

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020



Holy Week
Monday, June 1
Tuesday, June 2
Wednesday, June 3
Thursday, June 4
Friday, June 5
Saturday, June 6
Sunday, June 7 The Most Holy Trinity

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Community,

We welcome you to Sunday Mass at St. Francis Xavier. A pre-recorded Sunday Mass will continue to be posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org), and on Facebook and Instagram. We encourage you to worship with others at the time you usually attend Mass on weekends. In addition to this link, we are providing words to the hymns being sung. Be daring and join the virtual choir that will be singing with you throughout the LaGrange area. Let us hold one another in communion.

And please send your feedback to wtkachuk@sfxlg.org. Your feedback will help us make adjustments in the weeks to come.

Peace,
Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Please Pray For...

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sue Beyer | Bernice Niemiec |
| Jack Boyd | Bert Ogilvie |
| Jay Carroll | Arnold Oppenheim |
| Chili Challenger | Jane O'Reilly |
| Americo DiGianfillippo | Shawwna Palazzolo |
| Anthony Dina | Kathi Parisi |
| Blake Donegan | Ryan Patyk |
| Lily Fielding | Donna Pekarek |
| Baby Collins Fitzpatrick | Carolyn Peters |
| Lilli Gregory | James Pridmore |
| Wilson Gregory | Madison Raupp |
| Brian Hahn | Anna Rose |
| Patricia Hassler | Marilyn Rutkowski |
| Frank Hoos | Matthew Schiek |
| Rose Ilo | Larry Skippet |
| Mary J. | Greyson Stanley |
| Jane Jacobsen | Kate Frugoli Sullivan |
| Michael Janus | Anne Titzer |
| Peter Johns | Michael Ungari |
| Theresa Kandall | Gregory Van Gorp |
| Mark Kiley | Helena Walden |
| Benny Kilman | Carl Walsh |
| Jerry Kolman | Marian Ward |
| Lou Ellen Krueger | Liz Wilk |
| Enrique Martinez | Malcolm Young |
| Patrick Morgan | Scott Young |
| Mike Morrison | |

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:

Annette Lux Darling
Sister of John Lux

**Readings For The Week of
May 31, 2020**

- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-17
- Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

Pastor's Notes

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service
but the same Lord;
there are different workings
but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the
Spirit is given for the common good.
1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

The early Christian community at Corinth knew the blessings and the challenges of diversity. Corinth was a major port city of the Greek world; over time it had attracted people from across the Mediterranean, each with their own customs, traditions, and ways of life. This was not a problem while each group "stayed with their own." But communion in Christ required that they nurture the unity from which their diversity springs. Paul calls them to embrace their diversity as a gift from God that is critical to their mission. No one person, no one group of persons, no single perspective, background, age group, level of education, or social status can be the Body of Christ when set apart from others. The Spirit's gifts have been distributed among us all so that in our coming together in Christ, in living in the communion that is unity in our diversity, we can reach out to others in love.

This is a core challenge of living through this pandemic. The way of Christ is not expressed through our individual, separate rights to do what each of us would like to do. The way, the truth, and the life are revealed in our responsibility to live in love toward one another. Health professionals give their skills and their time for the care of those who are ill; scientists devote themselves to discovering cures and vaccines and providing ways to be safe until they are found; first responders focus on public

safety; essential workers provide the food, public services, and methods of worship that feed our bodies, minds, and spirits; and we all look out for those who are vulnerable through cards and calls, through wearing masks, and through maintaining the social distancing that is frustrating but necessary, at least for a time.

Our parish now reaches out in a special way to enable us to move toward the day when we can resume Masses in our church building. This will require the time and talent of those who may not see themselves as the "typical" church volunteers. You are the younger members of our assembly who are able to offer 90 minutes of your time to ensure that all is in place for a bride and groom or a Sunday assembly; to greet people at the doors for a Funeral Mass or Baptism and ensure that we assemble and move in safe ways during our ceremonies; or to take care of the basic sanitizing before and after ceremonies or time of prayer that provide a safe environment for all who gather. Each is a relatively simple task for which training and guidance will be provided by those who already have stepped forward. But the "usual crowd" is not sufficient (and often excluded by age or health concerns) to make it happen; **each new volunteer** is critical to our ability to celebrate weddings, baptisms, and funerals in the present moment and to be ready to offer Sunday and weekday Mass.

The Spirit already has distributed the spiritual and physical gifts among us to do all that must be done. I beg you to hear the Spirit's call and to respond.

Pentecost Blessings,

F. Bill



We, though many,
are one body, for in one
Spirit, we were
baptized

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Daily and Sunday Mass Intentions

Father Bill is celebrating a daily Mass for the intention that had been requested for that day. Any Sunday intentions that he is unable to cover at this time have been rescheduled for a later date. We also continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 9-12. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese has issued the following guidelines for celebration of the Anointing of the Sick until further notice.

“Under the State’s exemption for essential services, the Archdiocese of Chicago is including Anointing of the Sick as an essential service. However, **out of an abundance of caution only a select number of priests will be allowed to administer this sacrament to any confirmed COVID-19 patients until further notice.** When a request is made for a priest to administer this sacrament, the priest must inquire if the ill person is a confirmed COVID-19 patient.

- **If no**, the priest may proceed under the following guidelines.
- The priest must maintain social distance with everyone present so as to offer comfort without making physical contact.
 - The priest must wash or sanitize his hands with soap and warm water both before entering the room and after leaving.
 - The anointing must be done with a cotton-tipped swab or a cotton ball which will be burned or buried after use.
 - Bleach wipes or soap and water will be used to sanitize all supplies both before and after the anointing.
 - If the sacrament is celebrated in a health care facility, the priest must follow the protocols and protective guidelines of that facility.
- **If yes**, the family must be notified that, due to guidelines set forth by the archdiocese to ensure everyone’s health, another priest must take the call and that the family will be contacted by that priest. Explain to the family members that out of an abundance of caution **only a select number of our priests are allowed to administer this sacrament to any confirmed COVID-19 patients until further notice.** (4 priests will be designated priests in each Vicariate who are under age 60 and in good health). These priests will follow special precautions established by the Archdiocese.”

CHRISTIAN BURIALS

The Archdiocese has issued the following guidelines for funeral services and burials until further notice.

“Burials at Catholic Cemeteries may continue and are not suspended at this time; however, attendance limit and social distancing requirements apply per below. Please note that our churches are still closed; therefore, funeral Masses are not possible.

However, if a family requests a funeral, there are two options:

1. A funeral service, not a Mass, may take place at the funeral home
 - a. the limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.)
 - b. All attendees must practice social distancing
2. A funeral service may take place graveside at the cemetery before committal/burial.
 - a. the limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.)
 - b. All attendees must practice social distancing”

Please note that the family can plan to celebrate a Funeral Mass at the church once restrictions have been lifted, even when the burial already has occurred.

RECONCILIATION WHILE CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

The Archdiocese has provided the following information regarding celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation while churches are closed.

“Individual confessions are currently not possible; this includes virtual or phone confessions, which are never permissible, nor drive-thru confessions. Despite the good intentions around such novelty, we must attend to our underlying theological tradition of the sacrament, as well as support the stay-at-home order and its intended purpose – to keep people safe in their homes at this time. In keeping with longstanding pastoral practice when penitents’ access to the sacrament is restricted, they can be assured that their sins are forgiven if they make an act of contrition with a firm resolve to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the stay-at-home order is lifted. The faithful should be encouraged to pray particular prayers or meditate on passages of the bible ... to assist them in seeking the mercy and forgiveness of God and the grace of reconciliation.”

I suggest the parables in Chapter 15 of Luke’s gospel.

Habitat for Humanity



Through the generous contribution of time, talent, and treasure, the St. Francis Xavier community has been supporting the Clarksdale Mississippi Habitat for Humanity program for 25 years. Every summer SFX sends several teams to Clarksdale to work on homes and we have provided new homes to over 50 deserving families. To build a home, the local Habitat chapter must raise about \$50,000. Upon completion, the resident is provided an interest-free loan to pay for the home. Through your generous support last year, we were able to drywall and paint the home we started the previous year and it is now nearly ready for a family. We also performed repair work on several current Habitat homes, enabling the families to secure insurance.

While the pandemic may affect our ability to send teams this summer to continue our work to provide affordable housing for those in need, the needs of the Clarksdale Habitat Chapter and community have not changed. In fact, in many ways their situation has become more dire because no other church groups or volunteer organizations have been able to go to Clarksdale. Therefore, we are asking for your support. If we are able to send groups, your support will go directly to funding the construction materials for the Habitat houses. The volunteers fund their own food and expenses for the trip. If we are not able to send groups, your support will go toward supporting the local Chapter in providing needed services and to fund repairs to the existing Habitat homes.

We understand that during this time you have many competing requests or personal situations, but please be as generous as you are able. Your donations have a direct effect on our ability to provide affordable housing to well deserving families. If you would like to donate on line, we have set up a Give Central account specifically for Habitat, located at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/13243>. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the groups, please contact Bob Albertini at 708-710-5645. No building experience is necessary. Thank you for your support and prayers.

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS!

An Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to
receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if
You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.**

Amen.

Blessing for Physicians and Healthcare Workers

May you always heal and be healed.
May those who come to you find in you
one who cares deeply
Whose knowledge includes knowledge
of the spirit's movements.

May you take pride in your gifts and
use them humbly.
May the suffering and the vulnerable
be your teachers.
May you see in others the goodness of a tender God.

May compassion encircle you carry you
Strengthen you and give you insight.

May your presence be hope to those in pain.
May your skill ease the way and instill trust.

May you know the Healer of all.
May your own heart be held in the
compassion and tenderness of God.

Amen.

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A CALL TO PRAYER

Bringing a light in the midst of darkness



Are you feeling
overwhelmed by
the effects of the
pandemic and in
need of prayer?
We are here to pray
with you and ask
God for your needs.

Who we are: Volunteers from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to **accompany through prayer anyone who feels the need** for support during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

What we offer: A phone line staffed with people from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, as well as 24-hour voice mail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you: opening our hearts to God, asking for His blessings and peace.

312.741.3388 praywithme@calleddtoprayer.org

May the Wellspring of Compassion
be opened in you.
May soothing words find a home in you.
May Tenderness bless you
as you reach out to Comfort
in body, mind and spirit.
In the midst of fear or frustration
may Courage be given you.
May Patience keep vigil with you and
Peace of Mind calm you.
May your heart find a song to sing
even when you are weary.
May Abundant Love lift you and
Gratitude bless you as you
live the mission of Care entrusted to you.

Sew...We Need Your Help!

If you can sew, we need your help! Disposable face masks are in short supply and fabric masks can help our healthcare workers and senior citizens. There are many designs online but simple is best. The instructions below for a simple mask can be adapted depending on what you have available. Tightly woven cotton fabric is best. If you don't have flannel for the lining, use two layers of cotton fabric. If you don't have elastic, use bias tape or fabric to edge the short end of the mask and make 10-12" ties on each corner.



A collection box has been placed in the vestibule of the Oak Lawn Village Hall by the police desk on the west side of the building. The address of the Village Hall is:
9446 Raymond Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Please put your completed masks in a plastic bag and drop them in the box. They will be distributed as needed to local health care providers, nursing homes, etc.

For any questions please email community.mask.initiative@gmail.com
Dig into your fabric stash and be creative! Happy sewing!

Since many stores will be mandatory closed, fabric can be purchased at Walmart, Amazon or mail order from Joann Fabrics.

How to make a Face Mask

Materials Needed:

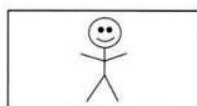
Fabric 1 - Cotton Fabric

Fabric 2 - Cotton or Flannel for the backing

1/8" Flat elastic (If you don't have elastic, use bias tape or fabric to edge the short end of the mask and make 10-12" ties on each corner.)

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together.
2. Cut 9" x 6"
3. Starting along one of the 9" sides from about 3 inches from the corner, begin sewing the bottom edge, sew to the first corner, stop. Place the elastic into the corner and sew back and forth a couple of times to make sure it is secure.
4. Continue sewing along the 6" side and stop before the corner. Bring the other end of that same elastic to the corner and sew back and forth a couple of times.
5. Next sew across the top of the mask to the next corner. Again put the elastic in the corner and sew back and forth.
6. Continue sewing to the next corner and place the elastic into the corner and sew back and forth.
7. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn in-side out.
8. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction.
9. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.

Be sure the fabric design is place horizontally.



RIGHT



Parish Food Pantry Ministry

The parish Food Pantry Ministry continues to operate on **Tuesdays 9:30-11am**. We will update hours of operation as circumstances warrant. To maintain safe distances, we are offering guests pre-packed bags and drive-thru service.

Volunteers

We appreciate all the volunteer offers but are currently limiting our small crew to staff and their family members. We look forward to welcoming back all our volunteers!

Food Donations

Mondays 9am-Noon. Nonperishable items (canned soup, vegetables, fruit, beans, chicken, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, tomato sauce, rice, cereal and coffee & tea) can be dropped off at the Rectory side door (parking lot side). **Cereal and items for hot beverages are especially appreciated.**

Monetary Donations

We make large purchases through the Greater Chicago Food Depository, including meat, fresh produce and bread at discounted prices.

Monetary donations can be made via:

Parish Give Central - click link below

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/5199>

Text **PANTRY to 708-340-6630** for directions to contribute via Give Central.

A check made payable to SFX Food Pantry and dropped off through the Rectory mail slot or mailed to 124 North Spring LaGrange, IL 60525.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is open to New Families. Registration Packets can be found on the 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 email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.

Save the Date!



Mark your calendar now and SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming blood drive

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

June 12, 2020

11:00 am-5:00 pm

Appointments are encouraged!

Please click

https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5585689

to schedule your preferred donation time!

Who benefits from blood donation?

At Versiti Blood Center of Illinois, formerly Heartland Blood Centers, we never forget the patients who receive blood we collect. Every unit of blood is collected from volunteer donors who meet specific criteria and have been screened according to strict guidelines. Every unit (pint) is collected transported tested and stored according to tightly controlled procedures.

Examples of transfusion needs are:

- Cancer: up to 8 units/month
- Bone Marrow Transplant: up to 2 units/day
- Liver Transplant: up to 100 units
- Auto Accident: up to 50 units
- Cardiovascular Surgery: 2-25 units

For specific questions regarding your blood drive, please contact your Account Representative, Lawrence Smith, directly at LSMITH@HEARTLANDBC.ORG.

Text **"CHARLIE"** to **999-777** to opt into text messaging to receive information about upcoming blood drive events, promotion and blood inventory needs!

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Final Confirmation Request Forms

This Sunday, 5/31, is Olivia's last day as

- Coordinator of Youth Ministry. All Youth Ministry-related communication should be directed to youthministry@sfxlg.org.

PEACE
be with you



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **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
- **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
- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack
and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army**—nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
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Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister
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Education Ministry

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Parish Secretary
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Food Pantry/Community Outreach

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Sunday-Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
Saturday afternoon.....4:00-5:00 pm
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-Noon
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. 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, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.

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