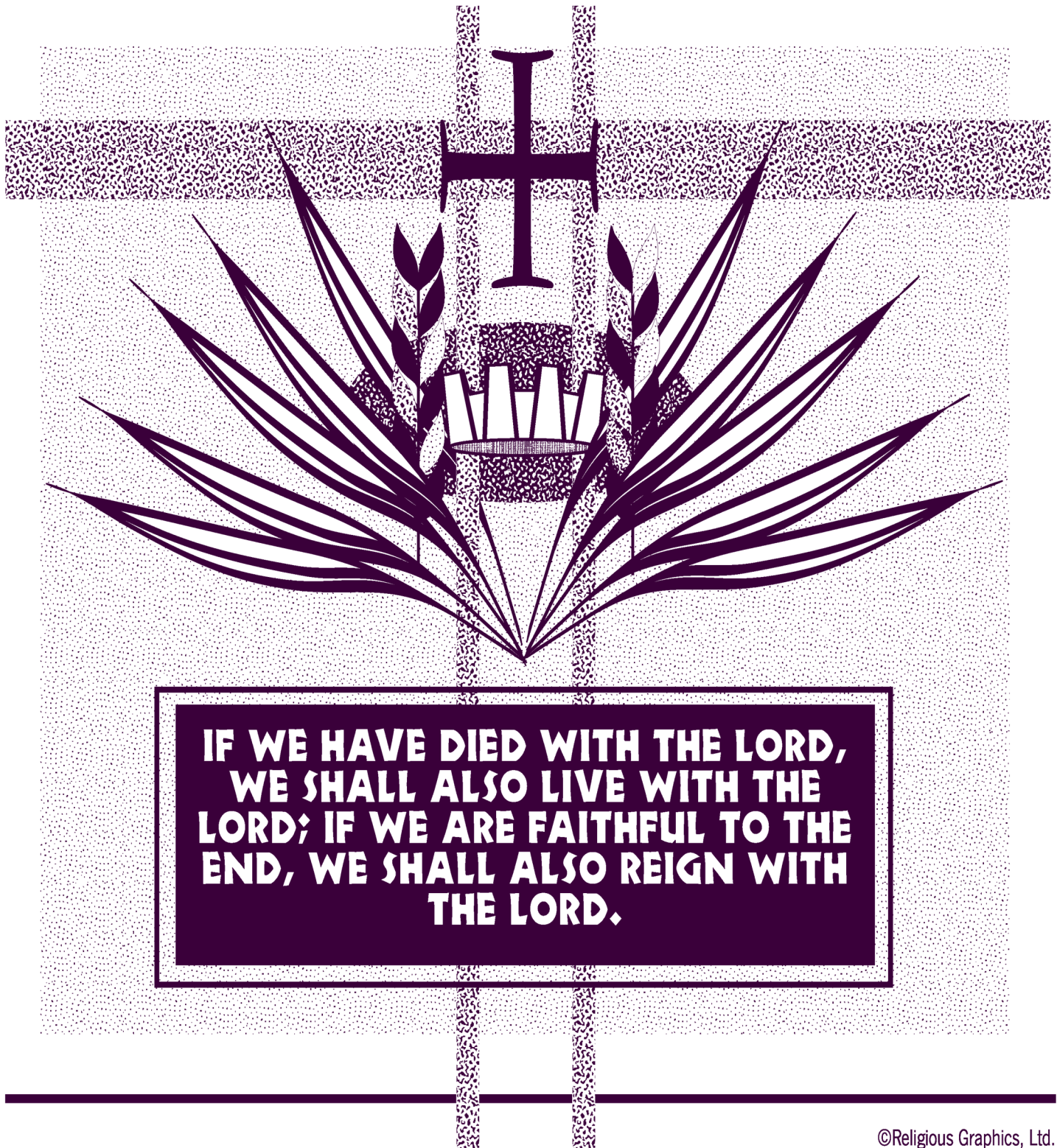


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13, 2019



**IF WE HAVE DIED WITH THE LORD,
WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH THE
LORD; IF WE ARE FAITHFUL TO THE
END, WE SHALL ALSO REIGN WITH
THE LORD.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, October 14 Columbus Day Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	8:30 am	Carol Miller Bea Nelligan	The Miller Family Lillian Bannach
Tuesday, October 15 Saint Theresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	8:30 am	Neil Galloway	The Lannan Family
Wednesday, October 16 Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	8:30 am	James Heinlein Fern Michopoulos	Marlene Heinlein Barbara & Richard Hennessey
Thursday, October 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	8:30 am	June Riley	Lillian Bannach
Friday, October 18 Saint Luke, Evangelist	8:30 am	John Kelly	Pat & Tom Lester
Saturday, October 19 Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Robert Leahy Eugene Igyarto Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Don Blaha	The Leahy & Igyarto Families The Leahy & Igyarto Families The SFX School Faculty & Staff
Sunday, October 20 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish Jeff Sterwalt Carlo Zoppa Sylvia Klepec Tom Owens Loretta Haxel Martin McGowan Mike Kelly Robert Verhunce	Ann Maney The Zoppa Family Your Branch Operations Team SFX School Community Diane Cipriani The Filbin Family Terri Simeoni The Owens Family

Please Pray For...

James Boardman	Marian Lucas
Jay Carroll	Emmett Miller
Chili Challender	Patrick Morgan
Anthony Dina	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Bernice Niemiec
Pat Eaton	Arnold Oppenheim
Lily Fielding	Jane O'Reilly
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Ryan Patyk
Peter Ganzel	Donna Pekarek
Adam Gawrysh	Jim Potsch
Lilli Gregory	James Pridmore
Wilson Gregory	Madison Raupp
Patricia Hassler	Anna Rose
Harold Held	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Eunice Stanczyk
Mary J.	Gretchen Sterwalt
Jane Jacobsen	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Theresa Kandall	John Thoms
Benny Kilman	Anne Titzer
Marilyn King	Michael Ungari
Jerry Kolman	Gregory Van Gorp
Lou Ellen Krueger	Liz Wilk

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:

Loretta Haxel

Cousin of Diane Cipriane

Im Sun Kim

Mother of Helen Fitzpatrick

Sally Christoff

Mother of Greg, Lori, Lisa,
Cari and the late Kurt

Virginia Kottaridis

Sister of Don Baumgart

Weddings

Kaitlyn Welgos & Jacob Soehle
Marie Lynch & John Sturgeon
Sarah Sipek & Charlie Lawler
Marissa Olszewski & Jim Hermle



Pastor's Notes

Realizing he had been healed, one of them returned and fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.

Luke 17:15-16

Several years ago, I received a coffee mug as a birthday present. On the inside lip of the cup are the words "I am grateful for...". With each sip, it reminds me to pause and be aware of the blessings in my life on that morning, at that moment in time. I must admit that sometimes my mind is too preoccupied to notice the words. When I do pause, I see the graces in my life for which I am grateful. Gratitude is then a natural response. When I pause to realize that all the blessings in my life come to me as gifts from a loving God, I cannot but be grateful.

Gratitude is a natural response to a life of stewardship. In today's gospel, only one of the ten persons cured of leprosy seems aware that their healing is a gift from God. The other nine seem to head to the priest to be declared clean and then get busy about the lives that leprosy had forced them to abandon. They become so caught up in "doing" that they fail to appreciate what God has done for them. They miss an opportunity for the grace we receive when we pause to give thanks to God.

This month we focus on the virtue of stewardship: What does it mean to be good stewards of our lives? Do I appreciate that my life and everything in it are gifts from God, both for my enjoyment and for my part of serving God's kingdom among us? Do I live with a sense of enough time, enough talents and abilities, enough material treasure to do all that God asks of me? Do I live with a sense of abundance and gratitude?

If the above questions present challenges to my way of thinking or manner of living, how can I move toward a deeper life of stewardship? In my own life, I realize the need to pause and to be still so that God can have a voice in that fearful and sometimes frantic conversation within my head. I need to review my priorities based on what is, in fact, receiving most of my time; what talents are being ignored or misused; what part of my treasure is given to the service of God's work before I set aside money for my own desires. To paraphrase scripture, "Where my time, talent, and treasure are, there my heart will be." How might God be inviting me to seek out other neighborhoods so that my heart more fully rests in God.

Last weekend was the first of the four that will be included in the annual October Count. According to our ushers, the number of us who came together for prayer is as follows:

Saturday 5:00 275 **Sunday 7:30** 146 **9:00** 326
10:30 325 **Noon** 215 **6:00** 375

Consider inviting a neighbor or friend to join you next week. We are blessed when those who have not been with us share their presence and gifts and fill the empty spaces.

Peace,

J. Bill

Christifideles Award 2019

The Parish Pastoral Council recommended David Sherman to receive the 2019 Archdiocesan Christifideles Award. David and his late wife Rosemary raised their family in the parish and have been active parishioners throughout the years. David has been involved in parish liturgy as lector, communion minister, "lighting coordinator" and liturgy planner. He also has provided leadership as a member of the parish Liturgy Board and in training ministers of communion. He was an active member of a parish acting troupe that used to present plays for the parish; he has continued this ministry with the plays and talent shows of the parish elementary school, maintaining connections with school alumni. He also has served at the area and Archdiocesan levels.

Congratulations, David, and thank you for your generous stewardship!

Christmas Midnight Mass Choir: New Singers Welcome!



A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been wanting to join, but just haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an ear and a love for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at **12:00 a.m. on December 25th**. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth.

Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, November 12th - 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 17th.

Please consider singing, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, before the first rehearsal on **November 12th** at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or 708 352-0168.



Columbus Day

In observance of
Columbus Day,
the Rectory Office
will be closed on
Monday, October 14.

We will reopen on Tuesday,
October 15 at 8:30 am.



SAVE THE DATE

Searching for a new or deeper relationship with God? Join fellow SFX women at our Spiritual Spa - details below. Questions!

Contact Laurie Severino 708-421-5034.

Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend

Saturday, February 8 -

Sunday, February 9, 2020

(begins at 8:30 am on Saturday and
ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday)

Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL



SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

Catholic Women's Club

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Tiziana Lambert at tizianalambert@gmail.com.

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October 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Love for God's people and the mission entrusted to us as disciples stands at the heart of *Renew My Church*. Each October on World Mission Sunday, we join with the Church across the globe in joyful response to the call to "go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). This year, the Holy Father, Pope Francis calls for an Extraordinary Mission Month throughout the month of October in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* which, "sought to give new impetus to the missionary task of proclaiming the Gospel."

In calling for this Extraordinary Mission Month, the Holy Father invites us to transcend national boundaries in these troubled times in our world, bearing witness "to God's saving will through the Church's universal mission." The World Mission Sunday collection, celebrated worldwide on October 20, supports the efforts of over 1,000 economically poor dioceses to provide spiritual and material aid to people across Africa, Asia, and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Recipient churches and congregations also bring hope to people facing poverty, violent conflict, and displacements in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

In honor of the Holy Father's call to renewed fervor for the Church's universal mission, every parish engaged in works of solidarity and charity with our global neighbors are invited to join the diverse community of Archdiocese of Chicago in a Mass of Thanksgiving for missionaries next Sunday, October 27 at St. Ferdinand Church beginning at 5:00 pm. Together we will give thanks for the local parishes that are dedicated to the Catholic Church's world mission.

It is my prayer that each parish is inspired to embrace World Mission Sunday as an opportunity to join with the global Church in making disciples throughout our world, as we are called to do during the *Renew My Church* process. May our witness inspire other in our Chicago community, especially young people, to embrace the call to love and follow Christ. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

November is a Month For Remembering

All Saints Day Mass

We remember All Saints on Friday, November 1 with a Mass at 7:30 pm.



All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

We will remember All Souls on Monday, November 4 at a special Mass at 7:00 pm. We will be remembering all family members and friends that have died this past year. We invite you to bring a picture of your loved one(s). Please place the picture on the table in front of the altar before Mass. After Mass, please take the picture with you as you leave church.

As we remember the dying and rising of the Lord, may we feel the embrace of God, not only for those who have died, but also for all that mourn their loss.



Come for Eucharistic Adoration October 17 at 6:00-7:00pm

WHAT: As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. "Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to give us the privilege of approaching him personally as so many people were able to do two-thousand years ago in Galilee and Judea." (Fr. F. Racine). During Eucharistic Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent adoration.

HOW: Adorers are invited to meditate on Scripture or read devotional books, pray the rosary or another devotion. You may also choose to just simply sit and 'be' with Jesus. If you are interested, prayer, and reflection suggestions are available as starting points.

WHO: Jesus waits for us, each one of us, in the Eucharist. He waits when you are joyful, thankful, frustrated, or tired. All are welcome, including children. He specifically calls children to Himself, "Let the children come to me."

WHY: Since Apostolic times, Catholics rightly have gathered to celebrate Mass in community as Jesus instructed. Adoration provides an opportunity for an intimate relationship with Jesus through individual worship, prayer, and listening. Adoration is the "face-to-face that leads to the "heart-to-heart" with Jesus.

WHEN: The next Eucharistic Adoration will be Thursday, October 17, 2019. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. Questions? Please contact Katie Kanzer @ k.f.kanzer@gmail.com.

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacles expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with desire to come into your heart." St. Therese of Lisieux

St. Francis Xavier
*Season of
Stewardship*

“Share With Love”

...more prayer?
...more service?
...more giving?

We are excited to announce the kick-off of the Season of Stewardship! Stewardship is our willingness to acknowledge the blessings we have in our lives and to reflect how we can continue to steward our time, talents, and treasure to act as Jesus' hands and feet in the world.

Our theme this year is, “Share With Love,” which reminds us of the vision and mission of our Parish: “We, the community of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, wholeheartedly live and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to live in communion with God, others, and all of creation to create a more just world through sacraments and worship, learning and service.”

Next weekend, at all Masses, we hear reflections during the homily from our Youth Ministry, who will bear witness to the blessings they have experienced here at St. Francis Xavier Parish. They will testify to how stewardship has played a vital role in their sense of belonging in the parish and their identity as children of God.

During this month of October, we ask that all SFX parishioners prayerfully discern their commitment to stewardship. God bless you for your support.

Stewardship: *Share with Love*



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



A way of life

What is Stewardship?

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and to reflect how we can continue to steward our
time, talents, and treasure to act as Jesus' hands and feet in the world.

This fall offers great opportunities to engage with SFX parishioners and our neighbors at several exciting SFX sponsored events! **Stewardship of Time** calls us not only to daily prayer and weekly prayer together, it also invites us to spend time together and develop relationships within our community. **ALL are welcome** to join the next round of events:

- October 18: Men's Club Pig Roast - all adult men of the community
- November 2: Falcon 5K run (or walk!) - all ages
- November 11: Veteran's Day Mass

**All of these events build upon our fellowship here at SFX.
Come to one, come to two, COME TO ALL!**

Join us
for the 14th Annual



Sign up today for the St. Francis Falcon 5K!

www.sxfalcon5k.com

Saturday, November 2nd

Kids' Fun Run (~0.5 mile), Junior Falcon 100 yd. Dash, 3.1 mile Run/Walk

Be a part of the fun, start training today
Strollers, walkers, non-SFX parishioners, and all ages welcome!

- USATF certified*, chip timed, flat, tree lined La Grange Park neighborhood course
- 5K and Kids Fun Run participants receive a technical t-shirt (Register by 10/14)
- Under 19 discount
- Indoor post-race celebration with Flash Magnets & fabulous treats from local vendors!

Want to volunteer? Questions? Please contact Meghan Fijal at Falcon5KSFX@gmail.com

**IL 17026WR Race benefits St. Francis Xavier School, a not-for-profit organization.*



Veterans Day Mass and Reception

The 5th grade students at St. Francis Xavier School would like to invite any veterans and active duty service members, and their families, to a mass honoring their service to our county. The mass will be held on Monday, November 11th at 8:30 am with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall.

If you would like to attend please RSVP by November 4th to Sara Edwards by phone at 773-844-8474 or email saraedwards9@hotmail.com. We hope to see you!

**Domestic Violence Outreach
St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus and
St. John of the Cross**



Here's what I don't want people to know about me.

"I am an abuser. I am male, female, gay, straight, educated or not, wealthy, poor, or in the middle. I represent every ethnic and racial group possible. I may or may not have been abused as a child or adult myself. I do not necessarily dabble in alcohol or other drugs, but I may. I am a Christian, Muslim, and a Jew from any and all religious persuasions. I don't like myself very much, but I don't seem to be able to stop what I am doing. I may be more abusive when I am angry, and I seem to react strongly when I think a situation is getting out of my control. Sometimes my violence is physical, but not always. I also abuse people verbally, psychologically, and sexually. Sometimes I am so subtle, people don't even know it's happened until much later when they feel bad."

MYTH: Most of the time, domestic violence is not really that serious.

FACT: Domestic violence is an illegal act in the U.S. and is considered a crime with serious repercussions. Although there are aspects of domestic violence (e.g. emotional, psychological, spiritual, financial abuse) that may not be considered criminal in a legal sense, serious and long-lasting physical, emotional and spiritual harms can, and often do, occur. Each and every act of domestic violence needs to be taken seriously.

You are not alone!

In an emergency, dial 911 or call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233.

Carrol A. M. Smith, PhD, RN, faculty of UIC. The Many Faces of Interpersonal Violence.

The Family Violence Prevention Fund, Chapter 1, What is Domestic Violence?

**Building Safety and Wellness
in the Community**

Thursday, October 17

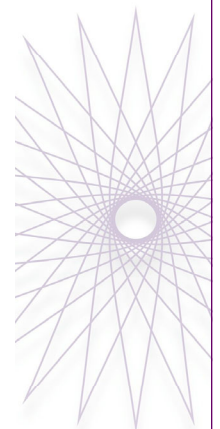
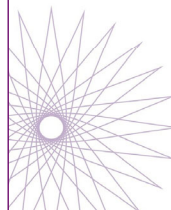
6:30-8:00 pm

St. John of the Cross Parish Center
(5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs)

All are invited to an evening that will raise awareness, promote discussion, and provide information about safety and wellness within our homes, churches and community. A panel of experts representing police and fire departments, Pillars, and area counseling centers will address questions and concerns from their field of expertise and provide helpful tips and strategies that promote health and safety.

T E N D V M O N T H

self-lover: verb
the action
of loving yourself;
to care for
and nurture
your mind,
body,
and spirit.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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AWARENESS SERVICES PREVENTION

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades Kindergarten-Fourth to experience hearing and reflecting on the Word of the Lord in a way that is an empowering experience. Children in these grades are invited to follow their Reflector of the Word to a prayer space away from the gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer AND when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing and when a specific grade is not scheduled to celebrate liturgy at the 5:00 Mass.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs: October 19; November 16; January 25; February 29; March 14.

Here is the schedule when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated: October 19; November 9; February 1 & 8; April 18.

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change): October 26; November 2 & 23; December 14 & 21; January 11 & 18; February 15 & 22; March 7, 21 & 28; and April 28.

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your calls to: Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music or Terri Simeoni, Coordinator of Religious Ed.

Benet Academy Open House

Are you interested in seeing Benet Academy and all it has to offer? Please visit benet.org and view admissions to register for a shadow day.

Another great option to learn about the school is "Coffee with Kelsey" on the following Fridays this Fall:

October 25
December 6
December 13
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Any questions please call
Meg or Tim Shanley at 708-354-5091.

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Pizza Fundraiser

All Orders Due on October 20

Pizza Order Pick-up on October 30



Eucharistic Liturgies

Grade 3

October 19

Practice 4:15 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Class Dates

Sunday, October 13	No Class
Wednesday, October 16	No Class
Sunday, October 20	Class
Wednesday, October 23	Class
Sunday, October 27	Class
Wednesday, October 30	Class

Nazareth Academy Fall Open House

All families are welcome to learn more about Nazareth Academy at their **Fall Open House**. Visit on Sunday, October 27, for a 1:00 pm presentation or Monday, October 28, for a 7:00 pm presentation.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. More details can be found on their website at www.nazarethacademy.com.

Trinity High School Open House

Trinity High School will be hosting its Open House on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30pm (last tour leaves at 7:30pm). Open Houses are the perfect opportunity to visit Trinity and see what life is like as a Trinity Blazer. Administrators, faculty, students, parents, and alumnae will be on hand to share their perspectives on a Trinity education. Students will be offering tours of the campus, which will end in Trinity's Athletic Facility where guests will be able to meet coaches, discover co-curricular opportunities, schedule a Shadow Day, and more!

Trinity is located at 7574 W. Division Street, River Forest. Please enter through the main entrance on Lathrop, center doors. Parking is available in the school parking lot.

Stay connected with Trinity! For more information on upcoming admissions events, go to Trinity's website at www.trinityhs.org/beablazer or contact Mary Beth Lavezzorio, Director of admissions, at 708-453-8343 or mblavezzorio@trinityhs.org.

What's going on in Youth Ministry???



Boys Church League Basketball

Don't forget to register for Boys Church League Basketball! The registration form, along with more information, can be found on the Youth Ministry website. Form and fee must be turned in to St. Francis Xavier by October 30th. Contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for some volunteer opportunities? Here are some upcoming options:

- CROP Hunger Walk – Sunday, October 27th, walk at 1:15pm
 - * Register for the St. Francis Xavier team through www.crophungerwalk.org
- Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, December 15, 7:15-9:15am, 11am-1pm
 - * Contact Olivia Zurowski by October 16th to sign up
- Knights of Columbus Coat Drive Flyer Distribution – anytime between 10/19-10/29
 - * Contact Olivia Zurowski to sign up
- Giving Tree Gift Sorting – Sunday, December 22, in the morning
 - * Contact Olivia Zurowski to sign up by yourself or with a group!

Interfaith Career Network

Great Insights for the Current/Future Job Market

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, October 17, 7-9 pm. Learn how and why your job requires finding a fit between your skills, experience, education and employer's requirements. Job-hunting research is a key element of a successful search. Developing focused conclusions from a flood of data appears to be needed now more than ever. Our speaker, Tom Kacena, will outline job management techniques he has followed in his own career as an aerospace engineer in the Air Force and after in the private sector as well as in mentoring junior engineers. Join us at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street, La Grange (**NOT** St. John of the Cross Parish Center as previously stated). This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Free Resume Review

Join ICN on Saturday, October 26, 9:30-11:30 am for a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with an HR or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? Come see us at St. Cletus Parish

AARP Tax-Aide Needs Volunteers For the 2020 Tax Filing Season

Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community?

The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2020 tax filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to have a tax or an accounting background to volunteer. However, some knowledge of your own personal tax matters is very helpful. All returns are prepared on computers; thus, volunteers should be somewhat computer literate. Training classes will be held in January, 2020. Minimum time commitment during the filing season is 4 to 5 hours one day per week from early February to mid-April.

This income tax preparation and assistance service is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older. Won't you help?


For further information about the program and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit: https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/ or contact St. Cletus parishioner John Wagner at 708-352-0170 for further details.



SFX Fundraiser

Our next St. Francis Xavier Restaurant Fundraiser is being offered by a SFX parishioner and owner of the Butcher & the Wok in the Food District at the Oak Brook Mall on Wednesday, October 23. Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors! SFX will receive 50% of food and bar ALL DAY on October 23 when they mention SFX! Thank you Michael LaPibus for this generous offer! Park in Purple Parking Deck (3rd Level by AMC Theaters. Take escalator up and you are there!

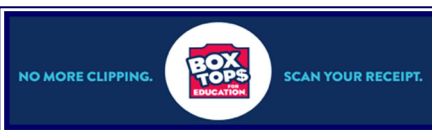

SFX Fundraisers just got 50% Better!



Reasons to Eat Come to Oakbrook Center on Wednesday, October 23rd:

- 50% of Entire Day's Proceeds Donated to SFX
- Full Bar & Patio
- Wood-Fired Chinese Food by a Michelin Bib Gourmand Restaurateur & Parishioner
- Fundraiser Will Be ALL DAY! Lunch, Dinner & Cocktails 11a-9p

Located in District Food Hall
533 Oakbrook Center
Park in Purple Parking Deck (3rd Level) by AMC IMAX (near old sears).
Take Escalator up and you are here!



Please send Box Tops to the school office
Help SFX earn money!
The deadline for the Fall collection is Friday, October 18th.

**Going forward, instead of clipping from packages,
all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt!**

Be sure to download the new app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, we can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Box Tops has been an impactful source of income for school resources. Thank you for your participation!

We all shop! But did you know your normal purchases could be helping SFX and earn tuition credit for a SFX school family?

The SFX Scrip program allows you to buy gift cards, either plastic or electronic, for hundreds of vendors for all types of goods and services. Making money for SFX is as simple as 1-2-3.

- 1) Buy a gift card for whatever you need
- 2) Use the gift card to buy stuff
- 3) Reap the rewards

It is that simple!

The vendors offer the cards at a discount, and SFX gets the difference as profit. Your family has the option of getting 40% of the profit back as a tuition credit, or you can choose to send your credit to another family or return it to the school.

You can buy gift cards for just about anything that you need to buy. There's more to the program than grocery gift cards. You can replenish your Starbucks Card, drop off a sunshine gift, start stockpiling gift cards for the holidays...the possibilities are endless!

HOW TO ENROLL:

- 1) Go to www.ShopwithScrip.com and click on Join a Program.
- 2) Enter our enrollment code: **5471CCD65575L**
- 3) Enter a user name, password, and your account information.
Fill in the validation, click Register, and you can start earning money for SFX!

Find the schedule of Due Dates and Order Fulfillment Dates at hop4SFXLG.com.

Questions? ShopForSFX@sfxlg.org

A special thanks to all of the families that already support Shop SFX!





with Special Guests

'85 Chicago Bear &
Super Bowl Champion

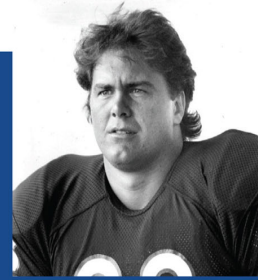
Jay Hilgenberg

'85 Chicago Bear &
Super Bowl Champion

Tom Thayer

Hall of Fame Voice
of the Chicago Bears

Jeff Joniak



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER AT 7:00 PM

\$100 PER PERSON

*Cost for Senior members is a donation
to the Men's Club. See below for details.**

**TABLES OF
8 AND 10
ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE**

**CIGAR TENT
HOSTED BY
CASA DE
MONTECRISTO**



Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Professional Pitmasters

Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda ★ Mixers

Bring your favorite spirit in a bottle!



Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

*All male parishioners age 70 and over contact Matt Hubert directly at mthubert@gmail.com or 773-619-0554



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

Growing Your Knowing

On Thursdays, October 17, 24, 31; November 7 and 14 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm with Facilitator: Tim Sperduto. Lay the foundation for the use of your own unique intuitive capacities. Learn basic tools for perceiving, moving, and clearing energy, such as grounding, connecting to one's life force, creating space, and intuitive meditation. Cost: \$125.

What's so Sacred about our Universe?

On Saturday, October 19 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm with Facilitator: Bridget Sperduto. Awaken to the awe and wonder of the unfolding story of creation by exploring a new world view that ties science and theology together. Gain new insights into the God within all. Deepen in understanding of our role as humans in this critical moment in time, bringing new meaning to your life. Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC, includes lunch.

Helen Prejean – *River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey*

Talk/Book signing/Reception Wednesday, October 30 from 7:00-9:00 pm with CSJ Sister Helen Prejean returns to The Well to speak about her latest book and her own spiritual journey from near cluelessness to social activism. Known the world-over for her efforts to abolish the death penalty and her book *Dead Man Walking*, the spirit and joy of this remarkable woman is infectious. Cost: free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC.

An Invitation to Spiritual Direction

What is it? Spiritual Direction is a way of appreciating and responding to your life's journey in the light of the Lord's life and love. As you grow physically, spiritually and emotionally, it is often helpful to talk with someone about how to integrate all of these experiences into a life of faith. A spiritual director is someone with experience and training who can be a companion or friend willing to listen and talk about your journey in all its joys and concerns.

Who goes? Perhaps you are experiencing a real spiritual hunger and want to explore ways of filling it. You may be asking yourself: "How is God real for me now?" or, "How is my faith meaningful for me in this situation? These are areas that suggest a spiritual companion (director) would be helpful. Other areas that might be the focus of conversation with a spiritual director (companion) include: questions about religion; the need for expanding your image of God; successes or failures in trying to live a more loving life; bringing the Lord into important decisions in your life; exploring moral dilemmas.

What happens? You enter into a conversation and trusting relationship in which the director (companion) helps you notice and respond to the movement of God as experienced in prayer and in the events of everyday life. The director acts primarily as a listener, as a supportive person who can help you look honestly at your relationship with God as it is lived out in everyday life. You are always the gatekeeper in terms of what you bring to spiritual direction and how much of yourself you share and reveal. Spiritual direction is not a therapy session, but a prayerful conversation designed to help you become more aware of God's voice and to help you discover the best ways to respond to that voice.

How to begin? If you would like to respond to this invitation, you may call Mary Agnes Dwyer at 773-441-8151 so you can make an appointment. Your appointments can be scheduled at convenient intervals, monthly or every two or three weeks, whatever suites your needs at this time. Your meeting would be in a room in the rectory. Mary Agnes has training in spiritual direction and also has a Master of Theology Degree from the Catholic Theological Union. There is no fee.

As you begin spiritual direction or as some refer to this process, spiritual companionship, you may want to reflect on your own growth in prayer, where God fits into your joys and concerns of your life at this time, or whatever it is that you feel could help your relationship with God grow. "It is in God that we live, and move, and have our being."

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The Knights of Columbus
Presentation



Dr. Mary Amore
Eucharist: Invitation to
Transformation,
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Community Service Opportunity **Service Hours**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KOC)
KOC needs volunteers to distribute flyers
to homes for the 7th Annual Outerwear Drive

Volunteers simply attach supplied flyers
rolled with a rubber-band to assigned homes
(door knobs, gates etc.)

between October 19 to October 29
The assignment will take about one hour

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
will pick up coats on Saturday, November 9th

Volunteers do not ask for anything,
you simply attach provided flyers
to the front of houses
(door knobs etc.) with rubber band
DO NOT PLACE IN MAILBOX

Volunteers can choose one or more routes
in and around the LaGrange area

Proof of community service hours will be provided.
Tax receipts are provided to donors.

Sign-up and/or send questions by calling
or emailing the contact below:

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THANK YOU!!!!

Christmas Cards for Prisoners



It's already time to collect Christmas cards for prisoners. These cards mean SO MUCH to those isolated people; the cards let them know they are not forgotten.

- Sign only your **FIRST** name
- Write a brief note if you wish
- Place stamps in a **SEPARATE** envelope
- **NO** cards with glitter
- **NO** cards about masses or novenas
- Do **NOT** seal the envelope

Place the cards and stamps in the box in the vestibule by October 27.

Mercy Made Flesh ***Encountering God Behind Bars***

A fresh look at corporal work of mercy

Guest Speaker: Joshua Stancil, former inmate, Magnificent contributor, and author of 'Shakedown, Shanks, and Shackles: A Writer's Guide to Prison Like'

St. Julie Billiart
7399 West 159th Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477
Gathering after the 4:30 mass
on Saturday, October 26.

St. Vincent Ferrer
1530 Jackson Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305
Gathering after the 11:00 mass at 12:15
in Kyte Hall, Room 3
on Sunday, October 27.

Please join us on either date and bring a friend.

Be good stewards
of God's creation



October is Respect Life Month

*"If you want peace, work for justice.
And if you want justice, defend life!"*

Saint Pope John Paul II

Baby Bottle Collection for Women's Care Center

Donation Envelopes benefiting the mission of the Center will be available at all the church exits for the month of October. Envelopes can be dropped off in the collection baskets or Rectory.

Area Respect Life Ministry Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **November 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Women's Care Center, 136 North LaGrange Road.**

About Women's Care Center

Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support and education to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds help determine viability and dates (prenatal medical care and abortions not provided). We serve 26,000 women annually from 32 centers in 11 states, including Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania & Wisconsin.

About Respect Life Ministry

Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross partner together on a Respect Life Ministry, jointly advocating for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions. If interested in this ministry, please contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

40 Days for Life
September 25-November 3
www.40daysforlife.com

November 4 at 7:00 pm, the Closing Mass for 40 Days for Life at St. Mary of the Angels Church (1850 North Hermitage Avenue in Chicago).

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK



**QUEST Group Service Opportunity
CROP 5K WALK**

LaGrange~Western Springs~Brookfield
Sunday, October 27

**12:30 pm Onsite Registration
1:15 pm Walk**

First Congregational Church
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1106 Chestnut Street

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Free will monetary offering along with a
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Annual Mass Supporting People with Mental Illnesses, Families, Friends, and Mental Healthcare Providers

October 26 at 2:00 pm
St. Gertrude Church
1400 West Granville, Chicago
(6200 North, four blocks west of
Broadway at Granville and Glenwood.)
Refreshments and conversation will follow Mass.

Mental illnesses, such as depression, bi-polar disease, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders and others touch one in four families. Stigma, the misinformation about these illnesses, keeps people from seeking help, and stigma keeps people from helping. The Mass is for all affected and those who are interested in helping. This celebration is our petition to the Holy Spirit to give encouragement to those affected by mental illness to pursue paths of recovery and wellness and to inspire and motivate all others to be advocates and helpers to those in need of housing, jobs, and support to reach their life goals.

For more information contact:

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773-525-0453x21 or olmcinfo2@aol.com
Deacon Dan Welter
312-534-8283 or dwelter@archchicago.org
Faith & Fellowship
708-383-9276 or faith_fellowship@hotmail.com

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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
- **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
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- **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
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- **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
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
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- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam

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and please let us know when friends and loved ones
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Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

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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
 Saturday9:00 am
St. Cletus (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....9:00 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 9:30 to 11:00 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

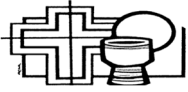
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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

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, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—October 19-20, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Religious Ed Mass	D. Dunlap M. Becker T. Conwell K. Corrigan S. Devitt K. Kanzer D. Mulvenna C. Witt K. Preussner	K. Adams M. Kudlacz T. Mulcahy	K. Kelly Children's Choir	Religious Ed Mass
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	G. Rutkowski J. Van Gorp T. Nichol	D. Challender S. Hayes K. McInerney P. Olson C. Stetz	M. Merchant B. Stetz M. Kanzer	G. Adams	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Barrett	C. Crowe J. O'Connor J. Spearman	C. Froemel E. Froemel L. Hill M. Hull M. Lukanich L. Nichol D. Nighswander C. Pratali R. Pratali	K. Grubish B. Griffin M. Mullen	C. Kline	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	D. Ankenbruck J. Eraci C. Dillon	A. Clark J. Clark L. Egan A. Krol F. McGinnis O. Lastres S. Martin J. Nowak P. O'Malley	R. Nowak E. Kostal Open	B. Kalnes	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	C. Pietrzak C. McLaughlin D. Newcomb	N. Dekoker A. Chimento N. Kampe L. Donegan B. Edelmann	J. Nisivaco S. Parkes Open	T. Pangan	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Cyscon	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



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Readings For The Week of October 13, 2019

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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