

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 17, 2019



BLESSED

are you who are  
poor, you who are  
hungry,  
you who are  
weeping, and  
you who are hated  
and insulted  
because of me.

Your reward will be  
great in heaven.

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 18 President's Day	7:45 am 9:00 am	The People of St. Francis Francis Lococo	The Odegard Family
Tuesday, February 19	7:45 am 9:00 am	Charleen Tarrant Fr. Collins Ekpe	The SFX Sunshine Committee The Welcome Team
Wednesday, February 20	7:45 am 9:00 am	Bernice Fijal Alfonso Mangione	The SFX Sunshine Committee The Alfonso Mangione Family
Thursday, February 21 Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Friday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	7:45 am 9:00 am	Elizabeth Augustyn Word & Communion Service	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
Saturday, February 23 Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	The People of St. Francis Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Michael Callahan	The Kostrewa Family
Sunday, February 24 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish Patrick O'Connell People of the Parish Roy Leslie People of the Parish	Lou Freda & Nancy Cozzi Anne Kelly

### Please Pray For...

Diane Bell	Edward Kudia
Jim Boardman	Mary Leahy
Jay Carroll	Gloria Lieber
Marjorie Crnkovich	Emmett Miller
Anthony Dina	Patrick Morgan
Blake Donegan	Mike Morrison
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Amanda O'Brien
Lynn Doyle	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Ryan Patyk
Lily Fielding	Donna Pekarek
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Carissa Pessetti
Tom Flynn	James Pridmore
Lilli Gregory	Baby Madison Raupp
Wilson Gregory	Anna Rose
Patricia Hassler	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Barbara Hudson	Greyson Stanley
Diane Hughes	Sarah Stanley
Rose Ilo	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Mary J.	Kristi Tannehill
Jane Jacobson	Anne Titzer
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Mike Kelly	Amanda Valerugo
Benny Kilman	Gregory Van Gorp
Jerry Kolman	Richard Vlcek
Virginia Kottaridis	Julie Wilson
Anita Kronowitz	Virginia York
	Malcom 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:

***Bruce Waring***

Friend of Jerry Spearman

***Pauline Leonard***

Mother of Don & Linda

***Leonard Stanczyk***

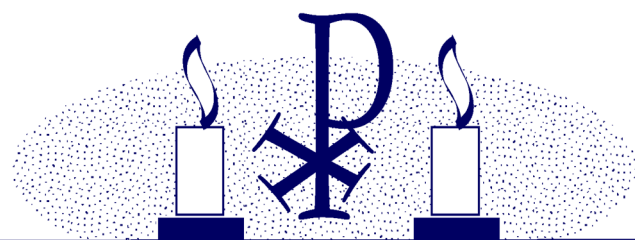
Father of Linda Danielson

***John Stanczyk***

Cousin of Linda Danielson

***Lara Colantuono***

Daughter of Dominic & Christine



## Pastor's Notes

*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.*  
Jeremiah 17:7

Jeremiah and Luke both proclaim as blessed those who place their lives in God's hands and trust in God's care. Both also insist on consequences for those who trust solely in power, prestige, or possessions. Consequences are not God's punishment; they are the natural result of placing one's trust in passing things that do not accompany us into eternal life. The challenge is clear: Will we strive for what brings comfort in the present moment? Or will we sacrifice momentary comfort for the work of God's kingdom and offer our resources toward our mission in Christ?

Several parish ministries strive to increase awareness of the issues of our time that call our faith into action. These include our Peace and Justice Committee, whose focus this year is the struggle of the immigrant and refugee; our Respect Life Ministry, which collaborates as an area ministry with St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross; our Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry, which is also a collaborative area ministry; Habitat for Humanity, through which several groups of parishioners travel each year to Clarksdale, Mississippi to build and repair homes in a community with limited resources; and BEDS Plus and the parish Food Pantry, which provide food and shelter to the hungry and homeless in our area. Thousands of hours of time and talent make these ministries possible under the guidance of our Parish Outreach Coordinator, Mary Freeman.

No one area of outreach is "more important" than the others. Each calls us to awareness and action to ongoing needs and to specific issues in which our efforts can make a difference. Each invites us to live out God's call to be the blessed of this world.

Several weeks ago, two states proposed laws that would extend the right to an abortion into the ninth month of pregnancy. Media coverage was limited. Several parishioners questioned why we had not commented at Mass. Our area Respect Life Ministry was unaware of these legislative actions. We since have learned that Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued a brief statement in response to the proposed bill in Virginia. Archbishop Naumann urged "all people of good will to stand up to protect unborn and born infants" whose lives are at risk. The Virginia bill did not make it out of the legislature. However, similar legislation recently was signed into law in New York. Archbishop Naumann has called for a vote in the U.S. Senate on a new bill that would guarantee protection for every child born alive, including those born during an intended abortion. The future of this bill is uncertain.

We pray for the unborn, the newly born, and for mothers who face difficult pregnancies. Our Respect Life Ministry will keep us informed and let us know how we might respond to current or proposed legislation. We pray also for infants being separated from their mothers at the border and for all children who have been separated from their families without good cause or by war or other violence. May we continue to strive to be God's blessed and advocate for the dignity of all human life and the sanctity of all creation.

*Peace,*

*J. Bill*

## Scripture Reflections

Last weekend was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Justice Retreat for those going through the Quest Confirmation program. During the retreat we looked at the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching, one of which is "Rights and Responsibilities". The young adult leading the group chose to use some of the time talking about the difference between rights and privileges, sharing from Pope St. John XXIII's encyclical, *Pacem In Terris*, the rights we have as humans (shelter, clothes, food, medical care, etc). He explained that rights are things we are inherently entitled to have as human beings from the moment we are born whereas privileges are certain entitlements given to specific individuals/groups on a conditional basis—something not everyone has. There was a group that was having a hard time grasping this, because they saw food as a privilege—not everyone has it—but were being told it was a right. I explained to the group that it wasn't an issue of definition here, but how we view things as a society. As Catholics we believe that everyone has the basic right to life and everything that is needed to survive and thrive, but as a society we sometimes fall into overlooking people because of their circumstances and forget that they still hold those inherent rights as humans.

*We need to change our thinking and way we view things.*

In today's Gospel, that is exactly what Jesus wants us to do. God doesn't call us to neglect those in our communities who have been dealt a different hand than us. God didn't make us to rely on material goods and trust only the physical world. It's not easy, but we have been called to place our trust in God and go where we are led, to change our thinking, and help those most in need.

*~ Olivia Zurowski*



## **Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration! February 21, 2019 at 6:00-7:00pm**

**WHAT:** During Adoration, sometimes referred to as a Holy Hour (but can be of any duration), the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent Adoration. As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. St. John Paul II offered that “our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete.”

**HOW:** Adorers are invited to pray a rosary or other devotions, meditate on Scripture or meditate on devotional books. Adorers may also choose to just simply sit and ‘be’ with Jesus. If you are interested, prayer and reflection suggestions are available as starting points.

**WHO:** Jesus waits for us, each of us, in the Eucharist. He waits when we are joyful, thankful, frustrated, or tired. All are welcome, including children. He specifically calls children to Himself, “Let the children come to me.”

**WHY:** Since Apostolic times, Catholics rightly have gathered to celebrate Mass in community as Jesus instructed. Adoration provides an opportunity for an intimate relationship with Jesus through individual worship, prayer, and listening. And we shouldn’t underestimate the power of silence, which is difficult to cultivate in our society. Pope Benedict XVI wrote: “In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host...It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”

**WHEN:** The next opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration will be February 21, 2019. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Kanzer at [k.f.kanzer@gmail.com](mailto:k.f.kanzer@gmail.com).

“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host.”  
~Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

# A note from Fr. Killeen

Next month I have an appointment to see Cardinal Cupich concerning my coming retirement. In April I will be turning 70 and I know that it is time for me to step away from active ministry. The energy that I had as a newly ordained priest forty-four years ago is only a distant memory. I want to be clear, it is energy, not dedication to priesthood that has diminished. I still love being a priest and serving the people of God. While I can be frustrated with some aspects of the church, I would not want to be a part of any other faith community. I love being a part of St. Francis Xavier parish. I am just getting a little tired.

When I first arrived here at St. Francis Xavier in June 2011, Fr. Jim O’Connor was still an active retired priest. He helped to preside at weekday and Sunday Masses. He also helped out at the surrounding parishes and chapels. We truly missed his presence as he grew sick and ultimately died. We have been helped by our two previous pastors who have been retired, Fr. Bill Stenzel and Fr. John Hoffman. When I was hurt this last Christmas, they were very helpful in filling in at some of the Masses I could not preside at. Our parish and in fact the entire Archdiocese will continue to need the service of all active retired priests in the years ahead.

It will be with that thought that I will ask the Cardinal for retired status as of July 1, 2019. I hope to offer my services back to St. Francis and the surrounding area. In the next few months I will be looking to purchase a condo in Wilshire Green, a group of condos near Wolf and Plainfield Road. A number of our parishioners already live there and they are only about 15 minutes away from our church (depending on the trains of course.) Fr. Tkachuk and the staff have all been very supportive of my decision and I am very grateful for their support.

*Fr. Bill Killeen*

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# COME, FOLLOW ME... and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

[annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com)



Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal  
*“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word”*

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to *“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word.”*

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our Parish. This year, St. Francis Xavier parish will be using the excess **2018 Appeal** funds (approximately \$43,000) to cover the new Air Conditioning Tower for the church.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$109,400 in paid pledges, 100% of any additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. We will conduct our in-pew pledge process at the 9:00 Mass on February 17 and at all other masses next weekend, February 23 & 24.

**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



**Area-wide Adult Confirmation Preparation  
St. Francis Xavier Church**

**Monday nights for 7 sessions between  
February 25 and May 9, 2019.**

**Contact Kate DeVries, Pastoral Associate,  
708-352-0168 or kdevries@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Church in LaGrange will be hosting an area-wide Confirmation program for any Adult Catholics who have received Holy Communion, but for whatever reason, did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All Adults (18 and older) are most welcome.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights, February 25, March 4, March 18, March 25, April 1, and April 8, in Unity Hall (signs will be posted). Sessions will go from 7:00–8:30 pm, with the exception of April 8, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, to attend the Parish Reconciliation Service. The celebration of Confirmation will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church within Confirmation for the parish Teens, on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm.

Registration is necessary. Details and the registration form can be found on the parish website: [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) (and click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate DeVries at [kdevries@sfxlg.org](mailto:kdevries@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



### 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  
February 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

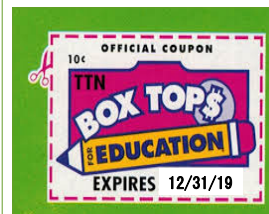
Register online at:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/XM85UFPbg0So4OEO2>  
Session fee is \$50/due at the first class.  
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX.)

## Project Connect Us: Parent Workshop "How to Talk to Your Kids About Social Media"

Open to parents and educators  
from all area schools!

Thursday February 28  
6:30 pm in Unity Hall  
There is no cost to attend.

Come and learn how to talk to your kids about the dangers of social media and screen time without the explosive and stressful scene that often occurs when we, the parents, try to approach these tough subjects with our kiddos. Social media has become a scary world for our kids and takes a serious toll on their emotional health and well being. Let's learn the dialogue that makes this tough subject easier to discuss with our kids. Less stress, more talk, happy home, happy kids!



## 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!

We encourage all to follow  
SFX School on social media:

SFX School Instagram: @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>



## Religious Education Class Dates

### Sundays

February 17	No Class
February 24	Class
March 3	Class
March 10	Class

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### Wednesdays

February 20	No Class
February 27	Class
March 6	Class
	Ash Wednesday
March 13	Class

## Religious Education Important Dates

### Grade 7 ~ Reconciliation

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

### Grade 2 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, March 10 during Class Time in Chapel  
Wednesday, March 13 during Class Time in Chapel

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### Fourth Grade Reconciliation (Four Services)

March 9 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm in Church  
March 10 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm in Church

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### Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Sunday, February 24 at 1:30 pm in Church

### Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Events

March 20 Rosary Making or  
April 7 Banner Making

## 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 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):

March 9, 16, 23, & 30  
April 27

You can call Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator  
or Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music  
at 708-352-0168.



## Cossitt School Clothing Sale

Cossitt School, conveniently located at 115 West Cossitt Avenue in LaGrange, will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, March 9th from 8:00 am- 1:00 pm. Don't miss this huge selection of over 25,000 name-brand items from Infant to Size 16!

**Buy!** Find amazing deals on gently used items including clothing, shoes, baby equipment, sports gear, bikes, books and so much more!

**Sell!** Clean out your closets! Sell your gently used Spring and Summer items and keep 60% of the proceeds!

**Volunteer!** For an opportunity to shop the invitation only presale ahead of the public, consider volunteering a minimum of three hours with flexible time slots!

Come early for the best selection! Many items half-price from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Adults only from 8:00-10:00 am, children admitted with adult from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Please bring a basket or bag to carry your items throughout the sale. For more details, please visit our website at [www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale](http://www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale).



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



### Kairos Retreat: K32

Calling all current Juniors and Seniors! The next Kairos retreat will be Thursday March 14 - Sunday March 17 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](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org).

### 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 6pm 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!

### 2019 Summer Mission Trip

The 2019 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Springfield, KY! St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. Visit the Youth Ministry website or stop by the rectory to register. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.



## 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 ~ [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net)  
Breakfast Session  
or  
Rebecca Daly ~ [rebeccadaly@rebkdaly.com](mailto:rebeccadaly@rebkdaly.com)  
Lunch Session

## Interfaith Career Network

### Organizing Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 pm when our speaker, Steve Rosenblum, will discuss the process of a job search. Whether you are unemployed or employed seeking another opportunity, it is still a process. One of the most important parts of successfully making it through a search is to STAY ORGANIZED. This lively, interactive and informative presentation will offer insight, tools, resources and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate, lead and succeed in your search. Steve will also share many of his learnings, experiences and best practices, while encouraging others to do the same. We hope to see you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs.

There is no cost to attend this program and everyone is welcome.

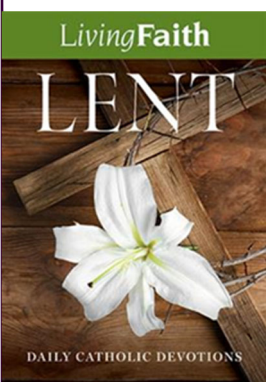


You are cordially invited to join a **Small Faith Group** this Lent. Groups will meet weekly from March 6 – April 16, for a total of 6 sessions at various times and places.

Conversations will be based upon the reflections presented in the *Living Faith Lent Book*, a daily meditation guide. Details and registration will begin soon.

If you are interested in facilitating a group, or want to form your own group, contact Mary Sue McDonald at [marysuecdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:marysuecdonal@yahoo.com) or 708-409-9595.

### What's New this Lent?



We will be praying with daily Catholic Lenten devotions presented in *Living Faith*. Whether you are able to join a Small Faith Group or not, please consider praying with the *Living Faith Lent Book*. The book contains a brief daily meditation based upon the readings of the day. Books will

be distributed in church beginning on Ash Wednesday, and available at the parish rectory.

### Catholic Women's Club

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Tiziana Lambert at [tizianalambert@gmail.com](mailto:tizianalambert@gmail.com).

### SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.  
For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or  
Joseph Enright at [joseph\\_owen@hotmail.com](mailto:joseph_owen@hotmail.com).

## Create something new this Lent!



*“Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us.”*

Pope Francis

### Sign up to receive weekly on-line resources.

Deepen your Lenten practices and explore what it means to be in communion with Christ as well as with our brothers and sisters in need.

[www.solidaritybridge.org/lent](http://www.solidaritybridge.org/lent)

*God of all people,  
Your compassion invites us to be transformed.  
Your love calls us to be one human family.*

*May our journey this Lent be a time of renewal and growth, so that with changed hearts, we might heal and transform your world.  
Amen.*

### For Your Consideration

#### June 2019 Pilgrimage to Nairobi

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual and cultural journey on a two-week pilgrimage to Nairobi, Kenya to visit the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School, nearby Jesuit works, other sites in Nairobi, and take a three day safari to Masai Mara Game Park.



For more information, please contact Cristine Pope at [critinepope@schoolofhopekenya.org](mailto:critinepope@schoolofhopekenya.org) 312-834-6118.

Donations will be accepted at:  
School of Hope Foundation  
1010 North Hooker Street  
Chicago, IL 60642



St. Francis Xavier  
124 N. Spring Avenue  
La Grange  
Unity Hall  
No RSVP Needed

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Fellowship @ 9:30am

Presentation @10:00 am

*Rene Silinis*  
*Professional Landscaper*

*Container gardening and spring  
time preparation of the garden.*

*Bring your questions.*

### Prison Ministry Mother's Day

In the midst of this cold and snow can you believe it's time to start planning for Mother's Day? The prison ministry of Companions Journeying Together will be providing cards and stationery to juveniles and women so they have pretty materials to use. Once again, we are asking for your help.

We need • postage stamps • stationery, Mother's Day cards, Thinking of You cards, blank note cards • gallon zip lock bags • reams of colored paper • donations to help cover delivery costs. We **cannot** use cards with glitter or anything pasted/glued on.

Please put your donation in the box in the vestibule by February 24. And thank you very much.

### 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!



**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).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**5th Annual All Parish Service Day  
June 8, 2019 Pentecost!**

Please contact Mary Freeman  
[mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168  
if you have an outreach idea and/or are  
interested in being a team leader.

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**REFUGEE  
JOURNEY  
SIMULATION**

**March 3, 2019 afternoon**

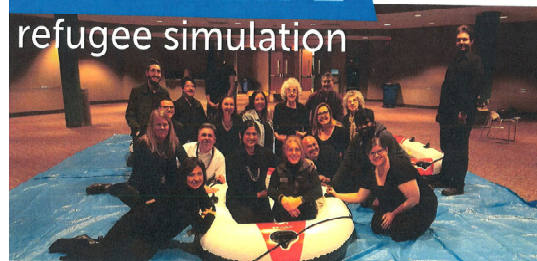
**Online sign-up underway at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)  
under quick links.**

**Learn about the Refugee Journey!**

SFX Peace & Justice invited Exodus World Service to facilitate their *Run For Your Life* refugee simulation for our 7th grade Rel Ed, Youth Ministry and parishioners (suggested 12+years).

*Note: 7th/8th grade Day School students will participate during school on March 4.*

The simulation will last about 2 hours. Participants will meet in Classrooms (enter through School Parking Lot doors) and move around two levels of the Education Building. Everyone will be guided through an interactive, hands-on experience with a reflection at the end. The simulation includes rafts, tents and border security encounters adaptable to age levels.



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

No cost to attend. The program is funded by participating ministries. Questions? Contact Mary Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.

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



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.”**

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**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

La Grange Country Club

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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*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.prelentevent.com](http://www.prelentevent.com)**



**New Year, New Church? New Date!** Join us on Thursday, February 28 from 7:00-8:30 pm with Facilitator Sallie Latkovich, CSJ. This presentation and discussion will review the troubling events in our institutional church over the last several years, providing history and opinion. There will be time for directed sharing and discussion. Just as the lamentations in our Scriptures always conclude with hope, 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.

**Moving Through the Energy of Grief.** Join us on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00-11:30 am with Facilitator: JoAnne Scullin. Grief is a powerful emotion that affects us energetically and can leave one bereft. Come join us for a morning of education, the experience of being with ourselves and our grief, and of connecting with others—all from an energy perspective. Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC.

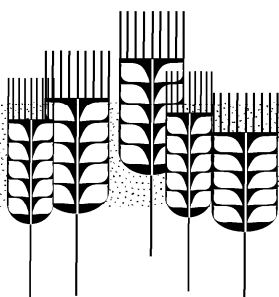
**The Journey Back to Your Beautiful Heart** our Friday presentation will be held on March 8 from 7:00-8:30 pm and the Saturday Workshop, March 9 from 9:30 am-3:00 pm with Facilitator: Bruce Sanguin. What enabled Jesus to realize his own human, divine and cosmic heart? What are the major obstacles that prevent us from evolving more deeply into our radiant hearts? We will look at the devastating impact of shame on the evolution of heart intelligence, and specific practices that can lift the burden of shame so that we can each be the radiant human being that is our soul's destiny. Cost: the Friday Presentation is free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC; the Saturday Workshop is \$80 and includes lunch.

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

**Conversations that Matter: Creating a New Republic of the Heart** on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm with Facilitator: Terry Patten. How do we cultivate a culture that reflects love in all our systems? Join us as author Terry Patten weaves strands from neuroscience, ecology, integral theory and spiritual wisdom to offer a path of social activism. Terry invites us to consider new ways of conversing to reknit the social fabric required for our collective future! Cost (includes lunch): free to members of cosponsoring parishes SFX and SJC.

**Tending the Holy...Letting be, Letting Go, Letting Come Thursday** on May 2, 7:00-9:00 pm with Facilitator: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM. Through poetry, scripture, and the lived experience of other women on a spiritual path, we will glean some of the wisdom of the Spirit and listen for ways to "let be, let go, and let come" as we turn over the soil of our everyday lives and make room for new growth and welcome the Season of Spring! Cost: free to members of cosponsoring parishes SFX and SJC.

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 in LaGrange Park.



**Grow in faith!**



## 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 Tschaikevsky Family
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux

**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*  
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### Education Ministry

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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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### Parish Office Staff

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*Pastor's Secretary*  
*Parish Secretary*  
*Staff Secretary*  
*Facilities Manager*

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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

*Coordinator*

*Mrs. Mary Freeman*

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### **Contact Information**

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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.

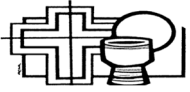
### **Marriage**

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 23-24, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Child Liturgy M. Perkovich D. Newcomb	L. Bannach T. Conwell K. Corrigan J. Denson S. Devitt K. Kanzer M. Milligan K. Preussner L. Young	A. Holmes T. Newcomb Open	T. Pangan	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	G. Schuler D. Walsh M. Hermesdorf	K. McInerney J. Morsch T. Nichol P. Olson K. Stetz	C. McLaughlin M. Merchant Open	G. Adams	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Muccino	L. Nichol B. Olson K. Hayes	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson J. Cogelja A. Gargano B. McMahon C. Pratali R. Pratali	A. Justak N. Strayer Open	K. Fron Gallery Choir	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Ilo	C. Dillon C. Mahoney N. Madell	N. Cummings L. Egan M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis K. Parisi K. Witowski	N. Olson Open Open	B. Kalnes Celebration Ensemble	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	E. McGovern I. Havenaar D. Lewis	L. Donegan B. Edelmann C. Gatsos N. L. Kampe Open	C. Carroll E. Fekrat E. Geraghty	C. Jakubisin	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

### **Readings For The Week of February 17, 2019**

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/  
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

