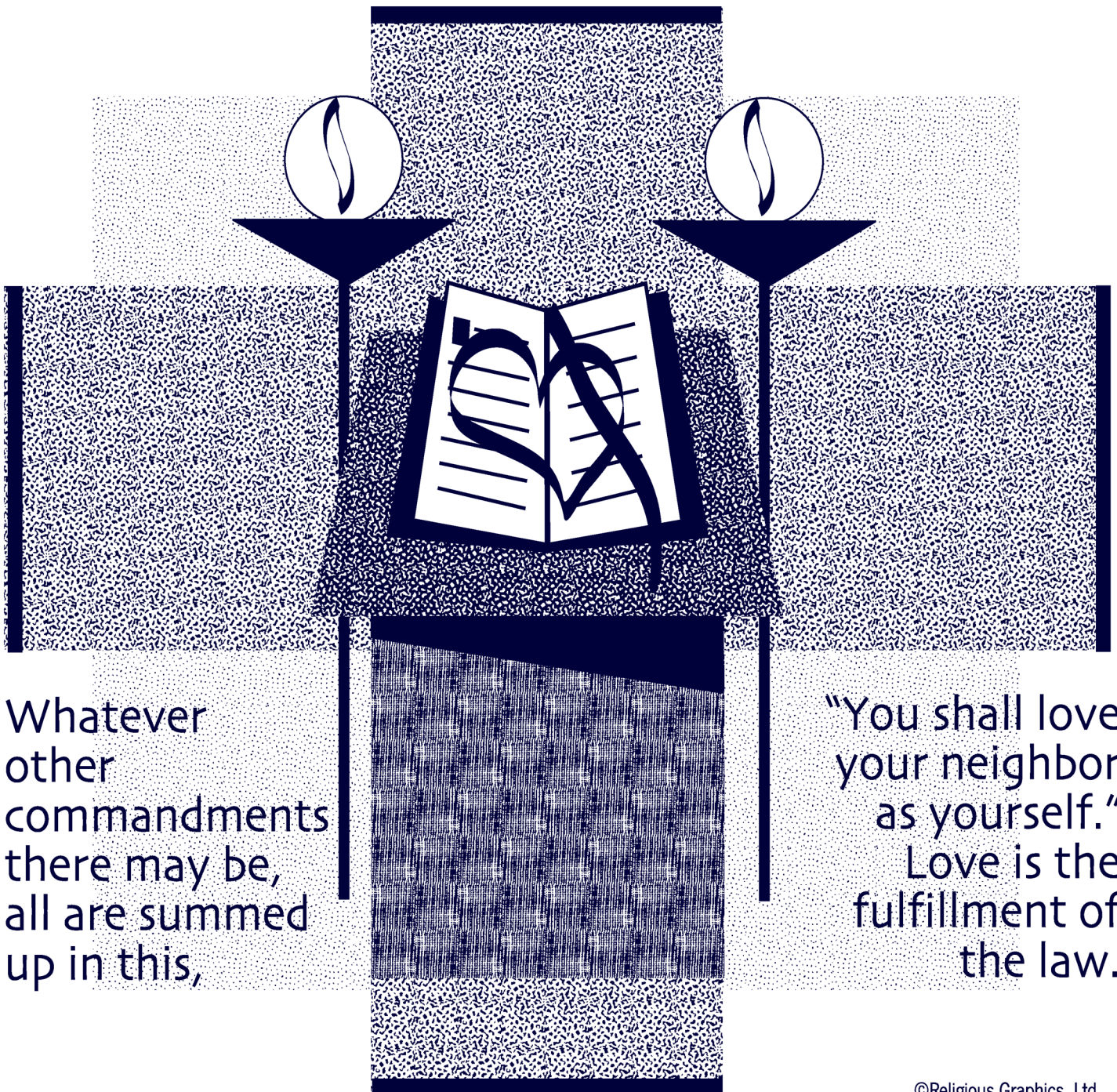


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020



Whatever
other
commandments
there may be,
all are summed
up in this,

"You shall love
your neighbor
as yourself."
Love is the
fulfillment of
the law.

Week at a Glance

Monday, September 7 Labor Day	There Will Be No Private Prayer in Observance of the Holiday		
Tuesday, September 8	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mary & John Ovnik
Wednesday, September 9	Private Prayer	8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Thursday, September 10	Private Prayer	8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Friday, September 11	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jim & Claire Ruth
Saturday, September 12	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Sr. Dorothy Lynch, CSJ
Sunday, September 13 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am	Lorraine Pietras, Lawrence Barry Mary Reidy, Linda Hillsman

Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis
Sue Beyer
Jack Boyd
Deborah G. Brannen
Jay Carroll
Chili Challender
Mary Culin
Americo DiGianfillippo
Anthony Dina
Blake Donegan
Lily Fielding
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick
Will Fleming
Jim Foy
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Patricia Hassler
Frank Hoos
Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Jane Jacobsen
Michael Janus
Peter Johns
Theresa Kandall
Mark Kiley
Benny Kilman
Jerry Kolman

Enrique Martinez
Lisa Massaro
Patrick Morgan
Mike Morrison
Bernice Niemiec
Gert Ogilvie
Arnold Oppenheim
Jane O'Reilly
Shawna Palazzolo
Ryan Patyk
Donna Pekarek
Stephen Perry
Carolyn Peters
James Pridmore
Baby Lucia R.
Madison Raupp
Anna Rose
Matthew Schiek
Larry Skippet
Greyson Stanley
Brian Stephenson
Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Anne Titzer
Michael Ungari
Gregory Van Gorp
Helena Walden
Marian Ward
Liz Wilk
Scott Young

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Father Bill and Father Rich are offering a daily private Mass for the intention that had been requested for a day on which no public Mass is offered. We also continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Tom Carroll
Husband of Eleanor

Peggy Lawley
Sister-in-Law of Joan Dunne

Herminia Sosa
Wife of Jose

Readings For The Week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-49
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Please help spread
the Word...
to those who might want
to become Catholic
or complete their sacraments



St. Francis Xavier & St. John of the Cross are beginning a new round of our collaborative RCIA Process. RCIA—The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—is the process of spiritual and educational formation through which adults become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming Catholic, we would be thrilled to speak with you!

You can contact Maggie McMahon (mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168) or attend our **Information Session on September 15th at 7pm** via the attached Zoom link. An RSVP (to Maggie) is requested, but certainly not required.

The number one reason women and men join the RCIA process is that someone they trust invited them to consider it. Please give it some thought. Additional details can be found on the parish website: www.sfxlg.org, under Parish/Sacraments/"Becoming Catholic." Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be conducted primarily via virtual platform until it is possible to do otherwise.

RCIA Information Session Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83859905318>



The Well Spirituality Center

Due to the Coronavirus, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up. Here are just a few highlights from September:

Sept. 1, 9, 16, 23, 30: "2 Hemisphere Earth Prayer"- A series in honor of The Season of Creation, led by The Well and our friends in Australia.

Sept. 21-Nov. 23: "Waking Up White" book study – Racism is a "white problem" and we who are white need to look inside ourselves.

Sept. 26: "From Culture War to Revolution of Tenderness" – Pope Francis urges us to seek out new ways of thinking and to deepen our capacity for kinship with those whose worldviews diverge sharply from our own.

Please see our website at www.csjthewell.org/offerings/ to find out about these programs and many more.

Friday Morning Lectio Divina

Join us on Friday mornings (7:15-8:00am) for reflection on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading! We will read and reflect on the Gospel in a modified "Lectio Divina" style and then engage in small group faith sharing based on the Gospel. Follow the Zoom link on Friday morning to join. Email Maggie at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89264409661>



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of the holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8 at 8:30 am.

Rectory Phones

Staff members will now be answering phone calls directed to the Rectory Office Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 Noon.

St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. virtual by Zoom

Sept 10- Nov 5, 2020
Proverbs, Ecclesiastes,
Psalms part 1

and
Jan 14 - March 11, 2021
Job, Psalms part 2

Please register with
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ
708-363-6728 or mrace@csjoseph.org

Seasons of Hope is right for you if...



- A 3 to 6 month window of time as elapsed since the loss of your loved one.
- Ready to move forward but don't know how.
- Want to meet other who have experienced loss and draw support and encouragement within a group setting.
- Want to learn how your Christian faith is ideally suited to help you process your loss and grow spiritually.
- You're tired from carrying the burden alone.
- You are looking for friends to share the journey.

Seasons of Hope meets over a six week period. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

All sessions take place on September 14 through October 26 at 7:00 pm; St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL 60558. For further information, please call 708-246-4404 or email questions to: sweigand@stjohnofthecross.org.

TIPS FOR ALL WORSHIPERS – SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES

We are grateful that we can gather for Mass again! Please remember that all present will have varying degrees of comfort with the situation. Do not take offense at any gesture, or lack thereof. Please understand the need of our volunteers to require certain things of you about which we have no choice. We ALL gather for one purpose to be in communion with God.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE, YOU WILL NEED:

- ✓ A reservation via www.sfxlg.org or via a call to the parish office.
- ✓ A Mask or other covering for the mouth and nose.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE YOU MUST:

- ✓ Enter through the center door on Ogden Avenue (unless you indicated on your reservation that you need to use the Spring Avenue ramp).
- ✓ Keep your face covering or mask on at all times.
- ✓ Sanitize your hands as you enter.
- ✓ Observe social distancing at all times (look for green tape marks on floor).
- ✓ Sit in the location to which the greeters guide you. (Because of the need to manage seating distances, you are not able to choose your seat.

DURING THE SERVICE:

- ✓ Masks must be worn the entire time you are in the church.
- ✓ No physical sign of peace will be exchanged between those with whom you do not share living space (but gestures of peace are welcome!)
- ✓ A greeter will let you know when to leave your seat to receive Communion, and will offer a spray of hand sanitizer in preparation to receive the Host.
- ✓ Use the green tape marks on the floor to maintain a 6-foot distance from the person in front of you. (Those who share living space can remain closer if you wish.)
- ✓ With you mask on, extend a single hand to receive the host.
- ✓ Then move 6 feet to the right or left to the green X on the floor. Remove your mask and consume the host. (Adults may help others in their family who need assistance.) Replace your mask, and return to your seat.

AFTER THE SERVICE:

- ✓ Everyone must leave the church after the closing hymn.
- ✓ Follow the instructions of the greeters, who will invite people to leave one row at a time. Those in the body of the church will leave through the Ogden Avenue doors using the side aisles. Those in the side sections of the church will leave through the side doors.
- ✓ Please use only the designated exit doors.

PLEASE NOTE:

You will find a more detailed description of current procedures on the parish website. Our Parish Staff and volunteers will take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities and the Archdiocese. Please understand that you assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime you enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

Offerings: If you do not contribute electronically at present, please use boxes at the exits or the rectory mail slot to make your contribution. Thank you!

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES

Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday mornings from 9-10AM in the lower Unity Hall vestibule. Enter from the parking lot through the courtyard between the church and education buildings. While waiting, please observe the outside markings for social distancing and wear a mask. In bad weather, wait in your car until the prior person leaves the vestibule.

Anointing of the Sick. The office must refer a request to anoint someone who has tested positive or is suspected of having COVID-19 to one of the archdiocesan priests that have been designated to confer these anointings. Fr. Bill and Fr. Rich remain available for all other anointings, following established safety guidelines. Contact the parish office (708.352.0168) to arrange for an anointing. Our answering service can contact one of the priests in an emergency.

For all remaining Sacraments and services, masks are required, and social distancing must be maintained for those who do not share a living space.

Baptisms. We celebrate Baptisms on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, one family at a time, with a limit of 25 people in attendance. All those attending must register in advance and provide names and contact information. Contact Missy Westerhoff (mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org) to schedule a Baptism.

Marriages. Wedding ceremonies are limited to 100 people in attendance. All attending must be registered in advance through the bride and groom. The opening procession is limited to the bride and whoever will accompany her down the aisle. Contact Maureen Pipal (mpipal@sfxlg.org) to schedule a wedding.

Funeral Masses. Funeral Masses are limited to 100 people in attendance. All those attending must register in advance through the family. All except for the immediately family will be escorted to a designated seat before the Funeral Mass begins.

Holy Hour of Adoration. A Holy Hour of Adoration is celebrated on the third Thursday of each month. All attending must register in advance through the parish website (www.sfxlg.org).

Private Prayer. The church is be open for one hour of private prayer on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30-9:30AM. All those attending must be registered in advance through the parish online reservation system.



GIVE TO SPREAD HOPE



Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities through last week's special collection. Thanks to you, vulnerable people in need will find an open door and a listening ear to guide them at this unprecedented time. You still can donate online at www.catholiccharities.net, or go to our website for a direct link to contribute via GiveCentral. To donate by cash or check, place your donation in an envelope and write Catholic Charities on the outside; then place the envelope in the church collection boxes, through the rectory mail slot, or via post.



DIGGING A WELL IN AFRICA

The Brothers of Charles Lwanga, the focus of our Summer Mission Appeal, wrote of their project to dig wells in sub-Saharan Africa to provide clean water for children and their families in areas in which surface water often is unsafe for drinking. We chose this group based on the strong recommendation of Fr. Stan Ilo for the work of this community of indigenous religious brothers.

A parishioner has offered to make a very generous contribution toward the completion of one of these wells by **matching, dollar for dollar, parishioner contributions to this project.** This solar operated well will serve over 1,000 villagers. The total cost for the project is \$34,000, and construction from start to finish will take only one month.

Bishop Eduardo Hiiaboro Kussala of the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio responded to this offer with these words. *We thank you for such exceptional keen attention you have paid towards the poor in my diocese. Surely, when the water point will be completed, you see (sic) the celebration and of course the prayers for you and all the collaborators in this regard. Be sure of my prayers for you all!*

We have established a Quicklink to GiveCentral on the parish website for all who are able and willing to meet this challenge and bring clean water to a village in Africa. Or you can write a check to the parish designated to "Dig a Well." This is an opportunity to reach "well" beyond our borders and provide a basic necessity to our sisters and brothers in another part of the world we share.

Can you help dig a well?

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Parishioners ask questions about why we do what we do at Mass under the current guidelines. Some also suggest changes to what we do. The parish Leadership Team takes parishioner feedback questions and concerns seriously and discusses how best to respond. This column will provide responses each week to some of the questions or concerns that arise.

Why can't I sit with my family or friends if they already have been seated when I arrive for Mass?

Our greeters are required to seat people as they arrive, beginning with the two side sections, back to front, and then continuing down the center section, front to back. This minimizes travel back and forth past those who already have been seated. The greeters also determine where to seat people in adjoining pews and maintain the six-foot social distance between individuals and family groups. This is done largely by sight, based on who already has been seated; it may be impossible to seat even one more person in a family group without having to re-seat others to maintain social distances in that section of the church. There are circumstances in which the greeter can accommodate your request; our greeters always will attempt to do this if possible. We encourage family groups to gather outside the doors and enter church together whenever possible.

VOLUNTEERS

We continue to recruit and train volunteers to provide support for all church services. This includes celebrations of Sunday and weekday Mass, Baptism, Marriage, and Funerals. We especially seek volunteers to wipe down pews after weekend Masses (including weddings and funerals). Preferred volunteers are between 15 and 65, in good health, and have no underlying health conditions. Volunteers can select the dates, times, and services for which they are available and willing to serve and will serve in a regular rotation from week to week or month to month. To volunteer, send an email to mpipal@sfxlq.org. You will be contacted by a volunteer coordinator to arrange for a brief training session.



Vicariate IV Ministry Commission

A Spirituality of Acceptance and Change (In the Midst of Pandemic)

WHEN: Tuesday, September 15

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. CST

WHERE: Virtual Setting

As full, part-time and volunteer ministry leaders you have had to radically adjust how you minister to God's people. As we enter the fall season without containment of the virus or a vaccine, the need to adapt and adjust will continue, and to respond effectively we must do so from a place of acceptance and trust in God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Gain practical wisdom and insight for your ministry as Fr. Ken helps us reflect on change in light of the pandemic and other factors and how to persevere in a time of transition.

We look forward to seeing you!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:

Presenter/ Speaker:

Fr. Ken Simpson

Bio: Ordained in 1978, Fr Ken Simpson has served at St. Michael and St. Clement parishes. In between parishes, Fr. Ken was



on faculty at Niles College Seminary where he taught Theology and served as Dean and Vice-Rector. From there he became the Director and

Chaplain of the Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University where he would serve 15yr before returning to parish life. Currently, Fr. Ken is Vicar for Professional and Pastoral Development of Priests for the Archdiocese, and is proud to have served as chaplain for firefighters and emergency workers throughout his priesthood.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Positions Available:

- Lunchroom Supervisors
- Substitute Teachers
- Classroom Teachers

Contact: Principal Sharon Garcia

sgarcia@sfxlg.org



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\$200
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soda on the course.

Each golfer will receive an
SFX Golf Outing Swag Bag
complete with snacks,
sweets & sanitizer!

Please use the SFX Golf
Outing Link below to
register for all of the above.

FRIDAY
September 18th

11:30 AM CHECK-IN

**GRAB-N-GO LUNCH OR
LUNCH AT THE TURN**

12:30 SHOTGUN START

No in person registration on the day of the event.
All registration payments due two days prior to the event.

Socially Distant Guidelines will be followed
for the safety of the golfers and the course.

Please join us
for our annual split the
pot, closest to the pin,
longest drive contests,
and much more!

White, Blue, & Gold Event
Sponsorships available
to purchase prior to the
event on Give Central!

Food, Drinks, & Fun
on the course this year!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AT: [SFXGOLFOUTING.COM](https://www.sfxgolfouting.com)

Old Oak Country Club, 14200 Parker Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491

Any questions? Email Sandy & Jeremy Toczylowski at sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com

FIND YOUR FORESOME

Baptisms



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

Lily Grace Fron

Daughter of Samuel & Kaitlin (Schewmake) Fron

Elliot Henry Marr

Son of Matthew Marr & Amy McCoy

Michael Joseph Otmanski, Jr.

Son of Michael & Jacqueline (Janney) Otmanski, Sr.

Sonia Therese Rizvi

Daughter of Safdar & Sara (Fron) Rizvi

Emarie Olivia Rivas

Daughter of Alejandro Rivas & Elidia Tromiczak

Daniel Agustin Aranda

Son of Christopher Aranda & Samantha Green

Theodore James Jasinski

Son of Matthew & Erin (Donovan) Jasinski

Bennett Anne Murphy

Daughter of Morgan & Kathryn (Donovan) Murphy

Sloan Addison Powers

Daughter of Patrick & Kristen (Chandler) Powers

Sasha Camille Bonza

Daughter of Eric & Kay (D'Souza) Bonza

Julia Lynn Dudley

Daughter of Michael Dudley & Sandra Thoms

Quinn Georgeanne Davis

Daughter of Edward & Amanda (Fisher) Davis

Daniella Ann Turek

Daughter of Daniel & Marissa (Consentino) Turek

Theodore Jensen Dobrzynski

Son of Jason & Kristin (Jensen) Dobrzynski

Charles Andrew Sharp

Son of Kevin & Jane (Rubin) Sharp, Jr.

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the months of March, April, May and June, July and August:

Steven & Maryann Pusz

James & Kayley Tardella

Giacomo Visconti & Jessica Mastrotonardo

Tom & Linda Hood

Carl & Samantha Pawlowski

Chris & Claudia Ellis

Nicholas & Deirdre Bolen

Christopher & Colleen Foltz

Kevin & Karen McGoldrick

James & Nicole Thomas

Michael & Jennifer Budde

Patrick & Margaret McMahon

James & Latese O'Connor

Richard O'Dette

Michael & Denise Gonzalez

Patrick & Kelly Iovinelli

Dario & Patty Buenrostro

Daniel & Molly McEldowney

Margie Goc

Frank & Louise Such

David & Mary Gertsmeier

Peter & Amy Mack

Jorge Toro & Nelly Olivares

Judith Quinnert

Edward & Linda Carpenter

Robert & Margaret Kozurek

Luke & Megan Connolly

Ben Femminella & Denise Gerda

John & Karen Krestan

Nicholas & Melissa Michaels

TJ & Sarah Gaul

Michael & Jennifer Brems

Andrew & Michelle Cuttitta

Ariel & Adriana DeLao

Maribel Tamoria

Alex & Michelle Ruff

Matthew & Molly Kelly



GOD is
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Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is open to New Families. Registration Packets can be found on the website sfxlg.org.

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.

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

MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEW MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We are looking for new members!



MISERICORDIA
HEART OF MERCY

Misericordia provides a caring environment for more than 600 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

Our league supports Misericordia through fundraising and service.

Please join us:

**Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 10:00 am
at Katherine Legge Memorial Park
5901 South County Line Road**

(Bring a lawn chair and a morning drink)

For more information contact:

Diane Fritz

dfritz0728@sbcglobal.net

Theresa McClear

growitgreenerchicago@gmail.com

Janet Meyer

JMCilella@gmail.com

Interfaith Career Network

Energize Your Job Search Using Your NEW LinkedIn Profile

Join our Virtual Zoom Presentation (no pre-registration required) on Thursday, September 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm.

As you well know, YOUR LinkedIn profile is the second most important job-search tool, next to your resume. Our speaker, Denis Curtin, a LinkedIn trainer and coach will focus on different ways to use this FREE tool to improve your job search. Denis will present methods you can apply to attract internal and external recruiters to your LinkedIn profile. Specific Do's and Dont's will be discussed so you can quickly set up and improve your LinkedIn profile. Also, techniques to hold the recruiter's attention on your profile will be covered. All good stuff to help you help yourself!

Join our Zoom Meeting!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89393869553?pwd=YW0rODk0c0ZRTzVDbWhaMkFoemF4dz09>

Meeting ID: 893 9386 9553

Passcode: 952890

For further information, please visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

*Are you curious about your inner world?
Need help managing your mood and anxiety?
Do you long for a quiet and safe space?
Feel the need to re-calibrate?*

Consider reaching out to me at 442-264-7589 or email lolanadan@gmail.com.

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online. Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOeVM>.

Lolan P. Adan, MAPC
Parish Counselor

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 124 North Spring Avenue,
LaGrange, IL 60525

The Claret Center, 5536 South Everett,
Chicago, IL 60637

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We Belong to Each Other

In a meeting with workers early on in his Pontificate, Pope Francis prayed:

*“Lord God look down upon us! Look at this city . . . Look upon our families.
Lord, you were not without a job, you were a carpenter, you were happy.
Lord, we have no work. The idols want to rob us of our dignity. The unjust systems want to rob us of hope.
Lord, do not leave us on our own.
Help us to help each other; so that we forget our selfishness a little and feel in our heart the “we”
the we of a people who want to keep on going.
Lord Jesus, you were never out of work, give us work and teach us to fight for work and bless us all.”*

This prayer was recited well-before the Pandemic, but it is sadly all too fitting for our current economic crisis: almost sixty million men and women have filed for unemployment; gains made over the decade since the Great Recession have been almost completely wiped out; and about half of the layoffs have been in lower-wage, personal-service jobs. The repercussions are far-reaching, including economic inequality that is now even worse than during the Great Depression. Black and Latinx workers also face much more economic and health insecurity from COVID-19 than others. They face the most lethal pre-existing conditions for coronavirus: racism and economic inequality.

This pandemic has pulled the mask off the false narrative that leads us to believe that we are separate from one another. Mother Theresa said, “If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.” Indeed, our faith teaches that we belong to each other. At a time of crisis such as this, we must turn to our faith, which for me and many of us is the foundation of who we are and how we see the world. From Genesis to the Gospels, Scripture time and time again makes it clear that the treatment of workers is of utmost importance, no matter who they are or where they come from. We are called to love one another.

This is why I am a proud Board Member and supporter of the mission of Arise Chicago. Many of the workers who engage with Arise Chicago are considered “essential”, and it is clear that our economy could not run without them; and yet they are some of the worst paid and worst treated in the economy. Their jobs do not provide them proper safety equipment or social distancing. This has led to some contracting COVID-19 and tragically dying from the virus. We need groups like Arise Chicago to educate workers on their rights, and support them when they take actions to save not only their lives, but the lives of their families and communities. The task of Arise Chicago to connect faith communities with workers is inextricably linked to the call that, because we all belong to each other, we must love each other.

I have met countless workers over the years; men and women, who have inspired me with their courage and heroism to make a difference not only at their job, but in society. Against all odds, they continue to push forward to create a more just world. They do this not to become famous or popular, but because they are compelled to act by their faith. We should change the name of Monday’s holiday from Labor Day to A Labor of Love Day, and in so doing, honor all those who historically have and those who will take these same risks.

Let us never again forget that we belong to each other.

Rev. Dominic Grassi

LOVE

and you have fulfilled the whole law





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 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
- **Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—grandson of Lorraine Donegan

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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

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:00 am
 Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

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
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Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 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 to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

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

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

(Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcVM>)

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, Lolan Adan, from the Claret Center who can be reached by phone 442-264-7589 or email lolanadan@gmail.com.

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