

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2020



## Week at a Glance

Monday, October 26	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Nestor Kohut
Tuesday, October 27	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Deceased Members of Martin & Doonan Families
Wednesday, October 28	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Verona Whitmore
Thursday, October 29	Rosary Private Prayer	8:15 am 8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Friday, October 30	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Josephine Cindric
Saturday, October 31	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Daniel and Jean Murphy, Mary Stukel
Sunday, November 1 All Saints	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Kathy Kriz Roy Leslie, Bernard Urycki People of the Parish

### Please Pray For...

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

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

Father Bill and Father Rich are offering a daily private Mass for the intention that had been requested for a day on which no public Mass is offered. We also continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. 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:

#### *Gerald Drescher*

Father of Katie & Wes Weems  
Grandfather of Matt & Michael

### Readings For The Week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

# Pastor's Notes

*"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*  
Matthew 22:39

The second greatest commandment comprises *two* commandments. Love of neighbor in the Christian sense requires a prior love for myself. It is not selfish. On the contrary, it is coming to see *myself as God's beloved child*. It is embracing my gifts and my limitations and accepting that I am all that God needs me to be to accomplish God's desires for me. It is to accept that God sometimes uses even my weaknesses as an instrument of grace. I then open the path to loving others, especially those who confuse or irritate me. How often have we realized that we may find it hardest to love in another what we have not yet come to love in ourselves?

Our October reflections on the dignity of life *from conception throughout life on earth to natural death* conclude with a consideration of the *natural* end of our lives on earth: a **natural death**. We do not take issue with the peaceful death of a loved one who has lived a long and good life. However, *natural death* often involves illness and weakness and struggles from which we would spare our loved ones. Hospice care has come a long way in providing comfort to those who are dying and their families. Still, we might struggle to see value in the *natural death* of one who is suffering. Or we might fail to see value in the "living" of those with serious mental or physical impairments. And we might struggle to see dignity in the life of someone convicted of a brutal crime, or who has inflicted great suffering on others.

To love the life that God has given me is to accept that there is dignity even when I feel least dignified. To love another in this way is to comfort them with whatever natural means are available and to be God's presence in the very depths of their suffering. This is the witness of Mary and John at the foot of

the Cross of Jesus; and it may be the most powerful testimony of faith we can offer. We remain present to the dying, the suffering, and the condemned as instruments of the presence of God. We do what we can to ease their pain and struggle without direct human intervention to end their lives. We proclaim that God never abandons us, even when seems so. Our acts of love toward the suffering and dying, and our advocacy for death as a *natural* process, proclaim the mystery that our lives are so much more than what we experience within time and space.

As you read this, I am nearing the end of my annual eight-day silent retreat. You are in my prayers as I spend time with the Lord in the beauty of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. I ask your prayers for me in this time.

I will return in time for the celebration of "All Hallows Eve." With the limits imposed upon us by the coronavirus, perhaps it is a good year to reflect on the Christian origins of Halloween. Our ancestors "baptized" the customs of England and other countries to honor deceased relatives. Favorite foods of a family's ancestors were left at doorstep for the ancestors to enjoy during the night. Over time, children began to travel from house to house so that these treats would not go to waste. Were they to find that a family had left nothing at the door, they would play a trick on that household to express the disappointment of the ancestors. Hence, it was a night for "Trick or Treat." Christians moved it to the eve of All Saints (All Hallows) Day to remember the saints and other ancestors in prayer. May we do so with love and fondness, thus avoiding the tricks.

**Autumn Peace,**

*J. Bill*

## All Saints' Day Celebration!

To celebrate All Saints' Day, SFX is organizing a virtual All Saints' Parade/Litany. We want *you* to join us!

There are two easy options for participation:

1. Take a picture with artwork related to a Saint whom you love or has impacted your life. The artwork can be homemade, an icon, a book, or anything you would like **OR**
2. Take a quick video (landscape filming preferred if using a phone) of you/your family saying your Saint's name and "pray for us!" (ex: "St. \_\_\_, pray for us!")

Send your picture or video to [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) (with the name of your Saint in the subject line) by October 28.

We can't wait to see how the Communion of Saints is walking with, loving, and praying for our SFX community in so many different ways!



## 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@sfxlq.org](mailto:mpipal@sfxlq.org)) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.



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## EXPANDED MASS SCHEDULE

Expanded weekend and weekday Mass schedules began on October 1.

- + **Sunday evening Mass** returned on October 4 at the earlier time of **5:00PM**. There will be some modifications due to coronavirus precautions. **High school youth will continue to serve in the ministries for this Mass.**
- + **Weekday Mass** will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30AM. On Thursday, the communal Rosary will begin at 8:15AM, followed by quiet prayer time until 9:30.

Thank you to our parish volunteers who make this possible!

## 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.

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](#)

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

No. This past summer, the parish installed four air sterilizers into the main air supply of the church. The units are commercial ionic photo-oxidation air purifiers. The air is sterilized/sanitized/purified as it passes through the main duct and through the grates in the nave of the church. We were able to obtain these units through a generous contribution from a parishioner who is an HVAC professional.

During the summer, the air conditioned air followed this path and has sanitized the air in church through most of the summer and autumn. The air in the church has constantly been cleaned and/or replaced by a combination of using the air sterilizers and partially opening the windows during the day. This winter, in addition to heating the church through convection from the radiators behind the grates, we also will activate the air handling system so that the heated air continues to be sanitized. Whenever weather permits, we also will continue to introduce fresh air into the church by slightly opening windows, especially when the church is not occupied. Are air purifiers with ionizers safe? Ionic air purifiers (ionizers) clean the air by emitting negative ions, which are harmless to humans. This is different from ozone generators, which can emit high levels of ozone that may have negative health effects.

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

## Domestic Violence Outreach



### **Who Are the Victims?**

<sup>1</sup>Twenty-five percent of American women and eight percent of American men will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. Children are very often witnesses and victims themselves.

This statistic does not include the vast number of unreported incidents of violence.

There is no evidence that the prevalence of domestic violence is any lower within faith communities.

### **What is Domestic Violence?**

<sup>2</sup>Domestic violence (also known as spouse abuse, partner violence, intimate-partner violence, battering, and numerous other terms) is a pattern of coercion used by one person to exert power and control over another person in the context of a dating, family, or household relationship. The spectrum of domestic violence includes much more than physical assault. Domestic violence encompasses a constellation of controlling behaviors that include:

Actual or threatened physical harm, psychological abuse, and forced sexual contact; Economic control; Social isolation; Destruction of a victim's property, keepsakes, or personal possessions; Abuse of animals/pets; Misuse of divine beings or religious beliefs, practices, teachings and traditions as well as asserting male superiority and attributing abusive behavior to cultural traditions.

These behaviors can occur in any combination, sporadically or chronically, over a period of up to several decades.

Most victims of domestic violence are women in heterosexual relationships. Men in heterosexual relationships can also be victims of domestic violence, in addition to both women and men in same-sex relationships. Regardless of culture, race, religion, or socio-economic class, approximately 90 percent of reported domestic violence cases involve men who abuse women.

<sup>1</sup>Elaine J. Alpert, et al. *Responding to Domestic Violence: An Interfaith Guide to Prevention and Intervention*, The Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, 2005

<sup>2</sup>"Causes of Domestic Violence", [www.allaboutlifechanges.org](http://www.allaboutlifechanges.org)

<sup>3</sup>Rev. Joyce Galvin, Domestic Violence Presentations at St. Raymond July 2010

## 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!**

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](mailto:sfxgrad@gmail.com) for more information.

## Virtual Academic Nights



Fenwick High School will be hosting Virtual Academic Nights on Tuesday, October 20th, and October 27th. Math, Science, Humanities and Expressive Arts will be discussed. For more information, please go to the Fenwick website, [www.fenwickfriars.com](http://www.fenwickfriars.com).

## 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:**

[SFX School Reopening Plan](#)

[Welcome Back Grades 3-8](#)

[First Day of School for Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2](#)

[First Day of School for PS3 and PK4](#)

2020 SFX Golf Outing video:  
<https://vimeo.com/460599105>  
120 golfers enjoyed a BEAUTIFUL day!

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>

LOVE the LORD your GOD  
your neighbor

## QUEST!

Dear Quest teens, parents, and leaders,

Come, Holy Spirit! We are so grateful for your patience as we navigate Quest logistics amidst COVID-19. We have been thinking long and hard about how to make Quest the most **life-giving** and **Spirit-inspired** program it can be for our teens as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation – an amazing sacrament that truly has the power to **transform our lives and the world** when we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit sincerely.

We are pleased to announce that **Quest will begin in November** – in-person and virtually according to teen and parent comfort levels. For in-person meetings to occur, Quest groups must have unanimous consensus on meeting in-person (amongst both the teens and the parents.) Each teen and parent will also sign an agreement not to attend in-person if they are ill. Groups of about 10 teens will meet **once a month** and will **set their own meeting dates/times**. All families who have registered for Quest will receive a survey to ensure that the groups formed share similar expectations and comfort levels regarding in-person or virtual meetings.

**If you have not yet registered**, please fill out the Quest Confirmation Registration Form found at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) under Youth Ministry. After completing the form please send it into the rectory office or email to [dsoulje@sfxlg.org](mailto:dsoulje@sfxlg.org).

Those interested in *leading* a group will also receive a survey regarding their preferred meeting method. We will host a **leader meeting at the end of October**. At this meeting, we will offer some spiritual reflection to prepare for this journey with our SFX teens and equip you with resources for leading your group! If you are interested in leading a group, please email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org).

Thank you again for your patience! **We are praying for you**, and we cannot wait to see how the Spirit is moving in your Quest groups, your lives, and ultimately the sacrament of Confirmation!

With fiery Spirit,  
Fr. Rich and Maggie

## St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

This year brings many challenges to volunteering and giving back to others in our St. Francis Xavier Community. We came up with three opportunities and hope you can join us. We are excited to share the following service opportunities! SFX families are invited to participate in these service events. The idea behind the Family Ministry is to give families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please help us make a difference.

**December**~We wanted to work with an organization that would bring cheer during the holiday season. We will work with Cards of Hope, an organization that mails cards to people affected by cancer. Please contact Rachel at [peteronrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peteronrtw@sbcglobal.net) and she will provide you with the information on how to help. We will be participating in this event from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**October through May**~Some of you may already be aware that the guests of the BEDS program are not staying at St. Francis Xavier due to COVID-19 concerns. The guests are staying at various locations, so for now, please drop all dessert donations on Monday mornings before noon at the BEDS Plus facility on the corner of East Avenue and Ogden Avenue, please contact Theresa at [thsully28@yahoo.com](mailto:thsully28@yahoo.com) to sign up.

We hope to have more opportunities in the new calendar year and will keep you updated.

## Religious Education Registration


Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org).

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at [tsimeoni@sfxlg.org](mailto: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](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_parish)

 [St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL](https://www.facebook.com/St.FrancisXavierParishLaGrangeIL)



**“We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a ‘Gospel of life.’ It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly in respect for human dignity.”**

*Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB*

## OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE THEMES

Oct 4 Life & Creation

Oct 11 New Life

Oct 18 Life & Dignity

### Oct 25 End of Life

*“Death is nothing else but going home to God, the bond of love will be unbroken for all of eternity.”*  
Mother Teresa

## TAKING ACTION FOR END OF LIFE:

- Volunteer with Interfaith Community Partners, whose mission it is to aid seniors in living independently in their homes and connect them with the community
- Help a neighbor set up technology to “see” their family, to register/find transportation to Mass, daily prayer, rosary, or adoration
- Reflect on the beauty of heaven (for which we are made!)
- Read Pope Francis’ revision of the Catechism regarding the inadmissibility of the death penalty (CCC 2267)
- Put the Suicide Hotline contact into your phone for emergencies: 800-273-8255

*We give thanks for the more than 165 volunteers over the age of 70 who make our Parish ministries possible!*

## Upcoming/Ongoing Respect Life Events

**Sept 23 – Nov 1: 40 Days for Life.** Help save lives through the power of prayer.

### Month of October: Annual Women’s Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive

Contact Mary Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) to have an envelope mailed to you OR online donations can be made at: [www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/](http://www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/) Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

## RESOURCES

### Aspired Living – 35 Shawmut Ave, La Grange | 312-837-0713

Provides a community for assisted living and memory support using a modern approach to whole self-wellness and prioritizing purpose among seniors. At Aspired Living, seniors live well, age well, and be well.

### Women’s Care Center – 136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange | 708-352-5000

Provides free, confidential counseling, support, education, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Since opening in May 2018, the La Grange WCC has welcomed and supported over 1100 babies and their families.

### PILLARS | Hotlines: **Domestic violence: 708-485-5254 | Sexual assault: 708-482-9600**

Provides health and social services. Domestic and sexual violence staff serve clients through free 24-hour hotlines. 708-PILLARS for all services including mental health.

### National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): The Living Room | 4731 Willow Springs Rd, La Grange | 708-582-6434

Provides free peer counseling to anyone feeling scared, anxious, angry, sad, or just needs someone to talk to. Open every day 1pm - 9pm, must be 18 or older.

## Gospel of Life Prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life. – Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*





## **NEW – Help Needed! Elizabeth Ministry: Support through the Joys, Challenges and Sorrows of the Childbearing Years**

SFX is in the process of establishing an Elizabeth Ministry Chapter. If you have experienced a miscarriage, infertility, or if you have adopted or fostered a child, and you would like to be involved with Elizabeth Ministry's support of women and families through these experiences, please contact Maggie McMahon at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org).

If you are currently struggling with infertility, the adoption process, the foster care process, or if you are grieving the loss of a child to miscarriage and would like to speak with a minister, please contact Maggie as well. We are here to support you.

**GOD  
is LOVE**

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## **Annual Mass Supporting People with Mental Illnesses**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm, the Archdiocese will once again host The Annual Mass for Mental Illness Awareness. In these unprecedented times, mental health is in the forefront of our concerns. We know our faith is a key part of our being well. Whether you, a family member, or a friend are experiencing mental health conditions for the first time or for a long time, the annual mass is a time for all to pray together and share our similar journeys.

This year will be different but still with the same purpose of caring and supporting one another. On Zoom, there will be opening comments from Cardinal Cupich, we will celebrate mass, and then have an opportunity for casual conversations.

Please register in advance by using the following Zoom link and we will send you the "log on" link to the mass:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?zE9226fZcBwwAUJkpsuiGdik6>

For more information contact:  
Deacon Tom Lambert at [tlambert@ourlmc.org](mailto:tlambert@ourlmc.org)

Sponsored by:  
Archdiocese of Chicago Commission on Mental  
Illness  
and Faith & Fellowship



Due to the Coronavirus, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up. Here are just a few highlights from September:

**Inter-Racial Relationship Circle** on Tuesdays, October 27-December 15 (8 sessions) from 6:30-8:00 pm (CDT). It is Story that builds compassion in us: when we can truly receive and hold another's Story, we change, and the fabric of our society becomes a bit more tender. In this time when our hearts are being broken open by the injustice of systemic racism, we hope to gather an inter-racial group of 12 open-hearted persons to hold each others' Stories, build community, and imagine a more just future. Series cost: \$40.

**Restorative Justice Circle** on Wednesdays, October 28, November 4 and 11 from 9:30-11:00 am or 7:00-8:30 pm. We invite persons of diverse values and worldviews, via a structured process, to listen to other participants and express their own beliefs about the topics of racism, challenging whiteness, and the intersection of race and climate change. We will come to a better understanding of each other and begin to heal our polarized world. Free will, suggested donation: \$0-\$30 for series.

Please see our website at [www.csjthewell.org/offerings/](http://www.csjthewell.org/offerings/) to find out about these programs and many more.

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2. Give online to the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry - Give Central at [www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/519](http://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/519).
3. Text the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry - Text PANTRY to 708-340-6630.
4. Give online to the Chicago Food Depository at [www.MyFoodDrive.org/?LGKofC202](http://www.MyFoodDrive.org/?LGKofC202).
5. Schedule a contactless donation pick-up – text or email F4FPICKUP to 708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).
6. Post & share on your social media – text or email F4F to 708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).

Questions? Text, or email Mike Hattie at  
708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com)

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Or text or email F4F to 708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## The Knights of Columbus has extended the donation period through October.

Donations can be dropped in envelopes through the mail slot in the rectory door. Please address envelopes:

ATTN: Brian Lisek, Knights of Columbus

The Knights greatly appreciate your support of our local intellectual-disabilities services through this collection campaign.

### Save The Date! Red Sled Virtual Holiday Bazaar

The Red Sled VIRTUAL Holiday Bazaar is on its way to warm up your holiday season on Saturday, November 7. Check out the calendar for an update on how you can support Ogden's signature fundraising event in a COVID-friendly way.

<https://fb.me/e/1CxfrdXwC>

Event Website: <https://ogdenptc.org/redsled>



### From Your SFX Parish Counselor

*COVID-19 has changed the day-to-day lives of many parents and caregivers. These individuals have been forced to make adjustments in major areas of life, including child care, schooling for children, work dynamics and social supports. These changes create deeper concerns and uncertainties for many adults.*

- from The American Counseling Association

**Wanna learn more about self-care?  
Consider reaching out to me at (442) 264-7589 or  
[lolanadan@gmail.com](mailto:lolanadan@gmail.com).**

*At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online. Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisq-SrOcVM>.*

Lolan P. Adan, MAPC~Parish Counselor

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The Claret Center, 5536 South Everett, Chicago, IL  
60637

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(Under supervisor IL license # 071-005991)

### Interfaith Career Network

#### Free Virtual Resume Review

ICN will be available to do a resume review with you on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00-11:00 am...on your phone! Simply email a copy of your existing resume to [Resumereview@interfaithcareernetwork.org](mailto:Resumereview@interfaithcareernetwork.org). Please include the telephone number at which you wish to be called. You will be notified of your 30-minute time slot via an email from ICN prior to the review. **Please respond by 3:00 pm on Friday, November 6.** Join us for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR or other search related professional. Pick up some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Now is the time to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to hearing from you! There is no charge for this service.

ICN offers job support through various programs.

For further information, visit us at  
[www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

### C.S. Lewis Book Club

Join a group of fellow parishioners to read and discuss the *entertaining* and *theologically rich* work of C.S. Lewis. Dates/times for virtual meetings will be established once the group is formed. Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) for more information or to join the group!

### Save the Date!

**Senior Women's Group  
Presentation by  
Martie Lukanich  
November 12  
10:30 am**



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# FLU 2020



## Prevent the flu: Get vaccinated every year

With COVID-19 also affecting our community, the flu vaccine is more important this year than ever. Influenza, commonly called “the flu,” is a viral infection of the respiratory tract that may cause symptoms very similar to those of COVID-19.

**Everyone six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season.**

Flu vaccine is provided at many local health departments, private health care providers and pharmacies across Illinois. Contact your health care provider to find out which flu vaccine is right for you or you can

find vaccine locations at [vaccinefinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org).

Most people who get the flu recover completely in one to two weeks, but some people develop **serious and potentially life-threatening medical complications**, such as pneumonia.

Over the past decade, influenza and pneumonia have been linked to an average of **3,500 deaths** a year in Illinois.

Between **10 and 20 percent of Americans** are infected during most flu seasons, which typically run from October through May.

More than **200,000 people** are hospitalized by the flu each year in the U.S.

### Symptoms of flu include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea also can occur but are more common in children than adults.

### Emergency Warning Signs

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is having any of the following warning signs below.

**In children**, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Fever with a rash

**In adults**, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

**Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is experiencing any of the signs above.**



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- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
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### **Rectory Hours**

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

**At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.**

### **Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church**

Thursday 8:30-9:30 am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning ..... 9:00-10:00 am  
 Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

### **Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches**

**St. Cletus** (Monday - Friday) ..... 9:00 am-Noon  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus  
**St. John of the Cross** (Monday - Saturday) ..... 8:00 -10:00 am

### **Bulletin Deadline**

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](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 10:00 to 11:30 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 to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org) to schedule a date.

### **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**

**At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.**

(Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcvM>)

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, Lolan Adan, from the Claret Center who can be reached by phone 442-264-7589 or email [lolanadan@gmail.com](mailto:lolanadan@gmail.com).



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