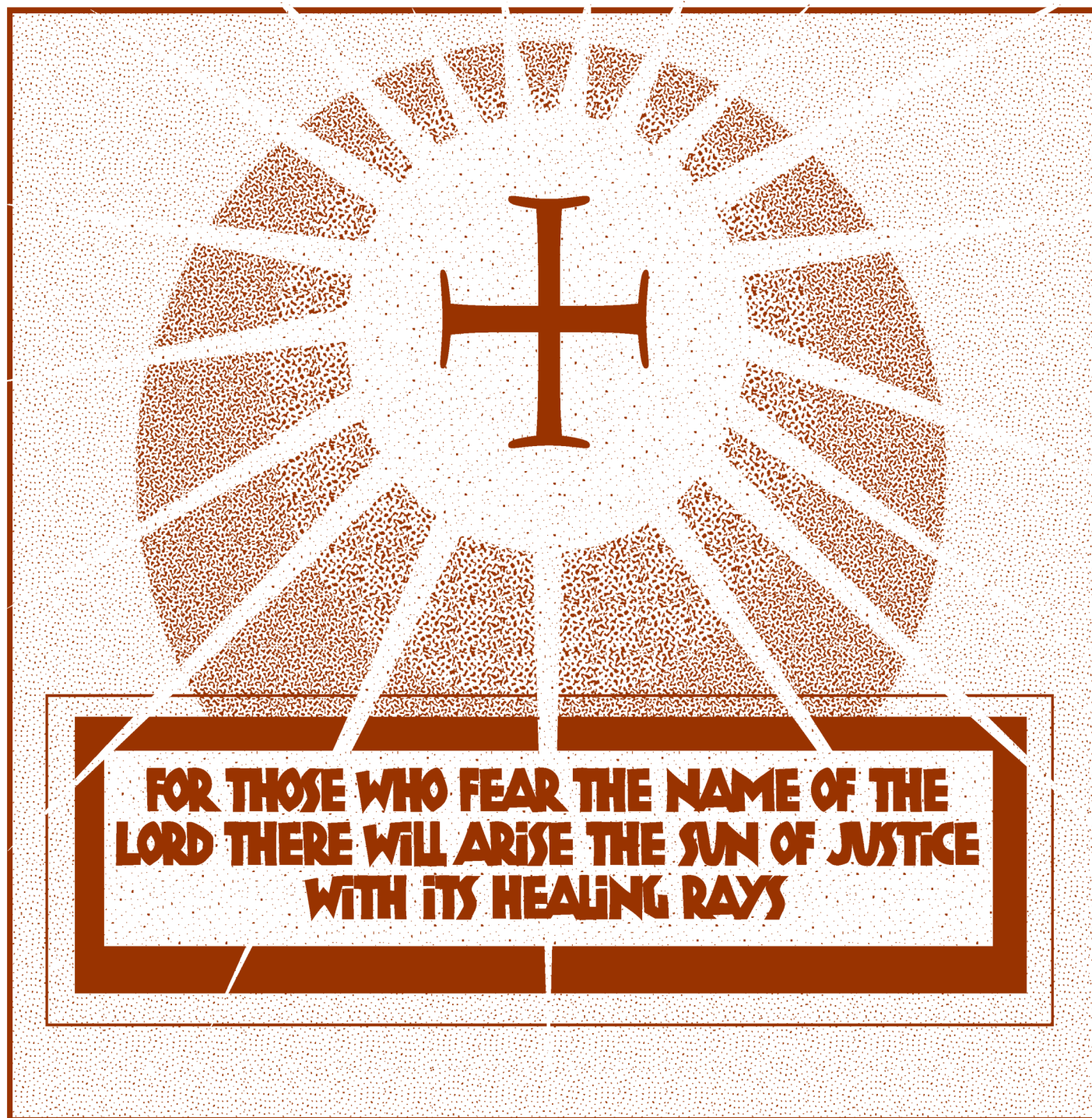


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 17, 2019**



**FOR THOSE WHO FEAR THE NAME OF THE  
LORD THERE WILL ARISE THE SUN OF JUSTICE  
WITH ITS HEALING RAYS**

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 18	8:30 am	Mercedes McDonnell	The McDonnell Family
Tuesday, November 19	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	The Templeton & Costello Families
	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Frank & Helen Rizzo	
Wednesday, November 20	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Thursday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	Rosemary Lucas The Sobczak & Kane Families
	8:30 am	Bernadine Genis	
Friday, November 22 Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	8:30 am	Giuseppe Caprara	Donna Campeglia
Saturday, November 23	9:00 am	John Kelly	Pat & Tom Lester
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	3:00 pm	Wedding~Claire Mayo & Erik Soderstrom	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, November 24	7:30 am	Tom Owens	The Kanzer Family
		Judy Boyce	The Shanley Family
	9:00 am	Elizabeth Gouchoe	Jennifer & Bob Driscoll
	10:30 am	Jim Olmstead	The Foster Family
	12:00 pm	Sylvia Klepec	Double K Services
	6:00 pm	Bobbie Noonan	Bob & Jennifer Driscoll

## Please Pray For...

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

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

## Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families:

### *Jim Boardman*

Husband of Meg Kelly and  
Father of Claire & Eleanor

### *Raymond Wielgos*

Husband of Joan and  
Father of Jeffrey and the late William

### *Diane Bell*

Mother of Lisa, Mother-in-Law of John,  
Grandmother of Nora & Jack and  
Cousin of Jerry Spearman

## Weddings



Claire Mayo & Erik Soderstrom

## Pastor's Notes

*There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.*  
Malachi 3:20

**How and when will the world as we know it come to an end?** Poets, prophets, writers, scientists, and philosophers all have offered their version of the “end of the world.” The prophet Malachi speaks of a purifying fire that will destroy all that is evil, leaving neither root nor branch. For residents of much of California, this may be a terrifying image; one they have experienced too clearly in recent years. Most of us respect and may fear the destructive power of fire. Yet we often fail to realize its power to purify and renew. Forests rely upon fires to clear brush and other growth that can stifle the healthy growth of the strongest plants and trees. Without that “natural” rhythm, overgrowth both threatens the healthy trees and plants and provides fuel for potentially catastrophic fires. The spiritual challenge is for us to be ready and willing for that purifying fire that encourages growth so as to avoid the destructive fire that comes when we hold on to things too tightly and/or insist on keeping things “as they are” rather than surrendering to the natural rhythms of life on earth and in the Spirit.

There will come a day when the universe, or our planet, or life as we know it, or our individual lives will come to an end. Autumn time in our part of the world surrounds us with the images of the earth passing from green through a beautiful burst of color to the browns and grays

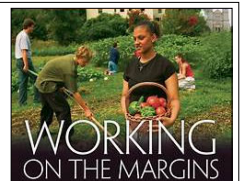
of winter. Yet in faith we view this as a time of transformation that will lead to new life. We plant the bulbs of tulips and daffodils before the ground freezes in hope of the spring thaw that will bring new color to the earth. We decorate our homes with bright lights to celebrate the light of Christ in the midst of winter's darkness. We acknowledge the sadness of the death of a loved one and the mixture of tears and joy that come with calling them to mind and heart. Yet we also celebrate their lives and give thanks for our connection with them as they, who gather at the banquet feast of heaven, *surround us* when we glimpse that feast around the altar of Eucharist.

**Death is not the end of the story of faith.** Scripture in these final weeks of the Church year confronts us with reminders that the world as we know it is only part of our journey and not our destiny. When life as we know it comes to its end, we will enter the fullness of life that now we only know by faith. We embrace the joys and sorrows of the present moment even as we look forward to the signs that the healing and purifying rays of the sun of justice, *the Son of Justice*, have begun to shine upon us.

Peace,

*J. Bill*

### Catholic Campaign For Human Development



On November 24, 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).



### Pies Needed For Our Food Pantry



A parish-wide Thanksgiving Pie Drive, benefitting our SFX Food Pantry, will take place at masses on November 23 and 24. Pies can be dropped off at side altars. The Food Pantry hopes to collect 120 store bought non-refrigerated apple and pumpkin pies. Thank you for your generosity!

raise your voices in  
**THANKSGIVING**  
to the LORD



# YULE FLIP

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

### Sunday, December 15th



Please help our cooks  
by selecting from below  
an expected time of  
your arrival:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Admission \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Children 12 & under \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

Seniors 65 & older \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total =** \_\_\_\_\_

8 am - 8:30 am

8:30 am - 9 am

9:30 am - 10 am

10:30 am - 11 am

11 am - 11:45 am

Please return this form with payment Cash or Checks (payable to St. Francis Xavier Parish)  
to the Rectory by December 12th. Any questions contact the Rectory @ 708-352-0168

### Save The Date



# Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight Service

St. Francis Xavier Church  
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

**Saturday, January 4, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Featuring the...

*SFX Children's Choir, Celebration Ensemble, Gallery Choir, and Instrumentalists*

# **IT'S BACK!**

## **The St. Francis Xavier Parish presents: YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST (in Joyce Hall)**

**Sunday, December 15th - 8 a.m. to Noon (last seating at 11:45 a.m.)**

**Purchase Tickets for Breakfast time at [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org) OR**



**see order form on opposite page**

**Admission: \$10**

**Children (12 and under): \$5 - Seniors (65 and older): \$7**

### **Featuring Santa's Workshop (in Gym)**

**Join Santa Claus & Buddy  
the Elf in Santa's  
DIY Workshops and Photos  
at 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

- **Cookie Decorating (\$1)**
- **Holiday Canvas Painting (\$5)**
- **Decorate and Plant  
a Tree-in-a-Pot (\$5)**
- **Hand-craft Christmas  
Cards for Community (FREE)**

Please note workshop fees are separate  
from breakfast and determined  
by workshop vendors.



**SHHHHH, I HEARD SANTA WILL BE THERE!**

**Sponsored by the SFX Social Committee  
and the**



## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES AT ALEXINE CHAPEL

On Christmas Eve, we will celebrate Masses at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM at the Alexine Chapel (formerly the Motherhouse Chapel). **We will not issue tickets for the 5:00 PM Mass.** However, we need to respect the Chapel seating capacity of 800 persons. We have been able to accommodate everyone who has chosen to attend this Mass in recent years.

**The 3:00 PM Mass continues to push us beyond the capacity of the Alexine Chapel. Therefore, we will return to the practice of issuing tickets for the 3:00 PM Mass only. We will distribute these tickets on Monday evening, December 2.** Please tell your friends and others who plan to attend the 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at the Alexine Chapel that admission will be by ticket only.

The procedure for obtaining tickets for this Mass:

1. Church doors will open on Monday, December 2 at 5:30 PM.
2. As you enter church, obtain a numbered stub from a volunteer.
3. Stubs will be given out in numerical order. You will be asked to sit in that same numerical order, beginning with the last row in church.
4. At 6:00 PM, a drawing will determine the numbered stub that begins the distribution process. We will proceed in numerical order from that point to the last stub given out at the door; then continuing with the first number given out as long as tickets remain.
5. If you arrive after 6:00 PM, you will receive a stub in a new series of numbers; these will be called AFTER all of the initial numbers have been called.

**Please do not arrive earlier than  
5:30 PM on December 2.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AT PARISH CHURCH

On Christmas Eve, we will again celebrate two Masses in the church at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM. These two Masses are planned for families with younger children. Again this year, **tickets will not be issued** for these two Masses. Each Mass will be broadcast into Unity Hall to accommodate those for whom seating in church is unavailable.

We hope to be able to accommodate everyone comfortably. However, we advise everyone that **the 3:00 PM Mass usually is filled to capacity.** Unity Hall will be standing room only and may not be conducive to adults without children or to families with children older than 6.

Please plan accordingly.

**Christmas Blessings!**

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

### The Christmas Wafer

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available in the Rectory during office hours Monday through Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm, Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm and on Sunday between 9:00 am-1:00 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.

### SPRED Christmas Liturgy

Please join the St. Francis Xavier SPRED group on Sunday, December 8 at the 6:00 pm. Mass for the SPRED Christmas liturgy. This Mass will incorporate some of the special ways our SPRED group celebrates liturgy. Come experience our unique way to celebrate God's love for us all.

*Retired Men's Group* of St. Francis Xavier Parish



**John Madden, Sr.**  
Presents  
Changes & Challenges  
in the Banking Industry

Wednesday, November 20th  
Coffee @ 10:00am  
Presentation @ 10:30am  
Unity Hall  
Lunch @ 11:30am  
Court Yard Room

RSVP by Monday, November 18th  
to the Rectory 708-352-0168

*Senior Women's Group*



*Sr. Marianne Race*

*Advent: The Gift We Receive*

*BEFORE Christmas*

December 5, 2019

Coffee @ 9:00 am

Presentation @ 9:30 am

St. Francis Xavier Parish Unity Hall  
124 North Spring Avenue  
La Grange, IL 60525  
No RSVP required

**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:

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Joseph Enright at [joseph\\_owen@hotmail.com](mailto:joseph_owen@hotmail.com).

## Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

### Toy Shower

Collection~November 17 and November 20  
(all week)

Toy Delivery~November 24

**Grade 2 First Eucharist Parent Meeting**  
Monday, November 18 at 7:00 pm in Church

### Class Dates

Sunday, November 17	Class
Wednesday, November 20	Class
Sunday, November 24	No Class
Wednesday, November 27	No Class
Sunday, December 1	No Class
Wednesday, December 4	No Class
Sunday, December 8	Class

(8th Grade Speaker December 8 at 3:30 pm in Joyce Hall  
No Class for 8th Grade on 12/8 & 12/11.

All expected to be present for Speaker Event with Bill Johnson

Wednesday, December 11	Class
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Sunday, December 15	Class
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Pajama Day

Wednesday, December 18	Class
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Pajama Day

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

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

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

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

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

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



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT for 2020-2021

Registration Begins **NOV 18<sup>th</sup>**

Call 708-352-2175 for **INFORMATION** or a **SCHOOL TOUR**

PreSchool 3 through 8th Grade - **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**  
Centered in Catholic values of **PRAYER, LEARNING & SERVICE**  
Onsite Before & After School Care for full day students

**We Pray, We Learn, We Serve**

[www.SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL](http://www.SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL)



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



### Summer Mission Trip

Teens...Mark your calendars! The 2020 Summer Mission Trip will be to Detroit, MI through Young Neighbors in

Action. We will leave in the morning on Sunday, June 21 and return in the evening on Friday, June 26. Anyone who is in high school during the 2019-20 school year is eligible to participate. Registration forms will be available soon, so keep your eyes open!

Parents, older siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents...Mark your calendar! We will be needing adult chaperones for the Mission Trip. To be a chaperone, you must be at least 21 and Virtus trained. Contact Olivia Zurowski at [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 with questions or if you are interested.

### 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 the weekend of **December 7 and 8.**



**Wrapped gifts with gift tags affixed to them, can start to be dropped off on December 14 & 15. You can also bring them to the Yule Flip!** But they are due by December 22 before the 12:00 pm Mass, 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 Zurowski at [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x338.

### Donate Blood

Give the Gift of Blood This Fall Season of Giving

SFX Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 26

3:30-6:30 pm

Joyce Hall

145 North Waiola Avenue

LaGrange



To schedule your appointment

[www.versiti.org/Illinois](http://www.versiti.org/Illinois). Or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE. Appointments preferred, walk-ins are welcome! Questions on eligibility? Please call 1-800-7TO-GIVE. Bring Photo ID.

Donors will receive a \$10 eGift Card!



### Volunteer Drivers Needed To Transport Older Adults

Can you spare an hour or more a week to drive an older adult? Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships and is expanding to the suburbs west of these townships. Volunteers provide accompanied transportation to medical appointments, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, hairdresser, and church. There is no cost to clients and donations are accepted, if able. Contact ICP at 708-354-9328 for a volunteer application and visit them on the web at [InterfaithCommunityPartners.org](http://InterfaithCommunityPartners.org). They provide training and work around your busy life!

### Become A Hospital Volunteer



Are you interested in meeting new people, increasing your activity or feeling a new sense of purpose, then become a volunteer at Hinsdale or LaGrange Medical Centers. You can apply on line at [www.amitahealth.com/volunteer](http://www.amitahealth.com/volunteer). You can also call the Hinsdale Campus at 630-856-4000 or the LaGrange Campus at 708-245-8103 and ask to speak to the volunteer office. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

# Stewardship: *Share with love*



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



*A way of life*

## Stewardship Intention Form Update

**Thank you** to the 85+ parishioners/families who have returned a Stewardship Intention Form. We are still in need of more volunteers for **all** ministries but especially for the following:

Bereavement Ministry  
Edythe Gardening  
Funeral Sacristans  
Greeters  
Peace & Justice  
Respect Life  
Social Committee  
Welcome Committee

If you would like to complete this form online, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFXStewardship](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFXStewardship)  
or focus your smartphone camera on this QR code to open [surveymonkey.com](http://surveymonkey.com).





**The Well Spirituality Center  
1515 Ogden Avenue  
LaGrange Park**

**God as Us – the Sacred Feminine  
and the Sacred Masculine**

On Wednesdays, November 20 and December 4; 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Based on a DVD presentation by Richard Rohr, OFM and Cynthia Bourgeault, this program is designed to help participants open their inner eyes and ears to insights taught in the Christian Scriptures. Topic for Nov. 20: Passion as a Dangerous Word/Anointing. Cost: \$15 per session.

**Where is the House of God?  
And how do We Live when We Find It?**

On Monday, December 2 from 7:00- 8:30 pm and repeated Tuesday, December 3 from 10:00-11:30 am. Wouldn't it be great to live in God's House? Christmas celebrates the indwelling of God within all of creation. We think God is far away – but God's house is all around us. Facilitated by Pat Bergen, CSJ. Cost: Free for members of SJC and SFX (parish co-sponsors).

**Enneagram – Type 3 (The Performer)**

On Thursday, December 5 from 7:00–8:30 pm. Adaptable, Excelling, Driven, Image-Conscious do you know anyone like this? In this session you'll hear from a panel of Type 3s and find out what makes them tick. Cost: \$15.

**Village Vocal Chords Concert,  
Sneak Peek, and Yuletide Cheer**

On Sunday, December 8 there will be a Sneak Peek of The Well at 3:00 pm with the Concert starting at 3:00 pm. We loved them last year, and they're coming back! The Village Vocal Chords, an all-women's choir, has won awards both in the U.S. and abroad. Their Christmas concert has it all. Come early to get a look at The Well's new digs. And after the concert, stick around for some delicious Yuletide treats. Cost: \$10.

**To register:**

**[www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048**

**The Comboni Missionaries  
of LaGrange Park**

*Ask you to join them  
in celebrating over 150 years as a  
Congregation!*

*18th Annual Dinner Dance  
Honoring  
Joseph A. Russo*

*Saturday, November 30, 2019  
6:00 in the evening at Manzo's Bamquets  
1571 South Elmhurst Road  
Des Plaines, IL*

*Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment &  
Dancing,  
Cash Raffle & Silent Auction*

*\$75 Donation per Dinner Ticket*

**Please call the Comboni Mission Center  
at 708-354-1999 for tickets or more information**

*All proceeds to benefit the work of the  
Comboni Missionaries,  
both in the Chicagoland area,  
and around the world.*

**Interfaith Career Network**

**Keeping A Positive Focus**

**While Coping with Change**

In a job search? Contemplating a job search or a career change? Frenzied at the thought of the holidays? We all face many changes and challenges in our life. Join us on Thursday, November 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm and learn more about the timely topic of coping with change. Our speaker, Dr. Joe Yount will focus on some helpful coping strategies and the development of positive thinking as it relates to our expectations. Dr. Yount is a lifelong resident of LaGrange and a recently retired Veterans Administration Psychologist. Please join us and learn more about how you can better cope with change at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no charge to attend.



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—  
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—  
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and  
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **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 Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,  
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- **Rob Parisi, PV2, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack  
and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...  
and please let us know when friends and loved ones  
return from their deployment Overseas.  
Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

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### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm  
 Friday ..... 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
 Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm  
 Sunday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

### **Sabbath Liturgy**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and  
 (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass  
 Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm  
 The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the  
 tabernacle prayer area.

### **Liturgy Schedule**

Monday through Friday .....8:30 am  
 Saturday .....9:00 am  
**St. Cletus** (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am  
**St. John of the Cross** (Monday - Saturday).....9:00 am

### **Bulletin Deadline**

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

### **Domestic Violence Resources**

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
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### **Food Pantry**

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

### **Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls**

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

### **Infant Baptisms**

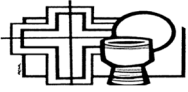
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **Marriage**

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

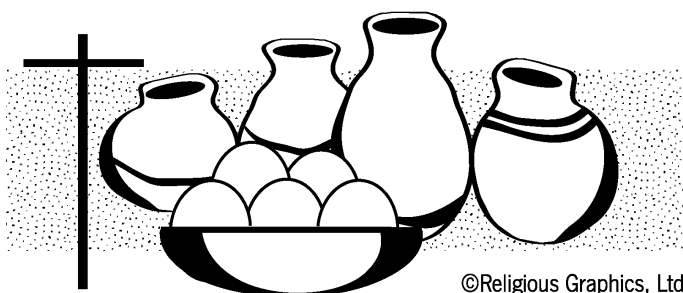
### **Parish Counselor**

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—November 23 & 24, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	K. Murphy D. Mulvenna E. Kudia	J. Denson T. Conwell K. Corrigan D. Dunlap S. Devitt C. Witt L. Young Open Open	A. Culin D. Dudek Open		R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	D. Walsh J. Van Gorp G. Rutkowski	S. Augustyn N. Kalkowski S. Hayes T. Nichol P. Olson	E. Siffermann J. O'Halloran J. Nisivaco		C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Barrett	E. Fix T. Gannon L. Nichol	A. Gargano M. Branecki V. Bracht L. Hill L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon D. Sherman T. Urchell	A. Grech A. Grech B. Gannon		D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Atseff S. Lastres T. Serafin	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings L. Egan M. P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn O. Lastres	A. Edwards N. Edwards E. Justak		M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	T. Bezouska L. Freda B. Hemminger	N. Dekoker L. Donegan B. Edelmann Open Open	E. Geraghty M. Doyle Open		J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Stenzel	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



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### **Readings For The Week of November 17, 2019**

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19  
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28  
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-20/Lk 19:41-44  
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48  
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20-27-40  
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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