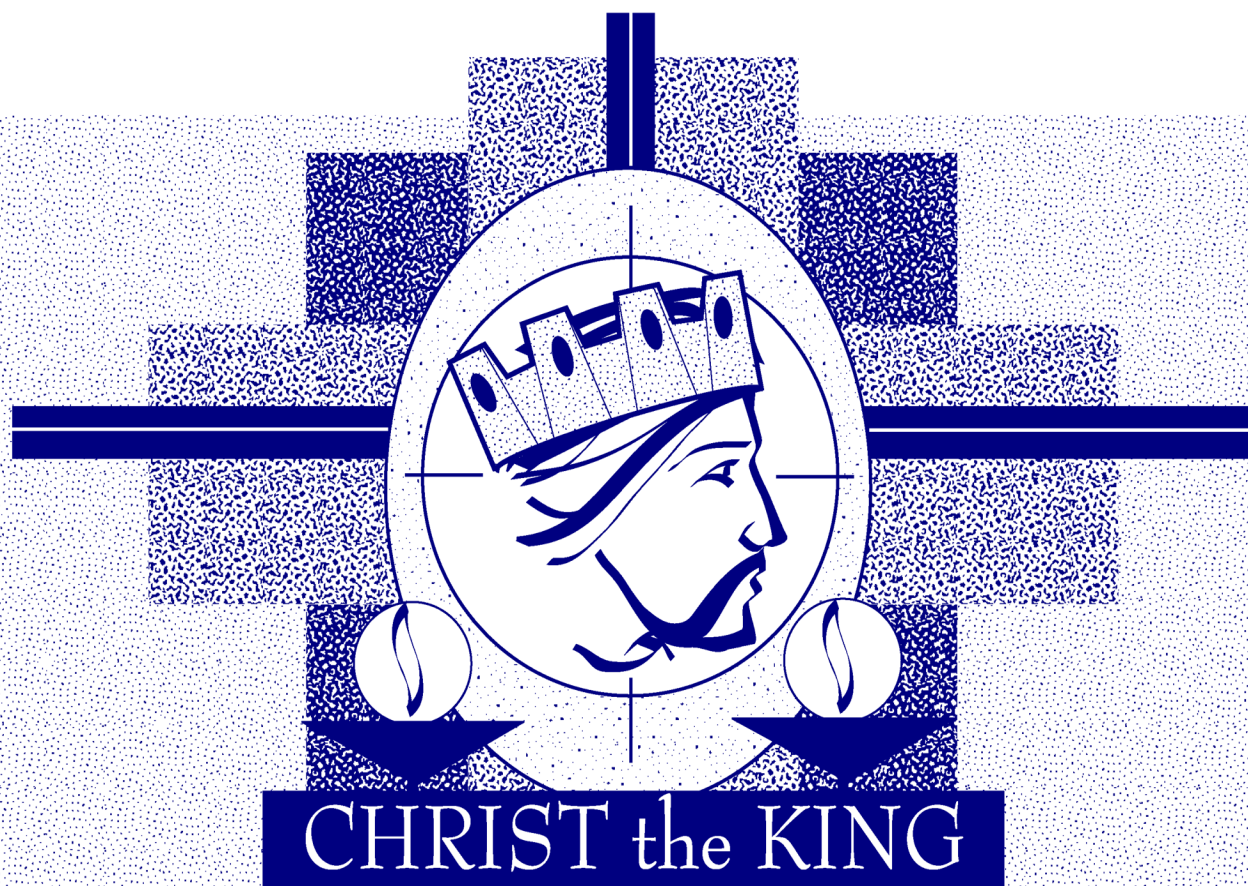


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
Christ the King
November 22, 2020



When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.

Week at a Glance

Monday, November 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	James Riordan, John Barry, Bryan Miller
Tuesday, November 24	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Peter Janettas, Antonio and Teresa Franzese
Wednesday, November 25	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mel Justak, Sr.
Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day	Morning Mass	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Friday, November 27	Morning Mass	8:30 am	William B. Keenan
Saturday, November 28	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Nicholas Tkachuk
Sunday, November 29 1st Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Joanne Jana Corley Geraldine Steine Lisa Burbis

Presider's Schedule November 28-29, 2020 Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis	Patrick Morgan
John Bovard	Mike Morrison
Sally Burson	Baby Amy Nesterowicz
Jay Carroll	Carolyn Nesterowicz
Chili Challenger	Bernice Niemiec
Mary Culin	Gert Ogilvie
Americo DiGianfillippo	Arnold Oppenheim
Baby Catherine DiMarco	Jane O'Reilly
Anthony Dina	Shawna Palazzolo
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Matt Doyle	Donna Pekarek
Lynda Einspar	Carolyn Peters
Wendy Einspar	Jessica Phillips
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Will Fleming	Baby Lucia R.
Lilli Gregory	Madison Raupp
Wilson Gregory	Anna Rose
Patricia Hassler	Rita Scalcon
Frank Hoos	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Greyson Stanley
Mary J.	Brian Stephenson
Jane Jacobsen	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Peter Johns	Michael Ungari
Theresa Kandall	Gregory Van Gorp
Mark Kiley	Helena Walden
Jim Martin	Marian Ward
Enrique Martinez	Maribeth Watkins
Lisa Massaro	Liz Wilk
	Scott Young

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

We continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm or you can email Missy Westerhoff directly at sfxing@sfxlg.org. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Barbara Emmenegger

Mother of Edward, Susan, John, Edith,
Joe, Mary Ellen and Bob

Virgil Kuta

Father of Kathy Broderick

Johanna Vizgirda

Mother of Vida

Ronald Reszel

Father of Fr. Marc Reszel

Ronald Kozan

Father of Laurie Egan

Joseph Reilly

Father of Brian Reilly

Stanley Burnicks

Brother of Jan Mose

Barry Kronowitz

Friend of Jan Mose

Readings For The Week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Pastor's Notes

"Whatever you did for one of the least sisters or brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

This is the final parable in Matthew's gospel before his account of the Passion. He describes Christ the King as the good shepherd who embraces those who hear his voice and follow him. But this shepherd's voice is not proclaimed from a pulpit or shouted from a street corner. Jesus, the Good Shepherd speaks through the often quiet voice of those hungry and thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or ill or in prison. Their voice often is missed by those who discard them as a nuisance or consider them too much trouble or unworthy of the effort to hear and respond. Jesus speak, gently yet persistently, through the voices of those most in need of love, care, dignity, or the basic physical essentials.

God bless those among us and around us who will be feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, comforting the sick, or welcoming the stranger as part of their Thanksgiving Feast. God bless all of us who will offer a prayer for those whose needs are so much greater than our own in the year in which our Thanksgiving tables may hold empty chairs for those unable to join us or at which we may be the only one at table. God bless the healthcare workers who will be caring for the critically ill, the men and women who will be working to keep us safe, and those with little in their lives who still will offer a prayer of gratitude for what they have.

We will gather for a special Mass of Thanksgiving this Thursday at 10AM. Due to seating limitations, reservations are required and can be made via the parish website or by calling the parish office. We have so much for which to be thankful. God has given us so many gifts to share. Let us give God thanks!

This weekend is the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). This effort sponsored by the bishops of this country provides support to local community organizations that work within their communities to build up their communities. They address issues such as poverty, lack of opportunity, or inadequate housing in ways that enable people to develop, by themselves and for themselves, ways to move beyond what holds them back. You will find a Quicklink on the parish website to donate

electronically, or you can place your donation in an envelop marked "CCHD" and bring it to church or send it to the parish office.

In this bulletin you will find our proposed Christmas Mass Schedule. Two of the proposed Masses can only be offered if new volunteers come forward to serve as greeters and restorers for those Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are high school age or older, in good health, and able to assist at a Christmas Eve 7PM Mass or a Mass at Midnight. Information will follow on how to register to attend one of these Masses.

Staying safe and well. Enjoy the blessings of family, whether your table be seating for one or ten. Reach out via telephone, Zoom, or social media to the voice of Jesus speaking through those who cannot be with you or who find themselves alone. May God bless our Thanksgiving tables with a warmth and love that stretches across the miles and from earth to heaven.

Thanksgiving Peace,

J. Bill

In Honor of Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 26
will have one Mass
at 10:00 am in Church.

The Rectory will Close
Wednesday, November 25 at 4:30 pm.

Reopen on
Saturday, November 28 at 9:00 am.

Due to seating limitations, reservations are
required and can be made on the parish website
or by calling the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

For the past 50 years, CCHD has worked on the margins of the Archdiocese of Chicago to...

- Encounter Christ in the poor
- Challenge root causes of poverty and injustice
- Amplify voices with vision
- Break down walls of indifference
- Transform hearts and communities
- Support those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Please support the second collection on November 21 – 22. Funds raised will provide support to local organizations across the Chicagoland area and those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations, [click here](#) or visit CCHDchicago.org. To donate, [click here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "CCHD" and drop it off at the rectory or in a church collection box.

Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.

OPLATKI

Due to COVID, we are sorry we will be unable to distribute Oplatki from the rectory offices.



Please call or visit Watra Church Goods at 4201 South Archer Avenue in Chicago 773-247-2425 to get your Oplatki this year.

To see how we are Celebrating Sacraments and Services, and to view our Tips for Worshipers, please click on the links below:

[Celebration of Sacraments](#)

[Tips for Worshipers](#)



2020
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

If church buildings remain open at Christmas, our Mass schedule will be:

Christmas Eve

3:00PM in church
3:15PM in the gym
5:00PM in church and livestreamed to Joyce Hall
7:00PM**

Christmas Day

Midnight** *livestreamed to the parish*
9:00AM in church and livestreamed to Joyce Hall
11:00AM in church
11:15AM in the gym
(Masses livestreamed to Joyce Hall will also be streamed to the parish and recorded. As always you can access the live stream or recorded via the website.)

The seating capacity for the church and gym will be 110 people. The seating capacity for Joyce Hall is 80. Those in Joyce Hall will receive communion; however, there will be no handicap access to the hall for either Mass. Stay tuned for reservation information.

** We are not able to staff these two Masses with volunteer greeters from our existing volunteer crew. If you are high school age or older and in good health and are willing to volunteer for either of these Masses, please contact Maureen Pipal at mpipal@sfxlg.org. If we cannot find volunteers for these Masses before December 13, we will have to remove one or both Masses from the schedule.

If church buildings are closed at Christmas, we will livestream Masses at 5PM, Midnight and 11:00 AM, giving everyone a choice of their style of Mass. All three livestreams will remain available through the following Saturday and Sunday.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Will we have to keep the windows open during the winter to provide clean air?

The short answer, no.

St. Francis Xavier Church has a regularly maintained HVAC system and has recently installed leading-edge indoor air quality technology to help reduce germs! The technology being used are Respricare Plasma Oxidizers. This is the same air-treatment method hospitals use to effectively reduce harmful airborne contaminants and surface pollutants. It is a remarkable and effective "entire church" air treatment system.

We will open windows when weather permits and/or partially open the windows when the church is unoccupied. This adds to the indoor air quality of our well-ventilated beloved church.

Are air purifiers with ionizers safe?

Ionic air purifiers (ionizers) clean the air by emitting negative ions, which are harmless to humans. This technology is different from ozone generators, which can have less desirable results.

Our Facilities Team continues to do everything possible to make returning to church comfortable and safe for those who choose to attend services.

Parishioner Volunteers Needed

Our ability to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and weekday and Sunday Masses depends on the ability of the parish to provide ministers to offer a welcoming and healthy environment. We have been blessed by scores of parishioners who share their time and spirit to keep us moving forward. To establish a regular rotation of volunteers, we seek additional people, especially to greet and seat people, or to wipe down the seating areas after each service. We welcome anyone of high school age or older who is in good health. A few volunteer comments:

"There isn't a better way to start my day than seeing the familiar, friendly faces that attend daily mass. I've gotten to know quite a few of the regular attendees and they "fill my bucket" with their gratitude and appreciation. What I looked at as a necessity to do to keep the church open, has turned into something I truly look forward to doing each week."

Please contact Maureen Pipal (mpipal@sfxlg.org) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.


CHRIST the KING
reigns forever



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE!**

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
November 24
2:00-7:00 pm**

Appointments are encouraged!

Please click

https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5578577

to schedule your preferred donation time!

Who benefits from blood donation?

At Versiti Blood Center of Illinois, formerly Heartland Blood Centers, we never forget the patients who receive the blood we collect. Every unit of blood is collected from volunteer donors who meet specific criteria and have been screened according to strict guidelines. Every unit (pint) is collected, transported, tested and stored according to tightly-controlled procedures.

Examples of transfusion needs are:

- Cancer: up to 8 units/month
- Bone Marrow Transplant: up to 2 units/day
- Liver Transplant: up to 100 units
- Auto Accident: up to 50 units
- Cardiovascular Surgery: 2-25 units

For specific questions regarding your blood drive, please contact your Account Representative, Lawrence Smith, directly at LSMITH@HEARTLANDBC.ORG.

Text "**CHARLIE**" to **999-777** to opt into text messaging to receive information about upcoming blood drive events, promotions and blood inventory needs!

MEET OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mike Hattie



Born and raised in Canton Ohio, I came to the area for college and stayed to work, get married and start a family. I've been an SFX parishioner since 1985, and I've enjoyed becoming acquainted with so many amazing people, and feeling the satisfaction of helping the parish and community.

"I joined the PPC because I want to help communication and connection between parishioners and the community and the people who make decisions about our parish. If you're already connected, that's great. If there is something the parish leadership needs to know then I would like to help get that message across. If you have a question then I would like to help you get an answer, or get you connected to someone better qualified to help. I would also like to encourage you to get involved in the parish. There are many different ways that appeal to many different interests and personalities. I feel that I get at least as much out of it as I put into it."

Please reach out to let me know how I can help: michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net or 708-207-2780 mobile.

Barb Kalnes



Born and raised Chicago Southsiders, my husband Tom and I moved to LaGrange soon after we married. We have lived in the same house on Dover Street since the 1980s, where we raised our three lovely daughters. St. Francis Xavier Parish has become our spiritual home. We are very grateful for the kind and caring people we've met here, who have helped us grow together in faith, hope, and the peace of Christ.

"God blesses each of us with unique and beautiful gifts. And, we are called to share those gifts with others. I am truly grateful to share the gift of song with you. How does that old saying go? When you sing to God, you pray twice. When we unite our voices in song, God's blessings truly multiply. Our faith increases as the music takes root in our hearts."

Marko Magajne



As a child of Slovenian immigrants, Catholicism was always an integral part of my life. My parents instilled a strong faith in me and my three siblings. We grew up in Brookfield, attended Saint Barbara's, and shortly after graduating from L.T, I enlisted in the USAF. Years later, I married my best friend, Larissa, who shares my love for culture and tradition, as she is the daughter of Ukrainian immigrants. We are blessed with three children and moved to LaGrange Park in 2017 during my last deployment to the Middle East. We are blessed to be at Saint Francis Xavier Parish where the kids are active in Scouts and Religious Education.

"My hope for our Saint Francis Xavier community comes from the Scout Oath where we promise to "Do Our Best". Thank you to all who volunteer in Catholic Scouting."

Tom Marthaler



I grew up in the Southwest side of Chicago (St. Thomas More Parish). My wife Erin and I have lived in LaGrange since 1985 and raised four children. We have been blessed to have our children (and now grandchildren) receive the sacraments at St. Francis Xavier Church including baptism, reconciliation, and marriage.

"Our parish has benefited from the collective wisdom of our faith community so we can move beyond the present into the future. Over the years we have come together and been open to new ideas while preserving our faith traditions. There is more work to be done and we hope to benefit from your input as our parish journey of faith continues."

Please free to contact us about ideas or thoughts by email at : ppc@sfxlg.org
See the parish website for additional background information about our PPC members!

Advent 2020

Advent Study!

Join us once a week during the first three weeks of Advent for a small group study that will enhance your experience of the season of Advent. Through structured small group discussion, prayer, and reflection, we will walk through the iconic and essential beauty of the opening 18 verses of John's Gospel. Start your Advent and liturgical year off right with this faith enriching journey. We will work with your schedule. **We can place you in a group via the interest form below or you can form your own group (but contact Maggie as soon as possible for materials!)**

[Click here to fill out the interest form!](#) Visit our website (www.sfxlg.org) for more information (click "Parish" - "Faith Formation" - "Scripture Studies.") Questions? Contact Maggie at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

NEW SEGMENT! In "This Week: Living Liturgically," we note upcoming feasts/important liturgical days and fun activities to celebrate! All ideas are just suggestions for living out the liturgical year, but if you participate, please send photos to parishsocialmedia@sfxlg.org for posting on Instagram/Facebook!

This Week: Living Liturgically

SUN 22	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! (It is traditional to recite the <i>Te Deum</i> on this day)
MON 23	
TUES 24	
WED 25	Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria: eat pinwheel cookies to celebrate her... She was martyred on a wheel!
THURS 26	Thanksgiving Day!
FRI 27	
SAT 28	"Catholic New Year's Eve!" Drink champagne, countdown until midnight – this is the last day of the liturgical year!

FR. STAN ILO REFLECTION: BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

[Click here to watch his video!](#)

Ideas for Living Advent in Your Home:

- ✎ Cut some evergreen branches, buy dollar-store candles, and **make your own Advent wreath!** [Click here for more information on Advent wreaths.](#)
- ✎ **De-clutter** toys or other items that you no longer use; donate for someone else to enjoy. This is a great physical practice of **"creating space" in our hearts and homes for the arrival of Jesus** at Christmas!
- ✎ **Practice an Advent "Secret Santa"** among family members: draw a random name and pray for/do good deeds for that family member all through Advent. On Christmas morning, gift them a homemade gift and reveal who has been praying for and secretly making your bed, doing your dishes, or leaving you special notes all season!

Calling All Saint Francis Xavier School Alumni

Stay connected with your school classmates by creating an alumnus profile today!

SFX is collecting a database of all alumni over the last 80 years and we need your help!

Go to: <https://forms.gle/HwtKX8iUdbB27tQV7>

This Database Will:

- Connect SFX alumni past and present
- Inform alumni of current state of SFX school and vision for the future
- Celebrate our teachers and their teaching accomplishments
- Celebrate current student and alumni accomplishments
- Provide an opportunity to share photos, athletic records and more
- Keep you updated on notable school events and projects

Questions? Please contact sfxgrad@gmail.com for more information.

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at sfxlg.org.

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media



SFX School Instagram:
[@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

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

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/595d889cdee3e>

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

See the latest happenings at the day school:

A very very nice congratulatory message to the SFX community from Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. <https://vimeo.com/465845503>

Socially distanced Rosary: <https://vimeo.com/465845340>

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you do for me.

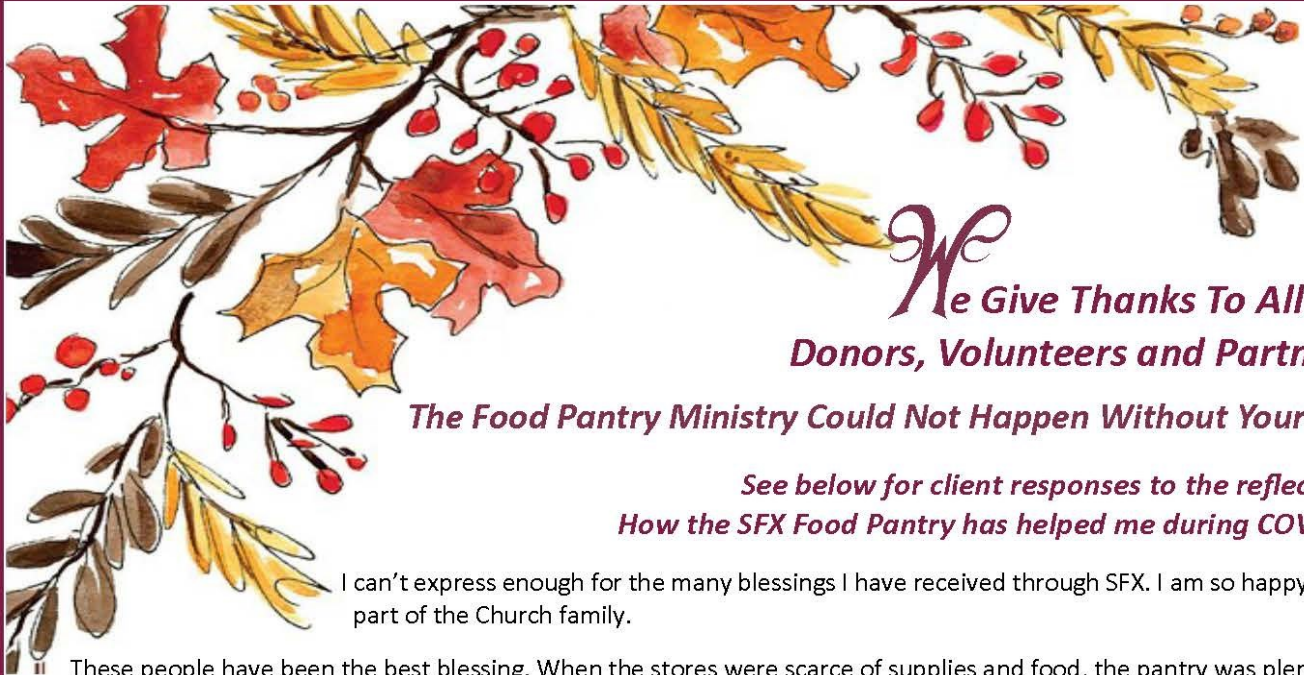
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Nazareth Academy 8th Grade Testing

Nazareth Academy invites 8th graders to Test at Nazareth Academy on December 5. Preference for admission and scholarships will be granted to students who test with Nazareth on that day. The exam begins at 8:00 am and concludes at approximately 11:30 am. **Pre-Registration is Required.** More information and Registration can be found at nazarethacademy.com.

While parents are not allowed to accompany their students, they may register for an in-person or virtual informational session on our website.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden in LaGrange Park. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708-397-8505.



*We Give Thanks To All Our
Donors, Volunteers and Partners!*

The Food Pantry Ministry Could Not Happen Without Your Help

*See below for client responses to the reflection...
How the SFX Food Pantry has helped me during COVID-19*

I can't express enough for the many blessings I have received through SFX. I am so happy to be part of the Church family.

|| These people have been the best blessing. When the stores were scarce of supplies and food, the pantry was plentiful. It has been helping my family for over 15 years. They are like family and very supporting. I have been homeless and regained my shelter and they have always been dependable. Thank you

Mi esposo perdió el trabajo y a sido demasiada ayuda, ya que todo a subido de precio. Dios los bendiga.
(My husband lost his job and it has been so much help since everything has gone up in price. God bless you)

Everyone here is so helpful and nice. Always asking how we are and how we are coping. We are so grateful to be able to be able to put food on our table during these tough times. Every little bit helps. Thank you!!

We lost our jobs and thankfully, with SFX Food Pantry, our kids and I have something to eat. Thank you and God bless you!

My husband and I greatly appreciate this service to supplement our food supply. We now live with my son, daughter-in-law and their children. Being on social security, we welcome this assistance. Thank you, St Francis! God bless

As a single mom of two teens, you have been a lifesaver. God bless and keep up the good work.

Being able to get the food by car has helped me feel secure health wise as everyone is masked! Thank you!

During this pandemic my fiancé and I have been underemployed. As parents of two special needs children, it has been trying. The pantry has eliminated a significant amount of our weekly food needs. Thank you!

I struggle to feed my 3 kids (5yrs, 3yrs, and newborn). Thank you!

Pantry has helped me immensely. Without the help I'd be in dear trouble. It's been a blessing, a better night sleep to know we have food on the table. There are 5 in my family plus my son and his family and my single son due to COVID.

SFX has helped keep an old man out of food stores. I have 3 of the COVID complicating factors so that is a big deal. The food has made it possible to buy our prescriptions. Thank you!

I bring my grandma weekly. The food you supply is lifesaving.

I love this pantry – so friendly and nice people – I feel like I am coming to church when I pray while waiting in line.

Thank God we have a place like St Francis pantry.

Being elder and disabled I am more susceptible to the virus. Having nutrition that I cannot afford is a blessing.

During the pandemic I have lost one of my jobs. Since my mother and grandson live with me, the pantry has helped us enormously.

Even before COVID-19 over the years everyone treats us like family. It is just coming home to a loving family.
Thank you All

Peace and Justice

On October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis released a new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. This social encyclical explores building a culture of peace and dialogue in order to work together to care for each other as a human family, especially as we recover from the pandemic.



The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns has created a **6-page study guide for *Fratelli Tutti***. In this study guide, we offer key points and quotes from each chapter of *Fratelli Tutti*, along with reflection questions and the two prayers that Pope Francis includes at the end of the encyclical.

We hope this guide enables individuals and small groups to learn Pope Francis' teachings and use them to build peace and solidarity in your relationships, community, and world.

The study guide can be found at: <https://www.sfxlq.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Parish%7CFaith%20Formation%3E%3EResources>

Discussion group to come in 2021! Enjoy Brothers & Sisters All!

Chapter 5: A Better Kind of Politics

“The marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem, however much we are asked to believe this dogma of neoliberal faith... The fragility of world systems in the face of the pandemic has demonstrated that not everything can be resolved by market freedom ... we must put human dignity back at the center...(168).”

A “better kind of politics,” Pope Francis says, is “truly at the service of the common good” and truly open to people, which makes it one of the most valuable forms of charity (154). Francis goes to lengths to explain the problems with the “populism” of today, which exploits the vulnerable for short-term gains. Likewise, he criticizes a form of liberalism which “serves the economic interests of the powerful.” A better kind of politics also protects work, tackles poverty, and aims to find solutions to social problems which deny fundamental human rights, including hunger, human trafficking and other social exclusions. Pope Francis repeats a critique that the international community wasted an opportunity for reform after the financial crisis of 2007-08. “Indeed, it appears that the actual strategies developed... fostered greater individualism, less integration and increased freedom for the truly powerful, who always find a way to escape unscathed (170).” Francis also notes the need for reform at the United Nations and international finance institutions, so “the family of nations can acquire real teeth (173).” He closes by repeating lines from *Laudato Si'*: “politics must not be subject to the economy” and “true statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good (178).” Finally, Francis says politics can be a noble act when centered on the human dignity of all brothers and sisters.

Reflection Questions:

What do you think are the first steps to building a “better kind of politics?” How can you contribute?

Chapter 6: Dialogue and Friendship in Society

“...[Once] kindness becomes a culture within society it transforms lifestyles, relationships and the ways ideas are discussed and compared. Kindness facilitates the quest for consensus; it opens new paths where hostility and conflict would burn all bridges” (224).

The Holy Father explains that authentic dialogue is necessary for building a better world. Pope Francis first addresses the shortcomings of discourse in social and journalistic media, which he says can foster a “feverish exchange of opinions” or “parallel monologues” rather than true dialogue (202). “Social dialogue” requires interlocutors who each deeply respect the other’s experiences and values. Dialogue can help us lead to “social consensus” based on facts and reasoning, but more importantly, it can help us recognize fundamental truths upon which we base our societies’ moral principles. Absent moral reasoning and authentic search for truth, we lose the grounding of the meaning of life and human dignity. Pope Francis calls for the careful cultivation of a “culture of encounter” which can help us transcend our divisions and differences as we work together to pursue the common good. Such a culture is hard won, requiring effort and sacrifice from all of us. He closes the chapter by calling us to “recover kindness” in a renewed, enriched sense – a kindness which is an antidote to indifference, based not merely on civility but on genuine concern for others.

Reflection Questions:

Have you ever experienced such a “culture of encounter?”
What would it look like to cultivate it in your own neighborhood or community?



Due to the Coronavirus, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up.

Advent at Home Retreat on Monday, November 30 at 7:00 pm through Monday, December 14 at 8:00 pm. How is God adventing in your life, in the life of the world, in Planet Earth this year? Are you noticing the new Advent of God? In a retreat designed for busy people, participants commit to pray for one half-hour a day and meet with a spiritual director 5 times for 30 minutes over the two-week retreat. The retreat starts with an opening reflection and ends with a closing session. Cost: \$100. With Pat Bergen, CSJ, among others.

Please visit
www.csjthewell.org/offerings/
for more information.

Blessing for Physicians and Healthcare Workers

May you always heal and be healed.
May those who come to you find in you
one who cares deeply
Whose knowledge includes knowledge
of the spirit's movements.

May you take pride in your gifts and
use them humbly.
May the suffering and the vulnerable
be your teachers.
May you see in others the goodness of a tender God.

May compassion encircle you carry you
Strengthen you and give you insight.

May your presence be hope to those in pain.
May your skill ease the way and instill trust.

May you know the Healer of all.
May your own heart be held in the
compassion and tenderness of God.

Amen.



May the Wellspring of Compassion
be opened in you.
May soothing words find a home in you.
May Tenderness bless you
as you reach out to Comfort
in body, mind and spirit.
In the midst of fear or frustration
may Courage be given you.
May Patience keep vigil with you and
Peace of Mind calm you.
May your heart find a song to sing
even when you are weary.
May Abundant Love lift you and
Gratitude bless you as you
live the mission of Care entrusted to you.

Blessing for a Caregiver by Pat Bergen, CSJ courtesy of ministryofhearts.org

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
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Thursday 8:30-9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:00 am
 Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

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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.

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