# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday April 28, 2019





## **Mass Intentions For The Week**

Monday, April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Mercedes Hacholski Mike Konstant John Yelnick	The McDonnell Family The Konstant Family Scott & Jill Burson	
Tuesday, April 30 Saint Pius V, Pope	7:45 am 9:00 am	Patricia & Raymond Hassler Hugh Smith	Patricia Hassler The McKenna Family	
Wednesday, May 1 Saint Joseph the Worker	7:45 am 9:00 am	Mary Lou Plonin Pat Maley Claire & Jim Ruth	Jim & Mary Donahue The Miller Family The Cummings Family	
Thursday, May 2 Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Frank Rizzo	The Templeton & Costello Families	
Friday, May 3 Saints Philip and James, Apostles	7:45 am 9:00 pm	Mercedes McDonnell Word & Communion Service	The McDonnell Family	
Saturday, May 4	lay, May 4 9:00 am No Mass First Holy Commun 9:30 am No Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15 pm No Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 pm Jack Adams		The SFX Sunshine Committee	
Sunday, May 5	7:30 am Justin Vizgirda 9:00 am Justin Vizgirda 10:30 am Lillian Cunningham 12:00 pm People of the Parish 6:00 pm Ellen Wallace		The Vizgirda Family The Vizgirda Family Katie & Mark Sedlacek The Byrne Family	

# Please Pray For...

Virginia Kottaridis

Lou Ellen Krueger

Edward Kudia

James Boardman **Emmett Miller** Jay Carroll Patrick Morgan Peter Coughlan Mike Morrison Anthony Dina Jack Murphy Blake Donegan Noah Olson Arnold Oppenheim Pat Eaton Harriet Edwards Jane O'Reilly Lily Fielding Ryan Patyk Baby Collins Fitzpatrick Donna Pekarek Bruce Gonigam Gino Pesce Lilli Gregory Carissa Pessetti Wilson Gregory Norm Petrancosta Patricia Hassler James Pridmore Sr. Marci Hermesdorf Baby Madison Raupp Anna Rose Linda Hillsman Rose Ilo Marilyn Rutkowski Mary J. Matthew Schiek Jane Jacobson Mary Simeoni Chuck Joern Greyson Stanley Theresa Kandall Sarah Stanley Kate Frugoli Sullivan Rose Kazan Mike Kelly John Thoms Benny Kilman Anne Titzer Jerry Kolman Michael Ungari

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.

Amanda Valerugo

Gregory Van Gorp

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:



Fr. Dave Dowdle

*Jim Dorris*Father of Steve Dorris



# Weddings

Meghan Manetti & Michael Palm Katie Calvert & Joe Simonelli

# 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.

#### Pastor's Notes

More than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them."

Acts 5:14

Luke describes the early decades of the church as a time of tremendous growth in number and spirit. Many experienced healings of body, mind, and spirit. Disciples carried the message of the Risen Lord throughout the Mediterranean. Believers gathered in homes, catacombs, and the simple first church structures, remembering themselves in Christ by recalling his words and actions and breaking bread and sharing the cup, as he had asked them to do. It was a time of dynamic evangelization!

Renew My Church, the Archdiocesan effort to revitalize Chicago area parishes to live our mission more fully, is primarily an evangelization effort. What could we accomplish if even half of those who helped to fill our church and gym yesterday were with us in prayer, learning, and service on a regular basis? What could God do through us if more of those who attend regularly felt called and invited into one of our many parish ministries? How can we ensure that we are not the initial community of the disciples who remained locked in an upper room for fifty days; how do we rather become the transformed community who went out to all to bring the healing love of Christ to all who would receive them? May we come to know a new moment of dynamic evangelization of one another in Christ that reaches out to the communities in which we live and serve!

St. Francis Xavier Parish is blessed with an abundance of talented women, men, and youth who generously share their gifts. The services of Holy Week call for extra time talent, and effort; countless parishioners respond each year. *They* 

decorate and redecorate our places of worship, inside and outside; they rehearse music through many extra hours of practice; they attend special practices to prepare readings and sign up for extra duties as ministers of communion, servers, and ushers; they journey with those preparing for baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church; they launder and prepare extra altar linens and tend to the candles; they distribute food so that families in our community can have an Easter dinner and food for the rest of the week. All are supported by the extra efforts of our parish staff, which provides guidance and administrative and facilities support. Each person gives according to her or his talent and ability in ways that we may come to take for granted in the simple beauty of what we experience. Thank you and God bless you all!

This weekend at most Masses, families who participate in our parish School of Religious Education witness to how their stewardship in this program and in other ways has become a blessing in the faith life of their family. Thank you to the families who have offered to do this.

This Sunday at the 10:30 Mass, Fr. Keith Muccino celebrates his last Mass with us before he begins his new assignment in Worcester, Massachusetts. All are invited to a reception after Mass in God's Garage to give thanks and celebrate the blessing that Fr. Keith has been for our Sunday celebrations. Fr. Keith, we send you with our thanks and prayers for a smooth transition. Know that you always will have home among us.

Easter Peace,

7. Bill

# **Scripture Reflections**

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you.""

Peace be with you is an interesting phrase. He could have said so many things. "I'm Back!!!" would have been a good one. Or "Yeah, did you really think my father would let those bad guys win." Or," I told you so."

Considering that the text says that the doors were locked because of the fear of the Jews, he certainly could have said, "Don't worry, I have got your backs."

No he says, "Peace be with you." He even says it twice. Why?

The Gospel of John has already talked about the morning experience of the empty tomb as witnessed by Mary of Magdala, Peter, and John. He has also related about Mary seeing Jesus and rushing back with the news. Yet, the disciples locked the room that evening. If they knew Jesus had risen, why were they afraid?

The Gospel story says that they were afraid of the Jews. I am sure that they were. But I believe that their true fright was

what Jesus would say and do to them when he found them.

Remember they were the ones who had abandoned him. They did not speak up. Their witness was to run and hide. And then, of course there was Peter. Despite his bravado at the Last Supper, he would deny even being a disciple, let alone an apostle. No, they felt ashamed and were afraid of the "Risen One."

That explains the first words of Jesus, "Peace be with You." He could tell that just His presence had caused such a shock that they had missed what He said. He needed to say it again. "Peace be with you." And to show all was forgiven and he was not going to get rid of them and choose others, He mandates them to continue the mission that He wanted them to do all along. "As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then to assist them, he breathed on them and gave them the Holy Spirit.

We know that after Pentecost, they were a different people. Certainly the Spirit gave them courage, but it was the Lord's forgiveness that opened their hearts to receive it. Mercy was the key. May mercy once again lead us and our world to better places.

# **Commemorative Anniversary Book**

We are thrilled to introduce the St. Francis Xavier Parish 125th Anniversary book. This commemorative edition contains a history of life at St. Francis Xavier from 1890 to 2015. In its vibrant, colorful pages, hundreds of parishioners and parish leaders share their memories and stories of our parish.

The book is organized into three segments: Past (showing our early history), Present (highlights from 1990 to 2015) and our Investment in the Future (our Capital Campaign and Capital Projects, with approximately 1,000 parish families listed over ten pages who pledged their time, talent, and/or treasure).

The gift of stewardship of hundreds of SFX parishioners is what makes these pages full of warmth and love. Please don't miss this special opportunity to take home a piece of our shared history that will be treasured for generations. The book is \$40 and can be purchased by visiting the parish website (www.sfxlg.org) or using the order form below. Orders end June 22, 2019, and books should be back from the printer by end of August. Distribution of the books will take place in Unity Hall, and you will be notified when your copy is ready.

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#### DAY SCHOOL

# Family and School Association





# CAMPAIGN AND PRO

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Kathi Mungo, Co-Chair Kathi Mungo, Co-Chair Kate and Mark Boyle Jamie and Tom Cushing Caroline and Mark Dillon Anne and Rob Metzger Chris and Mike Morkin Jacquelyn and Tom Morsch Pat and Bob Roach

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Mike Bruni

#### SFX BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Jim Andreoni Ferdinand Dimailig Keli Dudek Clay Edwards Patrick Lach Frank Mungo

INTERIOR DESIGN COMMITTEE

Investing in the Future

# HUMAN CONCERNS

## All Parish Service Day













#### PARISH LIFE











# SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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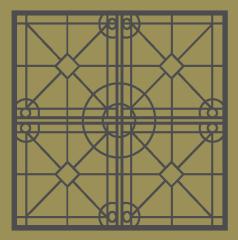






Honoring the Present 83

# 125 YEARS



1890-2015



St. Francis Xavier Season of Stewardship

"All things are possible for God"

...more prayer? ...more service? ...more giving?

#### Stewardship Alive within the School of Religious Education

What would our parish look like if all of God's believers actively chose a stewardship way of life? This weekend at most of the Masses, members of our School of Religious Education reflect on what stewardship within the parish has meant to them - how it impacted their spiritual lives and their hopes for this SFX community. Mary Atseff, Caroline Dillon, Lisa Foster and David Vlcek have each graciously agreed to share their individual stories at Mass during the homily. May the Spirit be with them! Stewardship Alive within the School of Religious Education.

All of us at St. Francis Xavier Parish have a special interest in each of our families. The purpose of the SFX Religious Education Program is to support parents in their role as the primary catechists, or faith educators, of their children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our catechists and support staff who give of their time freely as they journey with the children of our parish and are of support to the parents of these children. As we approach the end of this school year, know that the journey we have been on with the children has been enriching and life giving. May we all continue to find God's presence very much alive each and every day as we live out our baptismal call and are of service to others.

My heartfelt gratitude is also extended to our Parish community for your financial support of all of our parish ministries. Together we make God's work happen!

#### BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

# 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 <u>not</u> 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.

# **ATTENTION** (New) Altar Servers Entering Seventh and Eighth GRADES For the 2019-2020 School Year

If you are interested in becoming an altar server (and I hope you are) look at the schedule below and pick

ONE training session EACH WEEK in addition to the

Mandatory meeting on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

This is required for NEW servers only.

# Training dates:

# **MANDATORY**

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 3:45 – 4:45

# **WEEK ONE**

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 3:45 – 4:45 Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2:45 – 3:45

# WEEK TWO

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 3:45 – 4:45 Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2:45 – 3:45

**AND** 

# **WEEK Three**

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 3:45 – 4:45 Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:45 – 3:45



Please call Mrs. Westerhoff at the rectory (708-352-0168) with the dates you have selected.

Sign up quickly. These dates are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The training will take place in church and will be facilitated by Fr. Killeen, Deacon Andy Allison and Steve Eaton. Parents are welcome to attend.



#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT





# **Easter Collection**

As of Easter Sunday, April 21: \$68,053

Easter Budget: \$80,000



Another beautiful Holy Week here at St. Francis Xavier Parish! We are so thankful for the many who prayed together at Tenebrae, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and standing-room-only Easter Sunday services. Thank you for your generous donations to support the liturgies and ministries as witnesses of our Catholic faith.

Easter contributions continue to be accepted in the offertory basket, via the parish website (<a href="https://www.sfxlg.org">www.sfxlg.org</a>, click on Donate Online) or by texting EASTER to 708-340-6630.

# **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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

#### BACK DOOR THEATER

If you are entering the 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> 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

# SUMMER IS COMING

GAME OF TESTAMENT THRONES

BACK DODORTHEATER 2019

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

#### Last 6pm Mass of the Season

Sunday, May 5 will be the last 6pm Mass for the season (it will resume in the Fall). We will be celebrating all of our graduating seniors, so spread the word to come wearing gear relating to your post-high school plans! There will be a big group picture after Mass, along with a pizza party in God's Garage. All are welcome!

# **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.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> payment, \$100, please make sure to include that as well.

# **Area Respect Life Ministry**

# **Letter Writing Campaign**

Please stop by Unity Hall after all Masses this weekend to sign a letter to area legislators to vote NO on HB 2467/SB 1594 'Parental Notice of Abortion Act' and HB 2495/SB 1942 'Reproductive Health Act'.

House Bill 2467 and Senate Bill 1594 are identical pieces of legislation that would repeal the Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act. The current law requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion. Since its enactment, abortions obtained by minors have dropped fifty-seven percent.

House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942 are identical bills that would strip unborn persons of any protection under the law. Abortion could be obtained at any stage or pregnancy. This legislation also repeals the Abortion Performance Refusal Act, which protects doctors, nurses, and hospitals, who refuse to permit, recommend, perform, or assist in abortion. In so doing, rights of conscience, especially religious objections, will be lost. It would also remove various health regulations from abortion clinics in Illinois and would allow non-doctors to perform abortions.

It only takes a minute! Thank you!



School Website: sfxlg.org/school



School Facebook facebook.com/sfx.lg





Alumni Facebook

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# **All Parish Service Day**

Doing God's Work in the World 5pm Mass St. Francis Xavier Parish June 8, 2019

We hope you'll celebrate Pentecost by being a part of an outreach experience with family, friends and fellow parishioners.

Registration will begin in early May.

# PAST SERVICE DAY REFLECTIONS

It was fun because I looked at other peoples' faces and they were happy.

It was humbling to see something I take for granted as a need for others.

Inspired, aware of so many things, filled with hope, eyes open, desire to help, listen, pray, sisterhood.

Even though we didn't see the people who would actually receive the 'fruits of our labor", it made the work seem so much more important keeping them in mind during our time.

I got a workout!

I truly felt like I lovingly touched suffering lives and I enjoyed the company of the other volunteers.

I thought about the prison inmates who will be reading (the cards) and believe they will be touched by being remembered.

Today will remind me to add them to my prayer list from now on.

# **SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Blood Drive** donating

**Broadview Detention Center** praying

**Challenger Baseball** ball playing

**Companions Journeying Together** note writing

**Congregation of St. Joseph** gardening

**Cradles to Crayons** kid item sorting

**GCFD** food packing

**Interfaith Community Partners** *flower arranging & visiting* 

Magdalene House care package assembling

Refugee family visiting

**Rosary** praying

**SCARCE** school supply sorting

St. Catherine St. Lucy painting

Women's Care Center baby book making

QUESTIONS? Contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168



# NIGHT AT THE RACES WITH THE MEN OF SFX HAWTHORNE RACE TRACK FRIDAY, May 10<sup>TH,</sup> 2019 6:00–11:00pm

# The Evening Includes:

- ⇒ Transportation to Hawthorne Race Track Bus leaves St. Francis at 6:00pm
- ⇒ Admission to Hawthorne
- ⇒ Access to the Gold Cup Dining Room
- ⇒ Program Booklet
- ⇒ Race Dedication for the Group
- ⇒ Winner's Circle Group Photo
- ⇒ Transportation back to St. Francis
   Bus leaves Hawthorne @10:15pm
   Arrives at St. Francis @11:00pm
- $\Rightarrow$  Beverages on the Bus
- ⇒ Dinner
- $\Rightarrow$  Open Bar from 7:00pm 10:00pm

# Menu: The Buffet is served from 7:30–8:30pm

Sausage and Peppers
Fried Chicken
Pasta
Vegetable
Homemade Soup
Salad Bar
Rolls and Butter
Dessert

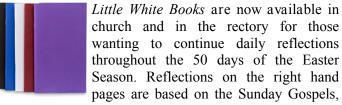
# OPEN BAR 7:00-10:00pm

Domestic Bottle Beer House Liquor Wine and Soda

# If you would like to attend this event please go to:

https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/10481 to purchase tickets.

#### Little White Books - Easter Season



with some additional readings to focus on the sacrament of confirmation and on the Holy Spirit. The reflections continue until Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. The left-hand page includes a combination of Catholic traditions and customs, the saint of the day, historical facts, and information about the Easter season. This Little Book has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ.

# 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**



Silent 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

# May we have your feedback?



The Spiritual Life Board and the Leaders of the Small Faith Groups are interested in hearing your feedback about the Living Faith Lent book used for daily prayer this Lent, versus the Little Black Books last year. Please share your thoughts by contacting Mary Sue McDonald, 708-409-9595 or marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com. 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.

#### **Interfaith Career Network**

## Preparing to Interview? Practice With A Pro

ICN will have multiple HR professionals available on Thursday, May 9 from 6:30-8:00 pm to conduct mock interviews as well as provide helpful feedback. Join us for your interview prep in a relaxed, friendly setting and have an opportunity to ask questions you've been wondering about. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. We hope to see you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

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

## The Joy of Lent

On April 5, Fr. Stan Ilo gave a second Mission Talk by addressing the topic: Someone Beautiful to God - Discovering God's Purpose in our Lives. Below are some highlights. Thanks, Katie McCarthy, for the summary.

#### Jn. 1:35-42 "What are you looking for?"

If you have a pulse – then you have a purpose!

Consider your purpose/direction of your life

\*Are you headed in the right direction?

\*Are you happy where you are?

You are on a sacred journey with God. Your life is not an accident. You were fashioned by the Master.

Your qualities, character, beauty are unique unto you. They make up who you are.

If you are where God wants you to be, then you will find peace.

#### Life does not have a flight plan to follow.

So what is your mission?

How can you find joy, peace, and fulfillment?

Do you long for who you were?

Do you have regrets?

Are you DEEPLY happy or is it make believe within your heart?

#### **Lent = a time for course correction.**

What obstacles keep you from flourishing – becoming what God wants you to be?

The starting point of every journey must begin by seeing the hand of God in your life and allowing Him to be a part of the journey.

When you are struggling – do you see God?

We need a personal relationship with God.

It is not a one way street, rather an interpersonal relation. God is looking for partnership with us. God < -> Us

Why did God make you? To have union with you.

Love Him. Know Him. Serve Him. One day, Dwell with Him

#### Go out and bear fruit so His love will be more prevalent in the world.

Steps to Finding Purpose – Experience a relationship with God

Create a space in your heart for God so you can experience His love. He is always near. He speaks to us in our happiness and screams to us in our pain – CS Lewis

#### 7 Steps to help move from seeing the Lord to embodying Him in all you do:

#### What are you looking for?

Ask yourself this in prayer.

When you are mean or angry - ask yourself the question – what is your motivation for your actions?

#### Pay attention to what is happening around you.

God speaks to us in the context of our daily lives

Make good friends – those who add value to our life, support you, and see beauty in you

Prune your life – some relationships may need to go so you can realize your mission

#### **Develop a listening attitude.** Pay attention.

Do you listen to God? Do you make time to listen?

"Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

#### God has a plan for each of us.

In your struggles, your life is in God's hands

"He has done all things well" – Gospel of Mark

Only GOD can do all things well. So don't be so hard on yourself or judge others too harshly.

#### You can't do it alone.

Exodus 17:12 – Moses hand's grew weary

Find others who can help you, especially when you are struggling.

#### Everything you do should stand with love and be done with love.

1 Cor 10:3 – If I give away all I possess, but have not love, it will do me no good.

The purpose of life is to share God's Love.

Go beyond yourself – commit to the project of loving. Put it in everything you do and God will Smile.



#### **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
Mrs. Erline Arikpo
Henry & Irene Azzi
Michael K. Bannach
Bell & Braasch Families
Don & Marilyn Brannigan
Charlene Bruce
Rachel & Roger Christensen

Michael Cipriani
Theresa Cipriani
Terry Conwell
Sylvia Diaggio
Francis & Mary Discipio

Clement Dobski Helen Dobski Tyler Duelm Joe Dykhuizen

Edelmann, Robben & Schalk Families

Elwood & Tio Families

Helen Farnan

Foslett & Mahoney Families

Mrs. Georgia Foster

Philip Gavin Tom Gibbons

John & Bernice Grzeslo John & Katherine Hannigan

Raymond Hassler

Hayes & Roach Families

John Healy Helen Houk

Stan & Peggy Humecke Charles & Ann Kahover Michael & Patricia B. Kelly

Ben Lamb George Lewis, Jr.

George & Martha Lewis, Sr.

Alfonso Mangione Antoinette Mangione Louis Mangione

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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.

Summer Institute: "Where Do We Go From Here? Evolving Ourselves Forward As a Faithful People" on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm with Facilitators Jan Phillips and Michael Morwood. Vast numbers of people are turning toward a spirituality rooted in the values of Jesus: contemplative prayer, acts of compassion, commitment to social justice. Once you've experienced this evolutionary spirituality with popular presenters Jan Phillips and Michael Morwood, whose work combines Biblical scholarship, scientific research, the arts and music to keep the heart and brain in constant communion, you will understand why they draw fans from far and near. Cost: \$100 Early Bird, \$120 after May 1 (includes lunch).

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.

# 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

# ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET CLASS OF 1969 REUNION

We are searching for all members of the St. Daniel the Prophet School Class of 1969...

This year marks 50 years since our graduation, and we are planning to meet and celebrate on Saturday, June 8...Mass at 5:00 pm with a school tour to follow.

Buffet dinner at the European Chalet beginning at 6:30 pm.

For more information, please contact stdans1969reunion@gmail.com.



# 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 Tschaikovsky 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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Friday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday	
Sunday	•

#### Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May) Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**Liturgy Schedule** 

Monday through Wednesday	7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday	
Friday	7:45 am
Saturday	9:00 am

#### Word Communion Services

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Thursday	7:45	am
Friday	9:00	am

#### **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.

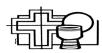
#### **Infant Baptisms**

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.

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—May 4-5, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	L. Mackenzie M. Kanzer B. Bock	T. Conwell C. Cooke J. Denson S. Devitt K. Kanzer M. Milligan K. Preussner L. Young D. Dunlap		TBA	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	T. Nichol P. Olson G. Schuler	S. Hayes D. Challender S. Augustyn J. Van Gorp D. Walsh		TBA	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	T. Gannon J. O'Connor E. Newman	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel M. Hull B. McMahon T. Urchell		TBA	J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	N. Madell S. Lastres S. Zlatic	A. Clark J. Clark O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovnik K. Parisi B. Sorice		TBA	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	L. Freda L. Freda J. Jagodzinski	B. Edelmann C. Gatsos K. Borawski A. Chimento K. Grimes		TBA	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

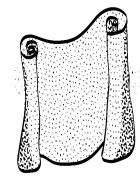
#### Readings For The Week of April 28, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jm 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/

Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever, therefore,

John,

write on the scroll what you see.

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