

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 14, 2018



I prayed,
and prudence was given to me.
I pleaded,
and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne
and deemed riches as nothing
compared with her.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, October 15 Saint Teresa of Jesus, Birgin and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Russell Brixie The McGoldrick Family	Mary Lou & George Braasch Mary Charleza
Tuesday, October 16 Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	7:45 am 9:00 am	Michael Bannach Word & Communion Service	Lillian Bannach
Wednesday, October 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Mary Chamberlin	The Barker Family
Thursday, October 18 Saint Luke, Evangelist	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Word & Communion Service	
Friday, October 19 Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, October 20 Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Albina Samko James Braniff 45th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Joan Potsch Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Clarence Talentowski	The Samko & Hanks Families Your Friends on Spring Avenue Denise Carlson
Sunday, October 21	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish Lillian Cunningham The Poor Souls in Purgatory Audrey Walsh Lillian Cunningham Marian Dudek	Pam Oplawski Brian & Sheila Reilly Dolores Lewis The Dudek & Griffin Families

Please Pray For...

Whitney Austin	Mike Kelly
Keeley Barr	Benny Kilman
Linda Bienik	Jerry Kolman
Jim Boardman	Virginia Kottaridis
Leonard Bruce	Edward Kudia
Linda Carpinelli	Roy Leslie
Jay Carroll	Emmett Miller
Tom Challos	Patrick Morgan
Anthony Dina	Mike Morrison
Gregory Dold	Amanda O'Brien
Blake Donegan	Jane O'Reilly
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Ryan Patyk
Pat Eaton	Donna Pekarek
William Egbert	Carissa Pessetti
Bill Elliott	James Pridmore
Sharon Elliott	Baby Madison Raupp
John Fennell	Anna Rose
Mike Fennell	Marilyn Rutkowski
Lily Fielding	Anthony Scafide
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Matthew Schiek
Palma Frustaci	Mary Sherman
Lilli Gregory	Greyson Stanley
Wilson Gregory	Sarah Stanley
Patricia Hassler	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Loretta Haxel	Marty Thuerk
Linda Hillsman	Anne Titzer
Rose Ilo	Michael Ungari
Jane Jacobson	Amanda Valerugo
Theresa Kandall	Gregory Van Gorp

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:

Louis Darovic
Husband of Mary and
Father of Janet & Sandra

Warren Fanta



Weddings

Grace Lilek & Alex David
Cindy Lambros & Tom Maloney
Kristin Cullinan & Dan Bink
Connie Gonzalez & Brian Iaculla
Dora Rodriguez & Jose Madrigal
Katie McCabe & Mike Wojcik

Pastor's Notes

"All things are possible with God."
Mark 10:27

A prosperous and generous man in another parish once asked me, "Father, why is Jesus so critical of wealth?" I shared my understanding that Jesus is not concerned with the wealth we possess, but rather the wealth that possesses us. The rich man in today's gospel is living a good and holy life. He has observed God's commandments of love since his youth. Yet he wants to know what more he can do. Note that Jesus looks at him and loves him before asking what the man is not yet ready to do: "Sell what you have, give to the poor, and then come, follow me." The many possessions of this loving and generous man have come to define and possess him. He cannot yet let go, so he walks away sad. Jesus then tells his disciples that what seems impossible for the man will be possible when he lets God help him let go of the things that possess him. *"All things are possible with God."*

This October, we as a parish are reflecting in stewardship. Last Sunday focused on our willingness to be good stewards of God's gift of time by devoting our time to our relationship with God and God's family and to serving God's kingdom. On this second Stewardship Sunday, we focus on being good stewards of **God's gift of treasure**. Do we possess wealth or does wealth possess us? Do we see ourselves as possessors of wealth or as stewards of wealth that God has entrusted to us? How is our wealth serving the mission of Christ and the family of God on earth? What part of our wealth are we setting aside for needs beyond our own and those of our household?

In recent months, some Catholics have decided to withhold contributions to their local parish and the broader church in response to the recent report on the concealment of clergy sexual abuse of minors in the dioceses of western

Pennsylvania. The anger and mistrust are understandable. However, a similar decision made by many Catholics sixteen years ago clearly did not bring about the desired change. Instead, it has led to hundreds of valuable lay ministers losing their jobs for lack of resources; valuable church ministries have been cut back or eliminated. I suggest that by offering our material wealth, to the extent that each of us is able, and *demanding transparency* from pastors and bishops in spending that wealth, *we strengthen the parish community and have a greater impact* in shaping the church of the present and future.

This weekend, ministers from our parish music ministry share their stories of being good stewards. They speak of what this parish and the church has done for them and how their gratitude has led them to deeper stewardship in all areas. How might we best place our gifts of treasure, in whatever form, at the service of the gospel and the mission and ministries of this parish and the larger church?

The parish annual report, to be published next month, will reveal an operating deficit of \$95,000 for the fiscal year that ended June 30. I know that many parish households already are contributing at a level that reflects your ability to sacrifice in gratitude for the gifts God has given you. Increased participation in the automated giving program also has increased our Sunday offering (see information elsewhere in this bulletin for how to enroll). Funding our mission and ministries involves each of us doing our part, witnessing to why we do so, and inviting others to join us. God has provided our faith community of St. Francis Xavier with all that we need, to do all that God asks of us. We need only contribute our part, and let God work the miracle.

Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflection

I prayed and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.

These are words from Solomon that we hear in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Solomon was told by God that he could make any request and that it would be granted to him. Solomon did not ask for power, riches, health or good looks. Rather he prayed for prudence and wisdom, and all good things in life came together for him.

Google defines prudence as cautious and wisdom as sound judgement. I'm sure we have all prayed or will pray for both at some time or another in our lifetime. As prudence and wisdom continue to become part of who we are, then the messages in today's readings don't become as difficult to bare or to hear.

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me." Reaching out in Christian charity to those less fortunate makes what sounds like a most difficult task in today's gospel one that we are already called to do by our baptism. Don't you see it happening all around you? Our B.E.D.S. Program, the Food Pantry, CROP walk contributions, St. Vincent de Paul clothing box, Sharing Parish donations and activities all call us to give of ourselves to others. And we do it.

"How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God." We continually pray as a worshipping faith community that the nations of the world will share their abundant resources with the poor and needy of society.

"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" May all of us, as we continue to serve the Lord and reach out to others in this life, find ourselves one day rejoicing in God's kingdom.

I prayed and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.

Jeri Simeroni

Week Day Mass Changes For October

Word & Communion Services:

Tuesday, October 16	9:00
Wednesday, October 17	7:45
Thursday, October 18	7:45 & 9:00
Friday, October 19	7:45 & 9:00
Monday, October 22	9:00
Tuesday, October 23	7:45
Wednesday, October 24	9:00

Altar Committee Needs Help

SFX has been served for many years by a group of women behind the scenes. They wash and iron the many purificators used to wipe clean the chalices for Holy Communion. They keep things neat in the sacristies and clean and dust the altar spaces. We presently have teams working on a rotational basis, one Friday a month following the 9:00 am Prayer Service. If interested, please call and leave your name and phone number for Lorraine Ovnik at 708-246-6062, a member of the Altar Committee for more information. Men and women can participate and you do not need to be "long retired."

We Need Your Help Bereavement Ministry

The church has as always made the care of the grieving a priority in her ministry.

Our ministers of consolation, called by the healing ministry of Jesus, serve the families who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Classes will be held in Unity Hall starting in October. Please listen to your heart. Contact Donna Mulvenna at 708-352-1825. Thank you!

Welcome Committee

A Welcome Committee is being formed to connect with new parishioners and introduce them to opportunities share their gifts here at SFX.

If you are interested in learning more about this new outreach, please contact Alex David at: alex.p.david91@gmail.com.

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October 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the Gospel reading for World Mission Sunday, Jesus reminds us of His mission "to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Through Renew My Church, we embrace this mission in which He calls us to serve others and give new life in Christ. In celebrating World Mission Sunday, we as members of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago proclaim the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ throughout our world.

The World Mission Sunday collection, celebrated worldwide on October 21, provides vital assistance to over 1,000 economically poor dioceses responding to spiritual and material needs across Africa, Asia, and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. It also resources churches and religious congregational that accompany people facing poverty, violent conflict, and displacement in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

It is my hope that every parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago embraces 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 others 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Card. Blase Cupic".

Archbishop of Chicago



Season of Stewardship

How do you witness?

...more prayer?

...more service?

...more giving?

Our Season of Stewardship enters its second weekend. 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.

What would our parish look like if all of God's believers actively chose a stewardship way of life? This weekend, we reflect with our fellow parishioners on what stewardship has meant to them - how it impacted their spiritual lives and their hopes for this community. Kate Kelly, Claire Jakubisin, Mary Beth Nizioł, Tony Pangan, and Erica Hearn have each graciously agreed to share their individual stories at Mass during the homily. May the Spirit be with them!

What is your witness story?

To Sign Up for Automatic Giving

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.SFXLG.ORG OR

TEXT DONATE TO 708-340-6630.



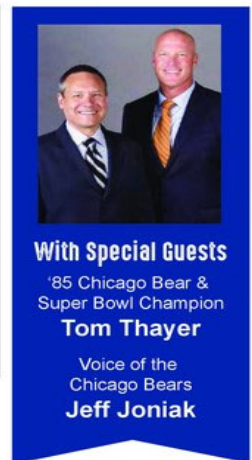
BUILDING
COMMUNITY AT
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**Retired Men's
Meeting**

Thom Serafin
Elections
2018 and 2019



Wednesday, October 17 at 10:30am
Meeting in Unity Hall
Lunch to follow
Please RSVP to the Rectory
708-352-0168
by Noon on Monday, October 15.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

**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.**



Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Professional Pitmasters

Open Bar * Beer * Wine * Soda * Mixers

Bring your favorite spirit in a bottle!

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PURCHASE

CIGAR TENT
HOSTED BY
CASA DE
MONTECRISTO



Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

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

**Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration!
October 18 at 6:00-7:00 pm**

WHAT: During Adoration, sometimes referred to as a Holy Hour (but can be of any duration), the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent Adoration. As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. St. John Paul II offered that "our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete."

HOW: Adorers are invited to pray a rosary or other devotions, meditate on Scripture or meditate on devotional books. Adorers may also choose to just simply sit and 'be' with Jesus. Regular adorers have found an appreciation for the devotion: "Adoration has taught me new ways to pray, meditation, and I've learned new prayers. If you don't think you will know what to do or you're not sure on what prayers to say... you will soon find your own way to be with Our Lord."

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. And we shouldn't underestimate the power of silence, which is difficult to cultivate in our society. Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host... It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."

WHEN: Beginning on **October 18**, SFX will be exposing the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration *every* 3rd Thursday of the month in the Church from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Please come for the entire hour or for as long as your schedule allows. Look for more information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Kanzer at k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or Jen Jagodzinski at jenjag12@yahoo.com.

*"The greatest love story of all time
is contained in a tiny white Host."
~Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

YOU ARE INVITED

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER THEATRE NIGHT THRILLER



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
AT THE THEATRE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
VIP RECEPTION: 6:45 – 7:45 PM
PERFORMANCE: 8:00 – 9:40 PM
COST: \$40/PERSON BENEFITTING SFX PARISH

*Please note that Deathtrap is an intense suspense thriller
with some stage violence.*

Join us when the internationally-recognized Theatre of Western Springs presents Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," the 1978 hit that was nominated for four Tony Awards and holds the record for the longest-running, comedy-thriller on Broadway. Critics call it "a rare thriller that delivers both laughs and unexpected twists." Parishioners and guests will be thrilled by the plot twists and turns of this memorable performance which features:

- Private reception with beer, wine, soft drinks and delicious bites
- Enjoy refreshments at Intermission
- General Admission, all tickets will be held at the door
- Complimentary parking
- Enjoy parishioner Tim Gannon in a starring role!

Don't delay!
Availability is limited.
Visit www.SFXLG.org
to purchase tickets or
call the parish office at
708-352-0168.



Join us
for the 13th Annual



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

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/LaGrangePark/StFrancisFalcon5KRunWalk>

Saturday, November 3rd

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. 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.

BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

The St. Francis Xavier Book Fair is coming...



When: Tuesday, November 6th
Student browsing during the school day and family shopping 5:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday, November 7th
Student orders will be filled and the fair will be open for parents/parishioners from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Where: Main Campus in Joyce Hall Featuring:
* favorite children's authors
* young adult titles
* Bluestem, Monarch, & Rebecca Caudill Award Books holiday books and much, much, more!

The **BOOK FAIR IS OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS** and is available online throughout the year. Anytime you are shopping for a book, please visit www.abcfairs.com and type in Saint Francis Xavier, LaGrange in the billing/contact information section during checkout. The books will be delivered directly to your home or you can choose to pick up the books at the Anderson's Bookshop in downtown LaGrange and pay no shipping fees. Hope to see you at the fair!!!

Remember, 20% of your purchase will benefit SFX.

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates



Pizza Fundraiser
September 30-October 23

Eucharistic Liturgies at 12:00 Noon

Grade 3 November 4
Grade 4 November 11

Grade 2 First Eucharist Parent Meeting
Monday, November 12 at 7:00 pm in Church

Class Schedule

Sunday, October 14	Class
Wednesday, October 17	Class
Sunday, October 21	Class
Wednesday, October 24	Class
Sunday, October 28	At Home Lesson
Fundraiser Orders Due	
Wednesday, October 31	At Home Lesson
Sunday, November 4	Class
Wednesday, November 7	Class
Fundraiser Pick-Up	
Sunday, November 11	Class
Toy Shower	
Wednesday, November 14	Class
Toy Shower	

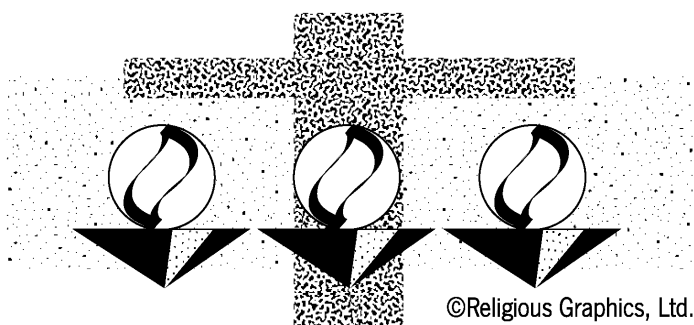
Nazareth Academy. *The Education You Want.* *The Attention You Deserve.*

**Prospective Families are welcome to
learn MORE at Open House**
Sunday, October 21 or Monday, October 22

Prospective students and families are encouraged to learn MORE about what Nazareth Academy offers students at an Open House. Visit on Sunday, October 21 between 12:30 and 3:30 pm with presentations at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm or Monday, October 22 between 6:30 and 8:30 pm with a presentation starting at 7:00 pm.

Attending an Open House provides families with an opportunity to discover MORE about the Scholarship, Service, Spirit and Unity of Nazareth Academy. Families will learn MORE about our new Modified Block Scheduling and hear MORE about the Naz experience directly from students, faculty and staff. Guided tours of the campus are provided. Representatives from Nazareth's athletic teams and student activities will be available to answer questions.

Nazareth Academy is located at
1209 West Ogden Avenue~LaGrange Park, Illinois
Learn MORE at nazarethacademy.com
or contact Kristen Stojetz at 708-387-8505.



Box Tops For Education Collection



Please help in earning cash for our school. We would like your help in collecting Box Tops For Education. There will be a drop box located at the back of church in the vestibule. Please place Box Tops that you have collected inside.

Thank you for your help!

SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:

<http://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Youth%20Ministry>

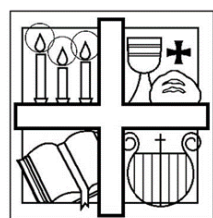
Young Men's Church League Basketball

Church League registration for the 2018-19 Young Men's season is now open! Stop by the rectory or visit the Youth Ministry website to sign up. Contact Olivia Zurowski at 708-352-0168 or ozurowski@sfxlg.org for more information.

Quest Confirmation

If your teen is registered for the Quest Confirmation program, be on the lookout for an email from their leader! Assignments have been made and you will receive communication from them about group meetings.

Liturgical Ministers!



Are you interested in singing in the Spirit Choir? Or how about lecturing at the 6pm Mass? Or being a Eucharistic Minister at the 6pm Mass? All high school students are invited (and encouraged!) to participate in these very important ministries. If

interested, contact Olivia Zurowski.

2019 Summer Mission Trip

The 2019 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Springfield, KY! St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved

with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 23-29, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. Be on the lookout for the registration form at the end of October. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.



~ *Olivia Zurowski*

New Parish Instagram and Twitter Accounts

We are increasing our social media presence and are now on Instagram and Twitter! Make sure to like and follow us for updates on SFX happenings, upcoming events, and more!



@sfxlg_parish



@sfxlg_parish

Do You Want To...

- ◆ Learn how to recruit more people to serve in various ministries at your parish?
- ◆ Learn how intentional relationship building can help you identify leaders in your parish with untapped potential?
- ◆ Improve your parishes' ability to retain and grow volunteer ministers?



If so, join us for this upcoming workshop and training, which will be offered in English, Spanish and Polish.

Date: Thursday, October 18
Registration and Food at 5:30 pm
Training Starts at 6:00 pm

Place: Our Lady of the Mount Parish
2400 S. 61st Avenue, Cicero

Cost: \$50 per parish. Each parish can send as many people as they wish. We encourage you to consider coming with a team from your parish. Please bring your check when you arrive to: Our Lady of the Mount Parish

*Food and light refreshments will be provided.

Register online:
<https://ministrycommisiontraining.eventbrite.com>

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.



TENORS needed!
***(high male voice)**

Gallery Choir—9:00 am Mass
Rehearsals: Tuesdays
7:30—9:00 pm

***music reading skills NOT required...**
...just an ear and a love for singing!

COME AND JOIN US!!

Please contact our
Music Director, Allen Sterwalt
asterwalt@sfxlg.org
708-352-0168

SFX Christmas Midnight Mass Choir: New Singers Invited!



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 am 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, October 23rd** **from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 18th.

Please consider singing, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring to your lives during this special time of year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, before the first rehearsal on October 23rd at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or by phone 708-352-0168.

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Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry

“Let us work together to find concrete solutions to help the poor, refugees, and victims of modern forms of slavery, in order to promote peace.”

—Pope Francis



Photo: USCCB Justice for Immigrants

Support of critical funding for migrants and refugees overseas. The final figures for this life-saving aid have yet to be determined, and Congress has until December 7th to pass a final bill. It will help migrants and refugees around the world meet their basic needs, and address factors, like violence, hunger, and lack of economic opportunity, that force people to migrate. Your voice makes a difference. Raise it today!

ACTION: Oppose cuts to foreign aid and ensure Congress is funding these life-saving programs at the highest levels possible.

Visit the USCCBs site <https://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org> for ways to contact your officials.

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org.



From the Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury and death for women of all socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, and affects up to 1 in 10 men and 1 in 3 teens. We invite you to join us to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with all those affected by violence.

This month we present a series of survivor stories. **Note that these are intended for adult readers.** All names have been changed for protection.

Vanessa's Story

The abuse

At first my boyfriend was so considerate, and overly friendly. Once we started dating he started to accuse me of cheating on him and would call me a 'slut'. He would repeatedly call to "check-up" on me. One night, he held me down and wouldn't let me leave his house.

The worst part was that I went along with everything. He would break up with me, and then I would take him back. He blamed me for his behavior, saying that if I was trustable, he wouldn't have to check on me. He would ask my friends if I was trustworthy and would check to see if my car was at work.

Many women believe that they would recognize abuse, I believed that. I am an educated woman, from a good family, with a job, and a secure future. I never thought I would end up in an abusive relationship. It was so subtle – he stole my self-worth.

How I coped

After we broke up, he started to stalk me. I made two police reports against him and took him to court for a restraining order. I didn't get it. He followed me everywhere I went, sent lewd messages, threatened me. Six months later, he damaged my car. It has been a year since we broke up, my friends have been a good support and a local abuse support service has helped, too.

How the situation changed

I avoid places I know he goes. Every couple of months he sends a lewd message. However, I have been able to return to a normal life. I am careful about going places by myself. I have finally realized that I am not all the things he called me, and that I am lovable. I am in a healthy relationship now that is full of respect.

What helped me

He had convinced me that I was crazy and unlovable. I started going to the support service and became educated on the cycle of abuse. I saw so clearly that it wasn't my fault. A support group has shown me that I am not alone. Friends have stuck by me- they were there-they saw what happened.

What I would say to others

It is so easy to deny. I did not want to admit that I could be in an abusive relationship – I wanted to believe that he loved me. If friends and family tell you that there is something wrong with your relationship – really look at what they are saying. Don't give up your freedom or your self-worth. You deserve to be happy and to feel good about yourself. It may be hard to leave – but it will always be worth. Don't be afraid to seek legal help or counseling. You are worth it!

Call 911 if you feel you are in immediate danger.
If you or someone you know needs help, call a 24 hour hotline:
Pillars: 708-485-5254 Family Shelter Services: 630-469-5650
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233 (SAFE)



SAVE THE DATE

Searching for a new or deeper relationship with God? How about some soulful time with fellow SFX women? Join us — details below. Questions? Contact Therese Bryne at (708) 588.0845.

Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend 

Saturday, February 2 - Sunday, February 3, 2019

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

Carmelite Spiritual Center
8433 Bailey Road, Darien, IL



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Food For Families Fall Drive 2018

Every \$1 and every food donation is a helping hand up for struggling families and seniors. Please join the Knights in helping our most vulnerable neighbors make ends meet.

Donate online to the Chicago Food Depository at www.myfooddrive.org/?LGKnightsFall2018, or 60525 and 60526 residents can schedule a food donation pick-up for the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry.

Call, text or email to schedule your pick-up on October 13, or for questions, or to report a missed pick-up please contact, Mike Hattie, Committee Chair at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



Coat and Outerwear Drive VI

The Knights of Columbus SFX Council 6483 is coordinating the 6th Annual Outerwear Drive and will be collecting clean, pre-worn outerwear for those in need this winter.

There will be drop off boxes at the church entrances to deposit outerwear before each mass on November 10 and 11. Clothing will be donated to Catholic Charities which distributes the coats, sweaters, hats and gloves to the needy, without charge. The Knights thank you for your generosity in past years. Tax receipts will be provided. God bless you.

Please contact Steve Better, Knights of Columbus with questions at 708-380-3101 or email gutheriepike@msn.com.

<https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/about-the-knights>

Community Service Opportunity Service Hours

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KOC)
KOC needs volunteers to distribute flyers to homes for the 6th Annual Outerwear Drive

Volunteers do not ask for anything, you simply attach supplied flyers rolled with a rubber-band to assigned homes (door knobs, gates etc.)
DO NOT PLACE IN MAILBOX
between October 27 to November 4
the assignment will take about one hour.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
will pick up coats on Saturday, November 10th.

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:

Steve Better, Advocate, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
gutheriepike@msn.com
708-380-3101

council6483@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483>

THANK YOU!!!!



AARP Tax-Aide Needs Volunteers For the 2019 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 2019 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, 2019. 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.



Finding Jesus Among Muslims: Book Discussion with Dr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, D.Min. on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm, starting October 18, November 1 and 15. Come join the presentations of Dr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, D.Min., and group discussion of a great little book *Finding Jesus Among Muslims: How Loving Islam Makes Me A Better Catholic* by Jordan Denari Duffner. You may attend any or all of the sessions.

Cost: Optional free will offering, and buying the book through Amazon, or pick-up a copy through Sr. Mary Jo mjcurtsinger@csjoseph.org for \$19.

Sara Thomsen: Concert and Sacred Universe Award on Saturday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. *In the tradition of singer-songwriter-activists Joan Baez, Holly Near, Sara Thomsen and Peter Paul and Mary's songs carry you inward and outward in, to the movements deep within your soul, and out, into the humanity we all share.* Join us for a concert that is sure to inspire you and also to thank Sara for her gift of music and depth of feeling for all Creation. Free to parishioners of SFX and SJC.

Matthew Fox: Naming the Unnamable on Thursday, October 25 from 7:00-9:00 pm. What do we mean by "God" in today's world? How many names for Divinity are there? Do the names for God change as we mature and evolve? Renowned theologian and author Matthew Fox will ignite our imaginations in this presentation and book signing. Free to parishioners of SFX and SJC.

Discovering the Potential Within Through Reflection and Art on Saturday, November 3 from 9:30 am-2:00 pm. Come with a heart of curiosity to discover what you are being called to be in this phase of your life. Facilitator Carol Cummins will guide us through a creative process that just needs kindergarten art skills, includes sacred circle images, and group sharing. Cost: \$40; includes soup lunch and all materials.

The Well Spirituality Center

1515 Ogden Avenue~LaGrange Park

To register online and see complete list of programs:

www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

Interfaith Career Network

Career Search and Development Boot Camp Final Week

Join us on Tuesday, October 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm for our final session, a panel of HR professionals will provide informational interviewing, phone and onsite interviewing techniques to help get the job you want and answer any and all questions about the process. Please join us at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. There is no cost for attending the Boot Camp and everyone is welcome. Meetings will be in Westminster Hall; please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

What Mark Twain Can Teach You About Interviewing!

So you think you have got all the advice you need on interview techniques! Well, this program presented by Mark Twain fan and author, Conor Cunneen, will provide you with a truly useful framework for interviewing and interview preparation. The program is based around the work and speeches of the great humorist and guess what? The nine lessons presented that WILL help you better connect with your interviewer and ace the interview spell the acronym MARK TWAIN. Our speaker is an in-demand keynote speaker, business consultant and award winning humorist. His clients range from Harley-Davidson to Helsinki, from Memphis to Madrid. Connor also has a deep and abiding passion for those in transition. Join us on Thursday, October 18 from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome!

Free Resume Review

Saturday, October 20 from 9:30-11:30 am join us for a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with a HR or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Looking for a job? Know someone who is? Everyone is welcome to St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

Christmas Cards For Prisoners

Jesus said, "I was in prison, and you visited me." Matthew 25:36

Please consider signing a Christmas card or two or more.

- * Sign ONLY your FIRST name
- * Write brief, cheerful note, if you wish
- * No stickers, no glitter, no pasted-on decorations--prisons will *not* accept these
- * Do not seal the envelope
- * Do not *affix* postage stamps--please provide postage separately
- * Do not use cards offering Masses or Novenas

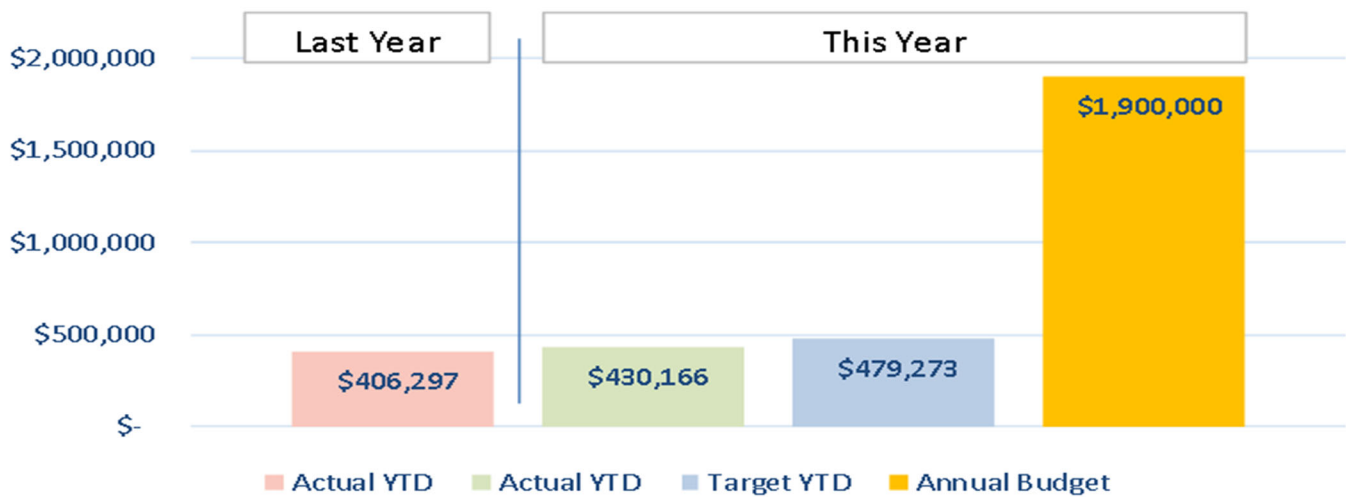
Please put signed cards in the box in the vestibule before Sunday, November 4.

Thank You and God Bless You.





STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT
AS OF OCTOBER 7, 2018



Prior Month's Offerings:	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	=	<i>September Total</i>
September 2018	\$ 60,457		\$ 57,048		\$ 117,504
September 2017	\$ 44,164		\$ 64,712		\$ 108,876

Our significant increase in credit card receipts this September greatly surpassed the decrease in basket receipts. As of October 7, we have a \$49,107 shortfall against our target of \$479,273. Thanks to all those who signed up for our automatic Sunday offertory program through Give Central. (P.S. to those who love their Sunday envelopes – more power to you! We appreciate your continued support of SFX!)

If you are interested in signing up for our automatic offertory program, visit our website at WWW.SFXLG.ORG or text DONATE to 708-340-6630. Our goal is 60 new sign-ups by Christmas!

God bless you all for supporting the MANY ministries here at SFX!

October is Respect Life Month

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

Saint Pope John Paul II

Area Respect Life Ministry

Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross gathered to discuss partnering 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.

**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**



Sunday, October 21

CROP 5K WALK

LaGrange/Western Springs/Brookfield

12:30 pm Onsite Registration

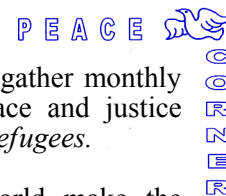
1:15 pm Walk

Presbyterian Church
of Western Springs
5250 Wolf Road

Suggested donation per Walker:
Free will monetary
offering along with a
nonperishable food item.

CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG

PEACE CORNER



Peace & Justice Ministry members gather monthly to share information about all peace and justice topics. Their focus for 2018-19 is *Refugees*.

Every day, people around the world make the difficult decision to leave their countries in search of safety and better lives. WHY?

Currently, there are 68.5 million men, women and children escaping war, persecution and political turbulence. These are refugees and asylum seekers. There are others looking for jobs or an education, usually called migrants and people who want to live permanently in another country, referred to as immigrants.

Below are the distinctions between them.

REFUGEE

forced to flee their home because of war, violence or persecution; often without warning. Cannot return home safely.

ASYLUM SEEKER

seeks international protection from dangers in home country but whose claim for refugee status has not been determined legally. Must apply for protection in country of destination and must arrive at or cross border in order to apply. Cannot return home safely.

MIGRANT

moves from place to place (within own country or across borders), usually for economic reasons such as seasonal work, education opportunities, to improve lives or reunite with family. Can return home safely.

IMMIGRANT

makes a conscious decision to leave home and move to a foreign country with intention of settling there. Often go through a lengthy vetting process. Many become lawful permanent residents and eventually citizens. Can return home whenever they choose.

Source: International Rescue Committee website

SAVE THE DATE

March 3, 2019 - SFX will host several one hour Refugee Simulations to provide education and awareness of the refugee journey.

PEACE & JUSTICE MISSION

Carry out the sermon on the Mount; Work for peace and justice on behalf of all creation; Involve St. Francis Xavier and surrounding communities; Create awareness through education, dialogue and action.

MEETING

The First Wednesday of the Month in the SFX Rectory Courtyard Room, 7:15-8:30 pm. All are Welcome!

Contact Sr. Marlene at mschemmel@csjoseph.org for more information.



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
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—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
- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **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 Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **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

**Please inform us of those serving in the Military Overseas...
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
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Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Weekend Sacramental Ministers
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 Parish Web Sitewww.sfxlg.org

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)
 Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

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 Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
 Thursday.....9:00 am
 Friday.....7:45 am
 Saturday.....9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday.....7:45 am
 Friday.....9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 12:00 pm on the Friday 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

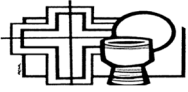
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—October 20-21, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Child Liturgy J. Hayford A. Mulcahy	M. Becker K. Corrigan J. Denson A. Fekrat K. Kanzer F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Preussner L. Young	C. Carroll M. Merchant K. Adams	G. Adams	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	F. LaMantia J. Kelly J. Van Gorp	M. Hermesdorf N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch R. Nutt	T. Dudek Q. Filbin Open	J. Pfluger	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Muccino	O. Washburn E. Newman P. Zadeik	C. Froemel E. Froemel A. Gargano M. Lukanich B. McMahon D. Nighswander E. Olsen B. Olson P. O'Malley	A. Justak E. Cushing A. Grech	K. Fron	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Ilo	K. Justak J. Schwister K. McCarthy	A. Clark J. Clark A. Krol S. Martin J. Nowak L. Ovník K. Parisi G. Rutkowski B. Sorice	R. Wheeler T. Newcomb Open	T. Pangan	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	J. Gatsos J. Jagodzinski C. Pietrzak	A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelman C. Gatsos A. Gatsos	K. Smith A. Brown J. Crandall	J. Petkus	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Cyscon	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of October 14, 2018

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

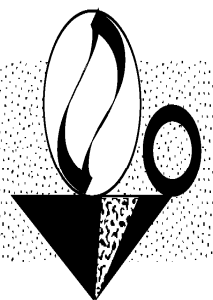
Thursday: Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

The wisdom
of the LORD
is more precious
than gold



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