

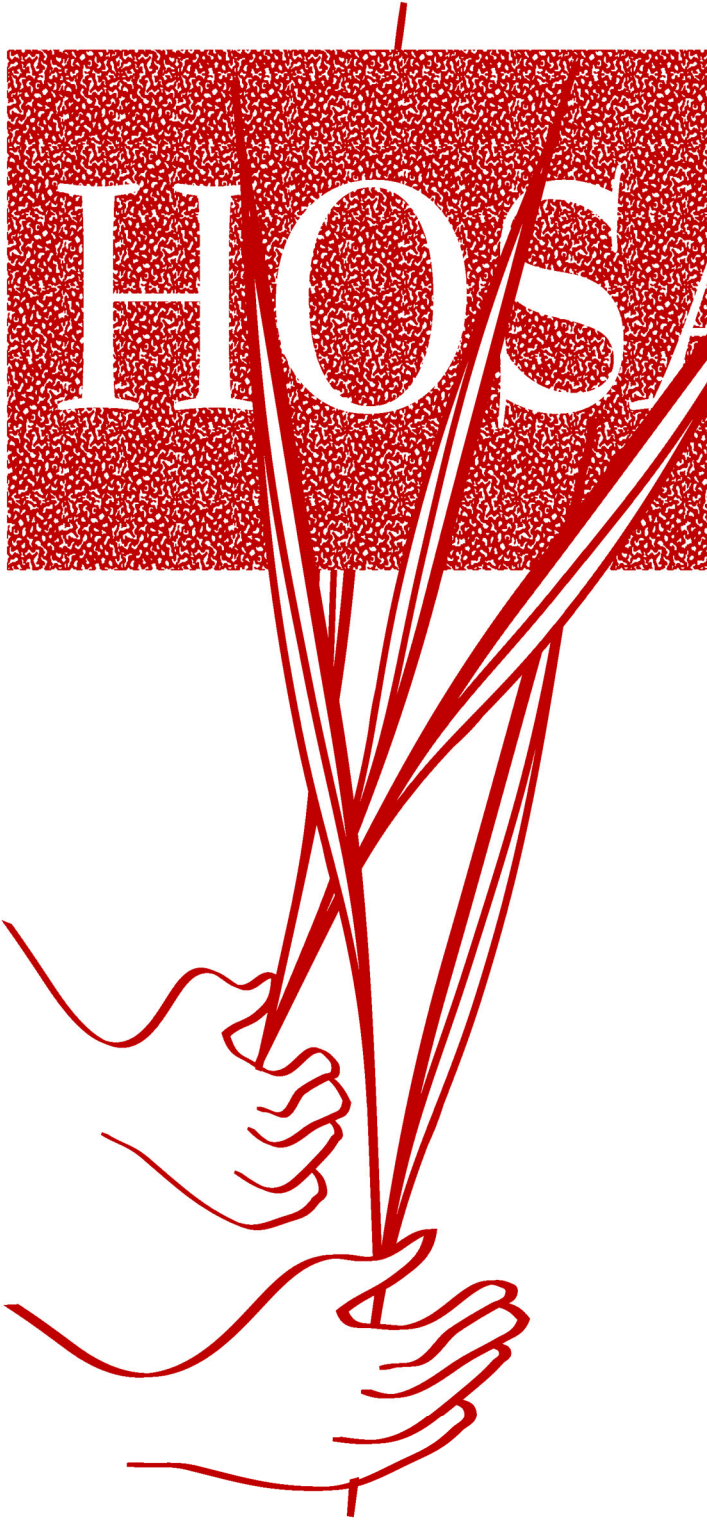
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018



HOSANNA



Blessed is he who
comes in the name
of the LORD

Open wide the doors
and gates
Lift high the
ancient portals
The KING of GLORY
enters!

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 26	7:45 am 9:00 am	Edward Dempsey John Waterloo	The Donahue Family The Kriho Family
Tuesday, March 27	7:45 am 9:00 am	Michael Wallace Charles Sirridge Lawrence Korenchan	The Farnan Family The Brogan Family The Westerhoff Family
Wednesday, March 28	7:45 am 9:00 am 7:00 pm	John Swanson Florence Szot David Bogan Tenebrae	Debbie Brannen Tina Lubrano Tom & Alice Hanna
Thursday, March 29 Holy Thursday	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer Service Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday, March 30 Good Friday	9:00 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer Service Passion of the Lord Passion of the Lord	
Saturday, March 31 Easter Vigil	9:00 am 1:00 pm 8:00 pm	Morning Prayer Service Blessing of Easter Baskets Easter Vigil	

Keeley Barr	Molly Anne McKenna
Barbara Bier	Emmett Miller
George Braasch	Mike Morrison
Louis Darovic	Sean Moss
Diane Discipio	Dan Nash
Blake Donegan	Fr. Jim O'Connor
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Arnie Oppenheim
Pat Eaton	Jane O'Reilly
William Egbert	Ryan Patyk
Bill Elliott	Donna Pekarek
Lily Fielding	Carissa Pessetti
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	James Pridmore
Betty Goff	Baby Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Anna Rose
Wilson Gregory	Marilyn Rutkowski
Frank Grippo	Matthew Schiek
Jim Harris	Baby Greyson Stanley
Patricia Hassler	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Loretta Haxel	Sharon Sullivan
Linda Hillsman	Jerry Tazic
Rose Ilo	Marty Thuerk
Jane Jacobson	Anne Titzer
Mike Kelly	Michael Ungari
Benny Kilman	Amanda Valerugo
Jerry Kolman	Gregory Van Gorp
Virginia Kottaridis	Carl Walsh
Ayanna Kucera	Dawn Wilmsen
Judy Magielski	Charles Witt

Please Pray For...

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.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Paul Cozzi
Father of Nancy Cozzi

Easter Flower Donation

If you would like to donate to the Easter Flowers in Memory and/or Honor of a Loved One, please take an envelope that can be found at the entrances of the church.

Place your donation into the envelope and write the name on the envelope. We will publish the names in the Easter Sunday and following bulletins.

Thank you for making our worship space prayerful and lovely for this liturgical season.

Pastor's Notes

"When the centurion saw how he breathed his last he said, 'Truly this man was the Son of God!'"

Mark 15:39

A centurion, a Roman soldier with no connection to the Jewish covenant, testifies that Jesus is the fulfillment of this covenant. Mark provides no details about what the centurion saw in the last breath of Jesus that so convinced him of this truth. He leaves it for us to reflect upon.

The final words of Jesus in Mark's Passion account express the feeling that God has forsaken him. Mark associates no words with the "loud cry" that precedes the last breath of Jesus. So, what did the centurion see and hear? Surely it was not the look and sound of desperation. The centurion would not have come to his bold proclamation of faith if all he witnessed was the last breath of someone who had given up all hope.

Many of us have had the difficult yet sacred grace of being with a loved one as she or he transitioned from this life to the fuller life that awaits us. In the final days or hours of journeying with someone in hospice care, we often sense that the person is struggling between hanging on and letting go – a journey that can be painful to accompany. The person may seem frightened, or resistant, or lost as death nears. Yet many of us also have experienced a moment of peaceful surrender just before our loved one lets go. Someone recently shared, "She seemed to be seeing something that we could not see, and her face was calm and expectant."

I sense that this is what the centurion saw on the face of Jesus as he breathed his last. He had been witnessing a man in great anguish, experiencing the hopelessness and abandonment that was part of the cruel intent of crucifixion. Yet in those final moments, he suddenly witnessed a transformation of that anguish into peaceful surrender – not to the finality of death; but to a light beyond death. The centurion saw something that led him to profess that this death was no ordinary death; that its importance was far beyond anything he had ever experienced.

This week we journey with Jesus through the deepest mysteries of our faith: the gift of the Eucharist, which joins us to Jesus in loving service of others; the sacrifice of the Cross, through which we lovingly offer our lives for others; and the transforming power of Resurrection, through which God brings new life and hope, even out of the most painful experiences of our lives. I encourage you to join the parish for as many of the three nights before Easter Sunday as you are able. I also invite you to spend some time this week in prayer with the centurion. Allow yourself to see, through his eyes, the promise of Easter at the foot of the Cross.

Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflection

Branches of palm, olive, or sometimes even budding willow, are ancient symbols of victory and hope, as well as of new life. The procession celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem overflowed with praise and excitement, as onlookers waved these triumphant branches and proclaimed their blessings. Yet, in a few days, they will cry "Crucify him!" The crowd's change of heart illustrates the problem of holding God to our expectations. The crowd expected a liberating leader, the Messiah, to free them from Roman oppression. Jesus instead takes up his Cross and invites us to do the same. Through his Death and Resurrection he is indeed a liberator, but from death and sin, not from Rome. But unable to see past their need, the crowd's disappointment turns into anger and a death order. As we enter Holy Week, Palm Sunday teaches us to let God be God, and to trust in God's wisdom not only to meet but shatter and exceed our expectations.

Lenten Stewardship of Treasure

What will we spend during the week that may be an insignificant purchase?

Will you match that purchase as a donation turning insignificant into significant?

Consider signing up for online offertory and support our many **SIGNIFICANT** ministries!

**The Way of the Cross**
DOWNTOWN CHICAGO, GOOD FRIDAY 2018



On Good Friday, March 30, the Lay Ecclesial Movement Communion and Liberation, together with many other Lay Ecclesial Movements, parishes, groups and individuals, will walk the 13th Annual The Way of the Cross around downtown Chicago. We will follow the cross silently through the busy city, living the memory of the Passion of the Lord, with stops that include gospel readings, meditations, and choir music.

We warmly invite you and all members of St. Francis Xavier to join us at 8:45 am at Daley Plaza (Dearborn/Washington). We will then cross the Chicago River over the Michigan Avenue Bridge and conclude at Holy Name Cathedral around 12:00 pm, stopping for meditations along the route.

For more information, please visit www.wayofthecrosschicago.org, call 312-725-7370, or email us at info@wayofthecrosschicago.org. Your questions and comments are welcome.

VOTER INFORMATION

“As Catholics we are not single issue voters. A candidate’s position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter’s support. Yet a candidate’s position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.”

Faithful Citizenship NCCB 2016

Since it is difficult for the average citizen to find accurate information about how the many candidates stand on the life issues, **Illinois Right to Life Action** has prepared non-partisan voter information based on responses to a questionnaire, public statements, and/or voting records. *This guide is not an endorsement and may not be used to advance the candidacy of any individual.*

For information go to the IRL Action web site at www.VoteProLifeIllinois.com or call 630-358-0042 for assistance. In light of the **HB 40 Bill** that forces all people of faith to pay for unlimited abortion with their tax dollars, it is more critical than ever to know how candidates stand on the life issues.

**Lent 2018
Catholic Lenten Practices**

Fasting and Abstinence

All Catholics 14 years of age and older follow the discipline of abstinence from all meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent, including Good Friday.

All Catholics 18 years of age, but not yet 59 years of age, follow the discipline of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We eat only one full meal on a Fast Day and other smaller meals necessary to maintain strength and health.

Almsgiving

This traditional Lenten practice is associated with Fast and Abstinence. Money saved as a result of eating less or from “giving up” is given as alms to others who are hungry. CRS Rice Bowl or the St. Vincent de Paul Society are suggested charities for Lenten alms.

Prayer

During Lent all are called to renewal of our relationship with God through personal prayer. The community has opportunities for Lenten prayer as well:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Lenten Season of Repentance and Renewal is the most appropriate time for Catholics to confess sin and celebrate absolution.

Individual Private Confession

Saturday morning—9:30 am

Saturday evening—4:15 pm

Private Prayer in church each day.

Rectory Easter Hours

Good Friday March 30, 2018

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Holy Saturday March 31, 2018

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday April 1, 2018

Closed

Monday, April 2, 2018



***ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
Holy Week Services 2018***

Palm Sunday – March 25th

Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday
and Sunday at

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Wednesday – March 28th

Tenebrae - 7:00 pm

Church open until 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday – March 29th

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Church open until midnight

Good Friday – March 30th

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3:00 and 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday – March 31st

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Blessing of Easter

Food Baskets - 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 pm

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday – April 1st

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am
and 12:00 pm - Church

Masses at 9:15 and 10:45 am – SFX School Gym

(No 6:00 pm Mass)

**Monday, April 2
Only One Mass
at 9:00 am**



The St. Francis Xavier Day 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 achieving the goals and objectives of the new St. Francis Xavier Elementary School Three-Year Strategic Plan
- 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. The School Advisory Board will be reviewing its structure in light of the new School Strategic Plan. Currently, board members are organized across five main areas of concern:

- Tenet 1: Inspire our students to do God's work
- Tenet 2: Offer an excellent academic experience
- Tenet 3: Provide a sustainable Catholic education
- Tenet 4: Engage the community
- Tenet 5: Create and maintain a physical space that inspires

Interested in Becoming an Advisory School Board Member?

***** FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2018 *****

Interested in giving back to the children of SFX? The SFX 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 have to have experience on a board or had a job in education? NO, you do not have 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 about 6-10 hours per month.
- Do you have 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.

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 member Derrick Hesser at derrick.hesser@icloud.com, 847-650-4971 (cell), or 708-579-0608 (home).

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/>. We look forward to receiving your application!



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COLLEGE

game day

SATURDAY

APRIL 21, 2018

SFX CAMPUS (SCHOOL PARKING LOT)

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

Ticket prices include food, drinks and entertainment.
Purchase tickets and sponsorships at SFX18.gesture.com



SILENT & LIVE
AUCTION

DUST OFF YOUR COLLEGE
SPIRIT WEAR AND GET
YOUR GAME FACE ON!



ALL PARISH
EVENT

Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, April 13
7:30 pm
at
Grace Lutheran*



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

Why Buy

Fair Trade Coffee??

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from *Equal Exchange Fairly Traded*. There is a lot behind this coffee. "We work closely with our farmer partners, year after year, to better understand each other's needs. The result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee."

Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

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

Fair Trade:

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

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

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

PARENTS (AND PROSPECTIVE PARENTS) OF CHILDREN AGES 0- 5

As part of our Strategic Planning process, St. Francis Xavier Elementary School is seeking feedback from all parish families with children from newborn through age 5 (and those planning a family) regarding your plans and preferences for Early Childhood Education (Preschool Age 3; Pre-Kindergarten age 4; and Kindergarten). Your responses will assist us in planning our programs. Registered families with children in this age range should have received a survey link via email. If you did not, and are willing to offer your feedback, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFX-parish-early-ed-2018>. The link is active through Sunday, April 8th. Please pass the word to any area families with children in this age group who might be interested in offering their feedback.

**SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 9, 2018**

**ALL PARISH
SERVICE DAY**

**Outreach ideas?
Interested in being
a team leader?**

**Contact
Mary Freeman
Community Outreach
mfreeman@sfxlg.org
or 708-352-0168**

A Divine Mercy Sunday Invitation

Visitation Parish
770 South York Road
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service
(April 8, 2018)

1:30 pm
Confessions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Video Explanation of Divine Mercy

3:00 pm
Gospel reading and Divine Mercy homily
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Divine Mercy,
Blessing with the Relic of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
Benediction

4:00 pm
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:
www.youthministry.sfxlg.org

YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION 2018

Blessed, Broken, and Shared



Summer Service Trip

We will be going to Detroit, MI through Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) June 24-30. The cost of the trip is \$525 and covers meals, transportation, lodging, and supplies for the week. **THERE WILL BE FUNDRAISING DONE TO LOWER THIS COST!** For more information or to sign up, stop by the rectory, visit the Youth Ministry section of the Parish website (www.sfxlg.org) or contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxlg.org or (708) 352-0168 x338.

Adults Needed!

We are in need of 7 adults to serve as chaperones on the Summer Service Trip. To be eligible, you must be at least 21 years old and be in compliance with the Archdiocese's child protection policies. For more information or to sign up, contact Olivia Hollman.



We're on social media!

Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Search "St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!

We also have an Instagram page. Search "SFX Youth Ministry" on Instagram and make sure to follow us!



~ *Olivia Hollman*

Important Dates

First Communion Practice
Sunday, April 29 1:15-4:30 pm

First Communion Celebrations
Saturday, May 5 9:00am, 12:00pm & 3:00pm

**Religious Education
Important Dates & Class Dates**

Sunday, March 25	No Class
Wednesday, March 28	No Class
Sunday, April 1	No Class
Wednesday, April 4	No Class
Sunday, April 8	Class
Wednesday, April 11	Class
Sunday, April 15	Class
Wednesday, April 18	Class

***Sunday, April 22
RE Fair All Sessions from
8:45 –10:15 Joyce Hall***

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 Reflectors 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 to 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.

Here is the tentative schedule:
March 24—Choristers

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflectors 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):

April 7, 14, 21 & 28

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



Community Service Project

Do your youth need community service hours? Are you looking for a project that makes a difference right here in our community? LaGrange Knights of Columbus need a total of 40 service hours for the Spring Food Drive. Volunteers can choose their own day and time during Saturday, April 14 to Sunday, April 22. The work is attaching flyers to the doorknobs of homes in the LaGrange area. Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights of Columbus. K of C members will handle pick up of donations. Food Pantry staff and volunteers will handle sorting, storage and distribution of the donations.

Since 2012 the Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drive in April and October helps our most vulnerable neighbors make ends meet. Call, text or email for more information or to join our effort—Mike Hattie, Committee Chair 708-207-2780 and council6483@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



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Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry

"I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded. -Pope Francis

The fate of nearly 1.8 million Dreamers remains uncertain as Congress has yet to reach a bipartisan deal.

Your advocacy is critical to help the nearly 1.8 million Dreamers, young people who were brought into the United States by their parents as children. They may face deportation unless Congress reaches a bi-partisan deal to protect them. We support these young people who are contributors to our economy and leaders in our parishes and communities.

ACTION: The USCCB asks you to pray, fast and act by urging Congress to work together for a permanent solution for Dreamers. Call 855-589-5698 to reach the Capitol switchboard. For resources, talking points and postcards visit the USCCB website: www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees this Lent visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org

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.

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.

SFX Parish Children's "First Communion" Choir



A special invitation goes out to all children in grades 1, and 3 – 8, who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir, to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on **Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 am, 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm**. Children are NOT required to sing at all three Masses.

Please pick up a registration packet from one of the tables located at each of the exits as you leave church or pick one up at the front desk of the Rectory office. Registration information will also be posted on our website at www.sfx-lg.org.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY SINGING IN ONE OF THE PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, THERE IS NO NEED TO RE-REGISTER. **Rehearsals have begun**. Please see below for the breakdown:

Cherub Choir (grades 1 and 3).....
Tuesdays: 3:45 pm-4:15 pm
Rehearsals: Tuesday, April 10, 17 & 24

SF Choristers (grades 4 – 8).....
Thursdays: 3:45 pm-4:30 pm
Rehearsals: Thursday, April 12, 19 & 26

You can contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Liturgical Music with any questions at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

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BACK DOOR THEATER

If you are entering the 6th through 10th grade in the fall of 2018 and looking for a creative summer experience in theater and stage production, Back Door Theatre is looking for you! The Back Door Theater is a co-operative drama ministry of Grace Lutheran and St Francis Xavier Churches that can offer teens and pre-teens a casual opportunity to explore the theater arts either as a beginner or to further an existing dramatic interest. Entering its 18th season this summer, this drama ministry uses the theater arts of acting, voice, dance, instrumental performance, set design and back stage production to explore traditional Biblical stories and characters through a fun, contemporary, original play. The plays are faith based but always include modern references and are written in the language of teens.

Workshop Dates:
Tuesday & Wednesday evenings
June 5 & 6

Monday & Wednesday evenings
June 12– July 9
6:00 – 9:00 pm
Every evening
July 10-12

Two Performances on:
July 13, 2017
4:00 pm and 7:30 pm

We are also looking for Teen Assistants (grades 11 and 12) and/or Adults who think they would like to contribute in some way.

For questions or further information, please call Becky Hayes at 708-878-2790 or email at bechayes@sbcglobal.net.

Registration packets are available at the back of church and in the rectory office. Registrations will be accepted through mid-May but space is limited, register early to insure a spot.



Discover Your Core of Love: Awaken the Larger Love That Wants to Free You! Wednesdays, April 11, 18; May 2, 16, 30; June 13, 27; and July 11 from 1:00-3:00 pm. The deepest, truest part of who we are is LOVE: yet often this identity eludes us. Come and discover the unconscious patterns expressed through our way of being that are obstacles to love, in this 8 week workshop facilitated by Carol Cummins and The Well's Bridget Spurduto. Participants will learn about and practice a unique process to free us from these old patterns. Cost: \$250 Pre-registration required.

They Will Inherit the Earth. Sunday, April 15 from 3:30-5:00 pm. Join author, activist and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee John Dear for a presentation and book signing of his latest book They Will Inherit the Earth, which shows how our global epidemic of violence and war could only lead to catastrophic climate change. John will invite us to deepen our nonviolence and take new steps into active solidarity with Earth and suffering humanity. Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parish SFX. Pre-registration greatly appreciated.

Inspiration in a Time of Climate Change: Marya Grathwahl, OSF and Helen Prejean, CSJ. Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 am–Noon. On this Earth Day, Franciscan Sister Marya Grathwahl, founder of Earth Hope, will receive the 2017 Sacred Universe Award. Join us as Marya and Sister Helen Prejean, world-renowned writer and speaker, weave stories of justice, oneness, and hope for our Universe. Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parish SFX. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE- DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED
(was originally scheduled for March 24)**

Untying the Knots–Polarization in America. Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 am–12:30 pm. Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Mike McGillicuddy, is convinced that there is an accelerating crisis of polarization in American society. In this interactive workshop, Mike will invite participants to step outside their comfort zones and explore the worldviews of others with curiosity and humility, while refraining from persuasion and judgement. Free to parishioners of co-sponsoring parish SFX. Pre-registration greatly appreciated.

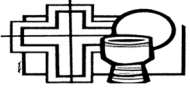
The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. To register: 708-482-5048 or thewell@csjoseph.org; www.csjthewell.org.



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
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—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
- **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
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **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
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **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

**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.**



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—March 31-April 1, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors
8:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	TBD	TBD		C. Jakubisin B. Kalnes J. Spearman S. Van Ordstrand Gallery Choir
7:30 AM	Fr. Hoffman	T. Marthaler M. Hermesdorf G. Rutkowski	K. Stetz S. Augustyn R. Nutt K. Elwood K. McInerney	C. Stetz	L. Hoigard
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Rotert E. McGovern L. Young	R. Pratali C. Pratali L. Hill V. Bracht L. Young	J. Eraci B. McGovern	C. Sivek
9:15 AM (Gym)	Fr. Killeen	M. Bruni D. Sherman J. Gatsos	R. Barker B. McMahon K. Corrigan C. Froemel E. Froemel	C. Kachmarik	A. Cherry
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	R. Hillsman L. Hillsman T. Serafin	K. Parisi K. Witowski C. Ganzel M. Ganzel M.P. Flaherty C. Grimes O. Lastres	N. Hanvenaar	J. Petkus Celebration Ensemble
10:45 AM (Gym)	Fr. Ilo	T. Gannon S. Lehuta D. Walsh	B. Boyd	A. Sullivan C. McLaughlin N. Gannon	K. Kelly
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	L. Freda H. McCormick K. McCarthy	TBD	T. Dudek	Spirit Choir

Readings For The Week of March 18, 2018

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or 41

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Deacon
Pastoral Associate
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Religious Education Office Staff
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday8:30 am-8:30 pm
Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday9:00 am-2:00 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 morningAfter 9:00 am Mass
Saturday afternoon4:15 pm
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the
tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday9:00 am
Friday7:45 am
Saturday9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday7:45 am
Friday9:00 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. All articles must be emailed 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, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the
Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.