

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 11, 2018**



**LEARN FROM  
THE WIDOW  
WHO GAVE ALL  
SHE HAD.**

**CONTRIBUTE  
NOT FROM  
YOUR SURPLUS  
BUT FROM  
YOUR NEED.**

**BLESSED ARE THE  
POOR IN SPIRIT  
FOR THEIRS IS THE  
KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN.**



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 12 Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	7:45 am	Jessica Barry Geraldine Cahill	The Barry Family The Farnan Family
	9:00 am	The Tio Family Peg Morsch Foley	Mary Tio The Morsch Family
Tuesday, November 13 Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	7:45 am	Raymond Hassler	Patricia Hassler
	9:00 am	George Scanlon	Anne Scanlon & Family
Wednesday, November 14	7:45 am	Rose Uraini	Mary Tassi & Kate Maline
	9:00 am	Michael & Theresa Cipriani	Diane Cipriani
Thursday, November 15 Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	The O'Connor Family	Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Friday, November 16 Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin	7:45 am	Mary Discipio Helen Hofstetter	Joe Discipio The Hofstetter Family
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, November 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	9:00 am	Mercedes McDonnell Charles Sirridge	The McDonnell Family Jerry & Colleen Prendergast
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	1:00 pm	Wedding~Katie McCabe & Mike Wojcik	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:00 pm	Elizabeth Barker Thomas Russell	Terri & Mary Simeoni The Kostrewa Family
Sunday, November 18	7:30 am	Francis Aubry	The Fitzgerald Family
	9:00 am	Audrey Walsh	The Lenti Family
	10:30 am	Grant Ellington	Patricia Ellington
	12:00 pm	Dorothy Lynch, CSJ	Dolores Lewis
	6:00 pm	People of the Parish	

## Please Pray For...

Tony Banda	Jerry Kolman
Keeley Barr	Virginia Kottaridis
Jim Boardman	Edward Kudia
Leonard Bruce	Betty Kuhl
Jay Carroll	Emmett Miller
Tom Challos	Patrick Morgan
Terry Conwell	Mike Morrison
Anthony Dina	Amanda O'Brien
Gregory Dold	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Donna Pekarek
Pat Eaton	Carissa Pessetti
William Egbert	James Pridmore
Bill Elliott	Baby Madison Raupp
Sharon Elliott	Anna Rose
Lily Fielding	Marilyn Rutkowski
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Anthony Scafide
Lilli Gregory	Matthew Schiek
Wilson Gregory	Greyson Stanley
Patricia Hassler	Sarah Stanley
Martha Heraty	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Linda Hillsman	Marty Thuerk
Rose Ilo	Anne Titzer
Jane Jacobson	Michael Ungari
Theresa Kandall	Amanda Valerugo
Mike Kelly	Gregory Van Gorp
Benny Kilman	Josita Witte

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:

**Roy Leslie**

Husband of Mary Ellen

**Virginia Lake**

Mother of Frank, Jr., Gary, Kathy and the late Tom

## Weddings



Katie McCabe & Mike Wojcik  
Carolyn Cooper & John Wons

## Pastor's Notes

*"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had,  
her whole livelihood."*

Mark 12:44

The cost of discipleship is the *surrender of all we have and all we are*. Jesus asks his disciples to observe and learn from the act of the widow in today's gospel. But our conversion usually is a journey of *many steps*; some *moments of hesitation*; and more than a few *twists and turns*. The God of mercy was patient with the first disciples of Jesus; it would take them years to understand and live the lesson of total surrender to God's will.

Thanks be to God for God's patience with us! Last month's reflections on the spiritual attitude of stewardship may have led many of us to list a few intentions that will help us grow in an attitude of stewardship. We also may have a clearer sense of how much we hold onto as "mine." I know that I continue to struggle with the total surrender witnessed by the gospel widow. I could offer countless reasons why it would be unwise – even irresponsible – for me to do what the widow did. I am still coming to trust that when I surrender all to God, I am given all I need along with a freedom that I otherwise would not know.

This weekend a representative of an organization supported by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will help us to understand how our **stewardship of treasure** through the annual CCHD collection creates opportunities for communities with limited resources. It is often said that the Campaign funds programs and organizations that offer people in need a *hand up* rather than a hand out. CCHD empowers people by providing the resources to develop solutions that build healthy and contributing communities. I urge you to participate in this annual collection.

I also encourage you to practice **stewardship of time and talent** by attending Monday's meeting for all who want to participate in parish leadership, especially the leaders of ministries within the four Parish Commissions. Are you willing to help shape and be part of the parish leadership of the present and future? How do we best continue to implement the Parish Prophetic Plan? How do we invite and develop *new leaders* from those who are ready to lead? Most importantly, how do we get the message of who we are and what we can offer to those who lack *any* connection to a community of faith?

On this **Veterans'** Day, God bless all who risked your lives to protect us and our ideals, whether during or between times of war and conflict. **Thank you for your service!**

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We usually begin now to announce the procedure to obtain tickets for the Christmas Eve Masses at 3:00 and 5:00 at both the parish church and the Motherhouse Chapel of the Congregation of St. Joseph. The ability to broadcast the Mass into Unity Hall makes it possible to accommodate at least 75 additional people for the Masses in church. So... we have decided to dispense with tickets this year. You read it correctly: **No tickets will be required for any of the 3PM or 5PM Masses**. Please be advised, however, that we must respect the seating capacity of 800 at the Motherhouse Chapel. Make your Christmas Eve plans accordingly and join us.

*Peace,*

*J. Bill*

## Scripture Reflection

Last month we gave special attention to how we spend our time, talent, and treasure as we celebrated the Season of Stewardship. How do we currently spend our time in prayer with God and in growing community here at St. Francis, give back by using our talents in service to others, and contribute our hard-earned money to support our parish, organizations, and those in need? Are we the scribe, invited to do more? Or are we the widow, who Jesus holds up as giving unselfishly?

In Sunday's Gospel, this is what we contemplate. It's easy to give of our surplus when we have free time and extra money just sitting in the bank...but do we give ourselves fully as God is inviting us?

This is not an easy invitation to answer. Within the past 6 months, my husband and I have bought a new house, taken on foster animals, and gotten married. As we look at the projects we want to do around the house and the money we want to save for our future family (God-willing), it's difficult to assess where we can give more to our community. While it's not an easy journey, we look forward to walking it and discerning our invitation from God to give fully, knowing we are doing it alongside our St. Francis community.

All things are possible with God!

*~Olivia Zurowski*

## Calendars For 2019 Can be found at the church entrances.

### Wedding Committee Needs Help

Do you want to be part of our greatest Sacrament of unity and love? The Wedding Committee is in need of a new Chair who would help to schedule our wedding coordinators. The wedding chair schedules two members to set up and assist the bride and groom on their special day. If you are interested in helping to schedule our Wedding Ministers, please contact Missy Westerhoff at [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.

### Workbooks for Lectors and Commentators

The workbooks for Lectors and Gospel readers have arrived. If you would like a workbook, please stop by the Rectory Office at your convenience. We ask that you take only one book per family. Thank you.

### 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."

### 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](mailto:alex.p.david91@gmail.com).



### Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration!

November 15 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. If you are interested, prayer and reflection suggestions are available as starting points.

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

**WHY:** Since Apostolic times, Catholics rightly have gathered to celebrate Mass in community as Jesus instructed. Adoration provides an opportunity for an intimate relationship with Jesus through individual worship, prayer, and listening. 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:** The next opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration will be **November 15**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact:

Katie Kanzer at [k.f.kanzer@gmail.com](mailto:k.f.kanzer@gmail.com)

or

Jen Jagodzinski at [jenjag12@yahoo.com](mailto:jenjag12@yahoo.com)

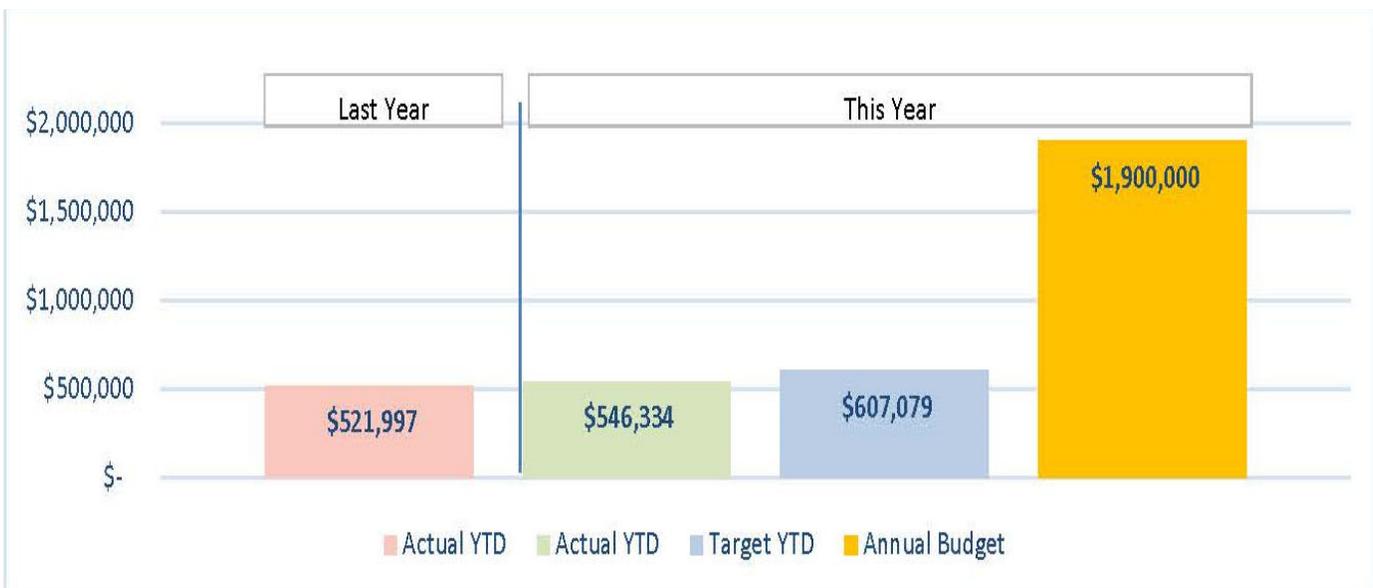
*"The greatest love story of all time is  
contained in a tiny white Host."*

~Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT**

**AS OF November 4, 2018**



Prior Month's Offerings:	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	=	<i>October Total</i>
October 2018	\$ 61,590		\$ 72,765		\$ 134,355
October 2017	\$ 44,367		\$ 78,972		\$ 123,339

Collections to date exceed last year by \$24,000 as parishioners respond to our Season of Stewardship!

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

### PROGRESS ON ONLINE GIVING GOAL

- 18 New Online Donors as of 10/31/18
- 42 Needed to Meet Goal by 12/31/18

**Catholic Campaign For Human Development**



Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).



**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES AT MOTHERHOUSE CHAPEL**

On Christmas Eve, we will celebrate Masses at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel. **We will not issue tickets for either of these Masses.** However, we need to respect the seating capacity of 800 persons in the Motherhouse Chapel. We were able to accommodate everyone last year, and hope to be able to do the same again.

**Christmas Blessings!**

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN**

On Christmas Eve, we will again celebrate two Masses in the church that are planned for younger children at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. This year, **tickets will not be issued** for these two Masses. The Mass will be broadcast into Unity Hall for any overflow. We hope to be able to accommodate everyone comfortably.

**Christmas Blessings!**

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

**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

*Lord, teach us the true spirit of generosity*



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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## Guest Readers Wanted

You know that look of wonder and joy that children get on their face when they listen to someone read them a story? The St. Francis Xavier Day School is looking for older adults who are willing to occasionally share the stewardship of time as "Guest Readers". You may occasionally be asked to read books to children, or perhaps to listen to children read aloud. Being able to read and a desire to spend time inspiring children to read are the only skills needed to be a successful reading volunteer. You are never too old to inspire a new young friend! Please contact Advancement Director Mary Tassi mtassi@sfxlg.org or 708-352-2175 x 331.

We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media:

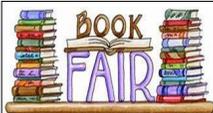


SFX School Instagram:  
[@sfxlg\\_school](#)

Facebook SFX School site:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:  
<https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni/>

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



Even though the BOOK FAIR is over, you can still go online throughout the year. Anytime you are shopping for a book, please visit [www.abcfairs.com](http://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 them up at the Anderson's Bookshop in downtown LaGrange and pay no shipping fees.

Valid November 5-22, 2018

Use this coupon at either of  
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 Naperville, Downers Grove & La Grange  
 and  
**20%**  
 of your purchase goes directly  
 back to your school.

Coupon expires 2 weeks after the bookfair ends.  
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Pre-tax Amount

School name: St. Francis Xavier

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs:  
 December 8; January 5 & 26; February 9 & 23;  
 March 2; April 6

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change):

November 17, December 15 & 22;  
 January 12 & 19; February 2 & 16;  
 March 9, 16, 23, & 30; and April 27

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

## 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!

## Religious Education Class Dates

### Sundays

November 11	Class
	Toy Shower
November 18	No Class
November 25	No Class

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### Wednesdays

November 14	Class
	Toy Shower
November 21	No Class
November 28	No Class

## Religious Education Important Dates

### Toy Shower

**Collection of Toys** November 11  
and November 14 (all week)  
**Toy Delivery** on November 20



**Eucharistic Liturgies at 12:00 Noon**  
Grade 4 November 11

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

**Grade 4 Reconciliation Parent Meeting**  
Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in Church

## Attention High School Seniors Consider Loras College

Are you a senior in high school looking at colleges for next fall?

Loras College has a number of scholarship programs designed to support students as they continue their Catholic faith journey through their college years.

The Breitbach Catholic Thinkers & Leaders and the St. John Paul II Scholarship Programs are now accepting applications. Learn more at [www.loras.edu/bctl](http://www.loras.edu/bctl) and [www.loras.edu/jpII](http://www.loras.edu/jpII) or by phoning 563-588-7235 and speaking with Joan.

Let Loras College help you grow into your adult Catholic faith.

## What's going on in Youth Ministry???

### Rite of Enrollment & Sponsor/ Candidate Meeting

Sunday, November 18 will be a night of Confirmation Sponsors! There will be a meeting for all Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors at 4:30pm in Joyce Hall. During the 6pm Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment.



If you are able, please bring along a store bought apple or pumpkin pie for our Food Pantry's

Thanksgiving distribution!

If your sponsor is not able to make it for either of these, a parent can stand in. If the candidate is not able to make it, the make-up Rite of Enrollment is scheduled during the November 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm Mass.

### 2019 Summer Mission Trip

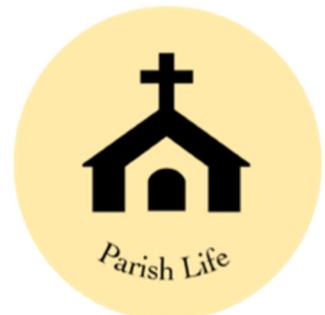


The 2019 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Springfield, KY!

St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. Be on the lookout for the registration form this month. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.

*Come see what's currently happening, and give input on future events.*

## **Parish Conversation and Commission Meeting—ALL Welcome**



**Monday, November 26th, 7:00—8:30 PM**  
**Rectory—Courtyard Room**  
**Appetizers served by Parish Pastoral Council**

On **Monday, November 26th, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM**, the Parish Pastoral Council and Parishioners from all ministries (Spirituality/Worship, Parish Life, Human Concerns and Education & Formation) will gather to discuss for the third time under the revised Commission model. **Parish Leaders, Ministers, Volunteers & All Interested Parishioners are welcome.** Our agenda includes:

- ◆ Opening prayer and review of last meeting
- ◆ Presentation: **“Stewardship of Time, Talent & Treasure—and Where We’re At ”**
- ◆ Breakout discussions for each of the 4 Commissions (based on ministry and/or interest).  
Topics:
  1. What would be helpful to strengthen your ministry/organization?
  2. In terms of your Ministry or your own Spirituality, what would you love to see offered at or through SFX?
- ◆ Report back with a short synopsis of commission discussions
- ◆ Where do we go from here (next year’s agenda)?

***Please R.S.V.P. to the Rectory (708-352-0168) so we can plan accordingly.  
For details contact Curt Aronson [curt.aronson@us.lisega.com](mailto:curt.aronson@us.lisega.com) or 708-588-0668.***



## Welcome Women's Retreat February 2 - 3, 2019

"Come live in the light. Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord" are lyrics from "We Are Called," and one that will be part of the 2019 WELCOME Women's Retreat. Join the women of SFX Parish on the retreat weekend and be spiritually fed and soulfully nourished. Through stories, prayer, fellowship, yoga and more, you will find rest, be refreshed and witness a new perspective on how God sees you and just how much you are loved. All women, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey are WELCOME!

**Women's Retreat Weekend**



**February 2 - 3, 2019**

Carmelite Spiritual Center  
8419 Bailey Road  
Darien, IL

Scholarships are available — please contact Father Bill Tkachuk

Registration forms are available on the WELCOME Women's Retreat Facebook page (address below) or by contacting Therese Bryne directly at (708) 588-0845.



Visit our Facebook page to register: <https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWomenSFX/>



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

LaGrange Council 6483

Established May 1973

## 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](mailto:gutheriepike@msn.com).

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

## Christmas Cards For Prisoners



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

### Join Us To Address Christmas Cards

On Wednesday, November 14, *Companions Journeying Together* will meet at 10 am in Unity Hall to address the Christmas cards that we have collected for prisoners. Please join us from 10 am to Noon in Unity Hall. Questions, call Marge Branecki 708-352-3934.

## SFX Men's Club

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

Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or  
Joseph Enright at [joseph\\_owen@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tizianalambert@gmail.com).

## Boy Scout Troop #33 Wreath Sales

Boy Scout Troop #33 is selling Christmas wreaths, garland and other fresh greenery items.

Order forms are available from Bill McKeown at [william.mckeown@gmail.com](mailto:william.mckeown@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support of Boy Scout Troop #33.



## Interfaith Career Network

### The Key To Applicant Tracking Systems

Want to make sure your resume gets into the right hands? Join us on Thursday, November 15 from 7:00-9:00 pm and find out what trips up applicants the most and how you can avoid those mistakes. Approximately 50-75% of applicants' resumes are never seen by a human, and the reason has nothing to do with skills or qualifications. Our speaker, Lauren Milligan, has interviewed multiple people who work with ATS systems and will share what she has learned from them with us. Get a much better grasp of how to work the online application system at the St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange. There is no cost to attend this meeting and everyone is welcome.

Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).



Every year, members of the Christian Churches in the LaGrange area gather to give thanks and praise to God just prior to Thanksgiving. This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will take place at the First Congregational Church in LaGrange. Ministers of the various churches will offer short reflections on Scripture readings, and combined Choirs will join voices to lead us in prayer.

Beyond being an inspirational evening of prayer and song, this is a wonderful way to support our Prophetic Plan goal of collaborating with neighboring church communities. All are welcome!

Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 pm at the First Congregational Church on LaGrange Road and Cossitt Avenue.



Even in the hot summer weather, the St. Francis Xavier Prayer Shawl Ministry did not take a break! The women continued to knit and crochet over the summer to provide warm winter scarves and hats for BEDS Plus and the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry. Nearly 50 items were made for donation this year!

If you are interesting in knitting or crocheting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Sarah Zavala at sarahsmiles17@yahoo.com or 708-261-3473. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm in Unity Hall.

If you are interested in supporting the work of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Sarah Zavala at the above information. We appreciate financial support via check or gift card to a local craft store to purchase yarn and ribbon to create shawls, blankets, and scarves.

## Respect Life

*"If you want peace, work for justice.  
And if you want justice, defend life!"* Saint Pope John Paul II

**Area Respect Life Ministry Meeting**~Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross will gather to continue discussing ways we can partner together on a Respect Life Ministry, jointly advocating for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions.

**Next Meeting~November 14 at 7:00 pm in SFX Unity Hall.** All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

## 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/](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/)  
or contact St. Cletus parishioner,  
John Wagner at 708-352-0170 for further details.

## Pies Needed For Our Food Pantry

A parish-wide Thanksgiving Pie Drive, benefitting our SFX Food Pantry, will take place at masses the weekend of November 17 & 18.



The Food Pantry hopes to receive 120 store bought non-refrigerated apple and pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity.

## The Long Dark Night of An Immigrant Child

J learned Spanish in the detention center. Her family spoke an indigenous language in Guatemala, so she had to learn Spanish from the other kids in order to communicate. She was eight years old when she was separated from her father at the border. After he was deported, she spent four months without her family while her attorney fought to have her released.

I met J at the Days Inn by the Houston Airport. Her attorney had won temporary custody, so he could fly her home to her parents. The flight was delayed overnight, and he needed a woman to stay with J. I barely slept, hearing her crying out for her mom all night.

I don't know why J and her father came here, but whether they fled violence, discrimination, or poverty, I believe they deserved a chance. Instead they were separated and punished for trying.

A tireless attorney fought for J. But she is only one of thousands. Kids like J are still languishing in the tent city in Tornillo, Texas. There are kids like J who haven't seen their parents in months and may never again.

As Catholics, we need to ensure that this doesn't happen to more children like J.

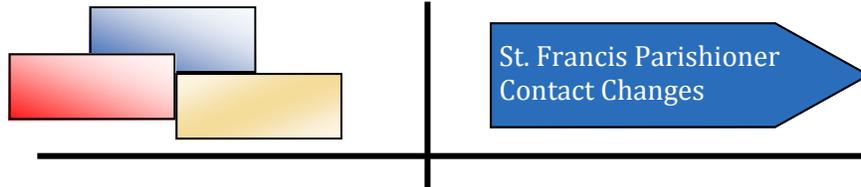
Gabriela Lastres  
Parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Parish

We owe it to J to make sure this doesn't happen again. For more information please visit:

Kids in Need of Defense:

<https://supportkind.org/media/family-separation-at-the-border/>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2018/18-090.cfm>



**Please help us keep our records current! We are asking for any changes.**

**Also, if you could please update phone numbers and emails and specify as to who the information is for we would really appreciate it.**

**This will help to keep our data base current. Thank you!**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number Home \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address Family \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_



## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DANCE PARTY!

**WHAT:**            *Free* dance classes for a good cause.

**WHERE:**           **Jo's Footwork Studio, Studio I**  
1500 Walker Street, Western Springs  
708-246-6878

**WHEN:**           **November 18, 2018           1:00pm - 4:00pm**

### **DETAILS:**

Jo's Footwork Studio would like to share the "goods" this Thanksgiving holiday. With so much to be thankful for, we would like to give back to our community with free dance parties! We will have staff set up in the parking lot where you can drop off your non-perishable item(s) and then come upstairs to join us for some fun. Pick your dance party/parties! No dance experience required, just a canned good or non-perishable item. (No Goods? Bring \$5.00 cash) All goods & \$ donated to St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry. Please call ahead to reserve your spot!

### **DANCE PARTIES!**

**1:00-1:50 pm** ~ *Disney Theme Party* ~ Come as you are or dressed as your favorite character for a magical Disney dance party! (Taught by Zoe Martinkus)

**2:00-2:50 pm** ~ *Pom Dance/Fun Dance Party* ~ Students will have a Pom Dance with fun dance moves combined Party! No experience necessary. (Taught by Annie Pinta and Alyssa Smith )

**3:00-3:50 pm** ~ *Jazz Dance Party* ~ Fun music, fun moves, it's a party! (Taught by Janine Aquino)

Space is limited so please RSVP (708-246-6878) for your free party.  
You may register for more than one party and you can bring your friends.  
Must be 6 years to adult to participate in classes.



## Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—  
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—  
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

*Pastor*  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Deacon*  
*Pastoral Associate*  
*Weekend Sacramental Ministers*  
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*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
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*Day School Secretary (East Campus)*  
*Coordinator (East Campus)*  
*Advancement Director*  
*Tuition Accounts*  
*Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep*  
*Religious Education Office Staff*  
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*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
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*Mrs. Kathie Kinahan*  
*Mrs. Margaret Houston*  
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### Parish Office Staff

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*Parish Accountant*  
*Pastor's Secretary*  
*Parish Secretary*  
*Staff Secretary*

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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

*Coordinator*

*Mrs. Mary Freeman*

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### **Contact Information**

Parish Office 124 N. Spring .....708-352-0168  
 St. Francis Xavier Day School .....708-352-2175  
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 Parish Web Site .....www.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 Wednesday .....7:45 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](mailto: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**

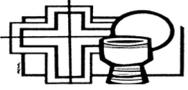
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **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](mailto:nkennedy4@luc.edu).



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—November 17-18, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Q. Shanley P. Shanley C. Grech	C. Cooke D. Dunlap Fekrat K. Kanzer M. Milligan D. Mulvena K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young	M. Duff B. McGovern N. Strayer	G. Adams	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	S. Lindsay J. Kelly R. Hillsman	S. Augustyn M. Hermesdorf N. Kalkowski D. Walsh M. Westerhoff	R. Garcia E. Cushing K. Adams	L. DiGianifilippo	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	K. Hull E. Fix A. Stowe	J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel A. Gargano M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahan D. Nighswander	R. Wheeler T. Newcomb Open	C. Kline	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	N. Madell G. Sbrissa M. Justak	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings L. Egan K. Parisi G. Rutkowski B. Sorice K. Witowski	T. Dudek A. Brown A. Grech	C. Jakubisin	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Muccino	B. Hemminger J. Hamilton M. Dillon	A. Chimento K. Johnson N. L. Kampe Not Filled Not Filled	L. Nowak Q. Filbin Open	T. Pangan	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

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### Readings For The Week of November 11, 2018

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32