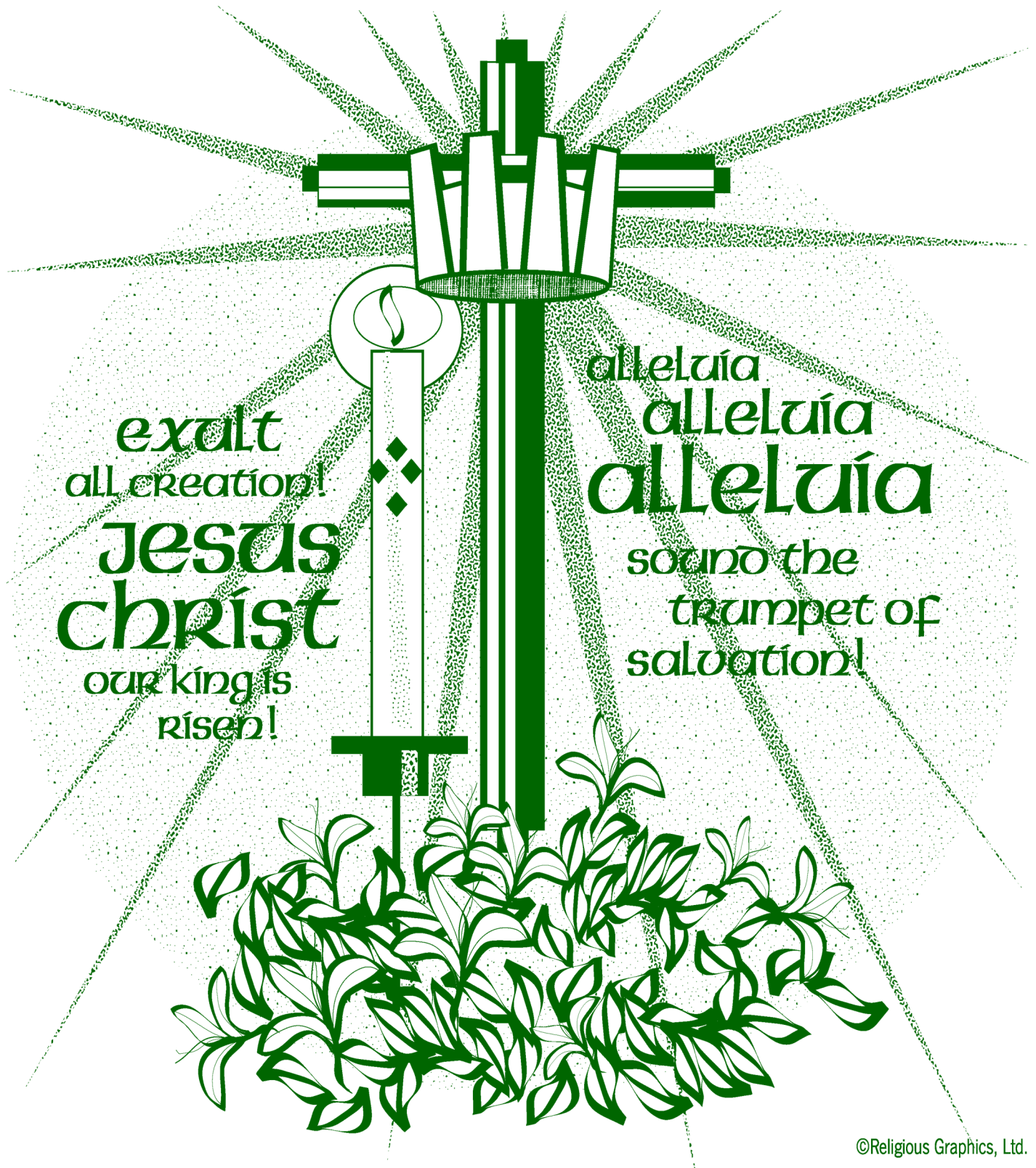


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019



exult
all creation!
**JESUS
CHRIST**
our king is
risen!

alleluia
alleluia
alleluia
sound the
trumpet of
salvation!

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 22	7:45 am 9:00 am	James Heinlein Margaret Birmingham	Marlene Heinlein The Rius Family
Tuesday, April 23	7:45 am 9:00 am	John Cimock Norbert Pacholski	The Driscoll Family Nancy & Michael Kalkowski
Wednesday, April 24	7:45 am 9:00 am	People of St. Francis Xavier Carole Hillsman	Linda & Rich Hillsman
Thursday, April 25	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Josephine Balkwill	The Shanahans
Friday, April 26	7:45 am 9:00 pm	Mercedes McDonnell Living Intention Elizabeth Fagan	The McDonnell Family The Kanzer Family
Saturday, April 27	9:00 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Richard Hofstetter Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding--Krysten Berthene & Blake Baron Sacrament of Reconciliation Dennis Hogerty	The Hofstetter Family The Mulvenna Family
Sunday, April 28	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish Lois & Thomas Ryan People of the Parish John Barry Don Blaha	Dolores Lewis The Filbin Family

Please Pray For...

Diane Bell	Edward Kudia
James Boardman	Emmett Miller
Jay Carroll	Patrick Morgan
Peter Coughlan	Mike Morrison
Anthony Dina	Jack Murphy
Blake Donegan	Noah Olson
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Arnold Oppenheim
Lynn Doyle	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Ryan Patyk
Lily Fielding	Donna Pekarek
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Gino Pesce
Bruce Gonigam	Carissa Pessetti
Lilli Gregory	Norm Petrancosta
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	John Thoms
Mike Kelly	Anne Titzer
Benny Kilman	Michael Ungari
Jerry Kolman	Amanda Valerugo
Virginia Kottaridis	Gregory Van Gorp
Lou Ellen Krueger	Malcom Young
	Richard Zeiler

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:



Andrew Brook
Husband of Anne & Father of Penelope and Finnian

Ellen Elizabeth Wallace
Mother of Cathy Bier



Weddings

Krysten Berthene & Blake Baron

Rectory Closed

The Rectory Office will be closed on Sunday, April 21 and Monday, April 22 for the Easter Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 23 at 8:30 am.



Monday, April 22
Only One Mass at 9:00 am

Pastor's Notes

And they remembered his words.
Luke 24:8

The first witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus come gradually to understand the events of that first Easter morning. Easter dawn finds the women who remained with Jesus through his suffering and death and until his body was carefully laid in the tomb returning to anoint his body at their first opportunity. The men who abandoned Jesus at his arrest or soon thereafter are locked in the room in which they had celebrated what they did not realize was a last supper with Jesus and promised never to betray him. The women do not find a body; they encounter two messengers in dazzling garments who terrify them even as they proclaim that Jesus has been raised. As these messengers recall the words of Jesus regarding the necessity of his death so that he might rise from the dead, the women come to believe. But their testimony is discounted as nonsense by the men who are hidden behind locked doors. Peter rushes to the empty tomb; but can make no sense of what he finds there.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is *a process of coming to believe*. The truth of resurrection may be accepted easily by children who encounter reality with imaginative and uncomplicated minds. Yet the questioning of adolescence, the challenges of young adulthood, the shifts of middle age, and the struggles and losses of older age each bring their doubts. A mature faith in the Resurrected Lord comes with a sense of doubt. When we confront suffering, sorrow, sickness, or death, whether in our personal lives or in our world, we may not be comforted immediately by the promise that God is walking with us and that God promises that life will *always* rise from death. We may cling to empty tombs and seek life among the dead for a time. We may run about, confused and anxious. We may hide away in fear of what lies beyond our locked doors.

The Lord continues to send messengers who challenge us to look beyond the tomb, to journey beyond closed doors, and to allow the Lord to touch our hearts once more. The Lord is patient with us; our coming to believe may take place over weeks, months, or years. But *faith will come* if we allow for the God who dwells deep in our hearts, whose past stories of faithfulness continue to be written anew, and who will never give up on us. And sometimes *God will send us* as the messengers of hope to those lost in empty tombs or hidden behind locked doors.

Welcome in to the Easter celebration. Welcome to you who bring life to this community through your generous stewardship of time, talent, and treasure throughout the year. Welcome to you who gather with us occasionally and whom we miss when you are not here. Welcome to you who are with us rarely and whom we hope to ensure that you always have a home among us. Welcome to visitors, newcomers, relatives, and friends. Easter is God's assurance that life has conquered death even though death will sometimes shadow our lives. Easter is God's assurance that God's love is for all and more powerful than all! Alleluia!

Easter Blessings,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflections

Reflection for Easter Sunday
Team #2

Bernadette McMahon, Renee Nutt, Diane Redmond, Katie Stetz & Joan Stopka

This Easter and the season that follows are filled with expressions of new life and new beginnings. We are filled with joy at Christ's resurrection and the promise of our own someday. Death is conquered. As the apostles were commissioned in the first reading to testify that Jesus is appointed the judge of the living and the dead and all who believe in him will receive forgiveness, so too it is our responsibility to bear witness to this fact.

In the second reading it is not a far stretch to compare ourselves to the yeast, expelling our negative ways and giving rise to the more positive qualities of sincerity and truth. By living with and through Christ we eliminate our old lives of sin and open ourselves to the possibility of new creation. We become the new bread new bread to be broken and shared with others.

The Gospel is striking. Just the visuals of seeing the huge stone removed and the burial cloths laying there with the cloth that covered his head rolled up in a separate place. The sound of Mary Magdala's words "They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don't know where they put him". The confusion between Simon Peter and the other disciple. The other disciple who arrived first believes but none of them yet understand. Let us take time today to consider this mystery of faith. How is God calling us to strengthen our belief of life coming from death?

AN EASTER WELCOME TO ALL!

We warmly welcome all who have come to celebrate this glorious feast!

Welcome to the stranger, the traveler and guest!

Welcome to college students and all home for a visit!

***Welcome, parishioners who moved west, south, or east
but join us today as old friends and new guests!***

***Welcome, all who have been away for whatever the reason;
may you find new hope and inspiration in this Easter season
and come back to bless us anew!***

***Welcome, parish stewards, whose talent, time, and treasure
build church in this place in ways beyond measure;
may God bless you for all that you do!***

Welcome, all!

May our gathering this day gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds.

We are a People of God – redeemed by God's Light.

May we walk in the Light and live in the Light – together in love!



REVISED WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE~JULY 1, 2019

Beginning July 1, both St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross expect a reduction in priest associates as the number of available priests dwindles. St. Cletus faces the same situation next summer. Both St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross already offer only one weekday morning Mass. Fr. Bill recently initiated a process to adjust our weekday morning Mass schedule to adapt to the number of priests available for weekday Masses and for special Masses, such as funerals.

On March 5, Fr. Bill invited those who regularly attend weekday Mass into the rectory for paczki and a conversation around the best time for a single weekday morning Mass. The consensus of the 7:45AM worshippers was to schedule the Mass no later than 8:30. The consensus of the 9:00AM worshippers was to schedule the Mass no earlier than 8:15. The parish elementary school offered that an 8:30AM Mass would be least disruptive when students attend the weekday Mass at various times during the year.

Beginning July 1, 2019, St. Francis Xavier Parish will offer one weekday Mass at 8:30AM on Monday through Friday. (We will continue to celebrate Mass on Saturday morning at 9:00AM.) St. Cletus will continue to celebrate weekday Mass at 8:00AM; St. John of the Cross is moving their weekday Mass to 9:00AM in mid-June. Our intent is to provide three distinct times in an area weekday Mass schedule and to accommodate the needs of as many people as possible. Several SFX parish leaders have offered to provide an early communion service two or three days per week; details will follow.

We will not consider changes to the Sunday Mass schedule at this point. This would presume the loss of an associate pastor; it also would involve a much broader conversation that would continue into the fall. Any changes to the Sunday schedule would not be implemented in the current calendar year.

We will begin accepting Mass intentions for 2020 on Monday, April 29, 2019. We will accept multiple intentions for two designated Masses each week (Mondays & Sundays). Since the Sunday Mass schedule for 2020 is subject to change, we will accept intentions for four Sunday Masses in the 2020 Mass Book without designating the time for each Mass. Mass times will be inserted into the Mass Book when we have finalized the 2020 Sunday schedule. The Mass card for a Sunday Mass will provide only the date of the Mass.

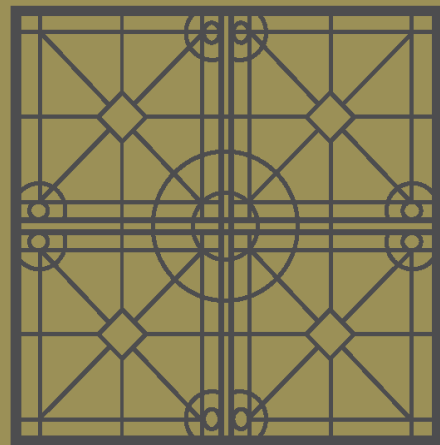
We appreciate your patience and understanding as we discern the best way to steward available resources to serve the spiritual needs of our parish and the parish grouping of which we are a part.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Coming Soon
A commemorative book
with highlights of
our history and
a recap of the
stewardship of our
125th Anniversary
Capital Campaign.

Details of the book and
order forms will be
available by May 1
on our website
(www.sfxlg.org),
in the bulletin,
or at the rectory.

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Easter 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we walk on our life journeys in this world, we may often feel overwhelmed. Struggle and suffering can mark our lives because of health issues, job insecurity, family concerns, or the painful loss of a loved one. The world itself, in Saint Paul's words, "has been groaning" (Roman 8:22), as it struggles with wars, violence, ecological degradation, economic injustice, and natural disasters. And as we are keenly aware this past year, the Church herself has struggled mightily with the shameful legacy of abuse and its mismanagement.

It seems that the landscape of our lives is entirely shaped by struggle and suffering. And that might seem to be the sum and substance of it all, but, in faith, we know that it is not. Our celebration of the Lord's resurrection in this Easter season opens our eyes beyond this desperate landscape to a new and hope-filled horizon. There is more to the story than our struggle and suffering. In the Resurrection of Jesus, we can begin to see a new life ahead of us that God offers to us.

As we go forth in this Easter season, I am reminded of the great Psalm 118 that the Church so often prays:

*I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
and has been my savior.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (vv.13-15)*

May this Easter season renew within you and your loved ones the conviction that God is your helper and an abiding awareness of your victory in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Archbishop of Chicago at the time.

Archbishop of Chicago

Statement of Cardinal Cupich on the Vatican City State's New Child Protection Policies

March 30, 2019

I welcome the release today of three important documents by which Pope Francis makes clear that everyone in the Church has a “duty to report abuses (of minors and vulnerable adults) to competent authorities and to cooperate with them in the activities of prevention and response.” This is so, the Holy Father remarks, because “the protection of minors and vulnerable persons is an integral part of the Gospel message that the Church and all her members are called to spread throughout the world.”

The first of these documents is an executive order (*motu proprio*), which issues both specific laws and pastoral guidelines applicable to Vatican City State and the embassies of the Holy See around the world. It is true that few, if any children reside in the Vatican. Yet, it is precisely that fact, along with the inclusion of the most advanced international norms in shaping these documents, which demonstrates that Pope Francis is offering a template for the global church.

Specifically, these documents released today put into law and/or provide the following measures:

All crimes related to abuse of minors and vulnerable adults, not just those of a sexual nature, but any mistreatment, will be prosecuted even if the victim does not file an official report;

- Everyone in the Vatican, the members of the Roman Curia and diplomatic staff serving in embassies around the world are mandatory reporters and there are sanctions for failure to report;
- The Vicar of Vatican City has an obligation to report to the Promoter of Justice any information of abuse that is “not manifestly unfounded”, and to remove the alleged perpetrator of the abuse from pastoral activities as a precautionary measure;
- Anyone found guilty of abuse will be “removed from office” in the Vatican. If the person is a priest, all the canonical norms already in force, will be put into practice;
- A qualified expert will be appointed to offer pastoral care and accompaniment for victims of abuse in the Vatican;
- Guidelines are now in place regarding proper behavior of adults, i.e., adults must “always be visible to others when they are in the presence of minors,” it is strictly forbidden “to establish a preferential relationship with a single minor, to address a minor in an offensive way or to engage in inappropriate or sexually allusive conduct. to ask a minor to keep a secret, to photograph or to film a minor without the written consent of his parents.”
- A 20-year prescription period (statute of limitations) has been introduced, that, “in the case of offense to a minor” begins on his or her eighteenth birthday. In Italy, these crimes could not be prosecuted more than four years after the crime itself was committed.

We should not overlook the fact that these documents came just a month after the Holy Father's meeting with the presidents of the episcopal conferences and leaders of religious women and men from across the world. On the last day of the meeting, the pope called for an all-out battle against child abuse. Today's development should be viewed as the first in a series of concrete steps the pope indicated would come in short order. We can anticipate the release of a handbook or '*vademecum*' for the Universal Church, the revision of chapter 6 of the Code of Canon Law, the issuance of procedures for implementing the Apostolic Letter "Like a Loving Mother, which deals with misconduct and mishandling on the part of bishops and the creation of task forces to assist under-resourced dioceses in bringing their norms for protecting minors up-to-date and to deal with these cases effectively.

Much work needs yet to be done, but today sets the Catholic Church on a path from which there is no turning back.

Fr. Bill's Note: All of the policies and procedures that the pope has implemented for the Vatican City State and its embassies, or their equivalents, have been in place in the Archdiocese of Chicago since they were implemented by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin in 1992.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER DAY SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ORDER FORM



Bricks are available in 2 sizes:

Small 4" x 8" **\$175 each**

Large 8" x 8" **\$300 each**

Please check our website for updates regarding our next brick installation targeted for July 2019.

Small Bricks – 3 lines

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Day School



Religious Education

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ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM



Bricks are available in 2 sizes:

Small 4" x 8"

Large 8" x 8"

Small bricks are \$125 each and large bricks are \$250 during the presales ending May 25, 2018.

After that date, the brick cost will increase by \$50 per brick.

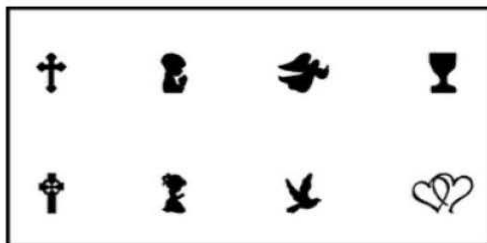
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Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is open to New Families.

Registration Packets can be picked up at the rectory or materials can be downloaded from the Parish Website (sfxlg.org).

Registrations received in the office after May 31st will have an increase of \$50 in tuition. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 708-352-4555.

Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

April 21 No Class ~ Happy Easter

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Wednesdays

April 24 No Class

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

Religious Education Important Dates

**First Communion Celebrations
Saturday, May 4**

Please Join Family Ministry As We Partner With Salt Creek Watershed Network To Help Clean the Creek

Saturday, April 27, 2019---9:00 am-Noon



Where: North Bemis Woods

Entrance to the woods is on Wolf Road South of 31st Street. Drive to the foot bridge over Salt Creek to sign-in.

Waiver Form & Minors

A signed volunteer waiver must be provided for participation. No minor may participate unless accompanied by an adult with a signed volunteer waiver.

Complimentary Cookout Lunch and Program 11:00 am-Noon.

RSVP for this event by contacting Elizabeth Torrissi at Elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com.

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 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.

BACK DOOR THEATER

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.

SUMMER IS COMING

GAME OF OLD TESTAMENT THRONES

BACK DOOR THEATER 2019

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Happy Easter!

May you experience the joy and new life that we celebrate this Easter season!

2019 Summer Mission Trip

Registration

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 at 708-352-0168 or ozurowski@sfxlg.org for more information.

Mission Trip Formation Meeting

There is a MANDATORY formation meeting on Sunday, April 28 from 12-2pm for everyone signed up for the Summer Mission Trip.

2nd Payment

The 2nd payment for the Mission Trip, \$150, is due Tuesday, April 30. This can be mailed to the rectory or dropped off in person. If you have not already made the 1st payment, \$100, please make sure to include that as well.



Misericordia

MISERICORDIA CANDY DAYS

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.

Special Information Regarding Upcoming Saturday Morning 9:00 am Mass and Confession

Due to First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4, we will not have the 9:00 am morning mass or confessions on this day.

Please keep the Second Graders receiving First Holy Communion in your prayers.



School Website:
sfxlg.org/school



School Facebook
facebook.com/sfx.lg



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



Alumni Facebook
facebook.com/sfxlgALUMNI

St. Francis Xavier School

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Spring Food Drive 2019 SFX Food Pantry & Knights of Columbus

Have your food donation picked up or volunteer to distribute flyers or donate online at www.MyFoodDrive.org/#LGKofCSpring2019.

Contact Mike Hattie by phone or text at 708-207-2780 or email council6483@gmail.com. Every \$1 and every food donation is a helping hand up for families and seniors struggling to make ends meet. Please join the Knights in helping our most vulnerable neighbors make ends meet. Thank you for your support!

Boy Scout Troop 14

All You Can Eat

Silent



SPAGHETTI DINNER



Auction & Bake Sale
Saturday, May 4th
4:00-8:00 pm

First United Methodist Church
100 West Cossitt Avenue
Across from Cossitt School

\$10 Adults
Children under 10 eat free

Domestic Abuse

St. Francis Xavier is committed to serving the needs of the abused in our parish and beyond. For more information regarding our domestic violence outreach ministry efforts here at SFX, please call: 708-352-0168.

Did You Know?

In the United States, one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the U.S. between the ages of 15 and 44—more than car accidents, rapes, and muggings combined.

Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children as adults.

Signs of Abuse:

Is your partner . . .
Controlling you?
Isolating you from people/activities?
Blaming you for his/her problems?
Making all the important decisions?
Humiliating you?
Threatening or using violence?
Making you feel as if you are crazy?
Expecting you to “do as you’re told”?
Abusive to children/past partners?



If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you are not alone.

Call 911 if you feel you are in immediate danger.

If you or someone you know needs help,
call a 24 hour hotline:
Pillars: 708-485-5254
Family Shelter Services: 630-469-5650

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!

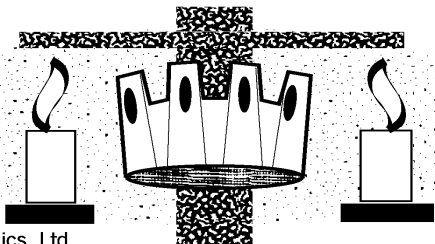
Catholic Women’s Club

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.





STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT
AS OF MARCH 31, 2019



Prior Month's Offerings:	<u>EFT/Credit Card</u>	+	<u>Basket</u>	=	<u>March Total</u>
March 2019	\$ 64,952		\$ 53,403		\$ 118,355
March 2018	\$ 55,686		\$ 66,218		\$ 121,904

Easter Offertory

Our Easter Offertory budget is \$80,000. The collections received at this time of the year support the beautiful Holy Week and Easter liturgies as well as the many programs and outreach efforts we offer to those in need. Please be as generous as you are able.

To make your contribution online, text EASTER to 708-340-6630. When prompted, click on the link and follow the steps to complete your transaction. You can also text DONATE to the same number to contribute to regular Sunday Offertory.

Easter Flowers

The following donations for our Easter Flowers have been made:

In Honor of:

Rita Donahue Brindisi
Roger J. Brindisi
Loretta Haxel
Helen & John Potoch
Andrew & Florence Swiderski
Greg Swiderski

In Memory of:

Connie Aiello
Louisa Aiello
Henry & Irene Azzi
Sylvia Braggio
Michael Ciprani
Theresa Ciprani
Terry Conwell
Clement Dobski
Helen Dobski
Tom Gibbons
John & Bernice Grzeslo
John & Katherine Hannigan
Hayes & Roach Families
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Charlotte Middendorf
Pauline & Fred O'Malley
Mavis & Paul Ortman
Gilbert, Isabel & Richard Riess
Michael Sarno
Claire Sharkey
Joseph Simeoni
Connie Thoms
Mark Timpone
Arthur & Dorothy West
David West
Michelle West
Ron Woods

CHRIST
yesterday
and
today
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beginning
and the
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ALPHA
&
OMEGA

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Senior Women's Group

St. Francis Xavier Parish
124 North Spring Avenue
La Grange, IL



Spring Luncheon *Jen's guest House*

8989 Archer Avenue
Willow Springs, Illinois

Thursday, May 9, 2019
(Gathering @ 11:30)
Lunch @ Noon (Cash Bar)

This is a reservation event;
RSVP with payment of \$25 to the Rectory by Friday, May 3rd
*If transportation is a problem call Beth @ 708-703-1658 or
Marge @ 708-203-3459*



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.

Sparking Creativity – An Introduction to the Artist’s Way on Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM with Facilitator: Carol Hohle. Get a taste of the creative journey that Julia Cameron recommends in “The Artist’s Way – A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity.” Bring your writing journal, pen, and sense of adventure and come engage with several exercises from this best-selling book. Cost: \$30.

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.

Alleluia!

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THAT all MAY BE one

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

Buy your tickets now at: www.teachempowers.org

Special Circumstances For Receiving The Eucharist

The Catholic Church has historically recognized the intimate relationship of wheat hosts and wine as matter for the Eucharist. However, if you have Celiac Sprue Disease or a family member suffers from a gluten intolerance or if you are alcohol intolerant, receiving the Eucharist is life-involving in seriously challenging ways. The logistics or manner of accommodating lay persons with gluten or wine intolerance in a parish setting during the Liturgy of the Eucharist is left to the afflicted party and the pastor to decide the best way during Mass for the afflicted party to safely receive the Precious Body or the Precious Blood.

If you or a member of your family is affected by this circumstance, please contact our pastor, Fr. Bill Tkachuk, to discuss the particulars of your situation. Fr. Bill can be reached by calling the Rectory Office at 708-352-0168.



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

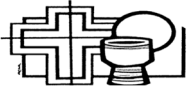
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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 27-28, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	E. Kudia H. McCormick K. Prenger	L. Bannach M. Becker C. Cooke K. Corrigan F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young	Q. Filbin M. Hayford E. Cushing	P. Mirocha	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Van Gorp T. Marthaler M. Kalkowski	N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch T. Nichol P. Olson	N. Strayer E. Fekrat	K. Fron	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Stopka J. Spearman C. Michel	L. Hill L. Nichol D. Nighswander E. Olsen B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali G. Prendergast D. Sherman	N. Olson T. Dudek	C. Kline	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Muccino	T. Hill G. Sbrissa T. Serafin	B. Boyd N. Cummings L. Egan M.P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn K. Parisi G. Rutkowski Open	B. Culin D. Grech D. Colling	B. Mayo	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	T. Bezouska J. Hamilton J. Clark	N. Dekoker L. Donegan C. Gatsos N.L. Kampe Open	A. Holmes E. Geraghty	L. Hoigard	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of April 21, 2019

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or 41/Lk 24:1-12
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/
Jn 20:19-31

