

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

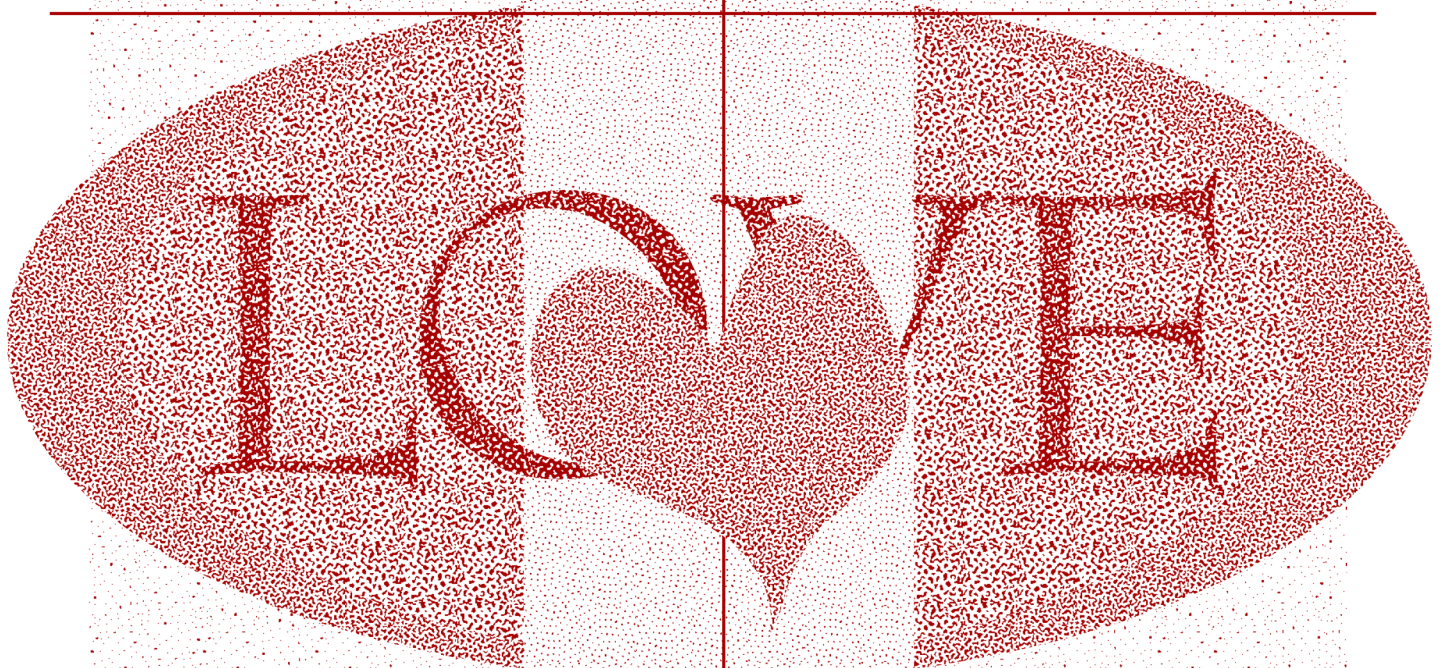
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020



As far as the east

is from the west



so far has the Lord
put our transgressions from us

Week at a Glance

Monday, September 14	Private Prayer	8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Tuesday, September 15	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Rosalie Wright
Wednesday, September 16	Private Prayer	8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Thursday, September 17	Private Prayer	8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Friday, September 18	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Terry Conwell
Saturday, September 19	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Mark Hiller
Sunday, September 20	Mass	9:00 am	Tyler Duelm
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mass	11:00 am	Robert Verhunce

**We continue to remember September 11, 2001
and pray for them and their families.**



Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis	Mike Morrison
Sue Beyer	Baby Amy Nesterowicz
Jack Boyd	Carolyn Nesterowicz
Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challenger	Gert Ogilvie
Mary Culin	Arnold Oppenheim
Americo DiGianfillippo	Jane O'Reilly
Anthony Dina	Shawna Palazzolo
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Lily Fielding	Donna Pekarek
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Stephen Perry
Will Fleming	Carolyn Peters
Jim Foy	James Pridmore
Lilli Gregory	Baby Lucia R.
Wilson Gregory	Madison Raupp
Patricia Hassler	Anna Rose
Frank Hoos	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Larry Skippet
Mary J.	Greyson Stanley
Jane Jacobsen	Brian Stephenson
Michael Janus	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Peter Johns	Anne Titzer
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Mark Kiley	Gregory Van Gorp
Benny Kilman	Helena Walden
Jerry Kolman	Marian Ward
Enrique Martinez	Liz Wilk
Lisa Massaro	Scott Young
Patrick Morgan	

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:

Deborah G. Brannen
Sister of Lawrence Brannen

Frank Llewellyn
Father of Patty Bresnahan

Readings For The Week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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>

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.

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.



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:

Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29: Living Laudato Si – 9:30-11:00 am—You've heard of the papal encyclical with the Italian name, maybe you even read it, but have you let it influence the way you live? Facilitated by Diane Pfahler, SND, this series looks at some of the most challenging themes of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* and searches out ways we can live it. Series cost: \$30.

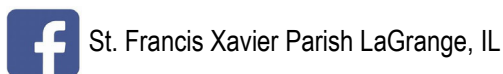
September 21-November 23: "Waking Up White" book study – Racism is a "white problem" and we who are white need to look inside ourselves.

September 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.csithewell.org/offerings/ to find out about these programs and many more.

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!



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>

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.

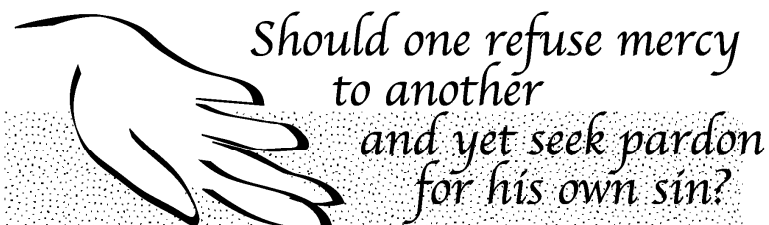
Baptisms. We celebrate Baptisms on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, one family at a time, with a limit of 25 people in attendance. All those attending must register in advance and provide names and contact information. Contact Missy Westerhoff (mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org) to schedule a Baptism.

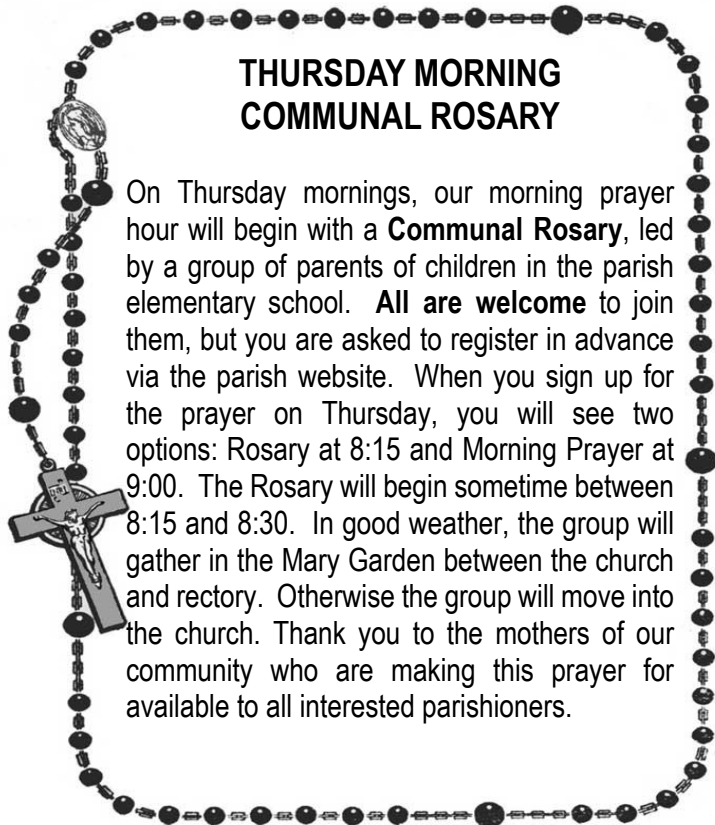
Marriages. Wedding ceremonies are limited to 100 people in attendance. All attending must be registered in advance through the bride and groom. The opening procession is limited to the bride and whoever will accompany her down the aisle. Contact Maureen Pipal (mpipal@sfxlg.org) to schedule a wedding.

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.





THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNAL ROSARY

On Thursday mornings, our morning prayer hour will begin with a **Communal Rosary**, led by a group of parents of children in the parish elementary school. **All are welcome** to join them, but you are asked to register in advance via the parish website. When you sign up for the prayer on Thursday, you will see two options: Rosary at 8:15 and Morning Prayer at 9:00. The Rosary will begin sometime between 8:15 and 8:30. In good weather, the group will gather in the Mary Garden between the church and rectory. Otherwise the group will move into the church. Thank you to the mothers of our community who are making this prayer for available to all interested parishioners.

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@sfxlg.org. You will be contacted by a volunteer coordinator to arrange for a brief training session.

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at sfxlg.org.

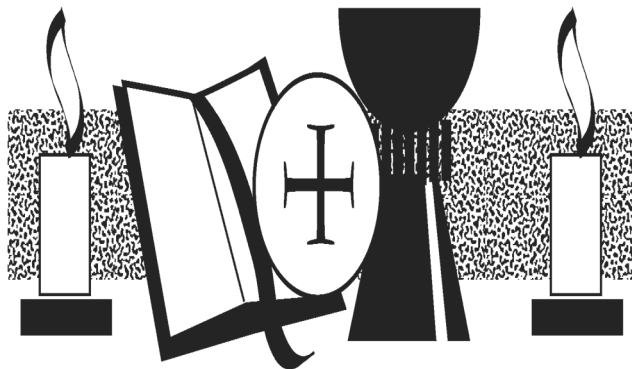
If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.

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 are all but one of the front pews empty?

Infectious disease experts suggest that it takes at least 15 minutes of continued contact for the coronavirus to be transmitted between two people wearing masks and standing within six feet of one another. We leave the front pew empty to create a greater “sense” of distance when people are walking across the front of three of the four sections of the church during Communion. It can “feel” too close to the person seated in that pew. The exception is the front pew on the east (Spring Avenue) side of the church. The only persons who are seated in this pew are the lector and communion minister, who both need easy access to the altar area. In the beginning, we encouraged each minister to invite their entire family to sit with them. However, larger families created a sense of being too close for those passing them after receiving communion. To address this perception, we have reduced the maximum number of people in this pew to the two ministers and one additional person each, or a maximum of four people.





Our Finances for August 2020



Sunday Offertory	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	+	<i>Other Offertory*</i>	=	<i>August Totals</i>
August 2020	\$ 68,986		\$ 41,267		\$ 15,015		\$ 125,268
August 2019	\$ 65,049		\$ 45,806		\$ 3,413		\$ 114,267

** 5 Sundays in August 2020 vs. 4 Sundays in August 2019

*Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions and other miscellaneous gifts

God bless you for your generosity to the Parish's many ministries, including education, youth, music, outreach, and more! Despite the many difficulties this year and whatever may lie ahead, our parishioners continue to support SFX with their time in prayer, talents in our ministries, and their financial resources.

We are in the process of revising our school budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, which began July 1st. Until this has been finalized and reviewed by the School Advisory Board and the Finance Council this month, we will not be reporting actual collections versus budget.

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 Hiiboro 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?

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE



Positions Available:

- Lunchroom Supervisors
- Substitute Teachers
- Classroom Teachers

Contact: Principal Sharon Garcia
sgarcia@sfxlg.org



SFX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2020

\$200
per golfer

Price includes
grab-n-go lunch, range
balls, golf, tickets for
beer, mixers, wine, and
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



Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll" Drive

In a new, socially distanced way, the Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council is collecting cash (and check) donations for its annual Intellectual Disabilities "Tootsie Roll" Drive atop the church's main stairs on Ogden Avenue before, during, and after weekend Masses on September 19 and 20. Even if you are not attending Mass in person, please consider stopping by to donate!

Thank You Retirement Fund for Religious

Summer blessings to you!

On behalf of the Retired Religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$8013.98 to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who selflessly served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the year.

Gratefully,
Brother Michael S. Segvich, CFC
Retirement Fund for Religious



Thank You

Thank you for the funds collected in support of Catholic Charities' mission in the amount of \$1,000.

Your support and caring hearts provide the precious gift of hope to individuals and families whose life has been touched by poverty or crisis.

Especially during these uncertain times, your gift ensures that their most basic human needs continue to be met by providing food, housing, shelter and counseling and other essential services that support them with respect and dignity.

With never-ending appreciation for your compassion, I pray that you may be blessed with the same strength and comfort you are giving to others.

Sincerely,
Angela Gutierrez
Vice President of Institutional Advancement

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

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone differently. Some are coping with the loss of a job. Some are risking their lives caring for those who are sick. And others find themselves deeply contemplating existential questions of mortality and the meaning of life. - from the American Counseling Association

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-SrOcVM>.

Lolan P. Adan, MAPC
Parish Counselor

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A Belated **Thank You** For Your Generous Donations
Easter Season 2020

In Memory of

Charles & Dorothy Accardi
Connie Aiello
Frank Aiello & Louisa Aiello
Charles Androwich
Henry & Irene Azzi
Mary & Peter Bochener
Michael & Therese Cipriani
Margaret Cuccia
Patricia Dowd
Jaive Foley
John S. Hayford
Hayes & Roach Families
Helen Houk
George Hyland
LaBahn Family

Roy Leslie

Paul & Marian Lucas
Peter & Catherine Lucas
Louis Mangione
Bette and Gene Morris
Patrick Morris
Edwin & Eleanor A. Michalek
Eleanor M. & Elaine R. Michalek
Mary & Bill McLaughlin
Paul McNamara Family
Ortman & O'Malley Families
Geradine Porto
Angeline Price
Mary & Josph Simeoni

In Honor of

George Dowd

**Love gives us memories & faith gives us strength.
May God's healing touch be your comfort. Our parish family prays with you.**

We are so grateful for your donations in memory & honor of your loved ones. These generous contributions will be used throughout the year to add florals and seasonal décor to our worship space at St. Francis. We appreciate your continued support to help us create a peaceful, prayerful and beautiful space for us to gather together as one family. Please stay safe & healthy.

Celine Heraty
Arts & Environment Ministry



**BY YOUR CROSS
AND RESURRECTION,
YOU HAVE SET US FREE,
O LORD**



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

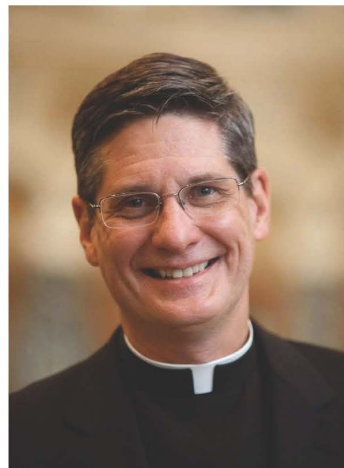
As full, part-time and volunteer ministry leaders you have had to radically adjust how you minister to God's people. As we enter the fall season without containment of the virus or a vaccine, the need to adapt and adjust will continue, and to respond effectively we must do so from a place of acceptance 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!

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.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:



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

**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
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. William Tkachuk
Rev. Richard Milek
Mr. Andrew Allison
Mrs. Margaret McMahon
Rev. William Killeen
Rev. Ed Barrett
Rev. Stan Ilo

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Assistant Principal
Administrative Assistant
Parish School Secretary
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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
 LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

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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