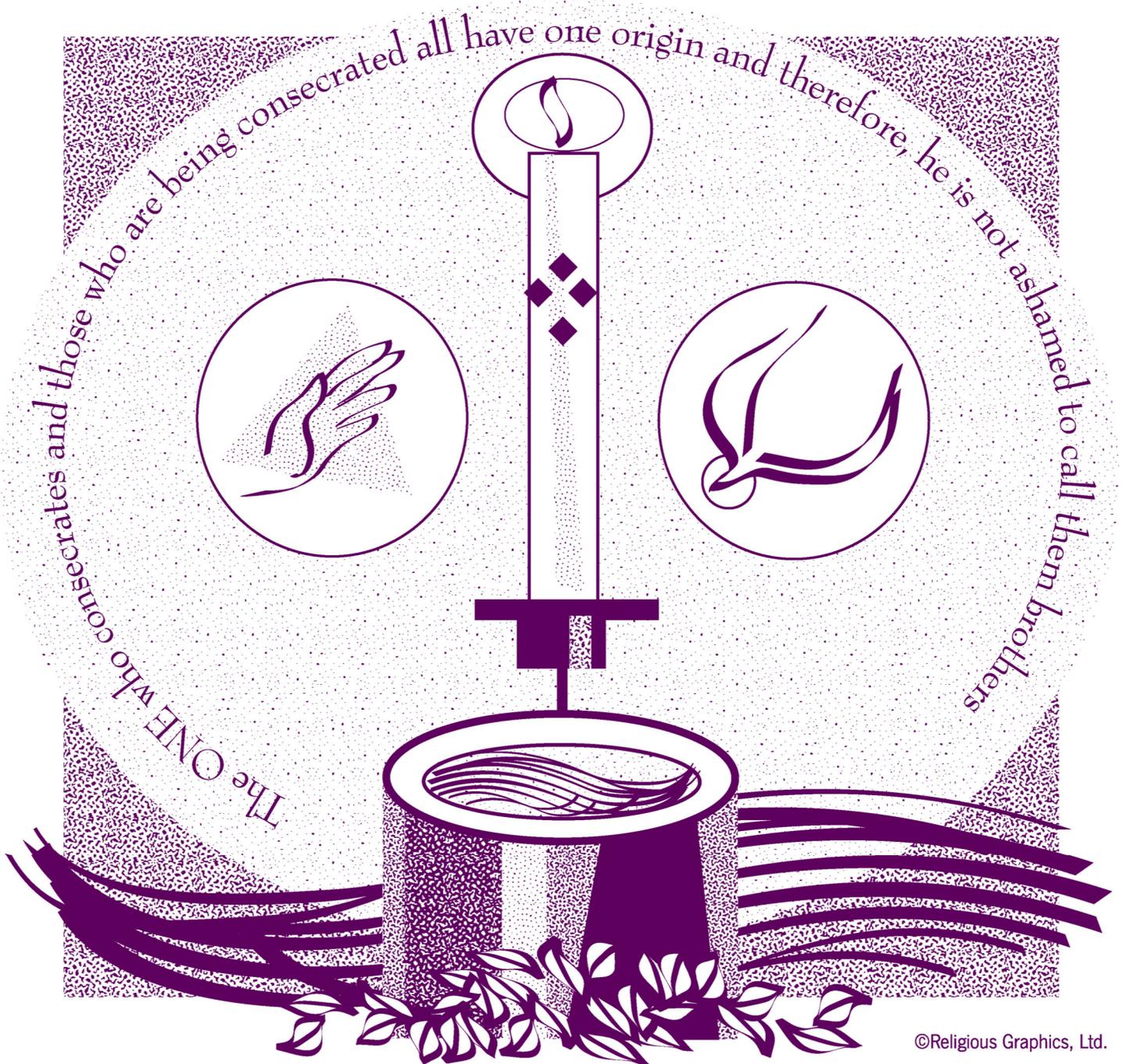


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 3, 2021**



## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 4	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bill Navolio Jimmy Kennedy Norm Wasz	The SFX Social Committee The SFX Parish Rectory Staff The Barrett Family
Tuesday, October 5	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Raymond Barry	Barb Zahorik
Wednesday, October 6	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Rita Giordano	Pam Oplawski
Thursday, October 7	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, October 8	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese John Thoms	The Thoms Family
Saturday, October 9	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jim Foy	The Foy Family
Sunday, October 10 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Catherine Seibert Marian Hannigan Lar & Carol Michalowski (Living Intention) Poor Souls	The Westerhoff Family The Westerhoff Family Ron Skupien Liz Wilk

### Presider's Schedule for October 2-3, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

### Please pray for . . .

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

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



**Sandra Malkowski**  
Mother of Gregorey & David

### Weddings

Becca Hamilton & Isaac Bustos  
Magdalena Szakola & Willem de Koning  
Sydney Schubert & Sam Gutilla  
Katherine Bindon & Robert Goshorn



### Readings For The Week of October 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/  
Mt 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

## Pastor's Notes

*"Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them."  
Mark 10:14*

Children were paid little attention in first Century Israel. Perhaps because of the high child mortality; perhaps because they could not be "productive" during hard times. So, the disciples are sure of themselves as they do a "favor" for Jesus. The day has been long enough; Jesus needs his rest. Or, more likely, they themselves are tired and want people to go home. How often are my own motives less pure than I admit?

Jesus responds to their actions, immediately and clearly. He insists that the children are our teachers. If we are to understand the way to the kingdom of God, we must become their students. A person's worth comes not from any external measure, but from the openness of their heart. The pure joy of a child's laughter, the humble tears of a child's apology; these are the reflections of God's Spirit alive in us.

October is a month that calls us to reflect on the dignity of human life from conception until natural death, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. First of all, we advocate for the unborn who have no voice of their own. We pray to change hearts and minds that might discard the unborn even as the first disciples disregarded the children coming to Jesus. We do not presume to know the circumstances under which a woman might consider ending her pregnancy; nor do we, especially us men, presume to know what we might consider when faced with circumstances beyond our imagining. We speak up to give the unborn child a voice in

the conversation. And, we speak with compassion for those among us who are healing from a past decision that now brings them pain.

October is a month that calls us to greater awareness of how to facilitate the needs of those with physical or intellectual disabilities. The church has come a long way in making parish facilities accessible to all. Over the past 30 years, our building projects have increased accessibility to our facilities both outside and inside. Some ask why I sign the Alleluia and Sign of Peace if there are no deaf persons among us. I was taught by an advocate long ago, "If you never show your willingness to sign for the hearing impaired, they may never feel that they are welcome." It is a small gesture of hospitality to the deaf and their family and friends.

Finally, October calls us to greater awareness of domestic abuse in our community and in our extended family. We learn the signs of domestic abuse so that we can offer resources and support to someone who feels trapped and possibly responsible for the abuse they suffer. We refuse to look the other way. We speak up, even if our words are rejected. We advocate for the dignity of each human life.

May we never see any human life as more worthy of dignity and respect. May we be a voice of justice and do what we can to lead all to the loving arms of Jesus.

Peace,

*J. Bill*



### 5th Annual Living Rosary

**In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, parishioners and members of the community are invited to gather outside with SFX students, faculty and staff to pray the Rosary.**

**Thursday October 7, 2021 8:20am (weather permitting). We will be socially distanced in the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot.**

## **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

## We would love to have teens involved in our 5pm Sunday Mass as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers!

Trainings will be held over the next few weeks:  
Lector training will be BEFORE mass at 4:40 on 10/10;  
EM training will be AFTER mass at 6:00 on 10/10.  
Please contact Katie McCarthy directly if interested in participating.

Katie McCarthy:  
EMAIL - [kmccarthy@getblueprint.com](mailto:kmccarthy@getblueprint.com) or TEXT - 312-953-9281

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:apd3@core.com) or Rachel Peterson at [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net).

### Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of September:

Thomas & Lara Gamache  
William & Megan Schoen  
Raul & Sally Vallines  
Joseph & Alexa Domanico  
Philip & Laura Cullinane  
Edgar & Rachel Guerrero  
Mike & Colleen Furey  
Jason & Jennifer Zib  
Jimmy & Mercedes Garcia  
Michael & Susan Cardamone  
Michael & Tricia Jacobs



### 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.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2021**

The Pastoral Parish Council meets on the first Monday of each month and will have the minutes of the meeting published in the bulletin. If you have any questions related to St. Francis Xavier please feel free to contact us at [ppc@sfxlg.org](mailto:ppc@sfxlg.org).

Attendees:

Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Curt Aronson, Beth DiMarco, Laura Duelm, Mike Hattie, Barbara Kalnes, Marko Magajne, Tom Marthaler, Bernadette McMahon, Carolyn Simone, Antonio Pangan, and Jody Wise.

1. Prayer
  - a. Parish mission statement (all attendees)
  - b. Prayer for guidance of the Holy Spirit (Fr. Bill)
2. Formation
  - a. Reflection on Gospel Reading from Mark 9:30-37 (all attendees)
3. Discussion/Action Items
  - a. Review minutes of the prior meeting from 6/14/2021 (approved)
    - i. To be published to parish website or in bulletin
  - b. Primary Focus for upcoming year
    - i. Discussion on how PPC can facilitate ongoing engagement and connection between SFX and parishioners in a post COVID-19 environment. Follow up discussion will take place during the October meeting.
  - c. Renew my Church Planning
    - i. More details to be shared at next meeting. Likely to begin in early 2022.
  - d. Christifideles Finalists
    - i. Announcement forthcoming in next few weeks.
  - e. TMIY That Man is You Experience
    - i. Good turnout for 1st meeting and initial feedback has been positive.
  - f. St. Francis Covid Update Church & School
    - i. All necessary protocols remain in place. Parish in alignment with Cook County COVID-19 guidelines as well as Archdiocese COVID-19 rules.
  - g. PPC Membership, Terms of Service, Chair, Co-Chair & Rotation of Members
    - i. To be discussed at upcoming meeting.
  - h. Need new Minutes of the meeting Scribe
    - i. Antonio Pangan will take over at the October meeting.
  - i. Upcoming PPC meetings expected to occur in person, as long as health conditions remain.
4. New Business
  - a. No topics discussed at September meeting
5. Closing Prayer
6. Next Meeting — October 11, 2021

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/SFXLGALUMNI](https://www.facebook.com/SFXLGALUMNI)

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>

**Highlights from the 2021 SFX Golf Outing!** Thank you to CHAIRS: Katie & Scott Lutzow & CO-CHAIRS: Lindsey & JB Mackenzie for a great event! A great time was had by all at this sell out event! See you next year! <https://vimeo.com/609342252>



## LA GRANGE *and* BEYOND

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

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

## Thank You From St. Agatha Parish

Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the children and their families in our S.A.F.E. after-school program, our News School Journalism Program, our after-school music program, and parishioner children and grandchildren at St. Agatha, I want to extend our gratitude to you for your generous donation of \$166, which was used to provide school supplies for needy children in the North Lawndale community.

These are particularly difficult times for our youth and families. Your gift helps us offer needed support as we serve the youth and families in the St. Agatha/North Lawndale neighborhood community.

The generosity of people like you helps us tremendously as we continue to live the mission of Jesus in the North Lawndale community through our outreach to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the poor and needy beyond our doors.

Please be assured of my continued prayers. May God bless you for your generosity and may God continue to bless you in all that you do!

Gentle peace!  
Fr. Larry Dowling, Pastor



## 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](http://www.nazarethacademy.com). **Space is limited.**

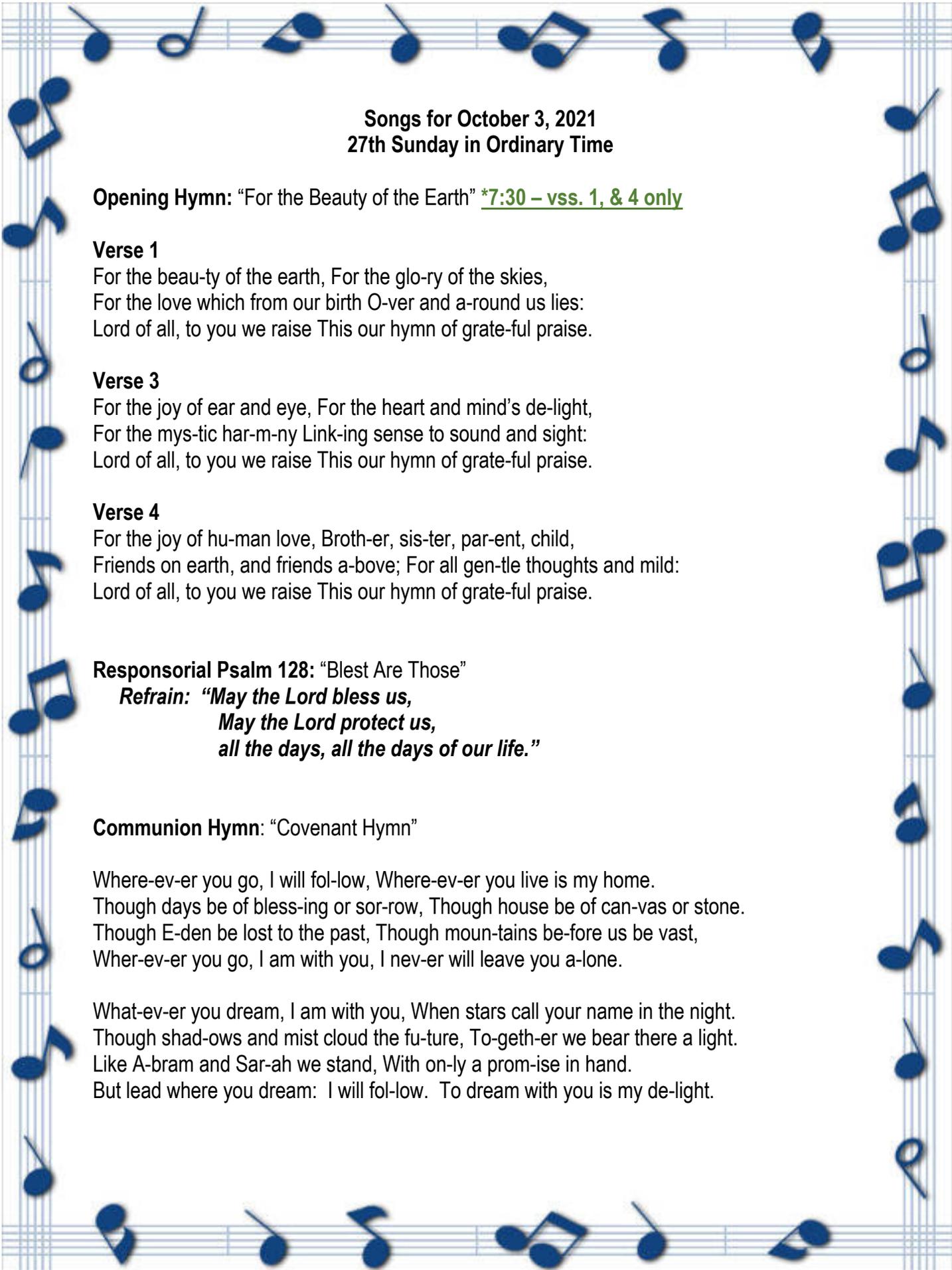
Nazareth Academy is a Catholic, coed, college prep high school dedicated to living Jesus' mission of unity and committed to educating the whole person. Nazareth is located at 1209 West Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park.

**Alena Murguia, Class of 1989**  
Communications Manager  
[amurguia@nazarethacademy.com](mailto:amurguia@nazarethacademy.com)  
708-387-8536

**NAZARETH ACADEMY**  
*Create Your Legacy!*



**The SFX Class of 1985  
is planning an upcoming reunion.  
Please contact  
Mike Magluilo, '85 at  
[mikemagluilo@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemagluilo@yahoo.com).**



**Songs for October 3, 2021  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Opening Hymn:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" \*7:30 – vss. 1, & 4 only

**Verse 1**

For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies:  
Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

**Verse 3**

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,  
For the mys-tic har-m-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

**Verse 4**

For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove; For all gen-tle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

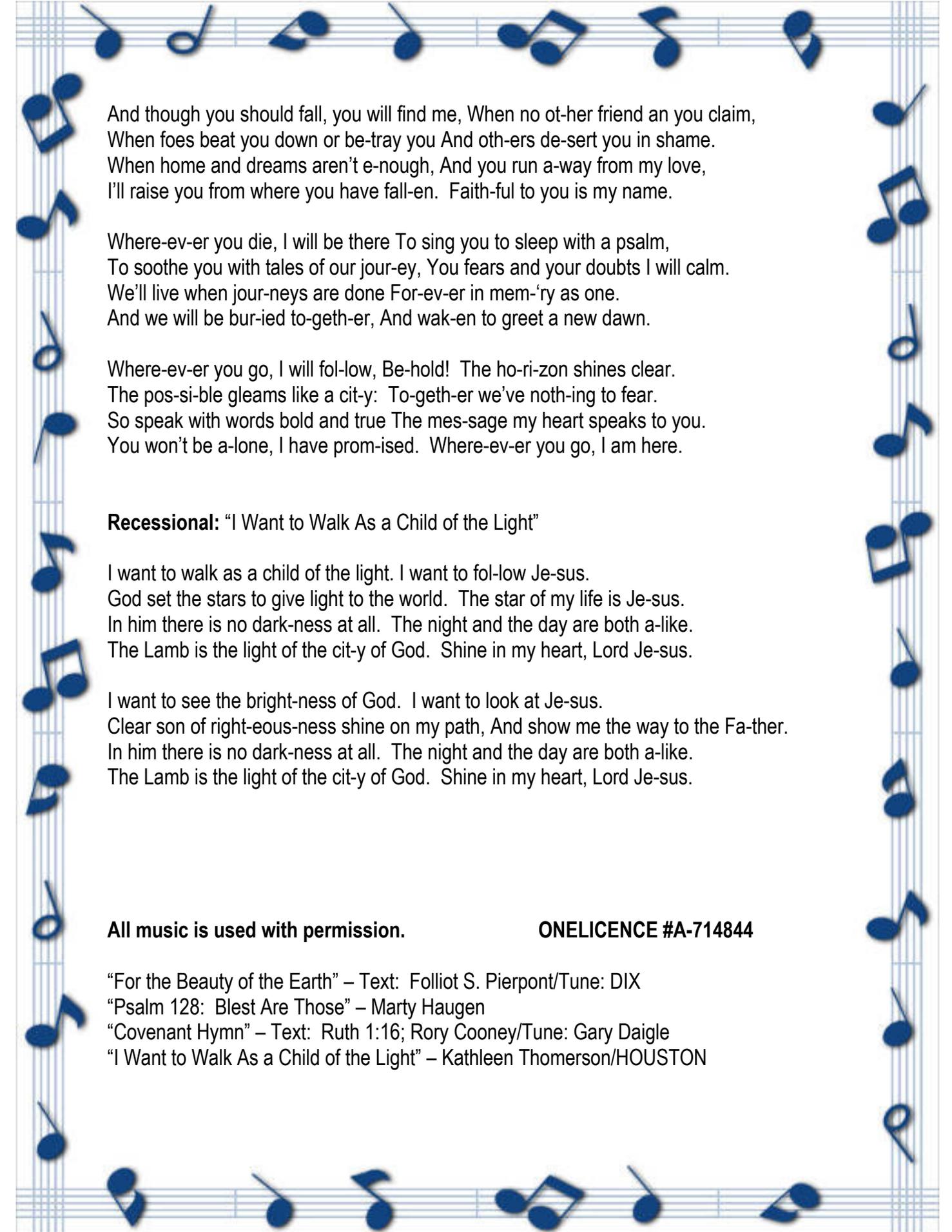
**Responsorial Psalm 128:** "Blest Are Those"

**Refrain:** *"May the Lord bless us,  
May the Lord protect us,  
all the days, all the days of our life."*

**Communion Hymn:** "Covenant Hymn"

Where-ev-er you go, I will fol-low, Where-ev-er you live is my home.  
Though days be of bless-ing or sor-row, Though house be of can-vas or stone.  
Though E-den be lost to the past, Though moun-tains be-fore us be vast,  
Wher-ev-er you go, I am with you, I nev-er will leave you a-lone.

What-ev-er you dream, I am with you, When stars call your name in the night.  
Though shad-ows and mist cloud the fu-ture, To-geth-er we bear there a light.  
Like A-bram and Sar-ah we stand, With on-ly a prom-ise in hand.  
But lead where you dream: I will fol-low. To dream with you is my de-light.



And though you should fall, you will find me, When no ot-her friend an you claim,  
When foes beat you down or be-tray you And oth-ers de-sert you in shame.  
When home and dreams aren't e-nough, And you run a-way from my love,  
I'll raise you from where you have fall-en. Faith-ful to you is my name.

Where-ev-er you die, I will be there To sing you to sleep with a psalm,  
To soothe you with tales of our jour-ey, You fears and your doubts I will calm.  
We'll live when jour-neys are done For-ev-er in mem-'ry as one.  
And we will be bur-ied to-geth-er, And wak-en to greet a new dawn.

Where-ev-er you go, I will fol-low, Be-hold! The ho-ri-zon shines clear.  
The pos-si-ble gleams like a cit-y: To-geth-er we've noth-ing to fear.  
So speak with words bold and true The mes-sage my heart speaks to you.  
You won't be a-lone, I have prom-ised. Where-ev-er you go, I am here.

**Recessional:** "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je-sus.  
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a-like.  
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je-sus.  
Clear son of right-eous-ness shine on my path, And show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a-like.  
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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"For the Beauty of the Earth" – Text: Folliot S. Pierpont/Tune: DIX

"Psalm 128: Blest Are Those" – Marty Haugen

"Covenant Hymn" – Text: Ruth 1:16; Rory Cooney/Tune: Gary Daigle

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" – Kathleen Thomerson/HOUSTON

# 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 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](http://www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/youre-invited-to-something-special)

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

**“We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a ‘Gospel of life.’ It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly in respect for human dignity.”**

*Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB*

## OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE THEMES

Oct 3	Life & Creation <i>Feast of St. Francis Assisi</i>
Oct 10	New Life
Oct 17	Life & Dignity
Oct 24	Life & the Common Good
Oct 31	End of Life

### TAKING ACTION FOR LIFE & CREATION:

- Watch Netflix series *Down to Earth with Zac Efron*
- Check out [www.catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org)
- Try out practical tips for sustainability at [www.scarce.org](http://www.scarce.org)
- Pray St. Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of Creation* [www.sbfranciscans.org/spirituality/the-canticle-of-the-creatures/](http://www.sbfranciscans.org/spirituality/the-canticle-of-the-creatures/)
- Read/Reflect on Papal Encyclical on “Care for Our Common Home” <https://www.usccb.org/offices/general-secretariat/>

## UPCOMING/ONGOING RESPECT LIFE EVENTS

Month of October: Annual **Women’s Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive**

Envelopes will be available October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> or online donations can be made at: [www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/](http://www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/) Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

**Sept 22 – Oct 31: 40 Days for Life.** Help save lives through the power of prayer. <http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove>

**Oct 2: Pet Blessing** in Mary Garden 10am.

**Oct 3: National Life Chain** Gather with parishioners from St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross on the south side of Ogden Avenue beginning at LaGrange Road from 2:30-3:30pm. <http://www.lifechain.org/>

**Oct 12, 7-8pm: Area Respect Life Meeting** with St. Cletus & St. John of the Cross. Contact Kendall at [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) for zoom meeting link.

**Oct 27, 6-8pm: Women’s Care Center Fundraiser** at Soldier Field <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/youre-invited-to-something-special>

## RESOURCES

**Women’s Care Center – 136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange | 708-352-5000**

Provides free, confidential counseling, support, education, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Since opening in May 2018, the La Grange WCC has welcomed and supported over 1100 babies and their families.

**PILLARS | Hotlines: Domestic violence: 708-485-5254 | Sexual assault: 708-482-9600**

Provides health and social services. Domestic and sexual violence staff serve clients through free 24-hour hotlines. 708-PILLARS for all services including mental health.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): The Living Room | 4731 Willow Springs Rd, La Grange | 708-524-2582**

Provides free peer counseling to anyone feeling scared, anxious, angry, sad, or just needs someone to talk to. Open every day 1pm - 9pm, must be 18 or older.

## GOSPEL OF LIFE PRAYER

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life. – St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*



## 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](mailto:lehutams@gmail.com).

## 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!



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St. Francis Xavier Parish  
LaGrange, IL



## 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.

## 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.

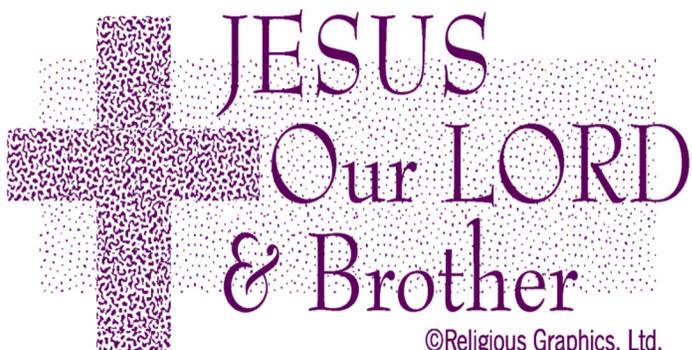
All cash donations should be made in an envelope marked Eagle Scout Project-117 and donations by check should be made payable to BSA Troop 117. All monetary donations should be dropped off at the SFX rectory and not in the mass collections.

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



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## 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
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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 morning .....9:00-10:00 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

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**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.

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## Food Pantry

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## 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

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## Marriage

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## Parish Counselor

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

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, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center—Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email glopez.claret@gmail.com.

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