

St. Francis Xavier Parish  
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 25, 2018



# Stewardship

*All things are possible with God*



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



*A way of life*

WE GIVE THANKS

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 26	7:45 am 9:00 am	Lillian Cunningham Word & Communion Service	The Braasch Family Alice Hanna
Tuesday, November 27	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Frank Horacek, Sr.	Patricia Hassler Mary F. Russell
Wednesday, November 28	7:45 am 9:00 am	Jean Murphy Jean Condon Murphy	Daniel Murphy Daniel Murphy
Thursday, November 29	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service The Fitzgerald Family	The Van Gorp Family
Friday, December 1 Saint Andrew, Apostle	7:45 am 9:00 am	Gail Mauro Peggy McAuliffe Baskin Word & Communion Service	The Frustaci Family The Harders Family
Saturday, December 2	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Mercedes McDonnell Helen Rizzo Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Patricia Fitzgerald	The McDonnell Family The Templeton & Costello Families The Metzger Family
Sunday, December 3	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish Richard Griffin Poor Souls in Purgatory Mr. Dudek Grace Bafaro Lillian Cunningham	The Griffin Family The O'Brien Family The Farnan Family Dolores Lewis

## Please Pray For...

Tony Banda  
Keeley Barr  
Jim Boardman  
Leonard Bruce  
Jay Carroll  
Tom Challos  
Terry Conwell  
George Crnkovich  
Anthony Dina  
Gregory Dold  
Blake Donegan  
Fr. Dave Dowdle  
Pat Eaton  
William Egbert  
Bill Elliott  
Sharon Elliott  
Lauren Ellsworth  
Lily Fielding  
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick  
Lilli Gregory  
Wilson Gregory  
Patricia Hassler  
Martha Heraty  
Linda Hillsman  
Rose Ilo  
Jane Jacobson  
Theresa Kandall  
Mike Kelly

Benny Kilman  
Jerry Kolman  
Virginia Kottaridis  
Edward Kudia  
Betty Kuhl  
Marion Lucas  
Emmett Miller  
Patrick Morgan  
Mike Morrison  
Amanda O'Brien  
Jane O'Reilly  
Ryan Patyk  
Donna Pekarek  
Carissa Pessetti  
James Pridmore  
Baby Madison Raupp  
Anna Rose  
Marilyn Rutkowski  
Anthony Scafide  
Matthew Schiek  
Greyson Stanley  
Sarah Stanley  
Kate Frugoli Sullivan  
Marty Thuerk  
Anne Titzer  
Michael Ungari  
Amanda Valerugo  
Gregory Van Gorp  
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.

## Weddings



Carolyn Cooper & John Wons

# CHRISTUS REX

Christ the King



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2017—JUNE 30, 2018

Sisters and Brothers in Stewardship,

I present the St. Francis Xavier Annual Parish Report for the fiscal year from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

The 2018 Parish Year led us into *completion of all but one of the remaining major projects of our Capital Campaign* this past summer. This includes the new, fully accessible vestibule of the Monsignor O'Brien Gymnasium, parking lot improvements, and the bonus of Unity Garden as a beautiful and accessible approach to Unity Hall. Ongoing Capital Campaign contributions will enable us to complete the final major project, a new fire and smoke detection system in the church and education buildings, within a few years.



Encouraging changes also are happening *within* the walls of our church and education buildings. The Parish Pastoral Council continues to invite more people into the parish conversation and leadership. Young adults joined others to establish new committees to plan social/fundraising opportunities for parishioners of all ages, to encourage an attitude of stewardship (grateful devotion of time, sharing talents, and investing treasure) to care for the mission and ministries of the parish, and to create parish Twitter and Instagram accounts. Our parish elementary school adopted a strategic plan that will strengthen our ability to offer a Catholic elementary education to families who want to provide this to their children.

I am excited and grateful for the blessings of St. Francis Xavier Parish. *You*, the people of the parish, are the most important blessing God has given to our mission in Christ. With your investment, we will continue our *commitment to parish education and formation programs for all ages* and support the talented and generous teachers, catechists, and volunteers who make these programs possible. We will continue to *dedicate resources to our vibrant liturgies* that nourish parishioners of all ages, and to *welcome inquirers and newcomers*. We will continue to *reach out to our community and communities beyond* through charitable ministries such as the Food Pantry and support for St. Agatha, our sharing parish on Chicago's west side; and through engagement in social justice issues such as ecumenism, gun violence, and comprehensive immigration reform. We will continue to *maintain and enhance our facilities*, including a *new sound system* for Joyce Hall and a *new church air conditioning unit* to replace our aging one.

*To remain vibrant, and to do all of this, requires an ongoing generosity of time, talent and treasure on all our parts.* This past year we had to rely on the generosity of past years to meet a significant operating shortfall; this was despite careful management of parish expenses by our Business Manager and parish Finance Council. The Finance Council and I ask you to *consider a 4% increase in your annual offering*; and to consider *electronic giving via GiveCentral* if you are not yet enrolled. Electronic giving is a great help in planning and managing the parish budget and has shown encouraging results in recent months. ***Your generous investment through good stewardship, to the extent that your household is able, makes possible our shared mission.***

*God bless you* for all you continue to contribute to the many successes of this past year. *God bless us all* in our efforts this year.

*Peace,  
Fr. Bill*

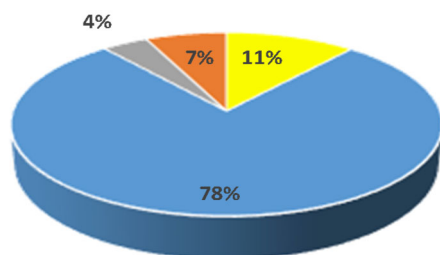
# FINANCIAL REPORT

	Actual 6/30/2017	Actual 6/30/2018	Budget 6/30/2019
<b>OPERATING CHURCH REVENUE</b>			
Sundays, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter	\$ 1,834,065	\$ 1,823,346	\$ 1,896,480
Other Operating Income	82,234	84,474	86,850
Parish Fundraising	-	-	25,000
Religious Education Tuition, Fees, and Fundraising	149,407	142,647	142,300
<b>Total Church Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,065,706</b>	<b>\$ 2,050,467</b>	<b>\$ 2,150,630</b>
<b>OPERATING CHURCH/RECTORY EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries, FICA, Insurance, Retirement Share Plan	\$ 782,654	\$ 808,387	\$ 831,285
Archdiocesan Admin, Priest Retirement	244,995	245,832	253,504
Occupancy Expense	218,540	264,496	223,370
Liturgical and Administrative Expense	157,330	169,122	157,619
School Subsidy (see below)	459,518	524,650	506,738
Religious Education Expenses	169,797	171,250	177,449
<b>Total Church/Rectory Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,032,834</b>	<b>\$ 2,183,737</b>	<b>\$ 2,149,965</b>
<b>Church Operating Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 32,872</b>	<b>\$ (133,270)</b>	<b>\$ 665</b>
Plus: Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate	49,970	37,520	*
<b>NET CHURCH OPERATING EXCESS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 82,842</b>	<b>\$ (95,750)</b>	<b>\$ 665</b>

\* The Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate is budgeted to cover this year's capital improvements (non-operating expenses).

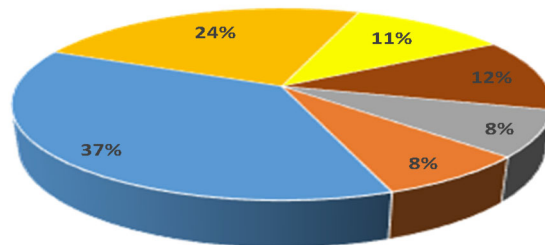
<b>DAY SCHOOL REVENUE</b>			
Tuition, Fees and Misc. Operating Income	\$ 2,542,669	\$ 2,418,619	\$ 2,433,245
Subsidy from the Parish (see above)	459,518	524,650	506,738
Fundraising	289,284	298,176	294,990
<b>Total School Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,291,471</b>	<b>\$ 3,241,445</b>	<b>\$ 3,234,973</b>
<b>DAY SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries, FICA, Insurance, Retirement Share Plan	\$ 2,630,857	\$ 2,617,016	\$ 2,617,318
Occupancy Expense	354,979	354,760	341,305
Instructional, Technology, and Other Operating Expense	305,635	269,669	276,350
<b>Total School Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,291,471</b>	<b>\$ 3,241,445</b>	<b>\$ 3,234,973</b>
<b>NET SCHOOL OPERATING EXCESS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Sources of Church Revenue  
Excludes Day School Revenue



- Christmas & Easter (11%)
- Sunday & Holy Days (78%)
- Other Income (4%)
- Religious Education (7%)

Church Expenses  
Includes Day School Subsidy



- Personnel Expense (37%)
- Subsidy to Day School (24%)
- Archdiocesan Assessments (11%)
- Occupancy Expense (12%)
- Liturgical and Administrative Expense (8%)
- Religious Education Funding (8%)

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

As we celebrate stewardship here at SFX, the Finance Council presents the current trends and budget outlook regarding giving. During the past fiscal year, **offertory giving was even** with the previous fiscal year (compared to a *budgeted* increase of 4%). While giving was flat, SFX made the decision to continue investing in the parish, specifically through developing a strategic plan for the Day School and specific capital improvements to the parish infrastructure. **The expenditures associated with these initiatives resulted in an operating deficit of \$95,000.** We continue to have strong cash reserves, a legacy of those who came before us. While our financial strength allowed us to absorb the \$95,000 operating deficit, fiscal responsibility is a primary goal for the Finance Council.

Considering the traditional vibrancy of the parish, our review of expenses indicates church expenditures are well managed. From the Day School's perspective, the strategic plan established a framework to consider efficiencies regarding the leased space for the preschool and kindergarten programs. For the past 20 years, we have leased space from the First Baptist Church to accommodate an increase in enrollment that occurred at the turn of the century. Over the past ten years we have been returning to the strong, but smaller enrollment that preceded the increase. Two years ago, first grade returned to the Education Building. In collaboration with the Finance Council and School Advisory Board, Fr. Bill Tkachuk and Principal Sharon Garcia made the decision to initiate the plan for reunification of all students in the Education Building. At the end of this school year, the lease with the First Baptist Church will terminate. The monies freed up from the lease termination will enable SFX to accomplish other goals established in the strategic plan and the mission of the parish.

Like the stewards of any thriving entity, our goal is not only to balance the budget, but also to ensure resources are available in the future when additional investments in the parish are needed. *The Finance Council has recommended to Fr. Bill Tkachuk a balanced budget this year, based on a 4% increase in total offertory (including Sunday, Christmas, and Easter).* Note that **last year**, our budget was ALSO based on a 4% increase in offertory, with the actual offertory results coming in flat with the previous year. Therefore, the suggested increase of 4% spans two years as we try to catch up with two years of moderate operating expense increases.

As conscientious stewards of the parish's treasure, the Finance Council continues to review parish operating expenses with Jennifer Zeisloft, the parish Business Manager, on a quarterly basis. In collaboration with the Buildings and Grounds Committee, we look for what is best for the parish from a building infrastructure perspective, staying proactive so that facilities are well maintained. Working with staff members and representatives of our many ministries, we continue to sustain our spiritual and liturgical traditions while exploring new ways to reach out to and engage existing and new members of the parish. We appreciate the time you spent during October to determine how you would engage in the SFX community as a good steward. We appreciate your commitment. May we all join together to support each other today, and to gift future generations with our investment in SFX.

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P.S. God bless Gary Radville and Chris Cooley, who "retired" from the Finance Council after MANY years of invaluable service to St. Francis Xavier!

# ENROLLMENT AND SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS



## Religious Education Enrollment

October 2018 ~ 779

Baptisms  
172

Marriages  
39

## Day School Enrollment

September 2018 ~ 496

First  
Communions  
169

Confirmations  
177

## Quest Participation

October 2018 ~ 320

RCIA  
Participants  
8

Funerals  
65



# SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We would like to introduce ourselves, the Stewardship Committee. Our objective is to promote the Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure throughout the St. Francis Xavier Community.

On October 14, one of our music ministers, Tony Pangan, offered this perspective from the pulpit:

*This is a beautiful building, but it's inanimate, made of stone, wood, metal. We fill it with life when we come together to celebrate Mass. When Jesus talks about the living Church, he is talking about us. We are His body. It's not just Father Bill or Deacon Andy or the ushers, lectors and servers. What an awesome realization! What an imposing thought! Think about what "We are the Church" means. When we hope that the Church will be a force of good in this world, we are talking about us. When we wish that the Church can spread the Gospel to every corner of this world, we are talking about us. When we challenge the Church to do more for the down-trodden and underserved, we are talking about us. It's stewardship of both time and talent, and also financial stewardship.*

We spent the month of October reflecting on and discerning our willingness to acknowledge our blessings, and act as Jesus' hands and feet in the world. Now, we are ready to invest ourselves in the community of St. Francis Xavier Parish. Just as spring, summer, fall, and winter transition one to the other, so will the Season of Stewardship transition from this period of discernment to action and investment in our parish! Please join the parish as we:

- devote prayer time with our own families and our parish family. Perhaps invite others to join in conversation around the Advent Little Blue Book;
- offer our God-given talents. In the next month, our Arts and Environment Committee would love help in preparing the church in all its Advent beauty. Another suggestion would be to help with the Food Pantry's Christmas distribution on December 18; and
- give our financial resources. Consider enrolling in the automatic offertory program to help reach our goal of 60 new enrollments by December 31, and/or pick up a tag from the Giving Tree on December 8 or 9 at church.

Let us continue to build community, as we build the Kingdom of God on Earth! For all things are possible with God!

*The Stewardship Committee:* Andrew and Jenny James, Andrew and Beth DiMarco, Mike and Claire Jakubisin, Curt and Carol Aronson

*Finance Council Representative:* Jim Owen

*Staff:* Jane Bandyk, Jennifer Zeisloft, Olivia Zurowski

P.S. As our parish family continues to expand geographically, we have begun using social media to keep connected! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

**Enroll in online giving by texting  
DONATE to 708-340-6630**



## STEWARDSHIP: MISSION-DRIVEN GIVING

Non-Operating Contributions (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)

Our parishioners responded generously to the needs of our brothers and sisters through special collections, contributing over \$270,000. The summary below is per our records; much more is given directly to these organizations, so these amounts do not completely reflect the total contributions by SFX parishioners.

St. Agatha Parish (excluding Campaign)	\$ 26,439	Holy Land	\$ 1,376
Ascension-St. Susanna Parish	550	Aid to Churches of Central/East Europe	3,108
Catholic Extension (Holy Thursday)	1,558	Catholic Charities	6,808
GCFD (Souper Bowl Collection)	1,554	Natural Disaster Relief (Catholic Charities)	13,084
Feed Our Future (Souper Bowl Collection)	1,554	IC for Detained Immigrants (Thanksgiving)	1,342
Peter's Pence	2,301	St. Vincent de Paul	11,097
World Mission/Propagation of Faith	2,990	Archdiocesan Priest Retirement	6,636
Trinity Dome (Washington, D.C.)	2,754	Campaign for Human Development	13,532
Food Pantry	26,275	Habitat for Humanity	8,610
Latin America	3,193	Religious Retirement	8,669
Seminaries	1,968	Missionary CO-OP	4,530
Annual Catholic Appeal as of June 2018	122,067	Operation Rice Bowl-CRS	<u>2,523</u>
		Total:	<u>\$ 274,518</u>

SFX also sets aside some of its own budget for mission-driven giving beyond the parish. Examples include: a donation toward the purchase of a new ultrasound machine for the *Women's Care Center* in La Grange; financial support to *Interfaith Community Partners* whose mission is to maximize independence and well-being for older adults; the *Archdiocese Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity* on behalf of DACA students; and *Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants* for their work with individuals and families affected by immigration detention, deportation and post-detention.

In addition, SFX provides programs such as the Day School Service Day, Religious Ed Toy Shower and Youth Ministry Giving Tree for St. Agatha Parish, Teen Mission Trip, and All Parish Service Day. Parishioners provide ongoing donations of food, clothing and household items to strengthen outreach to our local community through the Food Pantry. The parish hosts an overnight shelter in Joyce Hall in collaboration with the BEDS Plus organization.

Auxiliary organizations also benefit missions beyond the parish. For example, Catholic Women's Club hosts The Tyler Toy Drive in support of the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation, and Men's Club financially supports Habitat for Humanity and BEDS Plus.





# ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	Notes
<b><u>PARISH FUNDS ON DEPOSIT</u></b>			
Cash and Savings	\$1,004,573	\$ 879,031	A
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Capital Campaign Fund	243,457	564,935	B
Building Fund	88,933	107,640	B
Special Collection Funds (not yet disbursed)	17,574	-	
Parish Endowment Fund	195,398	207,433	C
Educational Endowment Fund	713,225	765,402	C, D
<b>TOTAL PARISH FUNDS ON DEPOSIT:</b>	<b><u>\$2,263,159</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,524,441</u></b>	

### Notes:

- A Reduction of \$125,542 (due to operating deficit of \$95,750 and several maintenance projects)
- B Prior to capital expenditures for the Summer 2018 projects
- C Increases were primarily due to investment returns
- D The Finance Council and School Advisory Board have set a goal of \$1 million for this fund. Investment returns can then be used for operating expenses.

## PARISH DEBT - NONE

## UNFUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS TARGETED FOR COMPLETION IN 2019 OR 2020

*Each amount is an estimate from building contractors.*

Education Building Roof	\$ 125,000
Church Air Conditioning Tower	40,000
Rectory Air Conditioning Unit (1 of 3)	11,000
Garage	25,000
Gym Entrance Concrete Work	10,000
	<u>\$ 211,000</u>

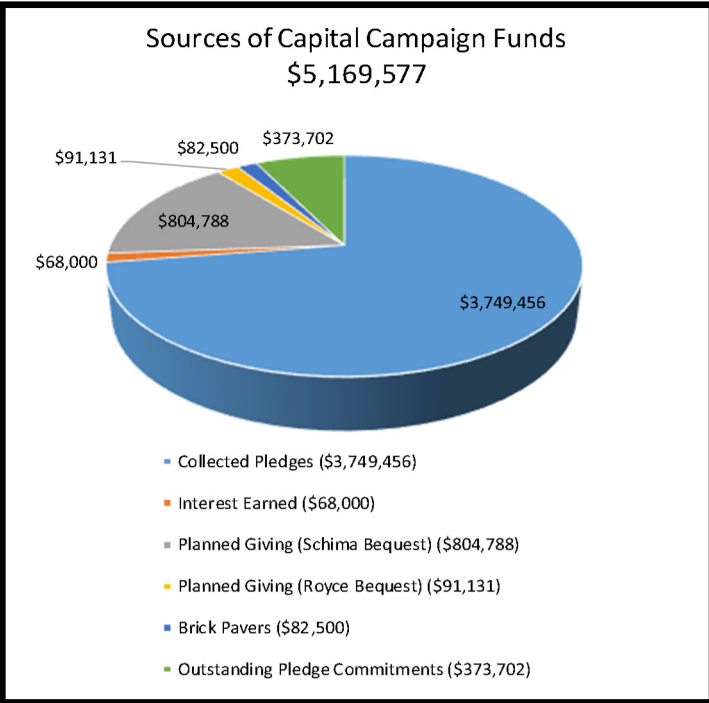


# 125th Anniversary Capital Campaign & Capital Projects

In 2014, SFX embarked on a capital campaign to fulfill part of its Prophetic Plan to maintain, enhance, and expand parish facilities. Almost 1,000 families joined in support. The overwhelming success of the campaign enabled the parish to enter into three years of substantial capital projects from 2016 – 2018. The addition of Unity Hall has been used for Sunday morning Masses, providing wiggle room for youngsters with their families. Overflow Christmas and Easter Masses view the liturgies on Unity Hall’s audio/visual system. The Hall has been used for countless meetings involving Religious Ed and Day School, adult education presentations, ministries ... the list goes on and on. The gym and Joyce Hall renovations in the Education Building are almost complete, bringing “oohs and aahs” from parishioners and visitors alike. The gym vestibule was completed this summer, with new accessible viewing area and bathrooms. And an addition to the campaign’s scope: our new Unity Garden, which includes a new paver area (blessed in the photo above), electric power transformer, waterproofing, and decorative lighting.



Pledge payments are scheduled to come in through December 2021. Our projects are almost finished. Our commitment to St. Agatha Parish’s Educational Endowment Fund is set to be fulfilled by June 2020. God bless all who supported the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign, investing in these wonderful parish facility enhancements!



## **Capital Campaign Uses of Funds:** From January 2014 through September 30, 2018

Capital Project Expenditures to Date	\$ 4,024,949
St. Agatha Parish: Commitment Paid to Date	545,075
Ascension-St. Susanna Parish: Commitment Completed	159,000
Future Capital Projects *	225,000
Remaining Commitment to St. Agatha Parish	204,925
<b>Total Estimated Uses of Capital Campaign Funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,158,949</b>

\* including fire detection system, Joyce Hall audio visual system, and site signage

If you wish to join the Campaign or make an additional contribution, we encourage you to visit our website ([www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)) and take a look at the Capital Projects information. You can also find more information on purchasing an engraved brick paver!



***Please help us keep our records current!***

*We are asking for your information to keep our records current. If you could please fill out the below form and return to the rectory we would really appreciate it.  
Thank you!*

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

Household Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Household E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Home or Cell)

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Home or Cell)

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



Our sincere  
gratitude for  
all you do for  
the parish.

Without you  
we would be  
unable to  
accomplish  
and continue  
all that we  
do.

*The Parish  
Staff*

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES AT MOTHERHOUSE CHAPEL

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

**Christmas Blessings!**

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN

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

**Christmas Blessings!**

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

### 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 8 and 9.**



**Wrapped gifts with gift tags affixed to them, need to be returned by noon on Sunday, December 16** 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.

### SPRED Christmas Liturgy

Please join the St. Francis Xavier SPRED group on Sunday, December 9 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 all of us.

After Mass, we will continue our celebration with a reception in Joyce Hall, hosted by 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and families from the Day School. All are welcome!

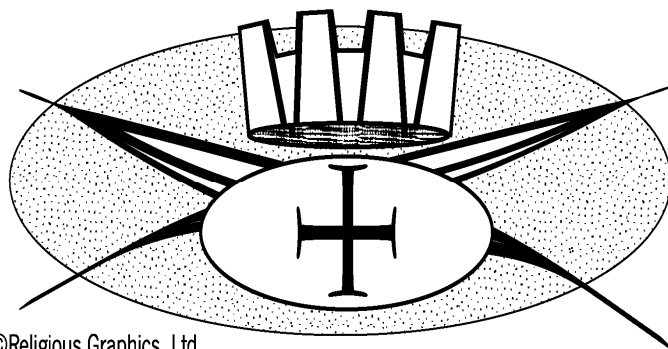
### The Christmas Wafer

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available in the Rectory during office hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 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.



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

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



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

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

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

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

## Religious Education Class Dates

### Sundays

November 25	No Class
December 2	Class
December 9	Class
December 16	Class
	Pajama Day

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### Wednesdays

November 28	No Class
December 5	Class
December 12	Class
December 19	Class
	Pajama Day

## Religious Education Important Date

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

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

### 2019 Summer Mission Trip

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

Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to

Springfield, KY. Be on the lookout for the registration form this month. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information at [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



## Scripture Reflection

### Feast of Christ the King

We gather today on the last Sunday of the church's calendar year; the Sunday called Christ the King. Today is the culminating day of an entire year's journey through the scriptures. The story of faith has been retold beginning with Advent's expectation. We then followed the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in the gospels. The early steps of the church were retraced through Pentecost and beyond. And we followed the teachings of the apostles through the Sundays in Ordinary Time. All of this brings us to this day, the day we celebrate Jesus as King.

People in our culture today, however, are usually not comfortable with the notion of kings and queens. Our ideas about them often come from the stories we read as children. The notion of power comes with this image of ours. Power can do some cruel things to us and to our world, depending on how it is used. Sometimes power can make us not be who we were meant to be. We become someone other than ourselves. We use power as something we hold over others or something we use to help us get ahead.

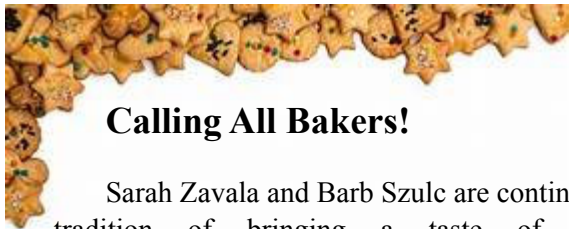
Christ, our King, is not swayed by power or uses power on his behalf. Jesus does not use his power to command and dictate. After all, we hear once again in today's gospel that Jesus was handed over to Pilate to stand trial. Not something you would think one of power would allow to have happen. And yet he did.

Today's feast challenges us to live out the reign of God every day. Most people who handed Jesus over to Pilate did not recognize him as King. Today, we are challenged to recognize this same King in the faces of starving children, the imprisoned, and those in need of social assistance. We're challenged to see Christ the King in the lonely, the marginalized, the elderly. Can you see him in overworked parents and in the struggles of our young people?

Christ, our King, invites us and empowers us on this feast to look with eyes of faith and reach out in love to the King hidden in every person so that the Kingdom of God may reign. In so doing, we can bring life, hope, and peace to the world around us.

How will we honor and serve Christ the King to those we meet this day?

*Jeri Simoni*



## 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 eighth 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 you 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 14th, if you would like to participate. Send an email to 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 21st 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 9th. We'll be happy to do the baking for you!

Thanks for your participation,  
Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc



## Prayer Shawl Ministry Blessing Mass



The Prayer Shawl Ministry members knit and crochet prayer shawls intended to provide comfort for the recipients. We also make baby blankets for ABLE Family Ministries in West Virginia (affiliated with the CSJs), and warm scarves for BEDS Plus and the SFX Food Pantry. A blessing over the shawls will take place on November 25th at the 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome to take a prayer shawl or blanket after 9:00, 10:30, and noon masses that day for yourself or a loved one who may need comfort.

If you are interested in knitting or crocheting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry, or if you are interested in supporting the work of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Sarah Zavala at sarahsmiles17@yahoo.com or 708-261-3473. We appreciate financial support via check or gift card to a local craft store to purchase yarn and ribbon to create shawls, blankets, and scarves. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm in Unity Hall.

## Prayer & Reflection



This Advent, we join St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus Parishes in praying with the *Little Blue Book*. Continuing our *Stewardship of Time* in prayer, all are invited to spend 6 minutes a day reflecting on Advent, as presented in Luke's Gospel. The *Little Blue Books* contain Scripture passages, reflections by Bishop Ken Untener, prayers, action steps, quotes from the Saints, and a variety of other thoughts about Advent, Christmas, feast days, and Catholic traditions and customs.

**Books are available at all church entrances.**

# CHRISTUS REX

## Christ the King



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—  
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—  
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and  
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,  
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz

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



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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)  
 Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

### **Liturgy Schedule**

Monday through Wednesday .....7:45 and 9:00 am  
 Thursday.....9:00 am  
 Friday.....7:45 am  
 Saturday.....9:00 am

### **Word Communion Services**

Thursday.....7:45 am  
 Friday.....9:00 am

### **Bulletin Deadline**

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

### **Domestic Violence Resources**

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
 LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

### **Food Pantry**

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

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

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

### **Infant Baptisms**

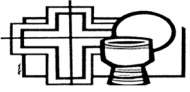
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **Marriage**

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

### **Parish Counselor**

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email [nkennedy4@luc.edu](mailto:nkennedy4@luc.edu).



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—December 1-2, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Kanzer K. Murphy H. McCormick		C. Kachmarik M. Kachmarik K. Adams	L. Digianfilippo	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Kalkowski G. Schuler T. Nichol		C. Carroll T. Newcomb J. Crandall	S. VanOrdstrand	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	J. Spearman J. Schaefer O. Washburn		A. Fix E. Cushing D. Collins	K. Fron Gallery Choir	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Ilo	S. Zlatic T. Hill J. Schwister		R. Newman A. Edwards Q. Filbin	Julia Petkus Celebration Ensemble	P. Sbertl
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	L. Freda T. Bezouska L. Freda		M. Hayford A. Grech A. Brown	J. Pfluger	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Be watchful  
for you do not  
know the day  
or the hour



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### Readings For The Week of November 18, 2018

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
 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: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36  
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/  
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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