

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021



GOD'S
LAW
REFRESHES
THE SOUL

The law of the LORD refreshes the soul

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, September 27	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Albert Ethen Brian Stephenson	The Tegtmeyer Family The Milligan Family
Tuesday, September 28	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Lorraine Pietras	Marie Kotoulas
Wednesday, September 29	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Besse & Dick Parlon	Pam Oplawski
Thursday, September 30	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, October 1	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bernard Urycki	The Urycki Family
Saturday, October 2	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Pat Comeford	Barb Schumacher
Sunday, October 3 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Pam Gagne	The Cooley Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Mary Ann Slowik Brian Stephenson	Denise Granat The Tom Quinn Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Bob O'Malley George Ryan Joe Dykhuizen Ronald Nawrocki	Dorothy Pouba The Kostrewa Family Pam Oplawski Kathryn Cragg
	Mass	5:00 pm	Kevin McCann	The Metzger Family

President's Schedule for September 25-26, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Killeen
 7:30 am Fr. Milek
 9:00 am Fr. Barrett
 11:00 am Fr. Milek
 5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

Nick Bowman	Gert Ogilvie
Jay Carroll	Joan O'Halloran
Chili Challenger	Jane O'Reilly
Marek Chyczewski	Ryan Patyk
Frank DiSilvio	Donna Pekarek
Blake Donegan	James Pridmore
Lily Fielding	Baby Lucia R.
Terry Gazdziak	Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Marjorie Reimann
Wilson Gregory	Nicholas Rink
Rose Ilo	Anna Rose
Mary J.	Bill Sanders
Jane Jacobsen	Peter Sannasardo
Theresa Kandall	Rita Scalcon
Wayne Kardatzke	James Stapel
Mark Kiley	Gavin Stella
Robert Kozak	Marc Such
Juliette Lopez	Sarah Such
Lisa Massaro	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Ron Minella	Thomas Trauscht
Patrick Morgan	Jodee Tuttle
Mike Morrison	Gregory Van Gorp
Bernice Niemiec	Liz Wilk

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life

John Cronin

Husband of Bonny
Father of Amy, Laura and Tom

Theresa Domanico

Mother of John and Cathy

Michael McLynn

Brother-in-Law of David Sherman

Weddings

Lauren Ruzicka & Sean Frain
 Becca Hamilton & Isaac Bustos
 Magdalena Szakola & Willem de Koning
 Sydney Schubert & Sam Gutilla

Readings For The Week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Pastor's Notes

*"Would that all the people
of the Lord were prophets!"*

Numbers 11:29

"But they didn't follow the rules! Why should they get the gift without doing all the work?" I can only speak for myself in confessing moments of resentment when others got the same reward without doing the work. I admit that sense of entitlement that keeps me from seeing all as a gift from a loving God, and so keeps me from an attitude of gratitude. I fail to notice the gifts that have come to me due to no merit of my own. I begin to think that I am more worthy than others; I fail to appreciate the gifts and effort others bring to the table. And I fail to encourage others and rejoice when their gifts come alive.

Such was the challenge Moses faced when the newly confirmed prophets resented two outside their company who had received the same gift. Moses confronts them with their failure to see their ability to prophesize as God's gift and not a reward based on their merits. He envisions a community in which all were open to God's gifts and able to see what God is doing in their midst. This year is a year of rebuilding for parish faith community. The risks of COVID are not abating as quickly as we had hoped, and so our forward movement has been slowed. We cannot yet open the campus to social events, large group meetings, or even our School of Religious

Education. Yet we can plan toward the day when all of this will be possible. In the meantime, we can connect with one another at church, in the community, or via virtual tools and social media. Prayers groups, scripture study, and other ministries remain alive and available. Our School of Religious Education has enhanced its virtual program to provide catechist guided sessions for each grade level; and Elis Guidice, our new DRE, is looking for opportunities to bring families together in smaller groupings. Our celebration of a full return to a new normal may be postponed; but our opportunities to grow in faith and to serve those in need remains vital. Strengthening our connection to others is the path to even greater vitality.

As you read this, I am well into my eight days of silent retreat in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies. It is a time of being present to the Lord and praying for the openness to hear God's desires for me. You are with me in my prayers, and I ask for yours.

May we be open to the unexpected prophets God places among us. May we recommit ourselves "to create a more just world through sacraments and worship, learning and service."

Peace,

J. Bill



Blessing of Pets

October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who preached by his life God's call for us to care for all of creation. His feast day marks the beginning of a month in which we pray for a deepening commitment to healing our planet from the effects of climate change and a deeper respect for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. The Feast of St. Francis also has been a time when we offer blessings to pets and renew our commitment to be good caretakers. St. Francis Xavier Parish will offer a Blessing of Pets **next Saturday**, October 2nd, at 10AM. We will gather on the Spring Avenue lawn along the east side of the church building. Pets of all types and sizes are welcome. (Speedy plans to attend.) Masks and social distancing will be required. Pass the word to friends and neighbors.

Weekend Mass Updates at St. Francis Xavier!

The CDC has revised its recommendations on wearing masks in indoor, public spaces, following evidence that the COVID delta strain can spread rapidly even among fully vaccinated individuals. The parish Leadership Reopening Team has determined how we will respond to provide the safest possible environment for all who worship at St. Francis Xavier.

The following **changes** to our Sunday Mass protocols are **now in effect**.

- ◆ **Masks are required for everyone** over age 2, regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ **We invite everyone to sing with your mask in place!** Pick up a bulletin as you enter church for the words to the hymns. As you leave, place any bulletins you are not taking home in the recycle baskets at each door.
- ◆ Please wait for an usher to invite your pew to come forward for communion. With your mask in place, receive the host in your hand and move six feet to the side before removing your mask to consume the host.

The following protocols remain **unchanged**.

- ◆ **All church doors remain open** for all worshippers.
- ◆ **Unity Hall remains open to families with small children** to offer a remote viewing option on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 9AM and 11AM. This is only for families with small children and no cold symptoms.
- ◆ Every other pew in the back of church and in the east transept is not available for seating. These areas provide social distance for parents with infants, those with immune issues, and those not yet comfortable being closer than six feet. All other pews are available for general seating.
- ◆ Please avoid physical contact with those not of your own household, especially during the **Sign of Peace**. A nod or a wave is always appropriate.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill



Seminarian Education Collection For the Education and Formation of its Future Priests

Our special collection supports the Seminarian Education Fund, that provides needed funds for financial support to help defray seminarians' educational expenses, such as tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.

To make an electronic gift go to our website for a direct link to contribute via Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/27283>. 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.

Greeters Welcome

We are seeking parishioners who are willing and able to serve as ministers of hospitality (greeters) at the following parish celebrations.

- ◆ **Weekend Masses:** Greeters welcome people at each of the church entrances and answer any questions. They then join their families for the remainder of the Mass.
- ◆ **Baptisms:** Greeters welcome the family of the child being baptized, verify the information for the parish records, and assist in the seating process.
- ◆ **Weddings:** Greeters serve as part of our parish Wedding Ministry to welcome guests, answer questions, and assist the bride and groom and their parents with any special needs.
- ◆ **Funerals:** Greeters serve as part of the parish Bereavement Team. They welcome guests at the door, answer questions, and assist the family with any special needs.

If you are interested or would like to learn more about any of these ministries, please email Maureen Pipal at mpipal@sfxlg.org. Your gift of time and talent as one who offers hospitality is a relatively simple gift that can have a great effect on those who attend a service at St. Francis Xavier.

CHRISTIFIDELES AWARD 2021

Each year, the Archdiocese asks the leadership of each parish to submit the name of one person to be recognized for their servant leadership. The members of our Parish Pastoral Council submit names to the pastor, who then nominates a person who received strong support from the PPC. This year's nominee is Elizabeth Cooley. One member of the PPC explained her nomination as follows.

“Elizabeth encourages collaboration in every group setting in which she participates and is well respected by all. She generously shares her time and knowledge to make SFX a better place. She has been an advocate for the teens of our parish. She led Quest small groups for all four of her children during all four of each of their high school years and attended several mission trips. She participates in small prayer groups and has volunteered for numerous committees over the years for both the parish and the parish elementary school. Most recently, her work as a member of the parish Reopening Task Force is an amazing example of how Elizabeth's days have been fueled by the mission of serving Jesus. She co-manages the scheduling of the greeters and frequently fills in as a greeter when she cannot find available volunteers. Few people know how many hours she dedicates to the parish to ensure we all can safely host Mass and other ceremonies. She selflessly gives her time to St. Francis Xavier Parish because of her deep commitment to our parish and her faith.”

Elizabeth will receive the Christifideles Award at a ceremony to be held at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, October 3rd. Congratulations, Elizabeth, and thank you for your witness to servant leadership among us. You are one of the many blessings that make us a vibrant parish.



Prisoner Christmas Cards Stamp Collection



Please consider a donation of postage stamps. Because of gathering restrictions, we will not meet to address Christmas cards for prisoners, but Companions has already received hundreds of signed cards, and we can definitely use a donation of postage stamps. Drop them off through the mail slot in the rectory door before Monday, October 4. Thank you for your loving outreach.

Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years yet many of our parishioners are not aware of this outreach ministry.

If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please contact **Susie Lehuta** at 708-354-6380 or lehutams@gmail.com.

SFX Family Outreach Ministry

The SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee is looking for new families to join us in planning volunteer opportunities in and around our community. The Family Ministry Committee gives families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please consider joining us and help us make a difference! Interested? Email Ana Dimailig at apd3@core.com or Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.



Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help in the food pantry at 1400 South Austin Boulevard in Cicero. Staff, volunteers and clients are screened for COVID and wear masks.

Food Pantry Days:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Food Pantry Delivery Days:

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Contact:

candrade@catholiccharities.net
708-329-4023

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP 2022



"Life Teen Summer Camps (www.lifeteen.com/camps) are ready to welcome you home for the best summer imaginable. We've crafted an exhilarating, uplifting and powerful week of activities that are designed to help lead teens closer to Christ, and closer to their parish group."

Zip lines, Mass, whitewater rafting, adoration, team-building exercises, Reconciliation, crafts and sports, praise and worship.

At Life Teen camp you can experience the joy of a life that integrates faith, adventure, and creativity in Christ! Please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlq.org if interested. We need a solid count of teen attendees by the end of SEPTEMBER!

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media



SFX School Instagram: [SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg.org/school)

Facebook SFX School site: [facebook.com/SFX.LG](https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG)

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
[facebook.com/SFXLALUMNI](https://www.facebook.com/SFXLALUMNI)

SFX School Website:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

SFX VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR

<https://vimeo.com/506617250>

See the latest happenings at the day school:

Spotlight on the St. Francis Xavier Parish School
Class of 2021 <https://vimeo.com/554327101>



LA GRANGE and BEYOND

Saint Francis Xavier School has students
from 20 different ZIP Codes.

Contact us today to learn more about what
Saint Francis Xavier School can offer your family!

[sfxlg.org/school](https://www.sfxlg.org/school)



**Nazareth Academy
In-Person Open Houses
Sunday, October 17 &
Monday, October 18**

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Discover Nazareth Academy high school at an in-person Open House this fall. Visit on Sunday, October 17 at 10:00 am or Monday, October 18 at 6:30 pm. Learn all about Scholarship, Service, Spirit and Unity at Nazareth through formal presentations, guided tours and time to visit with students, faculty, staff and coaches. **Pre-registration is REQUIRED** at www.nazarethacademy.com
Space is limited.

Nazareth Academy is a Catholic, coed, college prep high school dedicated to living Jesus' mission of unity and committed to educating the whole person. Nazareth is located at 1209 West Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park.

**Alena Murguia, Class of 1989
Communications Manager**
amurguia@nazarethacademy.com
708-387-8536

NAZARETH ACADEMY
Create Your Legacy!

Say AMEN
to the WORD
of the LORD



**The SFX Class of 1985
is planning an upcoming reunion.**

**Please contact
Mike Magluilo, '85 at
mikemagluilo@yahoo.com.**

Songs for September 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Hymn: "O Holy Spirit, by Whose Breath" (7:30/9:00) *7:30 – vss. 1, 2 & 5 only

Verse 1

O Ho-ly Spir-it, by whose breath Life ris-es vi-brant out of death:
Come to cre-ate, re-new, in-spire; Come, kin-dle in our hearts your fire.

Verse 2

You are the seek-er's sure re-source, Of burn-ing love the liv-ing source,
Pro-tec-tor in the midst of strife, The giv-er and the Lord of life.

Verse 3

In you God's en-er-gy is shown, To us your var-ied gifts made known.
Teach us to speak; teach us to hear; Yours is the tongue and yours the ear.

Verse 4

Flood our dull sen-es with your light; In mu-tual love our hearts u-nite,
Your pow'r the whole cre-a-tion fills; Con-firm our weak, un-cer-tain wills.

Verse 5

From inner strife grant us re-lease; Turn na-tions to the ways of peace.
To full-er life your peo-ple bring That as one bod-y we may sing:

Verse 6

Praise to the Fa-ther, Christ the Word, And to the Spir-it, God the Lord;
To whom all hon-or, glo-ry be Both now and for e-ter-ni-ty.

Opening Hymn: "Send Down the Fire" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Send down the fire of your jus-tice, Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spir-it, breathe life in your peo-ple, and we shall be peo-ple of God.**

Call us to be your com-pas-sion, Teach us the song of your love; Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring, Make us ring with the song of your love. **Refrain.**

Call us to an-swer op-pres-sion, Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us right-eous souls,
'Til your jus-tice rolls, Make us burn with the fire of your truth. **Refrain.**

Call us to wit-ness your King-dom, Give us the pres-ence of Christ;
May your ho-ly light Keep us shin-ing bright, Ev-er shine with the pres-ence of Christ. **Refrain.**

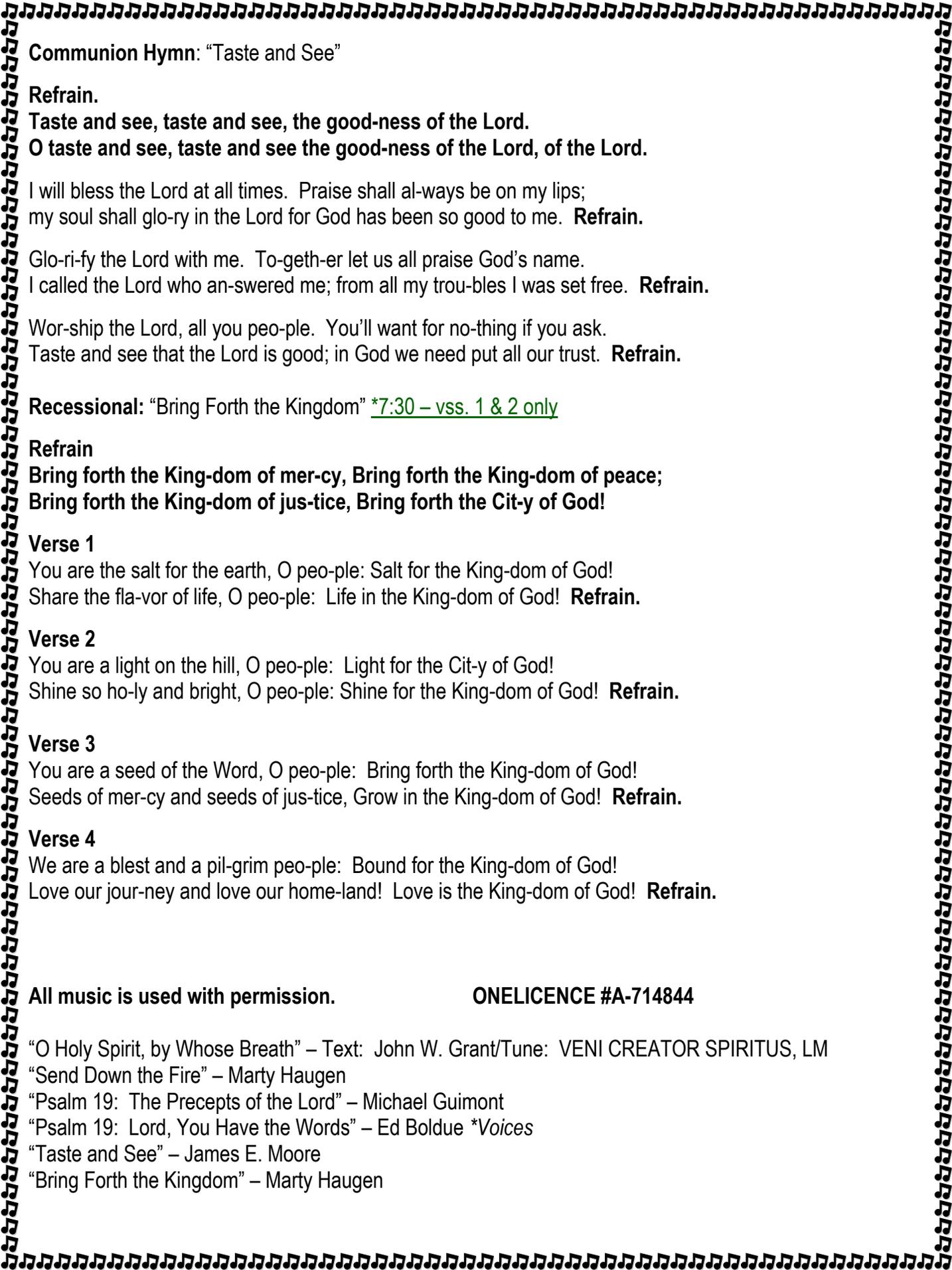
Responsorial Psalm 19: "The Precepts of the Lord" (7:30/9:00)

Refrain: "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."

Responsorial Psalm 19: "Lord, You Have the Words" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain: "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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Communion Hymn: "Taste and See"

Refrain.

Taste and see, taste and see, the good-ness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall al-ways be on my lips;
my soul shall glo-ry in the Lord for God has been so good to me. **Refrain.**

Glo-ri-fy the Lord with me. To-geth-er let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who an-swered me; from all my trou-bles I was set free. **Refrain.**

Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for no-thing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "Bring Forth the Kingdom" *7:30 – vss. 1 & 2 only

Refrain

Bring forth the King-dom of mer-cy, Bring forth the King-dom of peace;
Bring forth the King-dom of jus-tice, Bring forth the Cit-y of God!

Verse 1

You are the salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the King-dom of God!
Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: Life in the King-dom of God! **Refrain.**

Verse 2

You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: Shine for the King-dom of God! **Refrain.**

Verse 3

You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the King-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, Grow in the King-dom of God! **Refrain.**

Verse 4

We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: Bound for the King-dom of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land! Love is the King-dom of God! **Refrain.**

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"O Holy Spirit, by Whose Breath" – Text: John W. Grant/Tune: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, LM

"Send Down the Fire" – Marty Haugen

"Psalm 19: The Precepts of the Lord" – Michael Guimont

"Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words" – Ed Boldue **Voices*

"Taste and See" – James E. Moore

"Bring Forth the Kingdom" – Marty Haugen

Knights of Columbus FOOD FOR FAMILIES VOLUNTEERS

Will you and your youth be doing community service this Fall? Volunteers are needed for the KofC **Food for Families** Fall Drive in October. Please join the Knights in helping families & seniors struggling to make ends meet. Your support makes an immediate impact to replace hunger with food on the table!

- Donations benefit St Francis Xavier Food Pantry and Chicago Food Depository.
- Attach paper flyers to doorknobs of local homes as previous food drives.
- Volunteers choose their own day and time in the month of October.
- Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights of Columbus.
- Volunteers choose any available street in LaGrange or Lagrange Park.



This good cause, twice each year in April and October, is a partnership of the KofC, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and LaGrange and Lagrange Park friends and neighbors like you.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CROP HUNGER 5K WALK

**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS & QUEST GROUPS
GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AGES!**

October 17, 2021 @12:30pm

**Meet at St. John's Lutheran Church
(Corner of 47th Street & Brainard Avenue)**

**Suggested Donation: \$5/person.
Please bring a nonperishable food item
to be shared with local pantries.**

Walk will start and end at St. John's.



**You may register and donate in person or
go online to**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-francis-xavier-lagrange>

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Please register/find out about more programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of COVID-19.

Bridging the Divides, Tending the Gap Conference, on ZOOM September 24 from 12:00-7:30pm, and September 25 from 8:30 am-5:00 pm. The Congregation of St. Joseph and its Spirituality

Centers (including The Well), in partnership with the Fetzer Institute, is sponsoring a national, virtual conference that will bring together people of diverse faiths, cultures, ages, and spiritualities who are longing to interact respectfully with people with whom we disagree, and to heal divisions within our fractured world. The captivating lineup of speakers includes Helen Prejean, CSJ (death penalty activist), Dr. Vernice Solimar (Spiral Dynamics teacher), Diane Benscoter (deprogrammer and former cult member, appeared Aug. 29 on *60 Minutes*), Maka Akan Najin Black Elk (descendant of boarding school survivors), Dr. Arlie Hochschild (author, *Strangers in Their Own Land*), and Dr. Katharine Hayhoe (atmospheric scientist). Participants can choose from 32 inspiring breakout sessions. Find out more, and register here: <http://bidpal.net/bridgingdivides>.



Please join keynote speaker Coach Lou Holtz at this fun, one-of-a-kind event

Wednesday, October 27

United Club at Soldier Field

benefiting the moms and babies of our community served by Women's Care Center.



1,893 babies

were born last year to our Chicago area Women's Care Center moms.

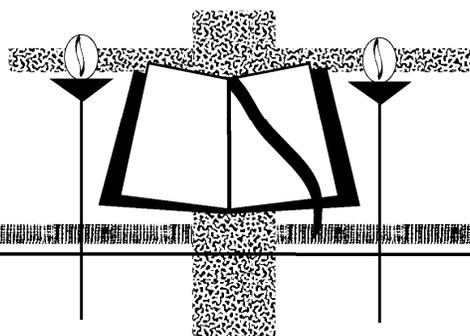
Your support of this event helps young women from our community choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, and become more self-sufficient parents.



For more information, please visit:

www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/youre-invited-to-something-special

Questions? Contact Charlie Williams by phone at (574) 387-1332 or email Charlie@supportwcc.org



Eagle Scout Service Project by Peter Geneser



Hello parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Church, My name is Peter Geneser and I am a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 117 in Western Springs. I am a Junior at Nazareth Academy High School and I am working on my Eagle Scout Service Project to provide religious items and personal care items to U.S. Veterans. I am asking for your help to collect travel-size toiletries and gently used or new religious items to be distributed to U.S. Veterans hospitalized in local VA Healthcare Centers. All donated religious items will be blessed by a member of the clergy before distribution. My hope is to distribute these items on Veterans Day, November 11, 2021. A collection box and flyer has been placed in the parish Narthex for your donations.

Thank you for your generosity and please keep all the brave men and women who have served and are currently serving in all of our Armed Forces in your prayers.

Travel-size toiletries needed:

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Shaving cream / Disposal razors
- Shampoo
- Liquid soap or body wash
(no bar soap please)
- other travel size toiletries.

New or gently used religious items needed:

- Small crosses
- Rosaries
- Prayer cards
- Saint necklaces or medals

Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.

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



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. Commander 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
- **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
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **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
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **1st Lieutenant Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Col. Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Shelby Foster, USAF**—son-in-law of John & Mary House

**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
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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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

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.

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 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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