested in Becoming a School Advisory Board Member?

***** FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2020*****

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

- Do you need to have experience on a board or have a career in education? NO, you do not need to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.
- How much time is this commitment? We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately 6-8 hours per month.
- Do you need to have a child at the school to apply? NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents of current SFX students.
- How does the application/selection process work? There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board selection committee members Matt Duffy m.duffy@nonnis.com or 708-280-1995, or Katie Kanzer a k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or 773-860-5283.

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site <http://school.sfxlg.org/parents/school-board/>. ***Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.*** We look forward to receiving your application!

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Kairos Retreat: K35



Calling all current Juniors and Seniors! The next Kairos retreat will be Thursday March 12 - Sunday March 15 and is hosted by St. John of the Cross. To sign up, visit the SFX Youth Ministry website. For more information, contact Olivia Zurowski at 708-352-0168 or ozurowski@sfxlg.org.

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.

The Legacy Guild Spring Fundraiser Saturday, February 29 7:00 PM-Midnight Fitzgerald's in Berwyn



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.

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Reconciliation

Grade 7	February 23 & March 11	During Class
Grade 2	March 8 & March 11	During Class
Grade 3	March 15 & March 18	During Class

Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgy at 1:30 pm
February 23 & March 15 in Church

Fourth Grade Reconciliation (Four Services)

March 7	1:00 pm and 3:00 pm in Church
March 8	1:30 pm and 3:30 pm in Church

Class Dates

Sunday, February 16	No Class
Wednesday, February 19	No Class
Sunday, February 23	Class
Wednesday, February 26	Class
	Ash Wednesday
	4:15 Service Church
Sunday, March 1	At Home Lesson
Wednesday, March 4	At Home Lesson
Sunday, March 8	Class
Wednesday, March 11	Class

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: February 29 and March 14.

Here is the schedule when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated: 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): February 15 & 22; March 7, 21 & 28; 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.



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. A deposit of \$250 is due by Thursday, February 27 to secure your spot. Please make checks out to St. Francis Xavier, put 2020 mission trip in the subject line, and drop off at the rectory. 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.



**I am excited to attend the
2020 Summer Mission Trip to Detroit, MI
on June 21st-26th!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent email: _____

Parent phone number: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please return this form along with a \$250 deposit to the rectory by Thursday, February 27, 2020. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis Xavier. Please write 2020 mission trip in the memo line. More information about the trip can be found on the website: www.sfxlg.org under the youth ministry tab. Any questions, contact Elizabeth Cooley at ehcooley@me.com.

Lent Events Calendar 2020

Attend Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 8:30 am

Word & Communion Service

Tuesday and Thursday 7:45 am

2/26 Ash Wednesday

Prayer & Ashes

7:45 am; 12:15 pm

Mass & Ashes

8:30 am; 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

The Fridays of Lent 8:00 am

4/10 Morning Prayer/Living Stations

Thursday, 8:30 am

CRS Rice Bowl

Our Religious Ed Program is collecting for the CRS Rice Bowl program to alleviate hunger and poverty in other countries (65%), and in our own community (35%).
www.crsricebowl.org.

Almsgiving

Make sacrifices, and give to the poor. St. Vincent de Paul boxes are at the church entrances.

Little Black Book

As a parish we will be praying daily Catholic Lenten devotions presented in the Little Black Book. The book contains brief meditations based upon the readings of the day. Books are available in church and at the parish rectory.

Join a Small Faith Group

Groups meet weekly February 26–April 7, for 6 sessions. Conversations are based on the Little Black Book. General groups are forming, as well as a group for married couples and one for Catholic Social Teaching Issues. To register visit www.sfxlg.org or contact Mary Sue McDonald: by phone at 708-409-9595 or marysuecdonal@yahoo.com.

The Well Spirituality Center Congregation of St. Joseph

1515 West Ogden Avenue
LaGrange Park
www.csjthewell.org

Visit The Well at

www.csjthewell.org to see the many programs they offer.

3/19 Eucharistic Adoration

6:00-7:00 pm in church.

Area Reconciliation Services

3/15 SFX Quest Reconciliation after

6:00 pm Mass; all welcome

3/16 St. Cletus, 7:00 pm

3/24 St. Francis Xavier, 7:00 pm

4/11 Eucharistic Adoration

6:00-7:00 pm in church.

4/10-4/25 LaGrange Knights of Columbus Food Pantry Spring Food Drive

Have your donation picked up or donate online at

www.MyFoodDrive.org/

#LGKofCSpring_2019.

Call or text Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.

Every \$1 and food donation helps families & seniors struggling to make ends meet.

Holy Week Services:

4/5 Palm Sunday

Saturday 5:00 pm;
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
10:30 am, Noon, 6:00 pm

4/8 Tenebrae

A Service of Darkness,
Wednesday, 7:00 pm. A beautiful
tradition of prayer and scripture,
which portrays the final hours of
our Lord's life on earth.

4/9 Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer/Living Stations 8:30 am,
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm;
church open for visitation until midnight

4/10 Good Friday

Morning Prayer. 8:30 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
3:00 & 7:00 pm

4/11 Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer, 9:00 am
Blessing of Easter Baskets,
1:00 pm
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

4/12 Easter Sunday Mass

In church: 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
10:30 am & Noon
In gym: 9:15 am & 10:45 am
No 6:00 pm Mass

St. Francis Xavier Church
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525

708-352-0168
sfxinlg@sfxlg.org; www.sfxlg.org



For weekly Lenten resources to deepen your relationship to Christ and those in need, visit:
www.solidaritybridge.org/lent.

Tear Out This Lent Page To
Keep As A Guide To
Our Upcoming
Lent Dates!

Time to Register for a Lent Small Faith Group!

Groups meet weekly from February 26 – April 7, for a total of 6 sessions. Conversations are based upon the reflections in *The Little Black Book*, a daily meditation guide. **Sign-up at sfxlg.org (click on Small Faith Group quick link) or return this form to the Rectory.**



Once the group fills, you will be notified of the location and given additional information. Contact Mary Sue McDonald at marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com or 708-409-9595 if you have any questions. Thank You.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

**Please indicate your first (1) and second (2) choices of when you are available to meet.
We will do our best to accommodate you.**

Sunday 4:45 pm _____ Tuesday 1:00 pm _____ Tuesday 6:00 pm _____
(Married Couples)

Tuesday 7:30 pm _____ Wednesday 9:00 am _____ Wednesday 12:15pm _____

Wednesday 7:00 pm _____ Thursday 6:30 pm _____

March 4, 11, 18, 25

(Catholic Social Teaching Issues)

Mother's Day Collection For Prisoners

Companions Journeying Together is collecting writing materials to send to prisoners, in order that they may send greetings to their mothers and family. Please place in the plastic box in the vestibule before March 1.

We need:

- stationery, Mother's Day cards, thinking of you cards, blank note cards
- postage stamps
- donations

Please DO NOT send:

- white paper, **old** paper/cards
- cards with glitter or stickers (not allowed in prisons)

An example of the responses we received after sending over 17,000 Christmas cards:

"Thank you for the cards you sent. It means so much to me because it gets lonely in here at times. I feel blocked out because my immediate family has totally abandoned me. But I can sleep better just knowing Companions are thinking about me. God bless you all."



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

At-Home Directed Retreat on Ash Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm–Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. A Lenten Retreat designed for busy people, inviting you to become the face of Love during this season of transformation. The group meets together twice, on Ash Wednesday evening to begin and for a closing session on Wednesday evening, March 11. During the two weeks in-between, commit to pray for ½ hour a day and to meet 5 times with a spiritual director (who will be assigned the first evening). Cost: Free will offering, suggested range \$100-\$125.

Tai Chi Ch'uan on Saturday, February 29 from 10:30 am–Noon. If you've ever wondered if Tai Chi or Qi Gong would be a good fit for you, Patrick Baio (who has studied and taught various forms for 49 years) will give you a taste of both in this 90-minute session. Cost: \$20.

Moving through the Energy of Grief on Monday, March 2 from 9:30 am–2:30 pm. Grief is a response to many life situations (from everyday stress to the end-of-life transition) that bring us to seek healing and wholeness and create a desire for spiritual and personal growth. Energy work can shift things on a level below our thinking and feeling. Find out what is ready to move in you. Facilitated by JoAnne Scullin. Cost: free for SFX and SJC parishioners, please register in advance, as space is limited and lunch is included.

Teresa on Teresa de Avila Retreat: Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm through Saturday, March 7 at 3:00 pm.
Workshop only: Saturday, March 7 from 9:30–11:30 am. Journey with Teresa de Avila through the eyes and lived experience of her namesake Teresa Mateus: author, speaker, trauma therapist, professor and Executive Director and co-founder of The Mystic Soul Project. Come for an overnight which will include exercises to open your heart or come just for the Saturday morning of reflection. Cost for SFX/SJC parishioners: Whole retreat: \$130, Saturday morning workshop only: free.

To register:
www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Interfaith Career Network

Resume Remake

Join us on Thursday, February 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm for an informative "how to" session. Learn how to...target your resume and get noticed! How to...highlight the skills, knowledge and experience that REALLY matter. How to... create meaningful "achievement statements" that show your value. How to...easily customize your resume for each opportunity with a professional format. How to... optimize web based tools and sites to boost your visibility, create activity and get the interview! Our speaker is Jodi Eriksen, a Certified Advanced Career Coach. Spend some of your valuable time with Jodi this evening and you will be energized, informed and motivated to remake YOUR resume. There is no cost to attend this meeting and everyone is welcome...at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs.

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.

ICN offers free job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.



HELP WANTED

Interfaith Community Partners is looking for a part-time paid Volunteer Coordinator to arrange for transportation for clients 60 and better within our community. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Computer skills necessary, pleasant phone communications, plus love of working with older adults. Please submit your resume to Janet Garreau at: jgarreauicp@gmail.com or call our office for further assistance at 708-354-9328.

Retired Men's Group of St. Francis Xavier Parish



George Rotter

Presents
Investing for Seniors
Risk\$ and Reward\$

Wednesday, February 19th
Coffee @ 10:00am
Presentation @ 10:30am
Unity Hall
Lunch @ 11:30am
Court Yard Room

Please RSVP by Friday, February 14th
to the Rectory 708-352-0168

St. Francis Xavier Parish
New Parishioner Welcome

DINNER

Thursday, February 20th
6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier Rectory
124 N. Spring Ave., LaGrange

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier!
We look forward to meeting you!!!
Please join us for a casual dinner
and fellowship with other parishioners
and the SFX Welcome Committee.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 14th
Call or text Laura Duelm 708-309-9079
or email lauraduelm@hotmail.com

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

Men's Choir rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, February 18th!** 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 18th from 8:30 to 9:30 pm** in the church and will continue through Tuesday, April 7th in preparation for the 7:00 pm *Lord's Passion* on **Good Friday, April 10th** 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

Friday
March 6, 2020

**100 Years:
One Woman's
Fight for Justice**

What one person can do to
correct injustice in how tribal
lands are managed

Grace Lutheran Church
200 N. Catherine, La Grange

Friday
April 3, 2020

Teach Us All

How where you live affects
what you learn

Sisters of St. Joseph
1515 W Ogden,
La Grange Park
(Ogden entrance)

Friday
May 1, 2020

**The Mask You
Live In**

How can we raise a healthier
generation of boys and
young men?

First Congregational Church
100 6th Ave La Grange

...Or watch the movie
online and come to
Meaningful Conversations
March 10, April 14, May 12
7 pm and join discussion at
Emmanuel Episcopal
Church (La Grange)

EXPANDING OUR
CIRCLE
ENRICHING OUR
LIVES
FILM/DISCUSSION
SERIES

Doors open at 6:00; film starts promptly at 6:30p

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SpeakOut Illinois Conference

End the Injustice is the theme of the **2020 SpeakOut Illinois Conference** on Saturday, February 29th, at Drury Lane Oakbrook, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. The SpeakOut committee is comprised of dozens of pro-life and pro-family organizations who, once a year, present a lovely breakfast with outstanding speakers and display tables where you can learn more about the good work that each organization specializes in.

Mary-Louise Hengesbaugh will be the featured speaker. She was the Respect Life Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and is the Chair of *Illinois Citizens for Ethic Political Action Committee (ICE-PAC)*. She also organized *Girls Health First* in response to the extreme 2019 abortion law in Illinois. As Miss Wisconsin she spoke to over 180,000 teens and young adults in 23 states on abstinence before marriage, and is the author of **Standing With Courage**. You will learn how to fight for your values in a state that is deeply divided on issues regarding life.

Pastor Ceasar Leflore will receive the Henry Hyde Award in recognition of his years of pro-life work. To register go to www.speakoutillinois.org or call Ann at 773-777-2900. Tickets are \$65 before February 17 and \$30 for Clergy and Students. Display area opens at 8:00 am with a full breakfast and talks beginning at 9:00 am. You won't want to miss it!

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Parental guidance is recommended for anyone under 18 years old.

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March 1, 2020

2:00-4:00 pm

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Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm
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 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
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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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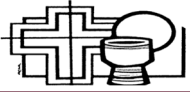
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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

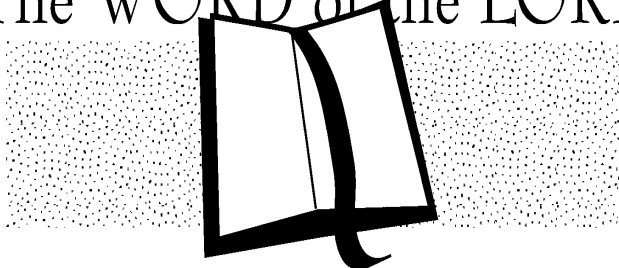
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Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—February 22-23, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Cantor	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	B. Bock C. Grech K. Prenger	L. Bannach M. Becker T. Conwell C. Cooke F. Kudia C. Witt L. Young K. Corrigan Open	A. Cherry	M. Kachmarik C. Hull S. Parkes	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	G. Rutkowski S. Lindsay P. Olson	S. Augustyn S. Hayes M. Hermesdorf T. Nichol D. Walsh	G. Adams	E. Geraghty C. Shanley B. Gannon	J. Augustyn
9:00 AM	Fr. Barrett	J. Stopka R. Cook M. Rotert	A. Gargano C. Froemel E. Froemel M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon L. Nichol D. Nighswander	C. Jakubisin	K. Grubish E. Justak E. Kostal	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	S. Zlatic A. Sullivan T. Serafin	M.P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis K. Parisi Open	J. Pfluger	D. Collins A. Culin T. Mulcahy	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	D. Lewis C. Pietrzak L. Dillon	L. Donegan B. Edelmann Open Open Open	L. DiGianfilippo	A. Grech A. Grech D. Dudek	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens	Spirit Choir		

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Readings For The Week of February 16, 2020

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34--9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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