

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017



Father William J. Tkachuk

Installation as Tenth Pastor of

St. Francis Xavier Parish

by Bishop John Manz

Saturday, October 14, 2017

5:00 PM Mass

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, October 16 Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	7:45 am 9:00 am	Don Cushing Patricia Rosemary Sherman	The Armstrong Family The Mulhern Family The Potsch Family
Tuesday, October 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	7:45 am 9:00 am	Janice Kent Don Cushing Maria Bruno	The Donahue Family Dave & Carol Grimes The Longino Family
Wednesday, October 18 Saint Luke, Evangelist	7:45 am 9:00 am	Robert Witte Bill Riordan Richard Gill Nancy Ryan	The Filbin Family Lillian Bannach The Kriz Family The Peace & Justice Ministry
Thursday, October 19 Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues; Priests	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Don Cushing Rosemary Sherman & Family	Nancy & Dan Morgan Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Friday, October 20 Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest	7:45 am 9:00 am	Michael Bannach Nancy Cairo Word & Communion Service	Jen & Jim Riley Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
Saturday, October 21	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:15 pm	Besse Parlon No Reconciliation Wedding-Olya Cholewick & Michael Valenta Wedding-Suzanne Spitzer & Drew Webster Sacrament of Reconciliation	Pam Oplawski

On Saturday, October 21 we will not have confessions that morning, after the 9:00 am mass.

Please Pray For...

Ryne Baird	Jane Jacobson	Carissa Pessetti
Tony Banda	Mike Kelly	James Pridmore
Keeley Barr	Benny Kilman	Baby Madison Raupp
Marjorie Crnkovich	Joan Kirby	Karen Reato
Blake Donegan	Shirley Kollenberg	Anna Rose
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Jerry Kolman	Marilyn Rutkowski
Pat Eaton	Virginia Kottaridis	Matthew Schiek
Bill Elliott	Molly Anne McKenna	Greyson Edward Stanley
Lily Fielding	Emmett Miller	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Mike Morrison	Jerry Tazic
Lilli Gregory	Fr. Jim O'Connor	Marty Thuerk
Wilson Gregory	Jane O'Reilly	Anne Titzer
Frank Grippo	Michael Patena	Michael Ungari
Linda Hillsman	Ryan Patyk	Amanda Valerugo
Rose Ilo	Donna Pekarek	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:

Judy McCann
Sister of Janice Kocek

Andrea Kudlacz
Cousin of Susan Lindsay & Frank Kudlacz

William Gallagher
Father of Mary and
Father-in-Law of Mark Nomellini

Weddings



Olya Cholewick & Michael Valenta
Suzanne Spitzer & Drew Webster
Kristin Lewis & John Cunningham

Pastor's Notes

*"The feast is ready. Go out, therefore,
and invite to the feast whomever you find."*
Matthew 22:8-9

We celebrate a new chapter as a faith community with the image of a rich banquet to which all are invited. Isaiah describes it as "a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy rich food and pure, choice wines." (Okay, so I asked the planning group to limit the installation reception to heavy hors d'œuvres and coffee.) And yet each time we gather in this place we are offered a feast rich beyond our dreams. God invites us to feast on God's mercy and self-giving love around our tables of Word and Eucharist. God sends us to seek out the lost and hungry of our community and beyond, and to invite them to join us and discover what is here for all who enter the door. This is the mission to which we recommit ourselves this day: *to live in communion with God, others, and all creation; to create a more just world through sacraments and worship, learning and service.*

I have been blessed to live with four of the previous nine pastors of St. Francis Xavier Parish, and to have been mentored by three of these good priests. My understanding of my role as pastor also has been shaped by the imagination of the women of the

Congregation of St. Joseph, the wisdom of lay leaders with whom I have served, and the witness of multiple generations of St. Francis Xavier families – most recently our amazing youth. It is a gift and an honor to be asked to serve you as pastor.

Our "going out" is more than a matter of bringing our rich faith tradition to others. We also go out to learn the many ways in which God lives and acts among all God's people. As Christians, we have a special responsibility to come to know our sisters and brothers of other Christian traditions; we seek paths toward that unity that is the prayer of Jesus for his disciples. This Monday is the first of three conversations among members of St. Francis Xavier Parish and our neighbor, Grace Lutheran Church. Pastor Said Ailabouni and I hope you conversations. What a wonderful blessing for our Unity Hall and for all of us!

God's feast is ready! Let us go out and invite others to celebrate Eucharist with us; to join us in mission or a specific ministry; to enrich our words and actions with their presence and gifts.

***Peace,
Fr. Bill***

Scripture Reflection

The confessional is a familiar setting in literature and drama. Everyone from Dostoevsky and Shakespeare down the line to Seinfeld has used the sacrament to tragic or comic effect or to reveal aspects of character otherwise hidden. All of this theater, from world classics to slapstick, has had a numbing effect on our own expectations, and has skewed how the culture looks at us and our struggle with sin and forgiveness, hope and healing.

Yet the artists are on to something. The reconciliation chapel is a place where hearts are laid bare, where honesty is the watchword, and people confess their deepest needs. It is also a place of rebirth, or at least realignment. It is, like the baptismal font, a place where something dies, and where something else is born. Today, although literature has barely caught up, the place is usually not the dark and gloomy cabinet of old; rather it is a chapel that speaks of peace, serenity, and the comfort of a welcome home. People in one parish were astonished recently to see their children skipping with delight as they left the place of their first confession. We have to wait a bit for world literature to catch up with this reality, but at least we can experience the joy of penance, the thrill of a new beginning, the assurance of God's love.

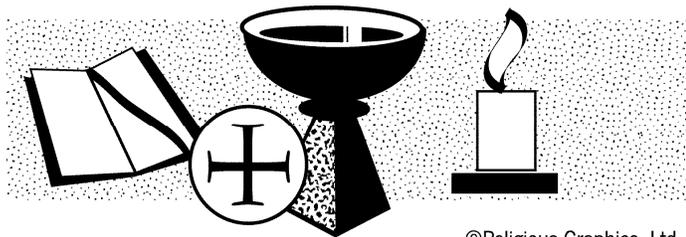
DACA RECIPIENTS DINNER

On September 5 an end was put to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program by President Trump. These Dreamers, many of whom are now young adults who contribute greatly to our society and to our Church, have an unknown and potentially frightening future ahead of them.

Cardinal Blase Cupich is asking each parish to reach out to the Dreamers by inviting DACA recipients to a dinner in our rectory for an evening of conversation, pastoral accompaniment and support.

We would like to invite any DACA recipients to have dinner at the St. Francis Rectory on **Monday, October 16 or Monday, October 23 at 5:30 pm**. To RSVP please call Fr. Bill Tkachuk's Assistant, Maureen Pival at 708-352-0168 or email her at mpival@sfxlg.org.

This is just one small way St. Francis can show our support and let our immigrant brothers and sisters know that they are not alone. Please pass this invitation on to any DACA recipients in our area who may not read our bulletin.



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Leave A Legacy

We are grateful for the generous support that you give to St. Francis through your weekly contributions. Have you considered providing for the continuation of that support by including the parish in your Will? Bequests given to the parish through Wills are for the sole use of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

To include the parish in your Will, the correct language is: "I give (a percentage or amount) to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago—A Corporation Sole, for the sole benefit of St. Francis Xavier Parish, LaGrange."

Thanks for giving consideration to leaving a legacy!

November is a Month For Remembering



All Saints Day Mass

We remember All Saints on Wednesday, November 1 at the 7:00 pm.

All Souls Day

We will remember All Souls on Thursday, November 2 at a special Mass at 7:00 pm. We will be remembering, in a special way, 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.

Veteran's Day Mass and Reception



The 5th grade students of St. Francis Xavier School would like to invite any veterans or active duty service members and their families to a mass honoring their service to our country. The mass will be held on Friday, November 10th at 9:00 am with a reception immediately following in Joyce Hall. Please RSVP by November 6th to Jeannette Barnicle at 312-504-0816 or jeannettebarnicle@gmail.com.

Tax Advantaged Way To Support the Parish

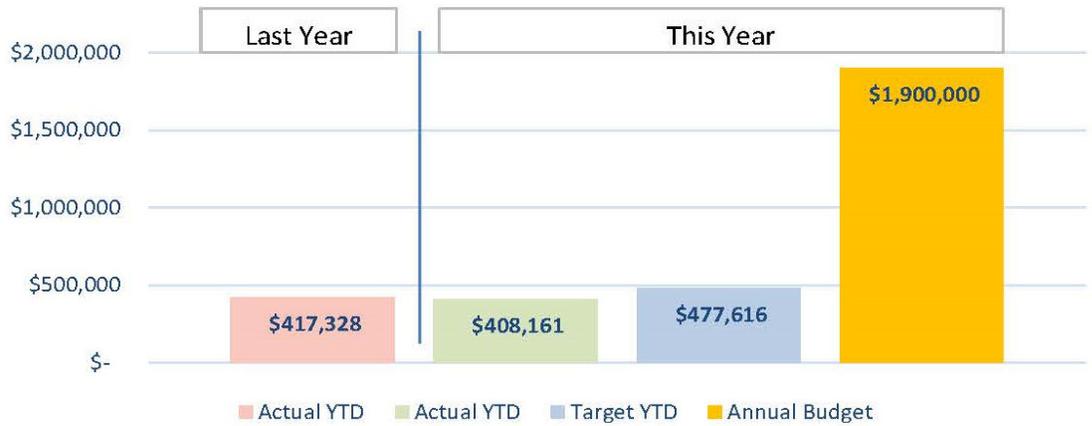
Have you considered making a donation of appreciated common stock? Gifts of appreciated securities provide an immediate income tax deduction in the amount of the value of the stock and are not subject to capital gains tax.

If it seems appropriate, please consider taking advantage of this for your Capital Campaign pledge payment.

For more details, please call Jane Bandyk at the rectory office 708-352-0168.

This article is not intended to provide legal or tax advice. Please consult your professional advisors before taking action.

Your Parish Finances



Sunday Basket Collection October 8, 2017: \$ 16,118

Prior Month's Offerings:	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	=	August Total
September 2017	\$ 44,164		\$ 64,712		\$ 108,876
September 2016	\$ 38,326		\$ 71,179		\$ 109,505

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN YOUR PARISH INVESTMENT	CURRENT WEEKLY INVESTMENT WITH WEEKLY INVESTMENT INCREASE...				
		2.5%	4.0%	5.0%	7.0%
Please consider the following for increasing your investment in SFX Parish ministries: > Locate your current weekly investment. > Prayerfully consider investing an additional 4% or more.	\$ 10	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.40	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.70
	\$ 25	\$ 25.63	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.25	\$ 26.75
	\$ 50	\$ 51.25	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 53.50
	\$ 100	\$ 102.50	\$ 104.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 107.00
	\$ 250	\$ 256.25	\$ 260.00	\$ 262.50	\$ 267.50



ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM

Sign up to have your contribution to the Parish transferred conveniently each month from your checking account directly to St. Francis Xavier. **A voided check is required.**

I/We hereby authorize St. Francis Xavier, to initiate debit entries and, if necessary, debit correction and adjustment entries to my/our account at the financial institution listed on the **voided check attached.** This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Francis Xavier has received written notification from the recipient of its termination in such a time and manner as to afford St. Francis Xavier a reasonable time to act upon it.

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Twice a month on the 5th and 20th.

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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School Scoop

Monday, October 16
Kindergarten Field Trip

Wednesday, October 18
East Campus Principal's Coffee
2:00 PM dismissal

Friday, October 20
Older Friend's Day



Welcome Wednesdays at St. Francis Xavier School



We would like to invite you to attend a Welcome Wednesday admissions event and learn all about our programs and tour our school. Reservations are suggested, but not required.

2017-2018 Welcome Wednesday date:
October 18, 2017

Welcome Wednesday kicks off at 8:30 am at our East Campus with an informal presentation from our principal and an early education teacher, and ends with a school tour.

Our East Campus (preschool 3 – kindergarten) at 21 N. Catherine Avenue, LaGrange morning begins at 8:30 am

Families interested in enrolling a child in grades 1-7, please call the school to arrange for a private tour at your convenience.

To make reservations, schedule a private tour, or request a shadow day for your child, please contact Jennifer Courier at 708-352-2175.

Open Enrollment begins mid November.
Our early education classes reach capacity very quickly.
Contact Jennifer Courier jcourier@sfxlg.org to be placed on distribution list for the application paperwork.

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



When: Tuesday, November 7th - Student browsing during the school day and family shopping 6:00-9:00 pm.

Wednesday, November 8th - 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 St. 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.

Remember, 20% of your purchase will benefit SFX.

We here at St. Francis Xavier School are very excited to announce the expansion of our Preschool Program beginning 2018-2019! Preschool 3 will offer half day classes with three and five day attendance options, and Pre K 4 will run Monday through Friday with half day and full day options.

Our Preschool program combines cognitive and play-based philosophies. We believe purposeful play with experiential learning fully engages the child and develops a true love of learning. In addition, SFX focuses on actively living one's faith and providing an example of character to others in daily life. Our goal is to guide children in their journey to realizing their own personal gifts and learning to value the contribution of others.

Enrollment will begin mid-November! Please contact our Advancement Director Jennifer Courier at jcourier@sfxlg.org for more information or to be placed on the distribution list for applications.

Join us for the 12th Annual Falcon 5K!



Register by 10/17/17 to be guaranteed this year's shirt in your size for race day!

Walk with a neighbor. Race a friend. Run a personal best. **Enjoy a fall morning.** Cheer. High five the Falcon. Catch up with alumni in Joyce Hall. Pose at the Selfie Spot. Savor a sweet treat. **Volunteer.** Watch a child cross the finish line and cross it yourself.

Be a part of the fun.

Saturday, November 4th!

8:00 am Kid's Fun Run; 8:20 am Junior Falcon Dash (FREE); 8:30 am 5K Run/Walk

Register, volunteer, and find more information at:

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

SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:

www.youthministry.sfxlg.org

CROP Walk

Men's Church League Basketball:

Players and Coaches

Are you a young man in high school? Do you NOT play on your high school's basketball team? Are you looking for something to do on Wednesday and Saturday nights? If you answered YES to these questions, Church League basketball is for you! Registration forms can be found on the Youth Ministry portion of the Parish website or by contacting Olivia Hollman.



If you are interested in coaching a team, please contact Olivia at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x 338.

We're on social media!

Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Scan the QR code below or search "St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!

Service Opportunity for all Freshmen!



Are you a high school freshman and want to participate in service with other high school freshmen?



We have booked 100 slots at

Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville for November 11, from 12:00-2:00 pm. This is a few months away but we want you to get the date on the calendar! If you are interested in participating or being an adult volunteer, please contact Olivia Hollman at 708- 352-0168 x338 or ohollman@sfxlg.org to sign up!

~ *Olivia*

Religious Education

Important Dates & Class Dates

Sunday, October 15	Class
Wednesday, October 18	Class
Sunday, October 22	Class
Wednesday, October 25	Class
Sunday, October 29	At Home Lesson Fundraiser Orders Due
Wednesday, November 1	At Home Lesson
Sunday, November 5	Class
Wednesday, November 8	Class Fundraiser Pick-Up

Upcoming Events

Pizza Fundraiser:

Started~October 1

All Orders Due~October 29

Pizza Order Pick-up~November 8



Eucharistic Liturgies

Grade 3	Practice	November 4~11:15 am
	Mass	November 5~Noon

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!

Boy Scout Troop #33 Wreath Sales



Boy Scout Troop #33 is selling Christmas wreaths, garland and other fresh greenery items. Orders received by November 6 will be delivered to your home the weekend before Thanksgiving. Order forms can be found in the back of church in the rectory office, or you may email Erika Carr at erikascarr@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your continued support of Boy Scout Troop #33.

Food For Families Fall Drive 2017

- ◆ Saturday, October 21 9:00 am-Noon food pick-up.
- ◆ Please leave non-perishable food items on your porch by 9:00 am Saturday morning.
- ◆ Please check the expiration date on your donation. (Expired food cannot be distributed to families)
- ◆ Or donate online to the Greater Chicago Food Depository at:
www.myfooddrive.org LGKnights2017Fall

Nonperishable food items we need include:

Non-sugared cereal, rice, peanut butter, low sodium canned vegetable, pasta, potatoes, jelly, mac n' cheese, tomato sauce, low sugar canned fruits, soup and beans.

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry mission is twofold: (1) provide supplemental nutritious food assistance to those in need in a safe, respectful and prayerful environment, and (2) partner with our community to support the pantry through food drives and volunteer opportunities. We serve an average of 90 families (or approximately 275 individuals) each week. Each family receives non-perishable and perishable food as well as toilet paper. We also provide "specials" when available, including: coffee, tea, snacks, condiments, baking goods, personal hygiene products, baby items, laundry and dish detergent and paper towels. Our homeless clients receive a bag especially packed to meet their needs (read-to-eat, pop-top cans, paper plates, bowls, utensils, cold drinks, etc.) Leftover perishables are donated to the Constance Morris House, a home for abused women and children. We also share food with BEDS Plus, and overnight shelter organization. We have about 25 weekly volunteers who assist with food pick-ups and preparing and packing the food bags. We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our generous community!

Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 partners with local community groups to distribute flyers and collect food in the community and deliver it to local food pantries. Projects help local teens get community service hours and help the food pantry to provide nutritional assistance to local residents of the community. Aligning the needs of the local council, local community groups, the local food pantry and local residents benefits all of us when we work together. Experiencing the cooperation and generosity of the community and volunteers renews my faith in God and my neighbors, and our ability to make the world a better place.

Thank you for your Support!

Questions, Missed pick-up?

Call, text, or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com or visit sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483.

Welcome to RCIA Participants from St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross!



How exciting it is to have adults from both parishes in the joint RCIA Process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), seeking to join the Catholic Church and complete their sacraments of initiation at Easter! We will meet almost every Tuesday night between now and Easter, to focus on what it means to be a fully initiated Catholic, and enter into experiences of prayer, community, and service.

The group from SFX will be formally presented to the community at the 9:00 am Mass on November 5. At that mass, the SFX participants will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for those preparing for baptism, and the Rite of Welcome for baptized Christians. The group from St. John of the Cross also will be presented to their community on November 5. Prior to this rite, those who are not already Catholic are called "inquirers." They are exploring what it means to enter into or deepen their relationship with the Catholic Church. In this ceremony, unbaptized persons are accepted into the order of Catechumens. Those who have been baptized in another Christian church or who are Catholic and completing their sacraments of initiation are welcomed as Candidates for full communion within the Catholic Church.

In celebrating this rite, our inquirers officially and publically declare their intention to respond to God's call and follow the way of Christ as members of the Catholic Church. The Church, in turn, accepts their commitment and pledges its support throughout their journey of faith. This rite marks their entrance into the second stage of the RCIA process, called the Catechumenate.

Biographies and photos will be shared soon.

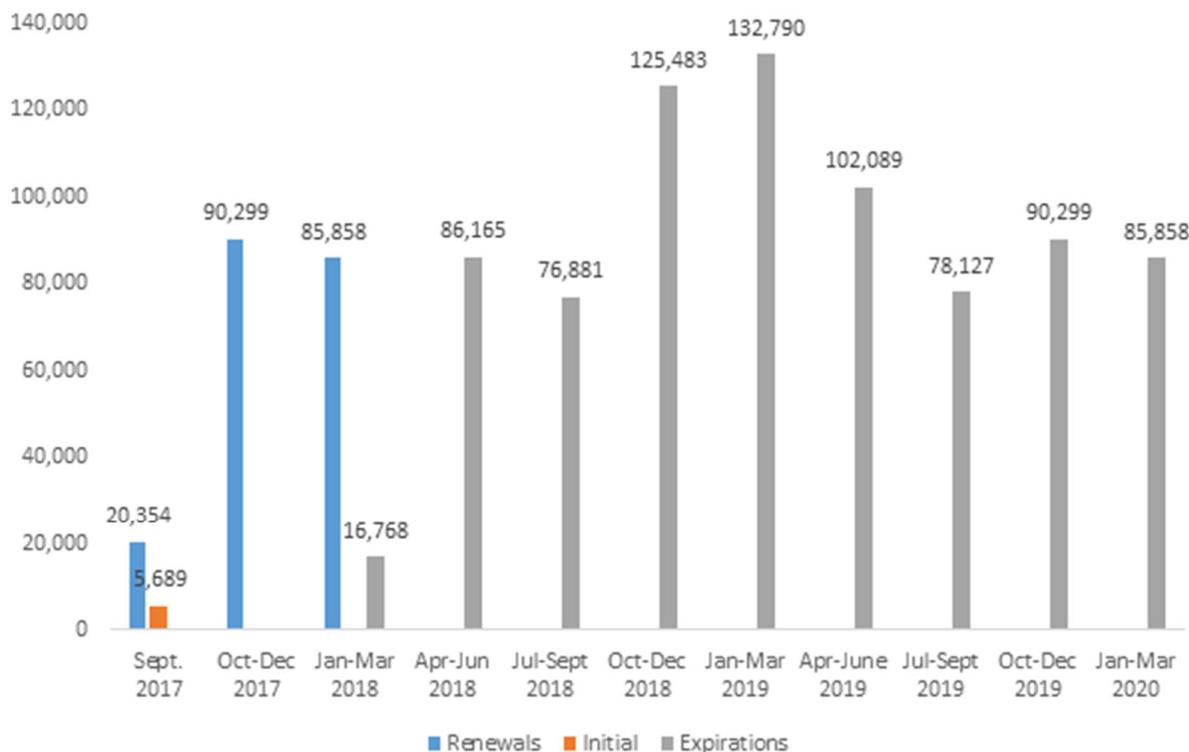
Please offer your prayers and support for all of them.

RCIA celebrates the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome November 5 at the 9:00 am Mass.

About DACA:



The DACA program was established in 2012 as a temporary solution for millions of undocumented immigrants who have grown up in the United States but, due to Congress’s failure to pass a fair immigration reform bill, had no opportunity to legalize their immigration status. In the program’s five-year history, DACA provided a temporary work authorization and a reprieve from deportation to nearly 800,000 men and women who met the program’s stringent requirements. Because of DACA, individuals remained with and supported their families in the United States, completed their educations, launched careers, bought homes, and participated in society without fear that they may suddenly be exiled from the only home they have ever known. Despite the program’s strong and wide bi-partisan support, the current presidential administration announced on August 5, 2017 its decision to end DACA.



Graph: DACA Renewals and Projected Expirations
---from the Immigration Ministry of the Office for Human Dignity and Solidarity

Peace and Justice meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:15 pm in rectory.

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.

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.

Archdiocese of Chicago

(re) Encounter Young Adult Faith Night
connect.inspire.worship.



Join together with thousands of fellow young adults at UIC Pavilion for an event that will remind you that you are not alone in your faith! Discover how you can live your dream and have an active faith life.

On Friday, October 20 at the UIC Pavilion. Doors Open at 6:00 pm. Register Today! Tickets \$15~Ages 18-39.

Featuring Cardinal Blase Cupich, Mark Wahlberg, Fr. Paul Mueller, JS, and more!

DON'T LOOK AWAY:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM TOPICS:

WHEN I CALL FOR HELP - A PASTORAL RESPONSE

IT'S A HEALTH ISSUE!

WHY DO THEY STAY?

WHAT CAN I DO?

IS THE LAW ON MY SIDE?

WHEN AND WHERE:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 7-8:30 PM

NORTH RIVERSIDE COMMONS

2401 DES PLAINES AVE.

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FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT DV@STMARYRIVERSIDE.ORG

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Constance Morris House: A safe haven for domestic violence victims

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive behavior that one person exercises over another to gain power and control. This behavior may include physical violence, sexual abuse, emotional and psychological intimidation, verbal abuse and threats, stalking, isolation from friends and family, economic control, and destruction of personal property.

For more than 30 years, Pillars has empowered adults and their dependent children affected by domestic violence to find a safe haven and rebuild their lives. We make it our mission to cultivate an environment that is physically and psychologically safe, where victims of domestic violence can learn about their options for change and become empowered to make informed decisions about the future.

Safety and Empowerment

Constance Morris House is Pillars' domestic violence shelter, located at an undisclosed location in the western suburbs of Chicago. If you are an adult with or without children and you are fleeing an abusive relationship, the shelter is available to you 24 hours a day.

We also offer the following services, whether you are staying at the shelter or not:

- A confidential, 24-hour domestic violence hotline staffed by trained counselors and staff: **708.485.5254**
- Individual, family, and group counseling provided by licensed therapists or social workers
- Legal advocacy at Bridgeview and Maybrook Courthouses and assistance with Orders of Protection
- Links to ongoing support services such as emergency financial assistance and housing programs

Violence Prevention

At Pillars, prevention and education are a priority. We are available to present a variety of programs and trainings out in the community. Topics include:

- Healthy Teen Relationships
- Domestic Violence in the Workplace
- Smack'd, a mix of domestic violence information and a personal story told by a survivor

Consider a presentation to your school, class, staff, or community group during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October—and remember to wear a purple ribbon to show your support for victims throughout the month of October.

Fast Facts

- All services are provided at **NO COST**.
- The shelter and hotline are staffed 24 hours per day.
- Services are available for both adult and child victims, in both English and Spanish.
- Services are primarily provided to clients in North Riverside and the Townships of Lyons, Proviso, Cicero, and Berwyn.



www.pillarscommunity.org | 708.485.5254



Council 6483
Established May 1973

Did You Know?

Knights of Columbus Established the \$2 million Pacem in Terris Fund for the benefit of the Church's pastoral mission to the Christian communities in the Holy Land.

To learn more about your local council go to:

sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483 or call or text 708-207-2780.

The Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food For Families Fall Drive Needs Volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to put flyers about the food drive on the front door of local residents. Flyers and rubber bands are provided. A different team of volunteers will handle pick-up of the food donations. Flyers will be distributed October 7-15. Volunteers can choose their own day and time within that week to distribute flyers. Volunteers are asked to choose a street in their community to distribute flyers. One volunteer can do four blocks, both sides of the street, in about one hour. Two volunteers working together can do eight blocks in about one hour. More information about the food drive, food pantry, online option, and the Knights of Columbus can be found at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483>
and www.myfooddrive.org/?LGKnights2017Fall.

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

Thank you for your support!



Coat and Outerwear Drive V
Drop-off Boxes at
St. Francis Xavier Church
Saturday, November 11 and
Sunday, November 12
(Church Entrances - all Masses)

The Knights of Columbus SFX Council 6483 is coordinating it's 5th Annual Coat Drive and will be collecting clean, pre-worn outerwear for those in need this winter.

There will be drop off boxes at church entrances to deposit outerwear before each mass on November 11 & 12. 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 these past four years. Tax receipts will be provided. God bless you.

Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions at 708-380-3101 or go to <https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/about-the-knights> for more information.

Thank you for your support!



Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive 2017

LaGrange Council 6483 thanks our neighbors, family and friends, and all of our SPRED groups (St. Francis Xavier, St. Louise De Marillac, St. John of the Cross and Mater Christi) who donated and volunteered. We want to thank Helping Hand and Aspire for their support. We also want to thank our entrepreneur partners including Jewel and Ace Hardware in LaGrange Park, Jewel in Countryside, Blueberry Hill Breakfast Cafe and Walgreens in LaGrange, Walmart in Hodgkins, and Mariano's, Kirschbaum's, Casey's Market, Western Springs Fruit Store, Village True Value Hardware and Walgreens in Western Springs. We want to thank the villages of Countryside, LaGrange, LaGrange Park and Western Springs for their support. Also, thanks so much to our Worthy Brother Scott and Mary Sue McDonald for allowing the use of their home for headquarters and Worthy Brother Pat and Beth Olson and all the counters for their effort. Thank you all again for another truly remarkable and amazing effort.

LaGrange Council 6483 extends its special thanks to local business benefactors who have contributed generously to the 2017 ID Drive:

- Patricia Lehman, parishioner at St. Francis Xavier Parish and principal with the Lehman Group, Coldwell Banker, LaGrange
- John Gajkowski, parishioner at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Money Managers Advisory, Oak Brook

LaGrange Council 6483 collected more than \$15,000.00, another remarkable collection for the Knights Council, now in its 43rd year. Proceeds from the Knights of Columbus 2017 ID Drive will help fund various programs in the local communities who support persons with special needs, such as Helping Hand, Special Olympics, special religious education at local parishes with SPRED programs to name a few.

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Friday, Nov 10
7PM - 1AM
Joyce Hall

\$100
per person

Tables of 8 and 10
are also available
for purchase*

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

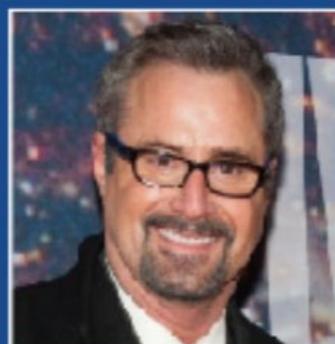
CIGAR TENT
HOSTED BY
CASA DE MONTECRISTO



Featuring Guest Speakers:



Jeff Joniak
Voice of the Bears



Gary Kroeger
SNL Alum

Doors open **6:30 pm**
Dinner served **8 pm**



To register, visit
[https://www.givecentral.org/
location/218/14034,14033,14032](https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/14034,14033,14032)

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

Seasons of Hope Grief Support

Monday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 pm)
October 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20, 27



St. John of the Cross Parish in Western Springs will host a 'Seasons of Hope' support group for anyone grieving the loss of a family member or loved one.

'Seasons of Hope' is a six-session support ministry designed to help participants navigate the grieving process. Weekly sessions present a faith-based topic and include discussion, prayer, personal reflection and Scripture. There is no obligation to share, however it is recommended that participants allow 3-6 months from time of loss before attending.

Seasons of Hope is facilitated by experienced, caring adults who are familiar with the grief process.

To Registration Online:

www.stjohnofthecross.org/grief-ministry

To Register by Phone:

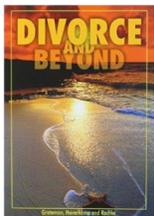
708-246-4404 ext. 137

'Grief only exists where love lived first.'
Franchesca Cox

Disclaimer: 'Seasons of Hope' support groups are not intended to provide or replace professional counseling or individual therapy.

Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 pm)
October 26
November 2, 9, 16, 30
December 7, 14, 21



The Divorce and Beyond process provides emotional and spiritual support to those who have experienced divorce or those in the dissolution process. It is a faith-based, Catholic Christian support ministry that welcomes other faith traditions as well.

Each session highlights an aspect of the divorce-recovery process. Topics include: *Healing, managing emotions, blame, loneliness, and achieving growth and personal happiness.* Sessions are led by experienced Divorce and Beyond graduates committed to fostering the personal, emotional and spiritual growth of all participants.

To Register Online:

www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond

Cost: \$10.00 fee (Participant Manual)

Disclaimer: 'Divorce and Beyond' support groups neither provide nor replace the possible need for professional counseling or individual therapy.

Interfaith Career Network

Last Week - Career Transition Boot Camp

ICN invites you to join us on Tuesday, October 17 from 7:00 -9:00 pm at The First Baptist Church of LaGrange. For our final Boot Camp session, a panel of HR professionals will provide phone and onsite interviewing techniques to help get the job you want and answer any and all questions about the process. For further information, please contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

Listen and Learn From A Panel of Recruiters

ICN invites you to join us on Thursday, October 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. Learn what recruiters look for when they search for candidates. Our panel will offer their insights and advice on how job seekers can improve their chances of being selected for an interview. Learn "what to do" and "what not to do" from a recruiter's perspective when you are applying for a job. Our panel will tell you their views on a follow-up call after you've submitted a resume; or when you haven't heard from them following an interview. Come with your questions and get the insider's view on the interview process.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further information, please visit our website: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.



Journey Toward Healing

Grief & Bereavement Support Groups

Evening Grief Group

For any adult grieving loss of a loved one.
6 consecutive weeks starting Monday:
October 30th-December 4th
7:00-8:30 pm
Location to be determined

Parental Loss Grief Group

For any adult grieving loss of a parent.
6 consecutive weeks starting Monday:
January 8-February 12
7:00-8:30 pm
Location to be determined

Advance registration is necessary to ensure small groups for sharing. Cost: There are no fees, but donations are accepted.

To register or if you have questions, contact our Bereavement Coordinator, Chaplain Dave Melzer at 773-570-6606 damelzer@lumc.edu.

Loyola Medicine Hospice, 2301 West 22nd Street,
Suite 107, Oak Brook, IL 60523, 630-861-5200.

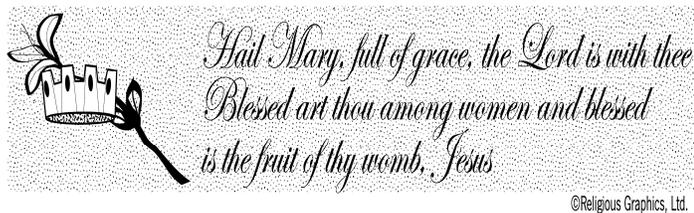


We look forward to welcoming you into our new space and our new program year. We have some exciting new programs coming up – among them:

Trivia Night Fundraising: Gather a team or come on your own for this evening of friendly competition, knowledge-testing, and fun. Friday, October 20, doors open at 6:00 pm, game begins at 7:00 pm. Please register by October 19 for discounted entry.

On Your MARK...Get Set...Go! Delve into the Gospel of Mark with popular speaker Sallie Latkovich, CSJ. What was Mark's message to the first hearers of this gospel and what is the meaning of MARK for us? Saturday, November 18, 9AM-Noon. Co-sponsored with SJC and SFX parishes.

Please see our website www.csjthewell.org to register and for further details on these and many other wonderful programs. Or call us at 708-482-5048.



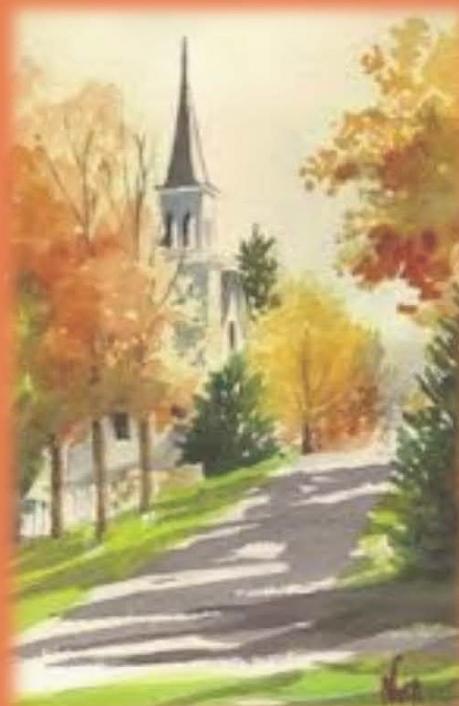
ONE HOPE: TWO CONGREGATIONS IN CONVERSATION

Jesus prayed “that all may be one.” These words adorn the central window of Unity Hall and are at the heart of our mission in Christ. As we commemorate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s call for reform in the Church, I invite you to gather with our sisters and brothers from Grace Lutheran Church for three nights of conversation and fellowship. We will use the book “One Hope”, a collaborative effort of Lutheran and Catholic scholars, to guide our conversation. The book is small, and is written to be accessible to all; **you need no formal theological background to participate.** Join Pastor Said Ailabouni and me on three Monday evenings, **October 16, October 23, and November 6, from 7:00-8:30** in Unity Hall. We all will converse with one another about shared values that lead us to deeper unity as disciples of Christ. I also invite you to participate in our monthly Taize prayer with Grace Lutheran at Grace Lutheran on Friday, October 13, and with Grace Lutheran at St. Francis Xavier on Friday, November 10. We also have been invited to attend the **9:30 worship service at Grace Lutheran on Sunday, October 29.** Let us all hope toward a church in which “all may be one”.

Please RSVP for the “One Hope” sessions at
<http://gracelutheran-lg.org/One-Hope-Registration>

Peace,
Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Retired Men’s Group



Catholics, Lutherans, and Reform

Fr. Bill Tkachuk Presiding

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Coffee @ 10:30 am
Prayers & Reflections @ 11:00 am
East Rectory Meeting Room
Lunch @ 12:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier Court Yard Room

RSVP by Monday, October 16, 2017 to 708-352-0168

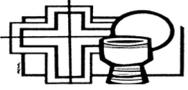


Please Pray For...all those serving in the military including:

- **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
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **U.S. Navy James Lynch & Christopher Cugier, Air Force**—cousin and nephew of Sr. Helen Sullivan
- **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
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **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
- **SPC Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschakovsky Family
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Ensign Julia McKenna, U.S. Navy**—friend of John Rogers
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio

**Please inform us of others serving in the military...and let us know when
friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas.**

Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—October 21-22, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	D. Mulvenna Q. Shanley K. Murphy	L. Bannach M. Becker C. Cooke K. Corrigan S. Devitt K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young Not Filled	C. Narbutis K. Smith T. Dudek	K. Kelly	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Carroll B. Farnan G. Rutkowski	L. Allabastro S. Augustyn M. Hermesdorf K. Stetz M. Westerhoff	N. Gannon C. Gonzalez B. McGovern	T. Pangan	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	L. Nichol T. Walsh J. Dillon	R. Barker M. A. Barry J. Cogelja A. Gargano M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich D. Nighswander P. O'Malley	T. Duffy C. Stetz H. Labrador	L. Hoigard	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Muccino	K. Justak A. Dougherty B. Jouras	M. P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník K. Parisi	C. Holmes A. Holmes A. McCarty	L. DiGianfilippo	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	W. Foster L. Freda J. Clark	L. Donegan B. Edelmann K. Johnson N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley	D. Walsh R. Garcia M. Hayford	C. Jakubisin	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	M. Kelly S. Carr	J. Eraci M. Hennessy A. Walls J. Walls D. McKenna		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of October 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

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

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Associate Pastor
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Weekend Sacramental Ministers
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-8:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:00 am-2:00 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 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. All articles must be emailed 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, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the
Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.