SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020



You have heard that it was said,
You shall love your neighbor as yourself and hate your enemy.

But I say to you
love your enemies,
pray for those who
persecute you,
that you may be
children of your
heavenly Father.

So be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.



Mass Intentions For The Week				
Monday, February 24	8:30 am	Irene Burich	Donna Campeglia	
Tuesday, February 25	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Steve Wendt	The Duelm Family	
Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday	7:45 am 8:30 am 12:15 pm 7:00 pm	Mass & Ashes n Prayer & Ashes		
Thursday, February 27	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Keeley Johnson Bill Purcell, Jr.	Jerry & Nancy Johnson Bob & Julie Bock	
Friday, February 28	8:00 am 8:30 am	Stations of the Cross Edward Antonetti	Pat & Bob Roach	
Saturday, February 29	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Jill Ranft Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Sherman Dimailig	The Driscoll Family The Kisla Family	
First Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Skip E Mary I Ron E Cather 10:30 am 12:00 pm John M		Paul & Marian Lucas Skip Burns Mary Irene Bragul Ron Engels Catherine Cyjan Sally Flanagan John Malloy William White	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn Bev & Willie Henry Jack & Carlene Kaps Mary Cozzi & Family Mary Cozzi & Family The Foster & Filbin Families Pam Oplawski The Metzger Family	

Please Pray For...

Bernice Niemiec Jack Boyd Bert Ogilvie Jay Carroll Arnold Oppenheim Chili Challender Jane O'Reilly Americo DiGianfillippo Ryan Patyk Anthony Dina Donna Pekarek Blake Donegan Lily Fielding Jim Potsch Baby Collins Fitzpatrick James Pridmore Lilli Gregory Madison Raupp Wilson Gregory Anna Rose Patricia Hassler Marilyn Rutkowski

Linda Hillsman
Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Donna Suchoski
Jane Jacobsen

Matthew Schiek
Larry Skippet
Donna Suchoski
Kate Frugoli Sullivan

Michael Janus Joseph Tarin
Theresa Kandall Anne Titzer
Benny Kilman Michael Ungari
Jerry Kolman Gregory Van Gorp
Lou Ellen Krueger Marian Ward
Patrick Morgan Liz Wilk
Mile Marriager Malaelm Vange

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.

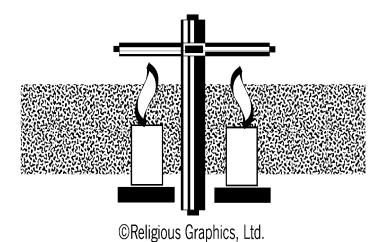
Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Mary Jean Havenaar Lamoreaux
Mother of John Havenaar



Pastor's Notes

When someone strikes you on your right cheek,
turn the other one as well.

Love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you.

Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.
Matthew 5:39.44.48

Depending on the date on which Lent begins, we often miss today's passage from Matthew's gospel. I suggest that it is one of the most misunderstood teachings of Jesus. Clearly, Jesus is calling us to a deeper and more radical love for our sisters and brothers. But it is critical to understand the customs of the time of Jesus and the original meaning of some of the words in order to understand exactly what he asks of us.

Jesus specifies being slapped on the *right* cheek, which presumes that the other person slapped you open-handed with their right palm. If you *turn the other cheek*, you expose your *left* cheek; the other person is forced to issue a follow-up blow with the *back* of their right hand. Backhanding a person was considered crude and deeply insulting and was rarely done. By "turning the other cheek," Jesus encourages his followers to give the other person a moment to consider what they are about to do. When I resist the instinct to retaliate immediately, the path to reconciliation remains open.

Loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors opens the same path to reconciliation. It also frees our heart from the prison of anger, resentment, and revenge, even if reconciliation with the other person remains beyond our reach. This was a challenge for the Jewish Christian community for whom Matthew writes his gospel. Friends and relatives had expelled them from the synagogues and persecuted them for claiming Jesus as the

Messiah. Their demonstration of love and prayer would become their greatest testimony to others of God's love alive in them.

"Be perfect." The meaning of Jesus gets lost in the translation from Aramaic to Greek to Latin to English. The root meaning of the original word calls us to be fully true to oneself as created, chosen, and sent by God. Jesus calls us to integrity of mind, heart, and soul. No one can live the commandments of love "perfectly". However, we are true to ourselves when we humbly acknowledge our weakness and sinfulness and turn to God for the healing and grace that leads us more deeply into our truer self. We are "perfect" when we are being the person who God has created us to be at this moment in time.

This Saturday evening, we gather to celebrate and give thanks for hundreds of adults who so generously share their time and talent to ensure that our mission is vibrant and active. **You are a blessing for us all.** May God bless you richly in turn.

This Tuesday, we celebrate the gifts of creation and life. We observe new twists on ancient traditions that used up the last of the lard (Mardi Gras = "Fat" Tuesday), or finished up the salted meats (Carnevale = Throw Away the Meat). This Wednesday, we enter the season of Lent and are marked with ashes. We begin a time of practices intended to open our minds and hearts to the mercy and love of God and so prepare us to celebrate the deepest mysteries of God's love for us in the Eucharist, the Cross, and the Empty Tomb. May we celebrate well as we prepare to grow deeper in love and faith.

Happy Mardi Gras,

7. Bill

Church and Unity Hall Bathroom Alert

Last Sunday after the Noon Mass, we had plumbing problems in the Unity Hall bathrooms. Both these bathrooms, as well as the church bathroom, tie into lines on the east side of the church. While we were able to return these bathrooms to working order, excavation of some areas to the east of the church will need to be performed in order to repair the lines. At these times, I am truly thankful for our new Facility Manager, Frank Roccasalva, and his expertise. He and I are both blessed to be able to consult with a stellar Buildings and Grounds Committee. And all of us are thankful for the cash reserves that allow us to quickly react to these unforeseen problems and restore our beloved church building to normalcy.

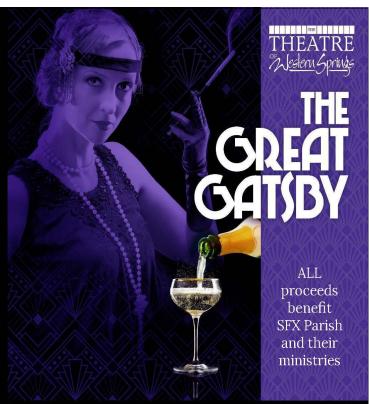
Jennifer Zeisloft, Business Manager

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



BTW: SFX's very own Beth (Brewick) DiMarco is in the dance ensemble!



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

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COME, FOLLOW ME... and heal our world

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal



Last weekend, our parish conducted the in-pew Annual Catholic Appeal. The 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.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you to all who participated in the Appeal in some way. If you have not yet made your pledge, there are envelopes at the entrances to the church, or visit the Archdiocesan website: www.archchicago.org.

Special Hearing Devices...

Please be aware that the parish is equipped with special hearing devices for those who need hearing assistance.

Those devices can be found priests' sacristy. Please ask an usher for assistance.

WOMEN'S Choir: Good Friday

Women's Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, March 12th from 8:30 to 9:30 pm in the church...after Celebration Ensemble rehearsal. A call goes out to all women 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 <u>four</u> rehearsals:

Thursday, March 12 - 8:30 to 9:30 pm Thursday, March 19 - 8:30 to 9:30 pm Thursday, March 26 - 8:30 to 9:30 pm Thursday, April 2 - 8:30 to 9:30 pm



...in preparation for the 3:00 pm Lord's Passion on Good Friday, April 10th of Holy Week.

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

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, 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. parish fund and fulfill its mission and purpose,

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, wie the parish rectory. via the parish rectory.

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 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
Sunday, March 15 Class
Wednesday, March 18 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 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.



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 <u>not</u> 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 https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School%7CParent%20 Volunteers%3E% 3ESAB%20-%20School%20Advisory%20Board. *Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.* We look forward to receiving your application!

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 StationsThursday, 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 marysuemcdonal@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 welcome3/16 St. Cletus, 7:00 pm3/24 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

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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!

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

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

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 (Married Couples)	Tuesday 1:00 pm	Tuesday 6:00 pm		
Tuesday 7:30 pm	Wednesday 9:00 am	Wednesday 12:15pm		
Wednesday 7:00 pm March 4, 11, 18, 25 (Catholic Social Teaching Issue				

SFX Men's Club

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

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

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.

Interfaith Career Network

Career Resource Center

The ICN Career Center is open on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm. It is volunteer staffed to help job seekers with internet usage, resume/cover letter preparation, LinkedIn and other electronic job search skills. These services are available at no cost and no appointment is needed. Just ring the Office door bell at First Baptist Church of LaGrange, 20 North Ashland Avenue and let us help you.

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



The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue LaGrange Park

Ash Wednesday Prayer (with the giving of ashes), February 26 at 7:00 pm. Prayer, distribution of ashes and a reflection given by Pat Bergen, CSJ. Cost: free will offering.

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 inbetween, 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.

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The Cross and the Lynching Tree on Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Lent is an appropriate time to acknowledge and repent for the sin of racism and its tragic consequences for our African American sisters and brothers. Please read chapters 1 and 2 of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James H. Cone prior to the first study and reflective session. Facilitated by Kathy Sherman, CSJ and Franshun Davis-Harris. Cost: \$60 or \$15/session.

Teresa on Teresa de Avila Retreat on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm— Saturday, March 7 at 3:00 pm. Workshop only on Saturday, March 7 from 9:30—11:30 am. Take a journey of the heart 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 to practice 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.

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 "

It's Cold and Flu Season!

During the season of colds and flu, it is important to remember common sense and to protect your health and that of others. Recommended steps include:

- * If you have a serious cold or the flu, please stay home and recover. You are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass if you are sick.
- * Be aware that others might be reluctant to shake hands during the Sign of Peace or hold hands during the Our Father. They might be protecting YOU. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* does not mandate any one gesture for the Sign of Peace. A gesture other than a handshake, such as a nod of the head and a smile, is perfectly acceptable.
- * If you are not feeling up to par but are well enough to attend Mass, or if you are coughing or sneezing: please receive the Host in your hand and not on the tongue; and refrain from receiving Communion from the cup. Although there is no evidence that germs are transmitted in this way, your fellow communicants might be reluctant to receive.

It is a demonstration of concern for our sisters and brothers in the community, especially the elderly and chronically ill, when we follow some simple guidelines to ensure a healthier winter for us all!

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!



AREA RESPECT LIFE

March 1, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 pm St. John of the Cross Parish Center Movie Screening: Unplanned

RSVP: Kendall Grant <u>kgrant@stcletusparish.com</u> or 708-215-5418.

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

EXPANDING OUR CIRCLE ENRICHING OUR LIVES FILM/DISCUSSION SERIES

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

RSVP with dates you can attend to lagrangediversity@gmail.com

Expand your circle and help us build community!

For more information, see www.communitydiversity.org/movieseries/ or email lagrangediversity@gmail.com

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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, LaGrange

...Or watch the movie online and come to

Meaningful Conversations

March 10, April 14, May 12

7pm and join discussion at

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange



Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- Sgt. David Phillips—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- Commander Robert O'Donnell—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy—nephew of the Devitt Family
- LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC—son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- *Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army*—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- Lt. Daniel McGue—grandson of Sue Ryan
- Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC—nephew of Noel Cusack
- Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army—friend of Liz Wilk
- Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- Chris Johnson, USCG—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy—nephew of Rita Pantoni
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Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	9:00 am
St. Cletus (Monday - Saturday)	
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday)	

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

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

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

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

Infant Baptisms

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

Marriage

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

Parish Counselor

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



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—February 29-March 1, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	C. Grech B. Bock D. Veverka	L. Bannach J. Denson K. Kanzer F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young Open	M. Kachmarik J. Nisivaco M. Kudlacz	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	S. Lindsay M. Carroll P. Olson	D. Challender K. McInerney K. Stetz J. Van Gorp D. Walsh	A. Edwards N. Edwards D. Quinlan	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Ilo	J. Spearman P. Zadeik C. Crowe	B. Olson C. Froemel E. Froemel C. Pratali R. Pratali M. Hull D. Prendergast L. Nichol D. Nighswander	E. Cushing C. Cushing J. O'Halloran	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Eraci T. Hill D. Ankenbruck	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark L. Egan S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak P. O'Malley B. Sorice	Q. Filbin D. Janiszewski M. Mullen	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	L. Dillon C. Pietrzak D. Lewis	K. Borawski J. Denson K. Kanzer Open Open	N. Olson B. Griffin M. Kanzer	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		



Readings For The Week of February 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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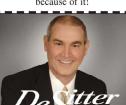
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