

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 16 Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	8:30 am	Marie Westhoff Claire & Jim Ruth Richard Elwood Thomas J. Main	The Barry Family The Cummings Family Mary Tio Lodi's Girlfriends
Tuesday, September 17 Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	8:30 am	Nola VIRRUSO	Gina & Tim Prendergast
Wednesday, September 18	8:30 am	Elsie Jana George & Anne Scanlon	Patricia Jana The Scanlon Family
Thursday, September 19 Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr	8:30 am	June Riley	Lillian Bannach
Friday, September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	8:30 am	Tyler Duelm	The Duelm Family
Saturday, September 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Besse & Dick Parlon Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding~Ali McCracken & Patrick Singleton Wedding~Anne Phillipp & Eric Gaylord Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Simeoni Terry Conwell	Pamela Oplawski Jim & Joan Potsch The Conwell Family
Sunday, September 22	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Michael & Elizabeth Fagan Peggy Schultz Mary Ovnik Maureen Killeen Eleanor O'Connor People of the Parish	The Kanzer Family Mary Tio Judy & Lorraine Ovnik The Kevin & Sarah O'Brien Family Jim & Joan Potsch

Please Pray For...

James Boardman	Mary Ann Lewis
Jay Carroll	Marian Lucas
Chili Challender	Emmett Miller
Tom Challos	Patrick Morgan
Anthony Dina	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Bernice Niemiec
Pat Eaton	Arnold Oppenheim
Lily Fielding	Jane O'Reilly
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Ryan Patyk
Lilli Gregory	Donna Pekarek
Wilson Gregory	James Pridmore
Patricia Hassler	Madison Raupp
Loretta Haxel	Anna Rose
Linda Hillsman	Marilyn Rutkowski
Rose Ilo	Matthew Schiek
Mary J.	Gretchen Sterwalt
Jane Jacobsen	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Theresa Kandall	John Thoms
Benny Kilman	Anne Titzer
Jerry Kolman	Michael Ungari
Virginia Kottaridis	Gregory Van Gorp
Lou Ellen Krueger	John Zotti

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:

Ruth Palczynski

Mother of Ray, Mary, Peter, Jim,
John, Tessie, Phillip and Margaret

Weddings



Ali McCracken & Patrick Singleton
Anne Phillipp & Eric Gaylord
Caitlin Hillsman & Devin Marino
Mary Lewis & Jon Harrington
Sara Flores & Cesar Torres
Kaitlyn Welgos & Jacob Soehlke

Pastor's Notes

*"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."
"I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over
one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine
righteous people who have no need of repentance."
Luke 15:2,7*

Many religious authorities in the time when Jesus walked this earth were upset by his teachings and persistently sought ways to discredit him. They seem to have had a special animosity toward his teachings on God's loving mercy. When they named someone a "sinner" they acquired a certain power over that person; others named them as "righteous," whether out of fear or misguided respect. Jesus threatens this "authority" when he forgives sinners and lifts them up. The notion that God rejoices more over a repentant sinner than over the "holy" authorities was something they strongly opposed.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus responds through three parables. A shepherd searches for a lost sheep and carries it on his shoulders back to the fold. A woman diligently searches her home from top to bottom for a lost coin and celebrates when she finds it. A father looks down the road each day in hopes of seeing his wayward son, so that he might celebrate his return home. Whether a lost sheep, a lost coin, or a lost son, the ultimate response is the same: great joy and celebration. Jesus is clear: **God is always seeking us out**, yearning for the opportunity to celebrate our return.

St. Paul sings of God's abundant grace as that which transforms his weakness into a revelation of God's goodness. We need not be pretentious Pharisees who judge others in order to appear righteous. It is precisely when we humbly acknowledge our weakness and sinfulness that we make known the God who loves, forgives, and sends us as instruments of grace for others.

When we celebrate the presence of God's mercy in others, we remember that this same **mercy is always available to us** if we but ask.

Many of you have asked how I am going to make it through this time until Fr. Karol and a new pastoral associate arrive on staff. I appreciate that in this time I will face my limits and be asked to accept humbly the help of God and others. I will have to apologize when conflicting demands or a busy schedule causes me to react rather than to respond; to argue rather than to listen. Without someone to whisper in my ear, I will have to admit my weakness in remembering names, even of those with whom I interact regularly. I always have marveled at those who have the gift of remembering a name after hearing it once. I must acknowledge more humbly that, as my brain ages, it becomes even more difficult to retrieve names that I know that I know. I ask your patience and forgiveness when I call you by the wrong name or need to ask you to tell me your name *again*. It is not for lack of care; it is a limit of this marvelous but imperfect brain that God gave me.

All is well. All will be well. God is good and forgiving.

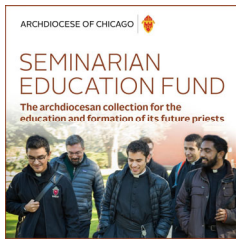
These words are not empty platitudes; they express our beliefs. May we repeat them whenever we feel lost, alone, or isolated because of our sins or failings. May we bring the message of God's loving mercy to all others through the humble witness of our lives.

Peace,

J. Bill

God Bless Our Catechists...

**who teach the faith by word and example in the classroom,
information programs or as parents.**



Next weekend, our second collection will be taken up for the Seminarian Education Fund. Your donation will help with the education and formation of our future priests.

For more information, please visit the website at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund. Thank you for your generosity.

Firearms Restraining Order Making Our Communities Safer



The LaGrange Area League of Women Voters, the LaGrange Area Moms Demand Action, Indivisible Brookfield, Indivisible Western Springs and the St. Francis Xavier Peace and Justice Committee are co-sponsoring a free, public program: Illinois Firearms Restraining Order; Making Our Communities Safer, on Wednesday, September 18 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm at Lyons Township High School, South Campus Performing Arts Center, 4900 Willow Springs Road, Western Springs. A Question/Answer session will follow the presentations.

Presenters will be from Speak for Safety IL: Mark Jones, retired ATF agent and Community Outreach Coordinator for Law Enforcement Training and Peter Contos, Community Outreach Coordinator for local communities. The Firearms Restraining Order allows a family/household member or local law enforcement to petition for a court order to temporarily remove firearms from an individual exhibiting risky behavior. The program will inform the public about the law and steps to take to file for a court order. It will highlight how the Order has the potential to reduce gun-related suicides and domestic violence incidents.

Thirty members of the co-sponsoring organizations have been interviewing local leaders in eleven surrounding communities: Police Departments, Mental Health Agencies, Schools, Libraries, Churches and Hospitals. The results of the interviews will be shared with the public.

For more information contact:
league@lagrangearealeague.org or Speakforsafetyil.org.

Taizé Prayer

Prayer Service
for Peace,
Reconciliation,
and Unity

Friday
September 20, 2019

2:00pm

Chapel of the
Congregation of St. Joseph
1515 W. Ogden Avenue
La Grange Park

All are welcome
to this ecumenical,
inter-generational
prayer service.

Use NEW Main Entrance
facing Ogden Avenue.



Sponsorship Opportunities, Bags Tourney, Tennis, and Dinner tickets are available for The Legacy Guild Fall Golf Outing on September 26th at the LaGrange Country Club. Donations of raffle prizes would also be appreciated!

Help provide college scholarships for local students who have lost a parent. For more information go to: <https://thelegacyguild.com/golf-event/> or contact Jim Stork 708-606-6262 or Bob Bock 708-646-9047.

Community of Congregations invites you to our Fall Gathering A panel discussion on Restorative Justice

Featuring:

- Fr. Larry Dowling, St. Agatha Catholic Church, North Lawndale
- Pastor Cy Maynard Fields, New Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, East Garfield Park,
- Hon. Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge, Cook County Circuit Court
- Mr. Devell Hill, graduate of North Lawndale Restorative Justice Community Court program
- Ms. Mazell Skyes, Peace Circle Facilitator and Coordinator

Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 pm
Grace Lutheran Church
7300 Division Street-River Forest

For more information and to RSVP: oprfcoc@gmail.com

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a key advisory group to the pastor. The PPC can take various forms, based on how best to gather the “voice” of the parish, live the mission of the parish, and encourage the investment of parish resources in a way that best serves that mission. The current members of the PPC are recommending a new structure to accomplish this in our parish. You are invited to offer feedback on the following proposal at the next Parish Conversation: Monday, September 30, at 7:00 pm.

PROPOSED PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RENEWED STRUCTURE

Mission Statement

The St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) supports and animates the parish mission as an advisory group to the parish pastor and pastoral staff.

Purpose

The PPC supports, enlivens, and advances the mission of the parish, and serves as a consultative group to the parish pastor and pastoral staff.

The PPC is a sounding-board for the pastor and offers input and advice on various issues that relate to the life and wellbeing of the parish. Issues may be brought to the PPC by the pastor, members of the PPC, or other parishioners. The PPC is drawn from a cross-section of the parish and provides the pastor with a collective wisdom from which he can draw in the exercise of his pastoral leadership of the parish.

Structure and Membership

The PPC is comprised of parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish. The PPC can fluctuate between ten and fourteen members, based on what best serves the parish at a given point in time. The PPC meets with the pastor at least nine times each year. Individuals from parish groups or ministries may be invited by the pastor or the PPC to share their insights and perspectives in certain conversations; likewise, a parishioner may ask to be placed on the PPC agenda. In addition, the PPC periodically holds open parish Town Hall meetings to seek parishioner input and feedback. The PPC may form subcommittees to promote progress on larger issues. Approved minutes of PPC meetings are published on the parish website.

Responsibilities and Expectations

PPC members do not represent a specific ministry, constituency, or group within the parish; each member represents the parish overall. The PPC seeks to respect diverse perspectives among PPC members and works toward consensus on issues that require a decision or recommendation. PPC members are expected to be present at all PPC meetings and at all meetings hosted by the PPC (e.g., Town Halls). Members of PPC also make it a priority to attend key parish activities and fundraising events.

Terms of Service and Selection of Members

PPC members serve a two-year term. Each spring the Pastor invites the PPC, parish staff, and all parishioners to suggest candidates. In consultation with the pastoral staff and PPC, the pastor designates new PPC members from among the candidates. If for any reason a member of the PPC cannot complete a term, the pastor consults with the PPC and designates a replacement for the remainder of that member’s term.

The pastor and the members of the PPC select a Chairperson from among its members. The Chair serves a two-year term. The Pastor and members of the PPC also designate a vice-chairperson to serve in the absence of the Chair, and a secretary to prepare minutes of all PPC meetings. These officers each also serve a two-year term.

Rotation of Members – Staggered Terms

The PPC will attempt to replace no more than one half its members every two years to provide for continuity for the PPC. Members can ask to serve for a second consecutive term; the Pastor will consult with PPC members to determine what is best for the PPC moving forward. After leaving the PPC, a member must wait at least five years before returning to the PPC. but may return to the Council after an interval of at least five years.

Buy your tickets now!



Oktoberfest

BRATS ★ BEER ★ MUSIC

Saturday, September 28, 2019

6:30 - 10:30 PM - SFX Parking Lot

Mark your calendars and secure your babysitters for THE adult social of the year! Join us in our school parking lot for live music, beer, brats and good old-fashioned fun.

Lederhosen optional! – Buy your tickets at SFXoktoberfest.com

Special alumni pricing available with advance ticket purchase.

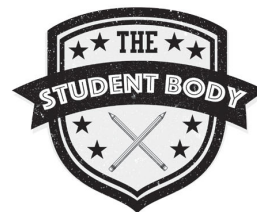
Questions? Contact Prudence Hopkins at pru73@yahoo.com



Come for the stein hoisting contest, stay for the dancing!

Ripped right out of your high school yearbook pages,

The Student Body will play all your favorite high energy party anthems!



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**Thank you to this year's
generous sponsors!**

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Liturgical Ministers

Are you a teen in high school? Do you regularly attend the 6pm Sunday Mass? Are you trying to find ways to get more involved?

- As a new year starts, consider joining the Spirit Choir or training to become a Lector or Eucharistic Minister. All high school students are invited (and encouraged!) to participate in these very important ministries.

- Training for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for the 6pm Mass will be taking place Sunday, September 22 and 29. Eucharistic Minister training will be before the 6pm Masses at 5:45pm and Lector training will take place directly after the 6pm Masses.

Questions? Contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Francis Xavier School. Come in to the Chipotle at 40 North LaGrange Road in LaGrange on Monday, September 23 between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Francis Xavier School.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Religious Education

Important Dates & Class Dates



6th Grade Bible Distribution

September 21 & 22 during all masses

Sunday, September 22 **Meet & Greet**
(All Sessions 8:45-10:15 am)

Sunday, September 29 **Class**
(Pizza Fundraiser Begins)

Wednesday, October 2 **Class**
(Pizza Fundraiser Begins)

Sunday, October 6 **Class**

Wednesday, October 9 **Class**

Sunday, October 13 **No Class**

Wednesday, October 16 **No Class**

Religious Education Registration

Classroom placement was mailed the week of September 9 to families who were registered by August 30. Religious Education begins for ALL sessions on September 22 with Meet & Greet anytime from 8:45am-10:15am. ALL are EXPECTED to come with parent(s) to meet catechists and receive important information. Registration will reopen AFTER September 22. Thank you for helping us to get the year off to a great start!

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED.
Please call 708-352-4555 for information.

Nazareth Academy Homecoming

All graduates from Nazareth Academy are invited to Homecoming 2019 on September 27 & 28. We'll be highlighting alumni from classes ending in 4 and 9, but all are welcome. The fun starts with school tours at 5:00 pm and an Alumni Tailgate at 6:00 pm in the Walsh Center overlooking Spirit Field. Stay for the game and cheer on the Roadrunners and alumni performing with the halftime show. Come back Saturday for the 4 Pillars Mass and Reception. For further details please go to nazarethacademyalumni.org.



Tyler's Toy Drive

Supporting The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation

When SFX parishioner Tyler Duelm was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2005 at the age of 3, the SFX community responded with prayers and support for Tyler, his parents, Laura and Brent, and his siblings, Jessica and Jonathan. After a courageous, 8-month battle, Tyler succumbed to this terrible disease. To support children impacted by cancer, the SFX Catholic Women's Club hosted a parish-wide party and toy drive in honor of Tyler's birthday.

Now in its 13th year, the tradition of a community birthday party in September continues in Tyler's memory. Toys for Tyler is a great opportunity for young ones in our parish to embrace the spirit of giving while also enjoying a fun afternoon of playground games and entertainment.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

4:00-5:30 PM

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARKING LOT

(In case of rain Joyce Hall)

Fire truck, face painting, candy walk, and games!

Girl Scout Bake Sale (please bring cash)

Bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift to put a smile on children's faces!

All donated toys will be given to the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. Their mission is to provide comfort and distraction from painful procedures to children fighting cancer by distributing toys from 'treasure chests.' Toys in all shapes, sizes, and varieties are welcome. But, please, no stuffed animals.

- ~Action Figures
- ~Gift Cards (\$5-\$10)
- ~Nail Polish Kits
- ~Art Projects & Supplies
- ~Dolls & Accessories
- ~Play Dough
- ~Activity or Sticker Books
- ~Crayola Markers/Crayons
- ~Trucks & Cars
- ~Board Games

Can't make it? Drop your toy off at the Rectory by September 20
 Questions? Catholic Women's Club, Cathy Murphy: catherinelannes@hotmail.com



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT



	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	+	<i>Other Offertory*</i>	=	<i>August Total</i>
Sunday Offertory							
August 2019	\$ 65,049		\$ 45,806		\$ 3,413		\$ 114,267
August 2018	\$ 59,248		\$ 52,204		\$ 18,523		\$ 129,975

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

God bless you for your generosity to St. Francis Xavier Parish!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Children's Choir

We sing as one family of faith!

Grades 1 – 8

**(District Schools & SFX Day School...All children are welcome!)*

It's time to join!!

*Weekly commitment: **Tuesday** rehearsals 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.*

Sing once a month at the 5:00 p.m. Mass (Saturday)

Registration DUE DATE!!

****Monday, September 16th***

First rehearsal: Tuesday, September 24th (in church)

St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form 2019 - 2020

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Child _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Birthday (month/day) _____

I am available to be a parent helper at rehearsals. (circle one) Yes No

I am available to be a parent helper at Masses. (circle one) Yes No

**Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by September 16th to the attention of:*

Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Director of Liturgical Music

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

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 will be collecting donations after each Mass on Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22 for the Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive 2019.

Donations collected help fund SPRED and other Intellectual Disabilities programs. Donations are greatly appreciated.



Knights of Columbus Fall Food Drive

Are you or your youth looking for a service project that makes a difference right here in our community? Volunteers are needed to help distribute food drive flyers to homes in LaGrange and LaGrange Park. Choose your own day and time Saturday, September 28 to Sunday, October 6. Flyers and rubber bands are provided. Most people volunteer for 1 hour, a total of 40 hours is available.

Donations are collected by the Knights of Columbus: sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/ food-for-families and delivered to the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry: sfxlg.org>Parish>Ministries>Human Concerns; for distribution to local people, families and seniors struggling to make ends meet.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mike Hattie by text or email at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



St. Francis Family Ministry

Sign up for October through December Desserts for BEDS Guests is now open. Please plan to bring dessert for 18 guests. Can be homemade or store bought, no restrictions on ingredients. Please deliver to organizers in Joyce Hall between 6:30 and 7:00 pm. Access Joyce Hall through the SFX school entrance on Waiola. Doors will be unlocked at 6:30 pm. So that as many may participate as possible, we request that our generous bakers sign-up for no more than two dates at this time.

If you would like to be a back-up in case of unforeseen cancellations, please email thsully28@yahoo.com. Any questions? Please call or text Theresa Sullivan at 773-592-7155. Thank you for your generous support! The sign up link is: [Copy of Oct-Dec 2019 Dessert for BEDS PL](#).

SAVE THE DATE

October 16th at 7:00 PM Joyce

*The Knights of Columbus
Presentation*



**Dr. Mary Amore
Eucharist: Invitation to
Transformation,
Healing and Discipleship**

Women's Centers Walk for Life

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland will be hosting our annual "Walk for Life" fundraiser on Saturday, September 21 at Caldwell Woods. The event will kick off with a prayerful rally before we hit the 5K trail of the Forest Preserve. (Note: Go at your own pace—walk, run or bike!) After the Walk there is a hot dog picnic and a Whiffle Ball Tournament.

All are welcome to come celebrate life; we especially invite the young people of your church or school, youth group or young adult club, to represent your parish in the Whiffle Ball Tournament. It only takes 5 players to form a team! This is a great chance for young people to meet new friends for LIFE. Just visit our website www.gotwc.org and click "Register here." You will be redirected to our Fund Easy page to register yourself and/or your group. You can donate to the Walk for Life even if you cannot join us on September 21st. The team who fundraises the most money wins a pizza party on us!

Area Respect Life Ministry

Monday, September 16 at 7:00pm
St. Cletus Parish Center (Fr. Gallagher Room)

The St. Cletus/St. John of the Cross/St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Ministry is committed to a culture of life: a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions. We seek to encourage others to see the divine nature of all human life through prayer, education and charity.

We will use this time to discuss upcoming opportunities and share ideas for this year.

Any questions? Please contact Kendall Grant by email at kgrant@stcletusparish.com.

Position Available

St. Francis Xavier School is looking for a Middle School Math Teacher. Must have current references and a valid Professional Educator's License. Interested applicants should contact Sharon Garcia at sgarcia@sfxlg.org.



The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park
A Member of the Congregation of
St. Joseph Mission Network

Please see our website for a full listing of Fall programs and to register: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Season of Creation Film Series: Cost: Free will offering

The Human Element

Monday, September 16, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Environmental photographer James Balog uses his camera to reveal how climate change is affecting the lives of everyday Americans. A member of Citizens Climate lobby will facilitate discussion after both showings.

Roundup Facing Its Judges

Monday, September 23, 7:00 pm

Journalist Marie-Monique Robin deconstructs the mechanisms of one of the greatest environmental and health scandals in modern history.

Journey of the Universe

Monday, September 30, 7:00 pm

Mary Evelyn Tucker and Brian Swimme weave a tapestry that draws together scientific discoveries in astronomy, geology, and biology with humanistic insights concerning the nature of the universe.

Mark your calendars and check out five wonderful Fall programs that are co-sponsored by SFX and SJC. These programs are free to members of SJC and SFX parishes:

1. Overcoming Spiritual Myopia: Nurturing Healing & Hope Through a Unitive Worldview with Margaret Placentra Johnston, D.O. and Pat Bombard, BVM, D.Min.
Saturday, October 5, 9:00 am-3:30 pm (includes lunch)
2. What's so Sacred about our Universe? with Bridget Spurduto
Saturday, October 19, 9:30 am-2:30 pm (includes lunch)
3. Helen Prejean – *River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey*
Talk/Book signing/Reception
Wednesday, October 30, 7:00-9:00 pm
4. Mirabai Starr – *Wild Mercy: Living the Fierce and Tender Wisdom of the Women Mystics*
Talk/Book Signing/Conversation at Steak & Vine,
37 South LaGrange Road
Friday, November 8, 7:00-9:00 pm
5. Where is the House of God? And how do We Live when We Find It? With Pat Bergen, CSJ
Monday, December 2, 7:00-8:30 pm, repeated
Tuesday, December 3, 10:00-11:30 am

Position Available Parish Director of Development

St. Francis Xavier Parish seeks a candidate for the position of Director of Development to serve as strategic leader and professional manager of all aspects of mission development and fundraising for the parish and parish elementary school. The Director of Development will be accountable for all fundraising initiatives and specific special events. The ideal candidate is a self-starter with at least 5 years of development experience, and is a person of faith committed to Gospel values. He or she understands and prioritizes the organization and responsible management of resources and helps the parish fund and fulfill its mission and purpose, including the parish mission to provide quality, affordable Catholic elementary education to families who want to provide this for their children.

This position is part time and a description is posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org). If you are interested, please send a cover letter and copy of your resume to Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Business Manager, via the parish rectory.

Interfaith Career Network

Join us on Thursday, September 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Stephani Peterson, Sr. Manager of Careers in Nonprofits, will offer her insight on the nonprofit sector. Stephani will address the various types of nonprofits, advantages of working in the nonprofit sector, how to tailor your resume while showcasing transferable skills for your next position, and how to best succeed in this candidate driven market. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs.

Volunteers Needed

If you have an interest in supporting job seekers in our community, we'd love to hear from you! Even with the improved job market there are continuing layoffs, and many seeking a better opportunity. We are staffed by volunteers and are seeking new members to join our ICN team www.interfaithcareernetwork.org. Anyone interested in supporting others during their search would be welcome. We are in need of volunteers for marketing efforts (including social media, website support, etc.) as well as anyone who could assist with job coaching advice or networking help. A business or HR professional for one-on-one coaching would be a great addition! If you have a warm smile but no related job search experience, we need you as well for greeters at our monthly meetings and quarterly resume reviews. This September is our 11th anniversary of helping others help themselves. You, too can help make a difference! Call Tom Rohan at 708-772-4231 or Judy Kennedy at 708-352-8943 to learn more.



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

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

Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and
 (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday8:30 am
 Saturday.....9:00 am
St. Cletus (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....9:00 am

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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.

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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

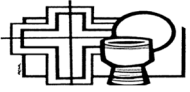
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, 312-884-9879 at the Claret Center or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—September 21-22, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	L. Lach H. McCormick M. Kanzer	M. Becker C. Cooke K. Corrigan K. Kanzer Fr. Kudia K. Preussner D. Mulvenna C. Witt L. Young	A. Grech A. Grech T. Mulcahy	K. Kelly	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Van Gorp D. Walsh M. Carroll	S. Augustyn S. Hayes D. Challender N. Kalkowski P. Olson	A. Edwards C. Shanley N. Edwards	T. Pangan	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	A. Fix M. Lukanich E. Fix	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht C. Froemel E. Froemel E. Olsen B. McMahon D. Sherman T. Urchell	D. Collins S. Parkes M. Mullen	S. VanOrdstrand Gallery Choir	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	L. Nowak A. Sullivan M. Atseff	N. Cummings L. Egan J. Garreau A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin M. Joscelyn P. McGinnis J. Nowak	M. Kachmarik R. Nowak B. Griffin	B. Mayo Celebration Ensemble	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	C. McLaughlin T. Bezouska L. Freda	L. Donegan N. Kampe B. Edelmann Open Open	E. Siffermann J. O'Halloran E. Kostal	J. Pfluger	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



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Readings For The Week of September 15, 2019

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/
Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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