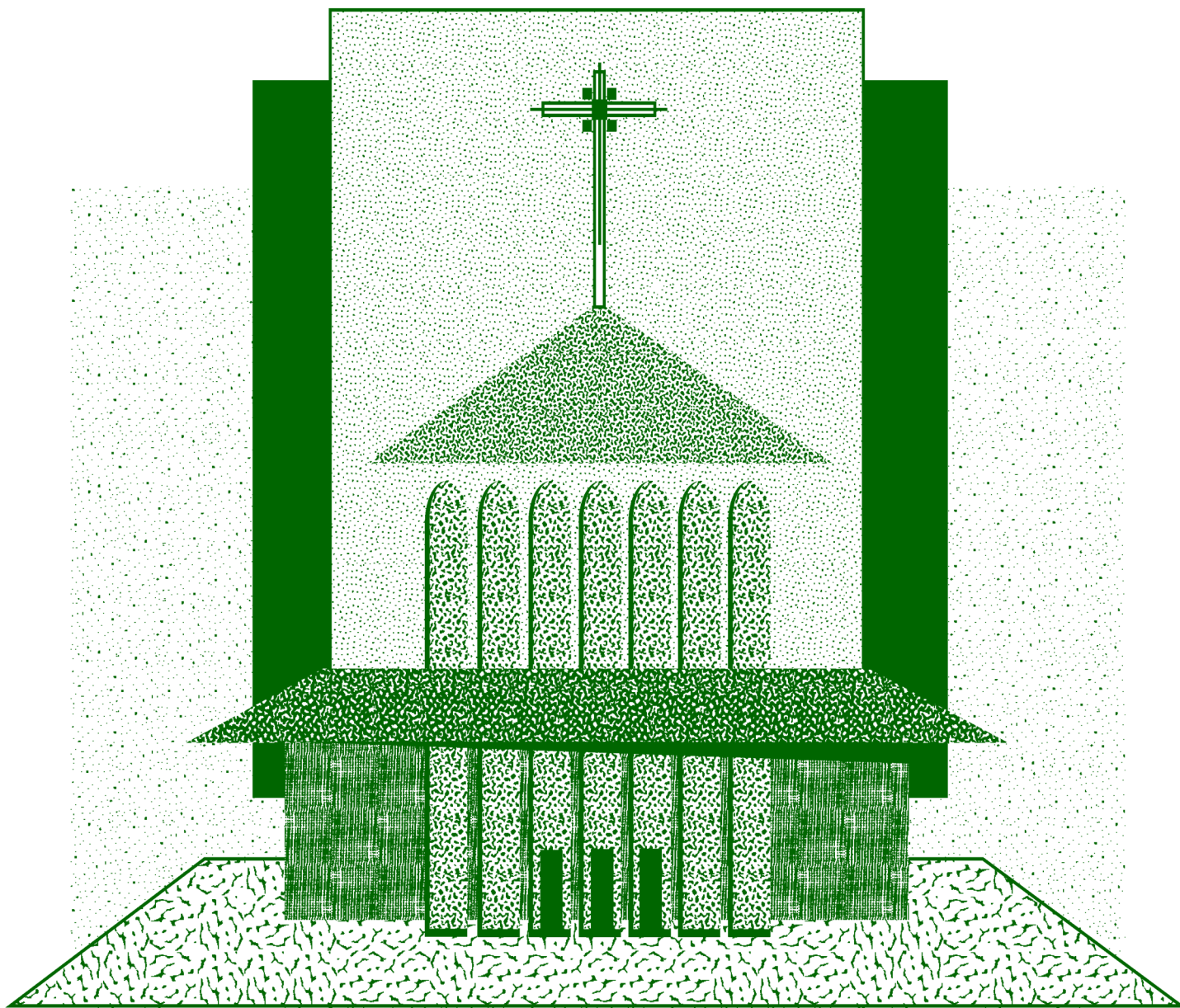


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2017



I will bring them to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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| Monday, August 21 Saint Pius X, Pope | 7:45 am | Ben Turner Robert Cahill Florence Schmuhl | The McKenna Family The Farnan Family The Farnan Family |
| | 9:00 am | James F. Purcell Wanda Houdek | The Dimailig Family The Driscoll Family |
| Tuesday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 7:45 am | Robert Zirzow | Donna Stritch |
| | 9:00 am | Sr. Margaret Ann White Living Intention-Linda Hillsman | Scott & Jill Burson Ed Barrett |
| Wednesday, August 23 Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin | 7:45 am | Herbert & Mary Schrack | The Schrack Family |
| | 9:00 am | Alfonso Mangione Mary Ann Mirecki | The Alfonso Mangione Family Marge Branecki |
| Thursday, August 24 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle | 7:45 am | Word & Communion Service | |
| | 9:00 am | Margaret Muccia Theodore Harris | Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan Michael & Kara O'Connell & Family |
| Friday, August 25 Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest | 7:45 am | Louis Mangione Angeline Matera Marie Bruno | The Alfonso Mangione Family The Dybas Family Mike & Mary Lynn Bruno |
| | 9:00 am | Word & Communion Service | |
| Saturday, August 26 | 9:00 am | Leonard DiPasquale | Donna Campeggia |
| | 9:30 am | Marge Moskos | The Phelan Family |
| | 4:15 pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation | |

Please Pray For...

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| John Amato | Carol Martin |
| Grace Bafaro | Molly Anne McKenna |
| Tony Banda | Steven McKinnon |
| Keeley Barr | Emmett Miller |
| George Biscuiles | Mike Morrison |
| Blake Donegan | Megan Morton |
| Fr. Dave Dowdle | Patricia Norum |
| Marian Dudek | Jane O'Reilly |
| Pat Eaton | Ryan Patyk |
| Bill Elliott | Donna Pekarek |
| Lily Fielding | Carissa Pessetti |
| Baby Collins Fitzpatrick | James Pridmore |
| John Gannon | Baby Madison Raupp |
| Lilli Gregory | Anna Rose |
| Wilson Gregory | Sam Ruffino |
| Frank Grippo | Marilyn Rutkowski |
| Linda Hillsman | Matthew Schiek |
| Rose Ilo | Linda Spychala |
| Jane Jacobson | Kate Frugoli Sullivan |
| Mike Kelly | Jerry Tazic |
| Benny Kilman | Marty Thuerk |
| Joan Kirby | Anne Titzer |
| Shirley Kollenberg | Michael Ungari |
| Jerry Kolman | Amanda Valerugo |
| Virginia Kottaridis | Mark Wachowski |
| | Gregory Van Gorp, Sr. |

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:

Nancy Ryan

Wife of Raymond and
Mother of Elizabeth, Joe, Andrew & William

Weddings



Danielle Ward & Ryan Lindquist
Erin Vondrasek & Ross Mangano
Allie Corrigan & Tim Kable
Christy Promisel & Andrey Zaytsev
Elizabeth Wiss & Stephen Supple

Pastor's Notes

"My house shall be called a house for all peoples."
Isaiah 56:7

My custom is to begin the pastor's column with an excerpt from the weekend scriptures and go from there. Isaiah sets a great tone for my first column as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish. The dream of Isaiah was a challenge to many up to and beyond the time of Jesus. These women and men thought that the people of Israel had priority passage into the house of God, and that others were to be admitted only after all the people of Israel were safely inside. "Sure, God will let the others in some day; but certainly not now." Jesus constantly challenged religious authorities and others of this belief that God welcomed all to the banquet and, like Jesus, was eager to dine with them.

So, what is happening in today's gospel? How can Jesus say to a woman pleading for her tormented daughter, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs"? Some scholars suggest that Jesus is openly struggling with a cultural bias that he had heard spoken since his childhood. I tend to agree with those who suggest that Jesus is forcing his disciples and others to hear the cruelty within words that any of those around him might have spoken without thought or compassion for the humanity of those they had come to think of as unworthy of care.

One week ago, we as a nation faced the remnants of racism that was woven into the fabric of America from the beginning and that remains part of our ongoing struggle to seek understanding and compassion for the persons whose experience we can only come to know through their eyes. Whether as citizens of a nation or community or members of a faith community, who is the woman pleading for her daughter whom we might be quick to dismiss as undeserving of our welcome or compassion?

Since first serving among you almost 30 years ago, I have known this to be a community of welcome and compassion. How is Jesus challenging us to stretch even further in our outreach to those not yet among us, or not yet among us on a regular basis? Who is it most difficult for me to welcome into this house for all peoples as my sister or brother?

We are about to enter a new parish year with the beginning of our formation programs for children, youth, and adults; our planning and leadership councils; and our many social gatherings. How will we allow God to stretch us just a bit further this year in hospitality and compassion? How will we grow in our mission to pray, to learn, and to serve? I look forward to what the Spirit has in store for us!

Peace,
Fr. Bill

Scripture Reflection

The Canaanite woman's cry to Jesus was that he "have pity on me" (not on her daughter, although that is surely implied in the request). Her love for her daughter and her great desire that she be healed could not be separated from herself—she and her daughter were one in the need for healing and life. Her daughter was welcomed into her heart in love, and this was the source of her great faith and persistence. This gives us an insight into our inclusivity and ministry: we must be so "at one" with others that their plight is our own plight. Ministry is more than doing for another; it implies an empathy with another that discloses the unity we share as members of the Body of Christ. One dimension of living the Gospel is that we work to increase our unity with one another, which in turn draws us to reach out to others in mercy and compassion, welcome and inclusivity.

Electronic Offertory Program

Below is the form for our EFT program. This convenient contribution method to Sunday offerings saves the Parish envelope costs and administrative effort. Your contribution can be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account once or twice per month. Just cut out the form below, fill it out, and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket. God bless your support for SFX!

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SACRIFICIAL CONTRIBUTION

Please consider the following method for determining your offertory contribution:

- ◆ Locate your household income.
- ◆ Identify your current weekly contribution.
- ◆ See what percentage of your income you are currently sharing.
- ◆ Consider increasing your gift.



| GROSS INCOME | WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION TO SFX | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 10% |
| \$10,000 | \$2 | \$4 | \$6 | \$8 | \$10 | \$19 |
| \$25,000 | \$5 | \$10 | \$15 | \$20 | \$25 | \$50 |
| \$40,000 | \$8 | \$15 | \$23 | \$31 | \$38 | \$76 |
| \$50,000 | \$10 | \$19 | \$29 | \$38 | \$48 | \$96 |
| \$60,000 | \$12 | \$23 | \$35 | \$46 | \$58 | \$116 |
| \$70,000 | \$13 | \$27 | \$40 | \$54 | \$67 | \$134 |
| \$80,000 | \$15 | \$31 | \$46 | \$62 | \$77 | \$154 |
| \$90,000 | \$17 | \$35 | \$52 | \$69 | \$87 | \$174 |
| \$100,000 | \$19 | \$38 | \$58 | \$77 | \$96 | \$192 |
| \$125,000 | \$24 | \$48 | \$72 | \$96 | \$120 | \$240 |
| \$150,000 | \$29 | \$58 | \$87 | \$115 | \$144 | \$288 |
| \$200,000 | \$38 | \$76 | \$116 | \$154 | \$192 | \$384 |

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ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM

Sign up to have your contribution to the Parish transferred conveniently each month from your checking account directly to St. Francis Xavier. **A voided check is required.**

I/We hereby authorize St. Francis Xavier, to initiate debit entries and, if necessary, debit correction and adjustment entries to my/our account at the financial institution listed on the **voided check attached.** This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Francis Xavier has received written notification from the recipient of its termination in such a time and manner as to afford St. Francis Xavier a reasonable time to act upon it.

Option 1:

Please transfer my contribution of \$ _____
Twice a month on the 5th and 20th.

Option 2:

Please transfer my contribution of \$ _____
Once a month on the _____ 5th or _____ 20th.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

CITY: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE: _____

THANK YOU

Off to a COOL Start for 2017-2018!

Thank you to each and every person who contributed to our annual Building Our Future Fund last year. We are so grateful to our school and parish families for the incredible support that pushed us up and over our goal of \$130,000! Not only did we close the tuition gap, we were able to launch some fantastic initiatives to improve the school building that is utilized by so many ministries and community groups.

The most noticeable improvement is the installation of air conditioning units to all the classrooms. This “cool” addition will keep students and staff comfortable during the day, technology stored in much better room temperatures, and classrooms and meeting spaces welcoming for Religious Education, SPRED, and all other groups that meet in the school. The exterior trim around the units will be painted by the fall.

God bless you for your generosity and God bless all families in the parish as we kick off a new school year!

Tax Advantaged Way To Support the Parish

Have you considered making a donation of appreciated common stock? Gifts of appreciated securities provide an immediate income tax deduction in the amount of the value of the stock and are not subject to capital gains tax.

If it seems appropriate, please consider taking advantage of this for your Capital Campaign pledge payment.

For more details, please call Jane Bandyk at the rectory office 708-352-0168.

This article is not intended to provide legal or tax advice. Please consult your professional advisors before taking action.

Your Parish Finances

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| Sunday Basket Collection | |
| Aug 13, 2017 | \$15,867 |
| This week last year | \$16,077 |

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| Monthly Electronic Offerings (EFT and Credit Card) | |
| July 2017 | \$44,647 |
| July 2016 | \$37,470 |

Back to School, Back to Business!

From the beginning of our new fiscal year (July 1, 2017) to date, our Sunday donations have been lower than the same time last year. Father John Hoffman spoke to the parish in June, encouraging us to prayerfully consider our contribution and increase it if able. You can support your parish with your sign up for withdrawals from your checking or savings bank account (using the form on the opposite page of this bulletin) or sign up for credit card offerings online (visit <http://parish.sfxlg.org/giving/>).

You may note that we have not yet reported how we are doing against budget. We are in the process of finalizing the Day School’s budget. Once this has occurred, we will return to reporting how our Year-To-Date collections compare against our budget.

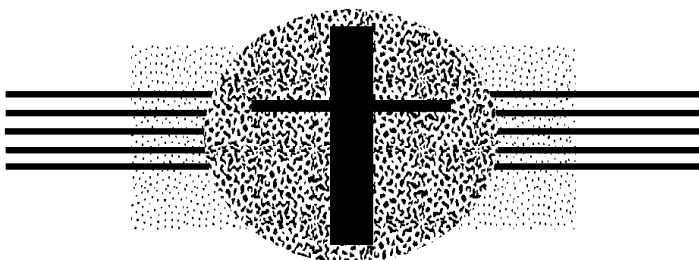
God bless you for your financial commitment to your Parish. You have shared abundantly your time, talent, and treasure to support the many ministries here at St. Francis Xavier!

Leave A Legacy

We are grateful for the generous support that you give to St. Francis through your weekly contributions. Have you considered providing for the continuation of that support by including the parish in your Will? Bequests given to the parish through Wills are for the sole use of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

To include the parish in your Will, the correct language is: “I give (a percentage or amount) to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago—A Corporation Sole, for the sole benefit of St. Francis Xavier Parish, LaGrange.”

Thanks for giving consideration to leaving a legacy!



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archchicago.org

August 2017

Dear Father,

This spring I brought to the attention of the Presbyteral Council the request for a onetime special collection to complete the work on the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Located in Washington, DC, the National Shrine has been a century in the making since the laying of its foundation stone in 1920. Mary's Shrine, as it is often called, is the largest Roman Catholic Church in North America and is one of the ten largest churches in the world. The Council agreed that this was a project worthy of our support.

You will soon be receiving materials to support this special second collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, which will take place the weekend of August 27, 2017. The specific purpose of this collection is to complete the Trinity Dome, the central and largest dome of the Basilica. This "Crowning Jewel" will be adorned in mosaic and will depict the Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception, and a procession of saints who have an association with America and the Basilica. The Nicene Creed will encircle the base of the dome, while the dome's pendentives will feature the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Trinity Dome will complete the work of the Greater Upper Church according to its original iconographic scheme and bring to a close construction of the Basilica. You may wish to visit www.trinitydome.org and/or www.nationalshrine.org for additional details.

Given that this is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), we need to join in solidarity with the other dioceses in this country and do our part. No doubt many of you and your parishioners have visited the Shrine over the years and know of its importance for our country. As you know the Blessed Mother, as the Immaculate Conception is our national patron whom we celebrate on December 8 each year.

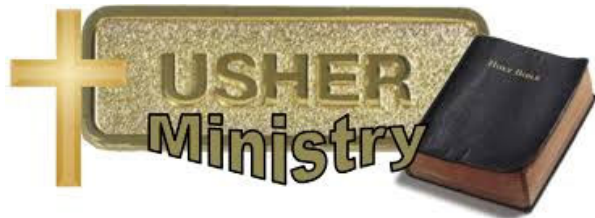
Know of my deep gratitude for your ministry here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and for all that you do on behalf of the Church in this country. With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Help Needed



We are in need of Ushers for the 7:30 am Sunday morning mass. If you would like to train to be an Usher and/or for more information about this ministry, please contact, Joe Discipio by phone at 708-482-8975 or email jadiscipio20@att.net.

Thank you!



Please Help Spread the Word (to those who might want to become Catholic)

This Fall, we will start a new round of the RCIA Process. RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - is the process of spiritual and educational formation through which adults become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. We are asking for your help identifying and personally inviting anyone who might be considering becoming Catholic. They could be unbaptized, or baptized Christians who want to accept the Catholic faith, or Catholics who did not yet receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

The number one reason women and men join the RCIA process is because someone they trust invited them to consider it. Please give it some thought. Additional details can be found on the parish website: www.sfxlg.org, under Parish, Sacramental Preparation, and RCIA. Or you may contact Kate DeVries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Married in 1967? Have you registered for the Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass? If not, there is still time to register. The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, September 17 at 2:45 pm. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

Please register on or before August 31 online at pvm.archchicago.org.

Are You Registered As Parishioners? Do We Have A Record of Your Children?

We invite all to register as parishioners. If you are not receiving periodic mailings from the parish, you are not in our database. A registration form can be picked up at the back of the Church or printed out from our website, www.sfx-lg.org.

To help with our planning, we also ask that you let us know about your children, so that they can also be included in the database. Sometimes children are baptized elsewhere or families move into the parish after their children have been baptized. Consequently, we don't know about them until it is time to register for the Day School or for Religious Education. Again, the registration form available at the back of the Church or on the website can be used for this purpose.

Thank you for helping us keep our information as up-to-date as possible!

St. Francis Xavier Day School Opening Day Coffee!



The Family & School Association will be hosting a welcome back coffee in Joyce Hall on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 23rd. Day School parents are invited to join us right after your children go into school! Coffee, juice and donuts will be served. Little ones are welcome! We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

Congratulations Eagle Scouts!



On August 20, six Boy Scouts from SFX Troop 33 will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor. Sean Carr, Luke Cunningham, Ian Havenaar, Brian Metzger, Daniel Roche and David Titzer achieved the rank of Eagle Scout by earning at least 21 merit badges and completing a unique service project: Sean planted a tree in Elm Park in honor of the Legacy Guild, which provides scholarships for students who have lost a parent; Luke coordinated the building and delivery of 15 elevated dog beds for a shelter; Ian collected over 4500 books for distribution to disadvantaged kids in Chicago; Brian organized the painting of doors, walls and stairways in a low-income Chicago Catholic school; Daniel taught chess and organized a tournament for kids in an afterschool program; and David converted a storage room at Nazareth Academy into an Engineering Workshop.

Congratulations to all our Eagle Scouts!

First Communion Banners



Remember to pick up your First Communion Banners, at the back of church.

First Communion



If you ordered a First Communion DVD please come to the Rectory to pick up your copy.

SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:
www.youthministry.sfxlg.org



**QUEST
Youth Ministry
QUEST SEEKS
WILLING ADULTS
AND YOUNG ADULTS**

We are looking for Quest leaders for the 2016-2017 school year. Quest gathers teens in small groups (10-14) on 8-12 Sunday afternoons between October and May. Each group is led by at least two adults, and groups gather in the homes of one of the adult leaders whenever possible. However, space on the parish campus can be provided when necessary. Adult leaders are provided with formation, a Leader Guide for the Quest gatherings, and ongoing support.

Adult leaders of all ages are welcome. We need at least 25 more adults to lead the Quest groups for the high school freshman who are entering the program as they also prepare for Confirmation next April. If you have a teen participating in the Freshman Quest/Confirmation Program, we especially ask you to consider offering your time and gifts to this program.

If you have any questions or want to learn more, please contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 ext. 338.

6pm Mass resumes on Sunday, September 10th. Please join us! Following Mass there will be an ice cream social. All high school students interested in serving as a lector or minister of communion at the 6:00 pm Masses, please contact Olivia Hollman.

All teens who want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this April and their parents are asked to attend a parent/candidate meeting on Sunday, September 10th at 4:30 pm. We will review the Quest program and highlight important information. Please plan to attend!

All new and returning Quest Leaders are invited to gather **next Sunday, August 27th** at 4:00 pm in Joyce Hall to prepare for a new year.

-Olivia

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



Cherub Choir (Gr. 1 – 3) First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 5th – 3:45 to 4:15 in Church
SF Choristers (Gr. 4 – 8) First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 7th – 3:45 to 4:30 in Church

Reasons to join!

Singing in the SFX Children's Choirs...

- helps children feel a part of a group and make new friends;
- helps children develop better speech habits;
- helps children learn about poise under pressure;
- gives children a way to be **leaders** in liturgy and enhance all worship and significant celebrations with musical beauty;
- gives children a way to become more active in their church while giving back and serving their community;
- draws in relatives and friends into the walls of the church, where support and relationships with church might be nurtured;
- teaches children to strive for excellence;
- develops children's sense of culture and sophistication; and
- provides the foundation for a lifetime of enjoyment in and of music.

Sign up NOW!!

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**PLEASE PICK UP A REGISTRATION PACKET WHICH INCLUDES A
"REHEARSAL & MASS/EVENT" SCHEDULE AT THE EXITS OF THE CHURCH.**

St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form 2017 - 2018

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Child _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Birthday (*month/day*) _____

Cherub Choir (Grades 1 – 3) _____
**Rehearsals start Tuesday, Sept. 5*
3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

SF Choristers (Grades 4 – 8) _____
**Rehearsals start Thursday, Sept. 7*
3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

I am available to be a parent helper at rehearsals. (*circle one*) Yes No

I am available to be a parent helper at Masses. (*circle one*) Yes No

**Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by August 31st to the attention of:
Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Music Director
St. Francis Xavier Church·124 N. Spring Ave.·LaGrange, IL 60525
asterwalt@sfxlg.org*

SFX Adult Choirs Resume! It's Time To Join!

The **Celebration** Ensemble and **Gallery** Choir will begin rehearsals and will be present at the 9:00 am and the 10:30 am Masses starting in September. Now is the time to join! Please consider giving your time and talent to one of these life and spirit-giving choral groups and ensembles, either as a singer or as an instrumentalists. Music reading skills are not required; but music learning tools will be made available to members for a more successful experience.

A special invitation goes out to all of the **TEENS** in the parish who would like to become involved in the music ministry. The **Spirit Choir** is open to teens who are looking for a vibrant and relaxed contemporary style of worship.

The Resurrection Choir is looking for new singers. This choir sings at most funerals year-round. Singers must be available during the day.

If interested, contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168.

Gallery Choir—9:00 am Mass

First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 5
7:30-9:00 pm *Tenors Needed! (Male-high voice)

Celebration Ensemble—10:30 am Mass

First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 14
7:30-9:00 pm

Spirit Choir—6:00 pm Mass

Rehearsals prior to Mass 4:30 pm
Starting September 10

Resurrection Choir—10:00 am Funeral Masses



Archbishop's Mass in Cathedral to Focus on Domestic Violence

Archbishop Blase J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, September 30 at 5:15 pm in Holy Name Cathedral. Everyone is invited. He will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families. A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

For more information, contact Jan Burdulis at
773-841-3956 or jmburdulis@gmail.com.



**Are you in an
unhealthy relationship
or are you afraid
in your own home?**

**Call the
24-Hour Phone
for help:
708-485-5254**

LOVE

is the command of the Lord

SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

SFX MEN'S CLUB NIGHT GOLF MEADOWLARK GOLF COURSE

Thursday, August 24
8:30PM Shotgun Start



**Come out to Meadowlark for Night Golf
with the SFX Men's Club!!**

**11599 31st Street
Hinsdale, IL 60521
708-562-2977**

\$50 per person/\$200 per foursome

Registration includes:

9 Holes of golf, Beer and Pizza

**This event is for Men in the Parish over 21.
It's a great way to reconnect with old friends and
an opportunity to meet new Men in the Parish.**

**If you have questions or would like to
reserve your foursome,
Please contact
Mike Milligan at
mjmilligan@sbcglobal.net**

Limited to the first 78 golfers.

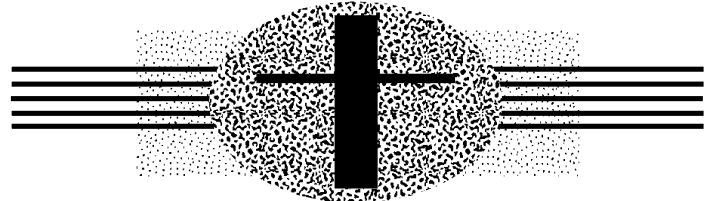
Catholic Women's Club

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Julie Anderson at julie.anderson@outlook.com.

Senior Women's Club

Welcome to the 2017-2018 year of interesting topics and an opportunity to reconnect with the women of this parish. We will meet three times so mark your calendars for September 6, December 6 and March 7.

Please contact Missy Westerhoff by email at mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org to be put on an email notification list. Beth Olson and Marge Schwendner look forward to seeing you.



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St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study

St. Paul Letters from Prison

Philippians, Philemon, Colossians

Thursdays beginning September 7

9:45-11:15 am

**How is it that Paul's most
joyful letters are written
while he was incarcerated?
Come and see. Ten sessions.**

Please register with

Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ

708-363-6728 or mrace@csjoseph.org

Mission Evening at the Comboni Mission Center
1615 East 31st Street in LaGrange Park



Please join us on Monday, August 28 for Mass which will begin at 5:30 pm with a gathering following at 6:30 pm.

Comboni Missionaries, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Desire, and Fr. Alberto will speak of their experiences in Africa and around the world. Comboni Missionaries minister to the world's poorest and most abandoned people; sharing the life of the poor, training lay leaders, educating people, and establishing the Church, often times in very unstable political climates and in the midst of extreme poverty.

This event is free and open to the public and has refreshments, following the presentation. For more information, please contact us at 708-354-1999.



Dreams as a Spiritual Practice

Thursday September 7, 2017

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Facilitator: Ann Letourneau, CSJ

"Dreams come from our deepest truer self who desires and is struggling to be born and live in our conscious lives."
Don Bisson in Dreams as Spiritual Direction

Do you ever wake up in the morning wondering about the wild dream you just had? What did it all mean? This workshop will introduce you to some simple steps to begin making sense of your nighttime images. Dream work can help us to grow into the people that God desires us to be.

Dr. Ann Letourneau, CSJ is a licensed psychologist and trained spiritual director who works at Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center. She has had a long time interest in working with dreams and enjoys sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm for the work with others.

Cost: \$20

To register visit: csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

The Well Spirituality Center
1515 West Ogden Avenue
LaGrange Park

SAINT CLETUS
PARISH FALL FESTIVAL



SEPT.
7-10

Join St. Cletus Parish for four days of carnival rides, bingo, food, beverages, raffles, and free live entertainment. Carnival wristbands are available for purchase on our website. St. Cletus Parish is holding our fourth annual Fall Fest and Carnival, September 7th through September 10th on our parish grounds in La Grange. The event promises to be fun for all ages and proceeds will help fund the next phase of our new parish center. We hope to see you there!

St. Cletus Parish, 600 West 55th Street in LaGrange
www.stcletusfallfest.com

Thursday, September 7
5-10pm Carnival Rides
7-10pm Kickin' Jimmy

Friday, September 8
5-11pm Carnival Rides
6-8pm Bingo
7-10pm Infinity

Saturday, September 9
12-11pm Carnival Rides
1-3pm & 6-8pm Bingo
7-10pm Hillbilly Rockstarz

Sunday, September 10
11am 1st Responders Mass
12-9pm Carnival Rides
2-4pm Bingo
6-9pm Maggie Speaks

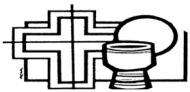


Please Pray For...all those serving in the military including:

- **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
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- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
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- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
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- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
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- **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
- **PFC Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,
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- **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
- **SPC Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschaikovsky Family
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Ensign Julia McKenna, U.S. Navy**—friend of John Rogers
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**Please inform us of others serving in the military...and let us know when
friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas.**

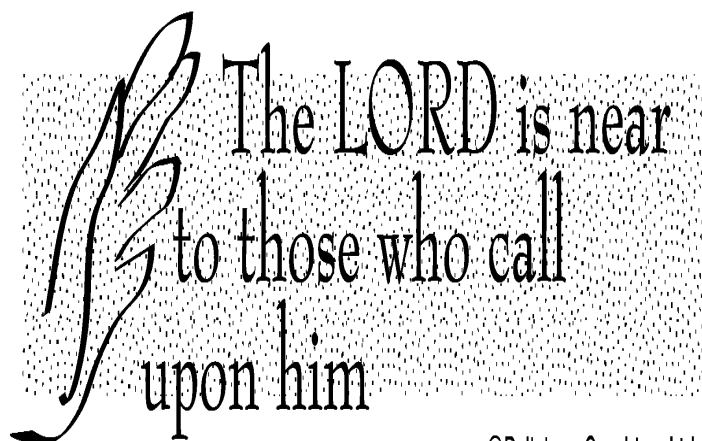
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Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—August 26-27, 2017

| Mass Time | Presider | Lectors/ Commentators | Ministers of Communion | Altar Servers | Cantors | Greeters |
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| 5:00 PM | Fr. Killeen | H. McCormick D. Veverka M. Kanzer | M. Becker J. Denson F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Murphy A. Saladino P. Saladino K. Preussner C. Witt | C. Narbutis A. Justak C. McLaughlin | G. Adams | M. Becker |
| 7:30 AM | Fr. Tkathuk | M. Hermesdorf D. Walsh G. Schuler | L. Allabastro N. Kalkowski J. Morsch P. Olson S. Zavala | J. Eraci T. Dudek C. Kachmarik | K. Fron | J. Morsch T. Morsch |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Killeen | C. Michel M. Rotert K. Burns | M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Sosnowski | N. Gannon A. Fix P. Adams | C. Kline | J. Burson |
| 10:30 AM | Fr. Tkachuk | G. Sbrissa K. Justak J. Nowak | A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings L. Egan M. P. Flaherty J. Garreau A. Gatsos C. Grimes G. Rutkowski | T. Duffy R. Wheeler H. Labrador | L. DiGianfilippo | K. Titzer |
| 12:00 PM | Fr. Killeen | L. Freda J. Jagodzinski I. Havenaar | A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann K. Johnson M. K. Pasin | B. Michel A. Dillon C. Gonzalez | K. DeVries | D. Foss |

Please watch the bulletin for the return of our 6:00 PM Mass; to resume in the Fall.



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Readings For The Week of August 20, 2017

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday8:30 am-8:30 pm
Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday9:00 am-2:00 pm

Sabbath Liturgy

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

Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morningAfter 9:00 am Mass
Saturday afternoon4:15 pm
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the
tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday9:00 am
Friday7:45 am
Saturday9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday7:45 am
Friday9:00 am

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.

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.

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, 773-643-
6259 ext. 31 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.

Domestic Violence Resources

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

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.
All articles must be emailed to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.