

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 19, 2017**



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 20	7:45 am	Clay Vance John Gannon	Donna M. Campeglia The Lenti Family
	9:00 am	Helen & Frank Rizzo JoAnn Kelly	The Templeton & Costello Families The Kelly Family
Tuesday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:45 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Don Cushing	The Schrack Family Barbara Marshall
	9:00 am	Joan & Ned Devitt Bernardine Genis Carlo Zoppa	The Devitt & Groya Families Rosemary Lucas Dr. Joel & Francine Richman
Wednesday, November 22 Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	7:45 am	Connie Thoms Bill Riordan	Sheila & Larry Schiffler Deanne & Rich Kozlowski
	9:00 am	Robert Witte	The Dimailig Family
Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbott, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr	10:00 am	For the Parishioners of St. Francis	
Friday, November 24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	7:45 am	Joe Siebert Barbara J. Solomon	The Hofstetter Family Nancy Filip
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, November 25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	9:00 am	Michael Bannach Nancy Cairo	The Bannach Family The Kisla Family
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

## Please Pray For...

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

**Steven Setzke**  
Brother of Roger Setzke  
and Pam Duff

## 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





## Pastor's Notes

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant.  
Come, share your master's joy."  
Matthew 25:21*

What is my attitude toward the blessings in my life? Do I deny or refuse to acknowledge them, digging a hole in fear of having to do something with them? Do I take them for granted as the reward for my own labors, ignoring the privileges of how, when, and where I was born, and viewing myself as more deserving than the person in difficult circumstances whose intense labors produce little reward? Or do I give thanks to God and allow the blessings that I have received to grow as they bring light and hope into the lives of others?

*An attitude of gratitude* lies at the heart of the parable of the master who provides sums to three of his servants and returns to see what they have done with what he has given them. The two servants who appreciate this as an opportunity use their gift so that it bears fruit; as a result, they are welcomed into their master's joy. The servant who buries his opportunity in the ground out of fear (and perhaps indifference to this gift), loses everything and ends up in darkness. Saint Paul reminds us that *we are*

*children of light*, called to bring the light of Christ to each person we meet and to all the dark corners of our world.

We pause as a nation this week to be grateful for our many blessings, especially for the simplest blessings that we too often take for granted. One path to an attitude of gratitude is to deepen our awareness of the many persons, near and far, who live without adequate food, shelter, safety, or sense of dignity and self-worth. We can choose to bring them into our prayer and invite them into our Thanksgiving table, in spirit if not in person. We can pause for a moment to name our blessings and bring them to mind and heart. We can resist the pre-Christmas insanity for at least a few more days, and let gratitude seep into our souls.

The choice is ours. The blessings are abundant and meant to be shared so that they might bear fruit. The choice to do so is ours.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to us all.

*Peace,*

*F. Bill*

## Scripture Reflection

"Try it. You'll like it." How many times did we hear our mothers plead to us with these words? I would not hesitate to bet that every time we heard those words, "try it, you'll like it;" you knew that you would not "like it" and your body got ready to disapprove before the smell got to your nostrils or the taste filled your mouth. Certainly, sometimes, you did like it, but it seemed so rare that you were convinced that it was a fluke.

This occurred not just about food, it could have been about any talent or gift that we were convinced we did not have. In those cases, any initial attempt, were it to fail, persuaded us that we were foolish to even pretend that we liked it or could ever be good at it. That could be multiplied if we got any criticism or sarcasm about our attempt. How many people were convinced that they could not sing, dance, draw, or even read? They were no good at athletics, cooking, or patience.

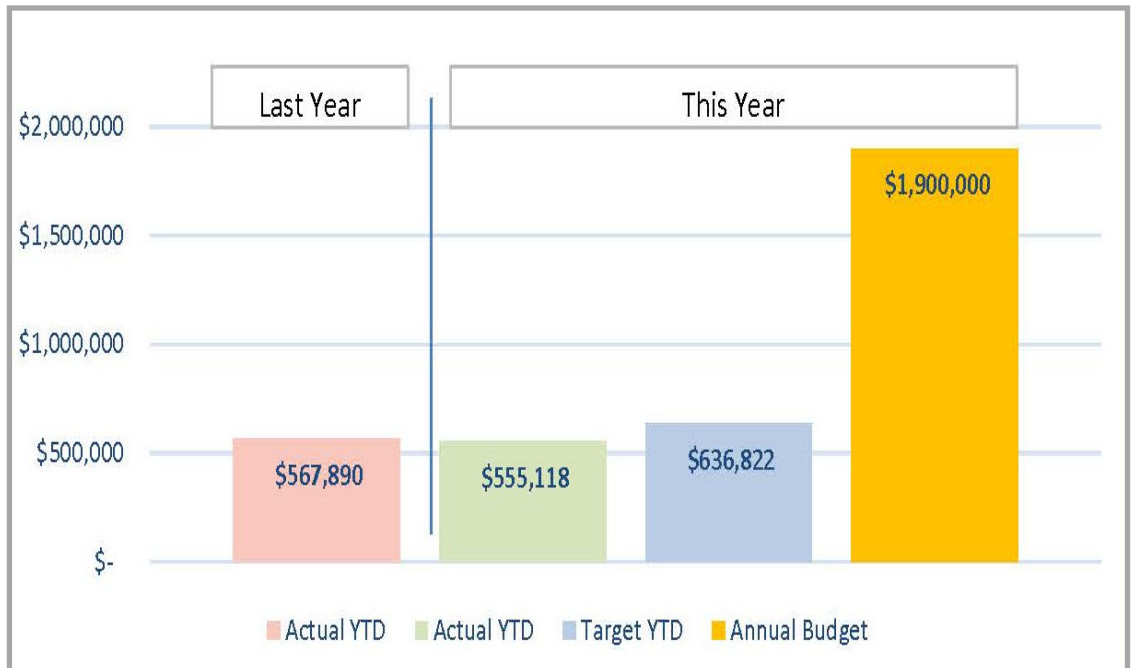
Putting ourselves down, or putting down others is one aspect of today's gospel. The first two servants were not afraid to use their own gifts and talents to please the master. They risked what they had been given to make more. The third servant, however, had a shaded view of himself and also of his master. Convinced that he could not please him or accomplish anything on his own, he chose to bury that what he was given.

How many times have we found out that what was experienced initially as a failure, proved to be a success. What we might have hated as a child, might be something that now tastes great.

The story that Jesus tells us is that God has given each of us so much that he has great expectations. Don't bury that which is best about ourselves. Don't give up on yourself, take your time, don't expect the worse, but the best. And while you are at it, encourage others to do the same. Don't be afraid to reach for the stars. "Try it. You just might like it."

*F. Bill Killen*

# Your Parish Finances



Prior Month's Offerings:	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	=	October 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!**

## 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 vesting an additional in- **4% or more.**

## CURRENT INVESTMENT

## WITH INVESTMENT INCREASE...

	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
\$ 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

## 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!

## 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.*



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## *Electronic Giving*

### **You can begin today!**

Last weekend members of our Parish Finance Council spoke to us about increasing our donations by 4% and giving regularly whether through envelopes or Electronic Giving. The convenience of Electronic Giving can make it easier for us to support the important ministries at St. Francis Xavier and reach more people with Christ's love. We have set a goal of enrolling 100 new families by the end of 2017.

You can enroll online at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) by 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.

## Features and Benefits



**ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT:** The online system lets you manage all aspects of your account so you are always in control of your donations.



**PEACE OF MIND:** You'll be able to support your parish on a consistent basis, whether you're out of town or unable to attend Mass.



**SECURITY:** Know that your information is protected, every transaction is secure, and your donations are automatically transferred to St. Francis Xavier Parish's bank account.



**OFFERTORY CARDS:** That can be used to represent your participation during the collection.



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

# 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.

## 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!

## 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.

2018 Welcome Wednesday dates:

January 17, 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.

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)

### Freshman Service Opportunity: Feed My Starving Children



When: Wednesday, November 22, 12:00-2:00pm.  
Where: 742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048.

*We are meeting there at 11:45am. Please coordinate your own transportation.*

Who: All freshmen! Parents are invited to participate as well.  
SIGN UP DUE ASAP. Contact Olivia Hollman at 708-352-0168 x338 or [ohollman@sfxlg.org](mailto:ohollman@sfxlg.org) with questions and to sign up!

### God's Garage Open Hours

God's Garage will be open weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm. 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. **THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS DECEMBER 15.** 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 19	No Class
Wednesday, November 22	No Class
Sunday, November 26	No Class
Wednesday, November 29	No Class
Sunday, December 3	Class
Wednesday, December 6	Class
Sunday, December 10	Class
Wednesday, December 13	Class

## Upcoming Events

### Grade 4 Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm in Church

### Toy Shower

November 19 Toy Delivery



## 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.

## 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](#).



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Word of the Lord has a message for children as well as adults. Children's Liturgy of the Word offers the children an experience to hear the scripture in words that they can understand. Here at St. Francis we are fortunate and proud to have adult volunteers and Presiders of Liturgy who journey with our children so that they can experience the Word of the Lord with a message that is relevant and fitting for them.

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 Reflectors 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 "kicked off" the school year on Saturday, October 14. Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music, along with our Cherub Choir and SF Choristers (Children in Grades 1-8) led us in prayer with music. **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 to 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:  
December 9—Combined Choirs;  
January 6—Cherub;  
February 3—Combined Choirs;  
February 24—Choristers;  
March 3—Cherub and  
March 24—Choristers

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflectors 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):

December 16;  
January 13, 20 & 27;  
February 10 & 17;  
March 10 & 17;  
and April 7, 14, 21 & 28

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

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop  
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Chicago, IL 60611-2030  
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November 8, 2017

Katherine DeVries  
Pastoral Associate  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
124 N. Spring Ave.  
LaGrange, IL 60525-1857

Dear Kate,

Based on your response to your vocation to lay ecclesial ministry, together with your competencies and credentials, I commission you as Pastoral Associate at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

In serving as a Pastoral Associate, under the leadership of your pastor, you will collaborate with him and the parish pastoral staff. Book II of the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* can assist you in understanding your duties and responsibilities more clearly.

Please know of my gratitude for your willingness to share your talents and your love of the Lord with others as a Pastoral Associate in the Archdiocese of Chicago. As you begin your service to the people of St. Francis Xavier Parish, I will remember you in my prayers and at the Lord's Table. Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
Archdiocese of Chicago

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend John R. Manz, Vicar  
Rev. William Tkachuk, Pastor  
Ms. Claudia Hoffman Mann, Chief Human  
Resource and Staff Development Officer  
Dr. Carol Walters, Director, Office for Lay  
Ecclesial Ministry

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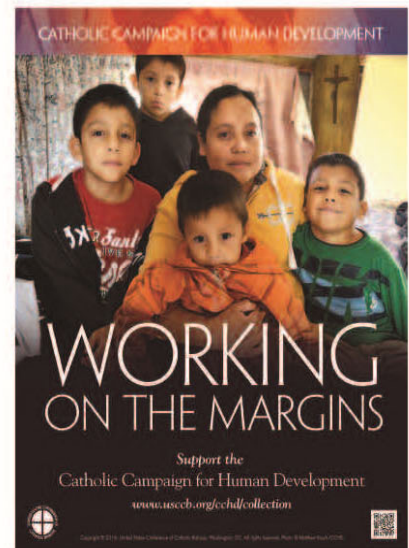


## Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

*"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

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CATHOLIC  
CAMPAIGN FOR  
HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT



We belong neither to the darkness  
nor to the night, but to the light!

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## 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 2 and 3.**



**Wrapped gifts with gift tags affixed to them, need to be returned by noon on Sunday, December 10** 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.



## Calling All Bakers!



Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc are continuing a tradition of bringing a taste of Christmas to the residents and staff at the North Lawndale Adult Transition Center, a work-release program that is part of the Illinois Department of Corrections. The holidays can be very difficult for those who are incarcerated, and following the Gospel, we want to reach out in kindness at this time of the year.

This is the seventh year of our outreach, and it is a great service opportunity for parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, Quest groups or anyone who just loves to bake! As you plan your Christmas baking, we ask you to consider setting aside some of your favorite cookies (or muffins, or brownies, or chocolate-covered pretzels) to share with the residents and staff at North Lawndale.

Sarah, Barb and their crew of helpers will collect, package, and deliver the cookies. We are planning to deliver 250 dozen cookies! In order to plan our own baking, please let us know by December 10th, if you would like to participate. Send an email to [OutreachCookie@gmail.com](mailto:OutreachCookie@gmail.com) with your name and an estimate of the number of cookies you'll donate. Cookies may be dropped off at Barb's home, 205 46th Street in Western Springs on **Friday, December 15th** from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please call Sarah at 708-261-3473 with any questions.

**Also an option:** If you are unable to bake, and would like to contribute to the success of this project, we ask that you consider donating brownie, muffin or cookie mixes. You may drop them off in the back of the Church through December 10th. We'll be happy to do the baking for you!

Thanks for your participation,  
Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc

## SFX Family Ministry

### Christmas Caroling at Helping Hand Center Group Homes



Join the SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee on Sunday, December 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm, when we will travel to Helping Hand Center's residential homes for adults with disabilities and sing Christmas Carols. We will be visiting a various group homes in the LaGrange area to sing and share some hot chocolate with the residents. We will supply the song sheets and drinks, you just need to bring your best singing voices and holiday cheer.

Interested? Please contact Rachel Peterson by email at [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net).

## 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.

## 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).

SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP

*Linda Hillsman*

PARISHIONER, CANCER SURVIVOR, AUTHOR, CRHP SISTER  
PRESENTS

*Faith and Fitness - Trusting God's Plan*

FAITH & FITNESS-TRUSTING GOD'S PLAN. WHERE ARE YOU ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY? IS YOUR BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT ALL CONNECTED? DO YOU TRUST THAT GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU IS BETTER THAN THE PLAN YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF? A FEW CHAPTERS FROM HER BOOK, *BLANKET OF HOPE THROUGH FAITH & FITNESS*, WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED, AS WELL AS LIGHT MEDITATION AND MOVEMENT. COME WITH AN OPEN MIND AND A WILLINGNESS TO LOOK DEEP WITHIN YOUR HEART AND SOUL.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017**

**8:30 AM COFFEE**

**10:00 AM PRESENTATION**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
124 N. SPRING AVENUE  
LA GRANGE  
EAST RECTORY MEETING ROOM

Are you Thriving or Just Surviving?

**Welcome.** CRHP 2.0

There is More to Life

**SAVE THE DATE**

**January 20-21**

The Welcome (Christ Renews His Parish/CRHP 2.0) women's retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and share experiences on a journey to renew your relationship with the Lord and build a bond with other women of the parish. All women are welcome on this spiritual journey. Registration forms are available in the parish rectory.

*Experience the weekend*



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.

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## 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).



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**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.

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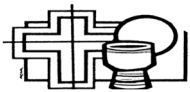
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- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
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- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio

**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).**



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—November 25-26, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	C. Grech A. Mulcahy E. Kudia	L. Bannach S. Devitt K. Kanzer J. Kelly F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Murphy C. Witt L. Young	J. Reven B. Griffin	K. Kelly	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Van Gorp M. Carroll P. Olson	L. Allabastro S. Augustyn D. Challender M. Hermesdorf J. Morsch	D. Newcomb F. LaMantia M. Hayford	B. Kalnes	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Stenzel	J. Dillon C. Broderick K. Burns	M. A. Barry M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson L. Hill D. Nighswander E. Olsen B. Olson P. O'Malley	W. Carroll C. Carroll A. Fix	K. Fron Gallery Choir	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Stenzel	E. Witowski S. Zlatic G. Sbrissa	N. Cummings L. Egan M. P. Flaherty J. Garreau A. Gatsos C. Gatsos M. Joscelyn D. Kriha K. Witkowski	D. Walsh N. Havenaar A. Justak	J. Petkus Celebration Ensemble	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	C. Anderson M. Dillon C. Borawski	A. Chimento N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley M. K. Pasin Not Filled	T. Kelly B. Culin A. Dillon	C. Jakubisin	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	A. Conneely C. Ganzel	G. Dmailig B. Dmailig N. Bandyk T. Weyer D. Kilrea		Spirit Choir	



### Readings For The Week of November 19, 2017

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc1:10-15, 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 2:15-29/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: Ez 34:11-12 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
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Deacon  
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*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
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*Rev. Stan Ilo*  
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Tuition Accounts  
Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep  
Religious Education Office Staff  
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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

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### **Contact Information**

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School of Religious Education .....708-352-4555  
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### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-8:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:00 am-2:00 pm

### **Sabbath Liturgy**

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

Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass  
Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the  
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### **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  
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### **Domestic Violence Resources**

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### **Food Pantry**

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to  
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### **Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls**

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please  
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specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals  
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### **Infant Baptisms**

Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal  
dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at  
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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  
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