

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

5th Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019



We congratulate the following Eighth Graders as they complete the Elementary Level of Religious Education at our parish and are now invited to be part of the Quest Youth Ministry Program, which will journey with them toward Confirmation in the Catholic Faith:

Margaret Aylesworth
Vincent Barcelona
Sophie Barrett
Jack Buel
Daniel Callaghan
Annie Campbell
John Carr
Luke Cieniawski
Sophia Cirolia
Ryan Cultra
Charles Cummings
Rexford Dale
Kaitlyn Debs
Patrick Denja
Mia DiBraccio
Anne Dillon
Abigail Doherty
Riley Dunlavy
Natalie Dybas
Taylor Fergon
Christopher Franko
Mia Furlan
Maddie Gee
Daniel Gilhooley
Madeline Grayson
Jake Gripp
Sean Gripp
Michael Healy

Anne Henehan
Thomas Hennessy
Allison Heyer
Dominick Hines
Anna Hudson
Anastasia Jouras
Connor Kachmarik
Alex Karan
Cole Kardatzke
Jenna Koren
Gustavo Kram
Benjamin Laczynski
Michael Levato
Gabriella Luburic
Charles Maine
Jeanne Mardegan
James McLaughlin
Sean McNeela
Alexander Menguy
Camille Menguy
Libby Michaels
Molly Moscicki
John Mozis
Julia Mueller
Finn Murray
Jakub Myers
Luc Neczek
Sofia Pangan

Monika Papartis
Rebecca Phillips
Anne Polomsky
Reilly Post
Josephine Powell
Lillian Prendergast
Antonella Quercia
Ava Regan
Ella Riordan
Graham Sackley
Heidi Scheuermann
Lucy Schlacks
Sarah Sedlacek
Jasmine Simone
Mia Stobart
Vincent Stobart
Katelyn Stowe
Seamus Sullivan
Angelina Sveda
Cal Symington
Natalie Vlcek
Hannah Voigt
Matthew Voigt
Garrett Walls
Michael Weems
Luke Whittleton
Sydney Wolf
Ava Wright

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 8	7:45 am 9:00 am	People of St. Francis Xavier Frank Nosek Marilyn Williamson	The Cushing Family The McCarthy Family
Tuesday, April 9	7:45 am 9:00 am	Donald Opper Sr. Dorothy Lynch	Tom McAtee The Martin Family
Wednesday, April 10	7:45 am 9:00 am	Mercedes McDonnell Nola VIRRUSO	The McDonnell Family Gina & Tim Prendergast
Thursday, April 11 Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Peggy Humecke	Jerry & Nancy Johnson
Friday, April 12	7:45 am 9:00 am	Special Intention Word & Communion Service	Eric & Karen Boyd
Saturday, April 13 Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Howard Jacklin Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Deacon Guy Glover	Nancy & Michael Kalkowski Donna Mulvenna
Sunday, April 14	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Special Intention Michael Fagan People of the Parish Jack Capron People of the Parish Patrick O'Connell	The Kanzer Family The Urso & Gregory Families The Cushing & Reilly Families

Please Pray For...

Diane Bell	Edward Kudia
James Boardman	Emmett Miller
Jay Carroll	Patrick Morgan
Anthony Dina	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Jack Murphy
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Noah Olson
Lynn Doyle	Arnold Oppenheim
Pat Eaton	Jane O'Reilly
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Bruce Gonigam	Gino Pesce
Lilli Gregory	Carissa Pessetti
Wilson Gregory	James Pridmore
Patricia Hassler	Baby Madison Raupp
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Anna Rose
Linda Hillsman	Marilyn Rutkowski
Rose Ilo	Matthew Schiek
Mary J.	Mary Simeoni
Jane Jacobson	Greyson Stanley
Chuck Joern	Sarah Stanley
Theresa Kandall	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Rose Kazan	Anne Titzer
Mike Kelly	Michael Ungari
Benny Kilman	Amanda Valerugo
Jerry Kolman	Gregory Van Gorp
Virginia Kottaridis	Malcom Young
Anita Kronowitz	Richard Zeiler
Lou Ellen Kruger	

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



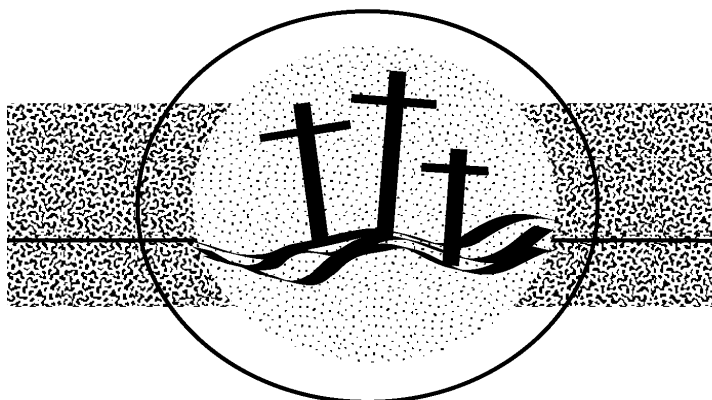
Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died,
as well as their families:

Anita Smith
Mother of Mary Paula Doyle



Weddings

Krysten Berthene & Blake Baron



Pastor's Notes

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you."

John 10:11

The Sunday gospels this Lent focus on God's loving mercy, which is offered to any who will receive it but is forced on no one. Conversion of heart occurs when we confess our need for God's mercy, as unworthy as some might feel, and to allow God's mercy to flow into our relationships with others. Are we willing to stand humbly before God as we are, and invite others to stand with us?

This final Sunday before we hear Luke's account of the Passion of Jesus, we are presented with a woman who stands accused of adultery and faces the prescribed punishment of being stoned to death. She stands alone before the men of her town, who seem to have no compassion for her or for the circumstances that led her into sin. They also seem to have no concern for the unidentified man who also would have had to sin for adultery to have occurred. In fact, it seems that they are less concerned with punishing the woman than with forcing Jesus either to define a limit to God's compassion or to minimize the seriousness of the offense.

Jesus refuses to engage in their trap. Instead, he invites them to reflect on their own sinfulness and the grounds on which they have earned the right to judge another. He then remains silent, writing in the dirt as, one by one, the accusers disperse. In the end, the woman caught in sin and forced to stand alone before her accusers is the only one who stands before Jesus. While her accusers depart in shame, she opens her heart to the compassion and healing that Jesus offers. She alone is restored to wholeness.

What is the hurt, the guilt, the secret that we fear could be placed before others to embarrass us? What is the wound within that leaves us feeling beyond God's loving touch? We will not have the strength to walk with Jesus through his Passion unless we allow him first to touch our woundedness and allow God's love to dwell in that very part of our being that we fear cannot be loved. There is nothing within us, no past word or action or inaction, that is beyond the reach of God's mercy; we need only open our hearts to allow God's healing within.

Monday and Tuesday offer two opportunities to be reconciled to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monday at St. Francis Xavier and Tuesday at St. John of the Cross. Come join your sister and brother sinners and allow God's loving mercy into your life. There is no better gift you can give yourself. Then join us on Friday evening as Fr. Stan Ilo concludes our parish mission with a focus on "Discovering Healing and Hope in a Wounded World." Allow yourself these blessings.

Joyful Lent,

F. Bill

Scripture Reflections

Reflection for the 5th Sunday in Lent

Team #6

Susan Lindsay, Susan Martin, Susie Lehuta & Susan Lastres

The readings for today call us to return to the right relationship with God. Each reading refers to the relationship of old, based on the laws written on the tablets of stone. But each reading pulls us forward to a renewed relationship based on the laws written in our hearts by God's hand. The old laws, based on judgement, have been replaced with the new laws based on mercy. The grace to know we are all sinners makes it easier to understand the mercy God shows each of us. It is this god-like quality of mercy that Jesus is urging us to adopt in our relationships with each other and ourselves. It is the quality that will help us regain our place in creation – made in the image of God. So what is it that we need to do? What is it we need to pray for? Who do we need to forgive? Who do we need to reach out to? How is our fasting, prayer and almsgiving helping us to return to right relationship with others, self and God? May meditating on these questions help us to utilize these last weeks of Lent to find a deep well of mercy God has for each of us.

Lent 2019 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:

Stations of the Cross

will be prayed at 8:20 am on Fridays

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Parish Reconciliation Service

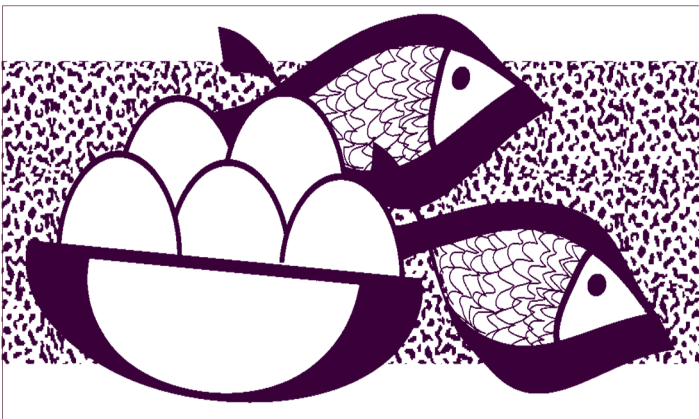
Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm

Individual Private Confession

Saturday morning—9:30 am

Saturday evening—4:15 pm

Private Prayer in church each day.



The Pontifical Good Friday Collection Friday, April 19

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

St. Francis Xavier Church Holy Week Services 2019

Palm Sunday – April 14

Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Wednesday – April 17

Tenebrae - 7:00 pm

Church open until 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday – April 18

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

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

Church open until midnight

Good Friday – April 19

Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 and 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday – April 20

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 21

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

Masses at 9:15 and 10:45 am--School Gym

(No 6:00 pm Mass)

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!!!

Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, April 12
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 of 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.



You are invited to Eucharistic Adoration

Join us to pray for the
special intentions of the
**Outreach Ministries of
St. Francis Xavier**

April 11, 2019 from 6:00-7:00pm

WHAT: During Eucharistic Adoration, 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. Peter Julian Eymard stated: “...Jesus Christ [is] present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is living; he wants us to speak to him; he will speak to us. And this conversation, which develops between the soul and our Lord, is true Eucharistic mediation; this is adoration.”

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

The intentions of the St. Francis Xavier parish and parishioners are always brought before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In March, we invite you to remember the special intentions of the **Outreach Ministries**: the volunteers and the people they serve. These groups include: Food Pantry, Kitchen Angels, BEDS Plus, Domestic Violence Outreach, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Peace & Justice, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

WHO: Jesus waits for us, each one of us, in the Eucharist. He waits when you 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.

WHEN: The next Eucharistic Adoration will be on April 11. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00 until 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.

Adoration is the “face-to-face” that leads to the “heart-to-heart” with Jesus.

Baptisms

We celebrate and welcome the newest members of our faith family, who were baptized:



Ruth Aveen MacEntee

Daughter of Peter & Rachel (Richard) MacEntee

Celeste Achiaa Dumfeh

Daughter of Jude & Evelyn (Atuahene) Dumfeh

Kaylee Grace Krniecik

Daughter of Kellen & Amy (Cronin) Krniecik

Jack Anthony Long

Son of Stephen & Heidi (Hoffman) Long

Dominic Joseph Radous

Son of Austin & Alissa (Donati) Radous

Charlotte Mae Reichel

Daughter of Patrick & Kristen (Kluge) Reichel

Caiside Patricia Hannigan

Daughter of Patrick & Jennifer (LeBeda) Hannigan

Olivia Rhae Jackson

Daughter of Stephen & Sherry (McFeely) Jackson

Lilah Marielle Lyons

Daughter of Nicholas & Laura (Sullivan) Lyons

Aya Aniela Olremba

Daughter of Peter & Nour (Bahrani) Olremba

Stella Mae Scrementi

Daughter of Sammy & Rachel (Kowalczyk) Scrementi

Brooks Michael Dedore

Son of Lee & Jennifer (Zawislak) Dedore

Connor Jack Dedore

Son of Lee & Jennifer (Zawislak) Dedore

Henry Alexander Holub

Son of Kenneth & Megan (Balster) Holub

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of March:

Mary Fitzgerald

Allen & Cindy O'Keefe, Jr.

Melissa Sanson

Anthony & Adeline Sanjay



Found

A diamond band has been found and turned into the rectory office. If you may have lost it, please call 708-352-0168 to describe it.

Thank you!



MISERICORDIA CANDY DAYS

Misericordia

Friday & Saturday, April 26-27

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Two or more hours of your time will make a difference for more than 600 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Locations in LaGrange and Countryside.

This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours!

To volunteer log on to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040844aeaf2fa46-misericordias>

Contact Kathy Witowski with any questions 773-315-5796 kswiftwitowski@yahoo.com.



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
 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.)

**Box Tops
 For Education
 Collection**



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

Thank you for your help!

Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

April 7 Class
 April 14 Class ~ Palm Sunday
 April 21 No Class ~ Happy Easter

Wednesdays

April 10 Class
 April 17 Class
 April 24 No Class

**Sunday, April 28 RE Fair ALL Sessions
 8:45-10:15 am in Joyce Hall**

Religious Education Important Dates

Grade 3 ~ Reconciliation

Sunday, April 7 during Class Time in Chapel
 Wednesday, April 10 during Class Time in Chapel

Grade 8 ~ Graduation

Sunday, April 7 12:00 pm in Church

Grade 7 ~ Teaching Liturgy

Sunday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 10

Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Event

April 7 Banner Making

First Communion Celebrations

Saturday, May 4

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.

The children's choir will sing on 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: April 27.

Please call Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator or Allen Sterwalt,
 Director of Music at 708-352-0168 with any questions.

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Teen Volunteers Needed!

This year, the 7pm Good Friday service is being led by teen ministers in the roles of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers (pass out nails and hold the cross in addition to typical usher duties). If you are interested in participating, please contact Olivia Zurowski ASAP at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

2019-20 Youth Council

Applications are now open for the 2019-20 Youth Council. Open to rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, the Youth Council meets monthly to plan social and service opportunities and provide feedback on events and initiatives to make Youth Ministry more appealing and accessible to teens. The application (*due 4/18*) can be found online at the Youth Ministry site. Contact Olivia with any questions.

Quest Reconciliation Service

There will be a Reconciliation Service after the 6pm Mass THIS Sunday. This contemplative service is geared towards the Quest teens, especially those preparing for Confirmation, but all are invited!

2019 Summer Mission Trip

Sign up now for the 2019 Summer Mission Trip! 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.

We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media:

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

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

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

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



Nazareth Academy Stations of the Cross Prayer Service

The date for Nazareth Academy's community Stations of the Cross Prayer Service has been changed to Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm in the Congregation of St. Joseph Chapel. All are welcome to join us for an inspirational evening of prayer, reflection and music in preparation for the holiest days of the year, the Triduum. This loving reenactment of Christ's final steps allows our Nazareth Family to share personal reflections of our connection to the Paschal Mystery. As we recall Christ's passion, we encourage the young men and women of Nazareth to share their voices and their stories.

If you have any questions, please contact Nazareth Academy's Campus Minister, Janet Rausch at jrausch@nazarethacademy.com.

BACK DOOR THEATER

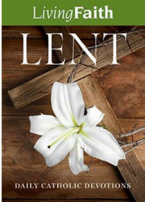
SUMMER IS COMING
GAME OF TESTAMENT THRONES
BACK DOOR THEATER 2019

If you are entering the 6th through 10th grade in the Fall of 2019 and looking for a creative summer experience in theater and stage production, Back Door Theater is looking for you! The Back Door Theater is a co-operative drama ministry of Grace Lutheran and St. Francis Xavier Churches (members of all churches and denominations are welcome) that offers teens and pre-teens a casual opportunity to explore the theater arts. Entering its 19th 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.

Workshops are held 2 nights a week for 6 weeks. This year's performance will take place on July 13, 2019. We are also looking for adults who would like to join our staff or contribute in any way. BDT alumni this is a great opportunity to give back to the program you loved in your teen years.

Registration packets can be found at the back of church and in the rectory office. For questions or further information, please call Becky Hayes at 708-878-2790 or email at bechayes@sbcglobal.net.

LENT 2019



Living Faith-Lent

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

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.

Area Reconciliation Services

4/8 St. Francis Xavier, 7 pm

4/9 St. John of the Cross, 7 pm

4/11 Eucharistic Adoration

Third Thursday of the month, 6-7 pm in church.

Immigrant Justice

Through the U.S. Bishops' website, send a postcard to Congress, expressing support for meaningful, compassionate, Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Click the Quicklink at sfxlg.org.

4/13-4/27 LaGrange Knights of Columbus/Food Pantry Spring Food Drive

Have your donation picked up or donate online at www.MyFoodDrive.org/#LGKofCSpring2019. 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.



Attend Daily Mass

Mon-Wed, 7:45 & 9 am

Thurs & Sat, 9 am; Fri, 7:45 am;

Communion Services on

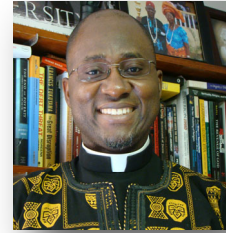
Thurs, 7:45 am & Fri, 9 am.

Stations of the Cross

The Fridays of Lent, 8:20 am.

4/12 Living Stations

by the Parish School 8th Graders, 8:30 am.



Fr. Stan Chu Ilo, an internationally acclaimed preacher, author, and teacher, is a priest of Awgu Diocese in Eastern Nigeria.

He is a research professor at the Center for World Catholicism and Inter-Cultural Theology, DePaul University, Chicago. He shares his gifts with us regularly, as weekend president.

The Joy of Lent -

A Lenten Mission led by

Fr. Stan Chu Ilo

4/12 Loving When it Hurts: Discovering Healing and Hope in a Wounded World

The evening will include Fr. Stan's talk, reflection, music and prayer.

Light refreshments will be served.

St. Francis

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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 of your loved one on the envelope. You can drop off your donation at the rectory or add it to the collection basket during weekend Masses. 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.

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.

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Please join us!

9th ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

Supporting the mission of
TEACH - Tutoring English to Advance Change

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Grand Oaks Pavilion, Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus
2815 Jorie Boulevard, Oak Brook

6:00 p.m. Cocktails & Tastes of the World

7:00 p.m. Entertainment and Awards Program



You're invited to join our Celebration of Cultural Unity - an evening of international food & entertainment, and the presentation of our 2019 Cultural Unity Awards



**The Art of Slowing Down—
An Introduction to the Deep
River Within** on Saturday,
April 13 from 10:00 am-
12:30 pm with Facilitator,

Carol Hohle. Within each of us flows a deep river of creativity, clarity, and contentment. Sometimes we need to slow down, when we lose our connection to it. In this workshop for women, participants will be introduced to six core practices to stay connected to our Deep River of purpose and joy. Cost: \$30.

Wildflowers and Carnivorous Plants at the Indiana Dunes on Wednesday, May 1 from 8:15 am–5:00 pm with Facilitators: NPS Ranger Kim Swift and Mary Fishman. Celebrate May Day with a ranger-guided leisurely walk in a dunes forest blanketed with spring flowers. After a picnic lunch by the lake, experience a hidden bog, which happens to be an incredible habitat for unique, carnivorous plants. Cost: \$35 (includes transportation). Advance registration required.

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

Circle of Song Concert: Singing Compassion into the World on Friday, May 10 at 7:30 pm with Director: Kathy Sherman, CSJ. Join us for an evening of song! A lively variety of music—from sacred to Gospel to Andrew Lloyd Webber—will take you on a journey of the heart at this popular concert. Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

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

Spring Food Drive 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. Groups and volunteers can take as little or as much as they like in increments of one hour. Volunteers can choose their own day and time during Saturday, April 13 to Sunday, April 21. 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. Knights of Columbus 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 Drives in April and October help our most vulnerable neighbors make ends meet.

Please call, text or email Mike Hattie, Committee Chair 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com for more information. Thank you for your support!

Interfaith Career Network

Treat Your Job Interview as a Sales Call

The biggest sales call you'll make is selling yourself to the hiring manager! On Thursday, April 11 from 7:00-9:00 pm, our speaker, Mike Cooper, will focus on topics that include tough interview questions, accountability and a closing checklist. You'll leave this discussion with easy to use tips, tactics and techniques to help ensure doing your best on your next interview. Mike is a Certified Sales Consultant at a sales training and consulting company he founded in 2008. He can help bring your job search to the next level using the PAPCE selling method. What's the PAPCE selling method? Learn all about it when you join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Life-changing Surgery: Transformative Mission



Solidarity Bridge's mission is about transformation for all - lives transformed through needed and previously inaccessible surgery; a health system transformed through enhanced equipment and teaching; and missionaries transformed as they encounter and build relationships with Bolivian colleagues, patients and families.

Volunteers - those who travel on mission or volunteer in the US - are the heart and soul of Solidarity Bridge. They give generously of their time, talent, and resources in healing partnership with the people of Bolivia. Their actions and experiences enrich their own lives and the lives of others. Would you like to join our mission?

Journey with us this Lent—www.solidaritybridge.org/lent



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 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 Julie & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Sgt. Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tchaikovsky Family
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam

**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.**

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
 Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday9:00 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 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 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

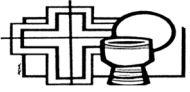
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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—April 13-14, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	H. Fitzpatrick M. Kanzer L. Freda	L. Bannach M. Becker K. Preussner K. Corrigan J. Denson K. Kanzer M. Milligan D. Dunlap	D. Grech A. Holmes Open	G. Adams	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	D. Walsh J. Van Gorp S. Lindsay	S. Augustyn S. Hayes K. Stetz J. Van Gorp D. Walsh	E. Geraghty Open Open	C. Kline	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Rotert P. Zadeik D. Sherman	R. Barker M. Hull L. Krepps L. Nichol J. Cogelja A. Gargano B. McMahon D. Nighswander E. Olsen	B. Culin D. Collins Open	K. Fron Gallery Choir	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Muccino	A. Stowe T. Gannon J. Spearman	L. Egan J. Garreau S. Martin P. McGinnis O. Lastres J. Nowak G. Rutkowski L. Ovník Open	N. Strayer A. McCarty Open	B. Kalnes Celebration Ensemble	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	J. Clark K. Justak M. Justak	K. Borawski C. Gatsos A. Chimento B. Edelmann C. Grimes	T. Dudek Open Open	J. Pfluger	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of April 7, 2019

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-19

