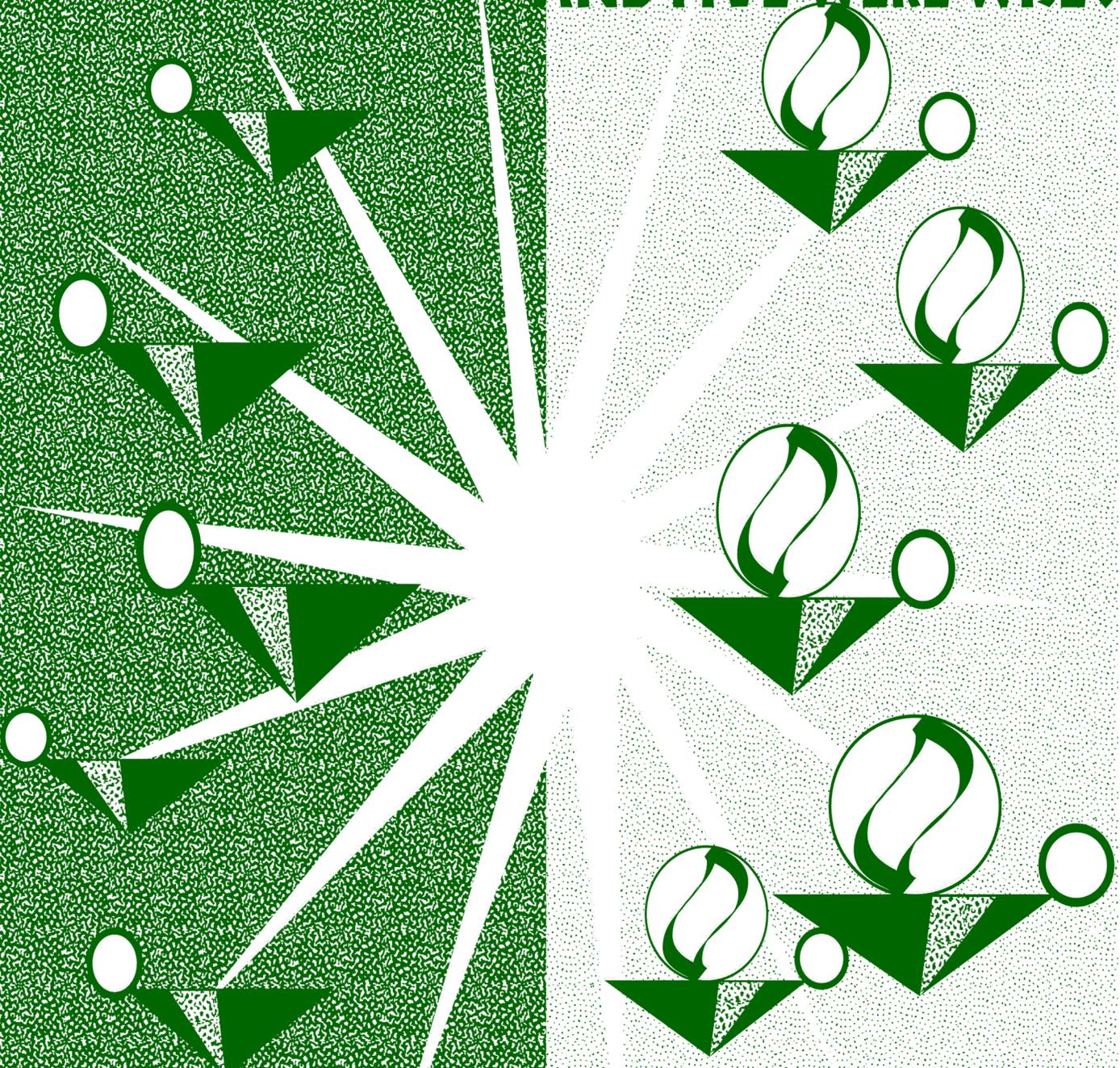


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 12, 2017



**FIVE OF THEM WERE FOOLISH  
AND FIVE WERE WISE.**



**STAY AWAKE, FOR YOU KNOW  
NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR.**

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 13 Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	7:45 am	Raymond Hassler Jessica Barry	Patricia Hassler The Barry Family
	9:00 am	Tom Pantoni Fr. Michael Flynn	Lynn Regan The Filbin Family
Tuesday, November 14	7:45 am	Special Intention Joseph Tomasik	The Driscoll Family
	9:00 am	Michael & Theresa Cipriani August Sundemeier	Diane Cipriani Jim & Grace Zwit
Wednesday, November 15 Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:45 am	Don Cushing Dr. August Freda	Tom & Ellie Carroll The Freda Family
	9:00 am	Loren Courtney Mary Westrick	Barb & Ernie Watts Bob & Marie O'Malley
Thursday, November 16 Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	Helen Hofstetter Mary T. Discipio The Westrick Family	The Hofstetter Family Joe Discipio The Van Gorp Family
Friday, November 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	7:45 am	Janice Kent John & Agnes McAndrews	The SFX Sunshine Committee Monica McAndrews
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, November 18	9:00 am	Mercedes McDonnell Rick Deneweth	The McDonnell Family The Shadle Family
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

## Please Pray For...

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

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.

MY SOUL  
IS THIRSTING  
FOR THE LORD

## Pastor's Notes

*"Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,  
and found by those who seek her."*

Wisdom 6:12

Jesus calls his disciples to stay awake. His message is one of hope, not fear. He uses a parable of a wedding banquet for which the servants are preparing to celebrate when the groom arrives with his new bride. Since the wedding took place in another town, the servants do not know when the bridegroom will arrive. They must remain alert if they want to enter the wedding banquet upon their master's arrival. They must make choices that will help them to stay awake.

Wisdom is the Spirit that dwells within and among us to guide us toward choices that will keep us prepared to welcome the Lord when he comes. The Spirit of Wisdom does not hide from us; we need only seek her to find her. She is God's desire to be with us; a desire planted within our hearts. Wisdom opens our eyes to the needs of our sisters and brothers; wisdom calls us to respond in ways that build up the Body of Christ and so make us more prepared to recognize and welcome Christ in our midst. Wisdom inspires and gives vibrancy to our mission and ministries.

This week all registered parishioners should have received our Parish Annual Report. This year's report celebrates the contributions and time and talent to our mission and ministries, as well as providing a report of our financial status for the parish year that ended on June

30, 2017. We have much for which to be thankful in the past year, including the completion of Unity Hall and the renovation of Joyce Hall and the Gym. We continued to reach out to the hungry and homeless in our community, and to needs well beyond our parish borders. Members of the parish Finance Council are asking you to consider joining the over 300 of us who currently contribute financially to the parish through electronic giving. Take a brochure and stop by Unity Hall this weekend to learn how easy it is. And God bless all forms of your generosity to the parish.

Wisdom speaks through all of us. The Parish Prophetic Plan called for the increased participation of parishioners and development of parish leadership through an extension of the Parish Pastoral Council into four commissions that gather major areas of parish life and ministry. ALL parishioners are invited to the first all-commission gathering this Monday from 7-9 PM in Joyce Hall. A vibrant parish seeks out and listens to the wisdom of all parishioners. Whether currently serving as a leader of a ministry or parish organization, consider adding your voice to the parish conversation.

*Peace,*



## Scripture Reflection

Having recently gotten engaged and starting to make plans for the wedding, this week's Gospel brings up some feelings of stress and anxiety, as half of those meant to meet the bridegroom were not prepared and they disastrously messed up their part to play in the whole affair. What if that happens at my own wedding? Will everything go according to plan and everyone be prepared?

This Sunday's Gospel can be summed up in those two words: be prepared. We don't know for sure the hour in which Jesus will come to us; the best we can do is wait in prayerful anticipation to be prepared when the moment arises. When our neighbor asks for an extra egg to finish their dinner preparations, when the man sitting on the sidewalk begs for help in buying a meal, when the woman is sitting alone in the pew at Mass, we must be prepared to answer the call of Christ to make the kingdom of God present.

*~ Olivia Hollman*

FOR THE LOVE OF



A Holy City for Three Faiths

## *An Interfaith Event*

**Sunday November 12 1:00-3:30pm**

Grace Lutheran Church of La Grange

Come explore what Jerusalem means to Jews, Christians and Muslims

**Rabbi Brant Rosen**



A renowned author, activist and founder of the Tzedek Chicago congregation. Rabbi Rosen is the Regional Director of the American Friends Service Committee. He is the co-founder of the Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council.

**Rev. Mark Swanson**



Rev. Swanson received his doctorate at the Pontifical Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies in Rome and currently serves as professor of Christian-Muslim relations at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

**Sheikh Hassan Aly**



A researcher in theology and comparative religions, author and radio host; Sheikh Hassan Mostafa Aly is the Imam and Director of Religious affairs at The Mecca Center in Willowbrook, Illinois.

**12:15 – 1:00pm** Light Lunch option - **Please RSVP for LUNCH by Nov. 9** online at [gracelg.org/Jerusalem](http://gracelg.org/Jerusalem)

**1:00 – 3:30pm** Guest Speaker Presentations • Round Table Discussions • Q & A

Please RSVP online if you will need CHILDCARE at [gracelg.org/Jerusalem](http://gracelg.org/Jerusalem)

For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Ben at [b.sloss@gracelg.org](mailto:b.sloss@gracelg.org)

**Grace Lutheran Church of La Grange - 200 N. Catherine, La Grange, IL - (708) 352-0730**

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## Electronic Giving

### You can begin today!

Support your parish electronically by enrolling online at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) and clicking the "Donate Online" button. You will be connected to GiveCentral, our electronic giving vendor. Follow the prompts to donate to Sunday Offertory, Food Pantry, Christmas, and more!

**GIVING OPTIONS:** Choose the method of your donation:

- 1) Enter your bank account information or
- 2) Enter a credit or debit card of your choice.

Schedule recurring gifts or make a one-time gift at any time.

**ENROLLMENT:** Creating an account on GiveCentral is simple. After you choose the item (or items) to which you would like to donate, click on "Complete Profile" during the checkout process and fill in your contact and payment information. Registration on GiveCentral ensures that your donations are attributed to your giving record and allows you to access a list of your donations at any time.

**QUESTIONS:** Please call Jane Bandyk at (708) 352-0168 or GiveCentral directly at (312) 929-2306.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN YOUR PARISH INVESTMENT

Please consider the following for increasing your investment in SFX Parish ministries:

- ◆ Locate your current investment.
- ◆ Prayerfully consider investing an additional **4% or more.**

#### CURRENT INVESTMENT

#### WITH INVESTMENT INCREASE...

	2.5%	4.0%	5.0%	7.0%
\$ 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

## Your Parish Finances



Prior Month's Offerings:	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	=	Total
October 2017	\$ 44,367		\$ 78,972		\$ 123,339
October 2016	\$ 38,933		\$ 84,794		\$ 123,727

Note: Both October 2016 and 2017 contained 5 Sundays.

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

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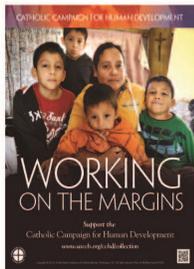


### Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

*"Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow." —Isaiah 1:17*

CCHD empowers the poor by funding organizations that:

- Equip residents to address violence in their neighborhoods
- Secure protections for vulnerable workers
- Defend the rights of seniors, immigrants, and those with disabilities



Please support the CCHD collection on November 18 & 19

To learn more and donate online, visit [www.CCHDchicago.org](http://www.CCHDchicago.org)

#### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

3525 South Lake Park Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60653

312.534.3891 | [eyoung@archchicago.org](mailto:eyoung@archchicago.org)



### 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.*

### 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!



**In honor of Thanksgiving**

**There will be a 10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass in Church.**

**The Rectory will be**

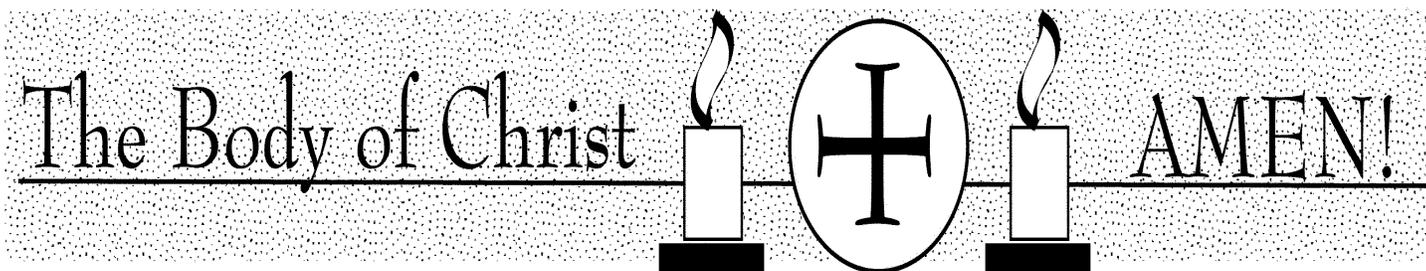
**Closing**  
Wednesday, November 22nd @ 5pm

**Reopening**  
Saturday, November 25th @ 9am

### Workbooks for Lector 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. Please let the receptionist know your name so that we can check your name off our list.

We ask that you take only one book per family. Thank you.



# Commissions Restart **GET TOGETHER**

Mon., November 13th, 7:30—9:00 PM, Joyce Hall

On **Monday, November 13th, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM**, the Parish Pastoral Council and parishioners from all ministries (Spirituality / Worship, Parish Life, Human Concerns and Education & Formation) will initiate the first convening of all the new Revised Commission model **Parish Leaders, Ministers, Volunteers & All Interested Parishioners** are welcome. Our agenda includes:

- ◆ Opening prayer and Fr. Bill's vision of the Parish Pastoral Council in 2018
- ◆ Key note topic for the evening will be "How Can we be more Welcoming as a Parish?"
- ◆ Breakout discussions within the individual Commissions
- ◆ Report back with a short synopsis of your findings

*Please RSVP to the Rectory 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.*

SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP

*Linda Hillsman*

PARISHIONER, CANCER SURVIVOR, AUTHOR, CRHP SISTER  
PRESENTS

*Faith and Fitness  
Trusting God's Plan*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

9:30AM COFFEE

10:00AM PRESENTATION

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
124 N. SPRING AVENUE  
LA GRANGE  
EAST RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
RSVP TO THE RECTORY 708-352-0168

# Preschool

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](mailto:jcourier@sfxlg.org) for more information or to be placed on the distribution list for applications.

## 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 dates:

February 21, 2018

May 16, 2018

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.

## Family Ministry



### November

A parish-wide Thanksgiving Pie Drive, benefitting our SFX Food Pantry, will take place at masses the weekend of November 18<sup>th</sup>. The food pantry is trying to reach a goal of 150 non-refrigerated pies for Thanksgiving. We are looking for 10 families to **help deliver** pies to **home bound** seniors and **spend 30 minutes visiting and socializing with them**. Please let us know if you are interested in helping us and email Ana Dimailig [apd3@core.com](mailto:apd3@core.com) to rsvp to the event.



## 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!

Our all-school **Open House is January 28, 2018**. The "Gym Fair" at the Main Campus will showcase all clubs and extracurricular activities, and teachers will be in their class rooms at both campuses to answer any questions you may have.

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

**SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:**  
[www.youthministry.sfxlg.org](http://www.youthministry.sfxlg.org)

**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 22, 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](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) to sign up!

**God's Garage Open Hours**

God's Garage will be open weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm. I (Olivia) will be there during these times with snacks if anyone would like to stop by and say hi, use the space to hang out with friends, do homework, etc. I have set this time up as an opportunity to get to know the teens and parents of St. Francis. Don't be afraid to stop by!

**Fretus Identity Retreat: Choices**



Calling all freshmen and sophomores! We have a retreat just for YOU! This year, St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus (formerly Fretus Retreat) are also joining with St. John of the Cross (formerly Identity Retreat) to create the Fretus Identity Retreat. Join us for a weekend

of reflection on choices, transitions, relationships with others and God, and of course, FUN! The retreat is January 12-14, 2018. More information and registration can be found on the Youth Ministry website under Retreats. For more information contact Olivia Hollman at [ohollman@sfxlg.org](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338.

**We're on social media!**



Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Search "St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!

~ *Olivia Hollman*

**Religious Education  
Important Dates & Class Dates**

Sunday, November 12	Class
	Toy Shower
Wednesday, November 15	Class
	Toy Shower
Sunday, November 19	No Class
Wednesday, November 22	No Class
Sunday, November 26	No Class
Wednesday, November 29	No Class

**Upcoming Events**

**Eucharistic Liturgies**

Grade 4          Mass          November 12~Noon

**Grade 2 First Eucharist Parent Meeting**

Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm in Church

**Grade 4 Reconciliation Parent Meeting**

Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm in Church

**Toy Shower**

November 12 and November 15  
Collection of Toys (all week)  
November 19  
Toy Delivery



**Pope Francis Wants To Hear From Young People!**

To prepare for the upcoming international Synod on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment," the Holy Father wants [online feedback](#) from all youth and young adults, ages 16 to 29, from around the world, regardless of how active they are in the practice of the faith.

**HELP POPE FRANCIS HEAR YOUR VOICE.**

Youth and young adults, ages 16 to 29, are invited to go online and fill out the Vatican survey:  
<https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>

*The online survey is open until November 30, 2017.*

*The results of the online survey will be part of the international listening process that will help Pope Francis and the world's bishops better understand the realities, hopes, and concerns of youth and young adults in preparation for the 2018 Synod.*

More details about the Synod process, including links to the preparatory document and the pope's messages to youth and young adults, can be found on the [official Synod website](#).

## Christmas Eve Masses Schedule For Children in Church

This year, on Christmas Eve, we will once again celebrate 3:00 and 5:00 liturgies planned for children. Again, tickets will be issued to parishioners for these two masses. These tickets will be available in church on the Monday evening after Thanksgiving.

### On Monday, November 27

1. Doors of church will open at **5:30 pm**.
2. Know the Mass for which you want tickets. As you enter church, obtain a number for that Mass.
3. You will be asked to sit in numerical order, beginning with the last row in church.
4. At **6:00** a drawing will decide the first number that will be called for picking up tickets. Following the number decided by the drawing, all numbers after this first number will be called in consecutive order.
5. Anyone coming in after the beginning number is picked will be given a different set of numbers, which will be called numerically AFTER the initial numbers have been exhausted.

**There is no need for anyone to arrive earlier than 5:30 pm. A drawing will decide the number that begins the distribution of tickets. The drawing will take place at 6:00 pm.**

## Christmas Eve Masses at Motherhouse Chapel

Immediately after the distribution of tickets for 3:00 and 5:00 masses in church, taking place on November 27th, we will distribute the tickets for the Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel. **This year you will only need tickets for the 3:00 mass at the Motherhouse.**

Please arrive at church at 6:30 pm and we will follow the exact same procedure as above.

**No need to arrive earlier than 6:30 pm, as distribution will begin at 6:45 pm.**



## The Christmas Wafer

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available in the Rectory during office hours Monday through Friday 9:00 am until 8:30 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Sunday between 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.



The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.

The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

## The Giving Tree

Please help make Christmas a special time of year for families supported by our sharing parish, St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago as well as some outreach organizations in our community. Giving Tree tags will be available after all masses on **December 3 and 4.**



**Wrapped gifts with gift tags affixed to them, need to be returned by noon on Sunday, December 11** so that we can deliver them to St. Agatha's who will distribute them to members of their community that afternoon. We are grateful for your generous support of this annual Christmas tradition sponsored by the QUEST teens of our parish.

If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Hollman at [ohollman@sfxlg.org](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338.





The EnlightIN Communications Team is looking for people with



to help enhance the SFX website and Facebook pages, and document the life of the parish over the past 25 years. If you can help in any of the ways listed below, please contact Kate DeVries, [kdevries@sfxlg.org](mailto:kdevries@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.

- Photographers
- Video takers
- Web, Facebook & Twitter users
- Interviewers
- Writers
- Video editors

## A Call To Ministry

A new year with new challenges! What about that nagging feeling deep in your hearts? Is God calling you to be more fully a part of the ministries here at SFX? Have you thought that maybe you'd like to minister to those assembled as an extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? As a Eucharistic Minister, you would be a sign and carrier of Eucharistic joy. Please consider His call to serve our parish in this way.

At SFX we are in need of ministers especially at the 10:30AM and Noon Masses. To discuss the possibility of becoming a member of this ministry please contact either David at [d2rsherman@aol.com](mailto:d2rsherman@aol.com) or George at [Grutkowski@aol.com](mailto:Grutkowski@aol.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).

## 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).



**Practicing Peace:** an hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets Mondays twice a month; next session is Monday, November 13 from 11:00 am-Noon.

**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, 9:00 am-Noon. Cosponsored by SFX and SJC; free to parishioners.

*Mark your December calendars for two outstanding programs:*

**Jack Shea & Kathy Sherman, CSJ: Seeing Haloes** During this Advent morning of reflection, Jack will share his poetry and Kathy her songs, opening our hearts and bringing us into Christmas memories we may have forgotten and experiences we may have overlooked. Saturday, December 9, 9:00 am-Noon. Cosponsored by SFX and SJC; free to parishioners.

**The Shock of Advent, Pat Bergen, CSJ** As we are drawn more deeply into Advent and Christmas something wonderful is beginning to dawn on us. When it comes to light, everything changes. If you can't figure out what is happening in the world and you are tired of walking around in the dark, join us! Offered twice: Monday, December 18, 7:00-8:30 pm and Tuesday, December 19 from 9:30-11:00 am. Cosponsored by SFX and SJC; free to parishioners.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. To register: 708-482-5048 or [thewell@csjoseph.org](mailto:thewell@csjoseph.org); [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org).

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



PRESENTS



## 9<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 19, 2017 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 Janine Aquino and Ava Nicastro)

**3:00-3:50 pm** ~ *Hip Hop Party* ~ Fun music, fun moves, it's a party! (Taught by Kayla Kurns)

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.**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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!



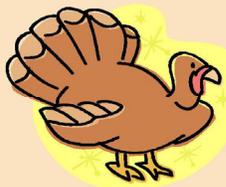
## Interfaith Career Network

### Impress to Connect

Please join us on Thursday, November 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Our speaker this evening is former ICN member, Laura Cognato. Laura has walked the walk; she understands first hand what many job seekers experience in their search. Laura was between positions and hadn't been on a single interview in more than a year. Two years ago she faced the "FourFecta" of job search hurdles when she discovered a new approach that led her to interview with 16 companies and get 3 job offers within 90 days. Laura will share the "Impress to Connect" strategies she used to land her dream job. You will learn proven tools and tactics to apply to your job search. Learn from Laura at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. There is no cost to attend 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).



# Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle 2017

- ◆ 16 \$25 Turkey/Ham Gift Certificates to be given away
- ◆ Raffle Tickets Just \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5

Drawing **Monday, November 20, 2017**  
Winners contacted **Tues, November 21**

For more info contact Mike Hattie by phone, text or email  
708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com)



## Christmas Cards For Prisoners



Please sign a Christmas card (*first name only*) and place in the box in the church vestibule. This is the only card many prisoners receive; it means so very much to them.

- Do not use cards with stickers, glue, paste, tape or glitter. Prison regulations will not allow such items.
- Do not enclose anything.
- Do not seal the envelopes.
- Please keep stamps in a separate envelope. Do not attach to the envelope.
- Do not use cards that talk about novenas or masses.
- Many cards will be sent to People of Color. Please use cards that represent a diverse population.
- Please return cards to the vestibule **no later than Today Sunday, November 12.**

## AARP Tax-Aide Needs Volunteers for the 2018 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 2018 filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member nor 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, 2018. 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 is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older.

To volunteer: [www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_tax\\_aide/](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_tax_aide/) or call St. Cletus parishioner, John Wagner, at 708-352-0170 for further details.

## Craft Show and Bake Sale St. Barbara Parish Center 4015 Prairie Avenue in Brookfield Saturday, November 18 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Admission is Free.  
Children are Welcome.  
Lunch is available

### Crafters Wanted

Display your handmade craft items at St. Barbara Craft Show & Bake Sale. Please call Alicia at 708-485-2502 for information.



Sponsored by St. Barbara Council of Catholic Women.  
Proceeds to help the Food Pantry and other church sponsored programs.



*please join us*

**"Tis the Season to be Grateful**  
*fashion show*

**Thursday, November 16th**

The St. John of the Cross Women's Club Fashion show is November 16 at Drury Lane. Join us!

Visit [www.stjohnofthecross.org/fashionshow](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/fashionshow) for details and to order tickets.

## Annual Pancake Breakfast



The Robert E. Coulter Jr. American Legion Post in LaGrange is hosting its Annual Pancake Breakfast at their Post home, 900 South LaGrange Road on Sunday, November 19. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice and milk will be served from 8:00 am until noon. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12 and children 3 and under eat free.

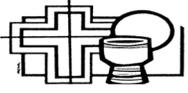


## Please Pray For...all those serving in the military including:

- **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 Tchaikovsky Family
- **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

**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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

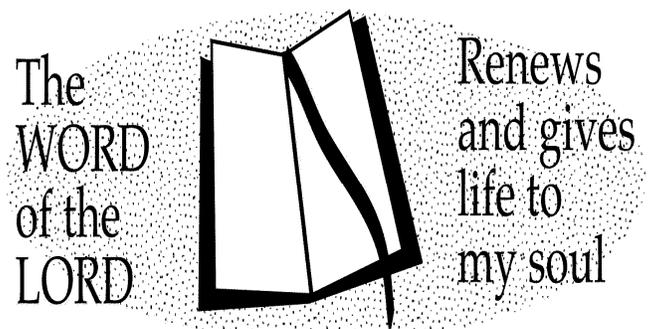


## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—November 18-19, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	B. Bock M. Kanzer H. Fitzpatrick	S. Devitt K. Kanzer J. Kelly D. Mulvenna K. Murphy K. Preussner A. Saladino P. Saladino Not Filled	T. Duffy A. McCarty	A. Cherry	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	B. Farnan R. Hillsman S. Lindsay	N. Kalkowski P. Olson K. Stetz D. Walsh M. Westerhoff	N. Gannon M. Hayford T. Dudek	G. Adams	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	B. Olson E. Fix M. Lukanich	R. Barker C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast D. Sherman J. Sosnowski T. Urchell J. Van Gorp L. Weyrauch	P. Shanley R. Wheeler K. Smith	C. Kline	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Muccino	B. Boyd E. Anderson M. Atseff	A. Clark J. Clark M. P. Flaherty A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak L. Ovník	H. Lisek L. Nowak B. McGovern	B. Kalnes	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	J. Gatsos D. Lewis I. Havenaar	A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann K. Johnson M. K. Pasin	A. Sullivan C. McLaughlin H. Labrador	L. Hoigard	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	B. Dunne L. Wojcik	E. Cushing E. O'Hara K. Niedermeyer M. Niedermeyer S. Wojcik		Spirit Choir	

### Readings For The Week of November 12, 2017

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13  
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10  
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25  
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37  
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8  
 Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/  
 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Weekend Sacramental Ministers  
Weekend Sacramental Ministers

*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
*Rev. William Killeen*  
*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
*Dr. Kate DeVries*  
*Rev. Stan Ilo*  
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Assistant Principal  
Assistant to Day School Principal  
Day School Secretary (Main Campus)  
Day School Secretary (East Campus)  
Coordinator (East Campus)  
Advancement Director  
Tuition Accounts  
Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep  
Religious Education Office Staff  
Religious Education Office Staff

*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
*Mrs. Peggy Evans*  
*Mrs. Kathie Kinahan*  
*Mrs. Margaret Houston*  
*Mrs. Jennifer Courier*  
*Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft*  
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### Music Ministry

Director

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### Parish Office Staff

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Parish Accountant  
Pastor's Secretary  
Parish Secretary  
Staff Secretary

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*Mrs. Maureen Pipal*  
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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

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*Mrs. Mary Freeman*

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### **Contact Information**

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School of Religious Education .....708-352-4555  
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Main Religious Education e-Mail.....sfxreligious@sfxlg.org  
Parish Web Site .....www.sfxlg.org

### **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 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 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.