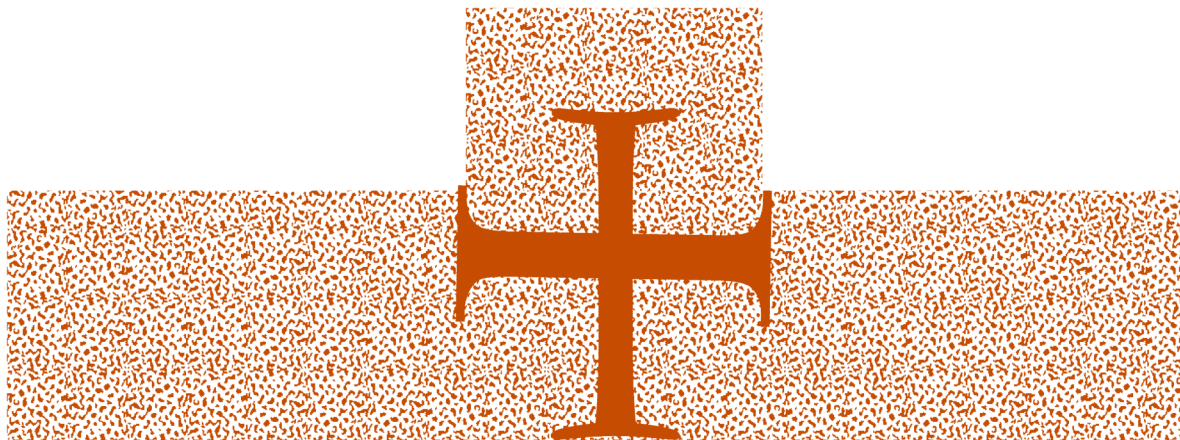


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017



Whoever wishes to
come after me must
deny himself
take up his
CROSS
and whoever loses his life
for my sake
will find it.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 4 Labor Day	9:00 am	George Lewis Leonard DiPasquale Marge Moskos	Dolores Lewis Donna M. Campeggia The McKenna Family
Tuesday, September 5	7:45 am 9:00 am	Thomas E. Nichol, Jr. Mike Rotter Patricia Jaslowski Joe Kulaga	Tom & Lucile Nichol Barbara Marshall The Mulhern Family Kathy McInerney & Family
Wednesday, September 6	7:45 am 9:00 am	Susan Grubish Special Intention Chris Killeen Ronald Johnson	The Driscoll Family Joyce Yelnick Jennifer & Bob Driscoll
Thursday, September 7	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Lamar Whitmore Bill Carroll	Lamar Whitmore Bill Carroll
Friday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:45 am 9:00 am	Peg Morsch Foley William Riordan Don Cushing Word & Communion Service	The Morsch Family B. Zaczek Marie Ann & John Barry
Saturday, September 9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:15 pm	Michael Sosnowski Patricia J. Casey Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding—Allie Corrigan & Tim Kable Wedding—Christy Promisel & Andrey Zaytsev Sacrament of Reconciliation	The Sosnowski Family Nancy Filip

Please Pray For...

John Amato	Steven McKinnon
Grace Bafaro	Emmett Miller
Tony Banda	Mike Morrison
Keeley Barr	Megan Morton
Blake Donegan	Patricia Norum
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Jane O'Reilly
Marian Dudek	Ryan Patyk
Pat Eaton	Donna Pekarek
Bill Elliott	Carissa Pessetti
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Baby Madison Raupp
John Gannon	Anna Rose
Lilli Gregory	Sam Ruffino
Wilson Gregory	Marilyn Rutkowski
Frank Grippo	Matthew Schiek
Linda Hillsman	Linda Spychala
Rose Ilo	Greyson Edward Stanley
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	Gregory Van Gorp, Sr.
Michael Marro	Dawn Wilmsen
Molly Anne McKenna	

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:

Albert Burkes, V
Son of Esther Meadors
and Brother of Jessica

Weddings



Allie Corrigan & Tim Kable
Christy Promisel & Andrey Zaytsev
Elizabeth Wiss & Stephen Supple
Maria Delberto & Joe Chocola
Anna Devine & TJ McCabe

Pastor's Notes

“What profit would there be for you to gain the whole world and forfeit your life?”

Matthew 16:26

“Father, what does Jesus have against being wealthy?” The question came from a man who was generous in his contributions of time, talent, and treasure. He was blessed with a comfortable income that allowed him both freedom and the ability to enjoy nice vacations with his family. Yet when he heard Jesus speaking of wealth, he felt that he was being judged. When Labor Day sermons emphasized Church teachings on the dignity of human labor and an obligation to support just wages and safe working conditions for all, these feelings intensified.

Jesus does not focus on the acquisition, possession, or lack of wealth; he does not advocate for a specific economic or political system. Rather, Jesus warns about the dangers of *preoccupation* with material wealth, whether by the one who possesses it or the one who seeks it. Jesus prioritizes the wealth of the Kingdom of God above all distractions – including the possession or pursuit of material wealth. It is not about what I have, but rather how I offer what I have been given to serve my vocation, my calling, within the Body of Christ, and to help others to do the same. Does my “wealth,” in whatever form, lead me to enrich my family, my community, and the world community to reflect God’s mercy in my relationships with others and the systems and structures that shape society.

Labor Day was established as a day to support and celebrate the rights of workers to organize for mutual

support, just wages, and safe working conditions. The Catholic Church was at the heart of this struggle in its early years. In our day, advocating for the dignity of human labor may involve complicated and conflicting political and social concerns. Nonetheless, the social teachings of the Church continue to challenge us to ensure that society respect the dignity of all human labor in its systems, structures, laws, and practices – to ensure that wealth is never acquired at the expense of others, and that wealth and its legitimate pursuit remain connected to the common good.

Perhaps Labor Day encourages us to make a personal connection with another’s labor. We might seek to learn more about the labor that makes or repairs our cars, builds or remodels our homes, or expands and repairs our infrastructure. We might learn and use the name of the person who serves us at a restaurant, delivers our mail, or tallies our groceries. We might offer a greeting to those who collect our recyclables and trash, serve and protect our community, or teach our children and youth. We might look for some way to “share the wealth” that we bring to one another as we serve the common good through the work of our hands.

Let us offer our prayers and support to the people of Texas and Louisiana as they face the challenges of grieving what they have lost and rebuilding their lives and communities.

*Peace,
Fr. Bill*

Scripture Reflection

This gospel begins with a clear statement of what we call the paschal mystery: Jesus will “suffer,” “be killed,” and “be raised.” Peter recoils at this statement of Jesus’ fate. So do we! Suffering and death is hardly an attraction that we would seek and make central in our daily lives. Yet it must be, for Jesus attests that the only way to have our life is to lose it. Why would we want to make losing our life—suffering and death—something central to our daily living? Like Peter, we tend to limit our vision by focusing only on the suffering and death, only on the bad news. The fullness of the paschal mystery always leads through suffering and death to new Life. And this is good news, indeed—the best of good news!

Authentic discipleship doesn’t require us to seek suffering. Being faithful to Jesus will bring enough as it is. This is so because living and witnessing to Gospel values challenges so many values society touts are the ones that will bring us happiness. Ultimately, though, we find that only living Gospel values brings us lasting happiness, even though we must die to self in the process. All who wish to be faithful to Jesus’ call to Gospel living must be prepared to suffer—and also be prepared to receive new life. The Life Jesus offers is worth any price!

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: _____



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of the holiday. There will only be one mass on Monday, September 4 at 9:00 am. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5 at 8:30 am.

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!

Your Parish Finances

Blessings on this Labor Day Weekend. We will update you next week with collection activity.

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. You can support your parish with your signup 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 have finalized the Day School’s budget, and thus will soon 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!

Brighter FUTURES

GOLF OUTING

Monday, September 11

The 17th Annual Brighter Futures Golf Outing returns to the beautiful and historic Oak Park Country Club, 2001 North Thatcher Avenue in River Grove. Register and enjoy access to the outstanding practice facilities beginning at 10:30 am. Lunch will be served, followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 pm sharp! This fun event benefits Catholic Charities Homeless Services in the West Region. After the round of golf, there will be a reception, dinner and raffle. For more information www.catholiccharities.net/brighterfutures or contact Esmeralda at 708-329-4022.

JESUS IS LORD

UNITY HALL AND FUNERAL VISITATIONS – PART TWO

These early months of experimenting with Unity Hall are a time of learning the creative possibilities and the limits of our new space. This summer, the parish staff discussed the challenges of making Unity Hall available for visitations on the day before the Funeral Mass (the traditional wake). As I announced in July, we have determined that we cannot accommodate an evening wake as a general rule; it too often would conflict with parish meetings, ministries, and activities, and requires accommodations for families and friends that a Funeral Home is better equipped to provide.

Our intention remains to offer visitations on the day of Funeral Mass in Unity Hall when the family prefers to begin at the church rather than at the Funeral Home. This can occur whenever the church is not in use for another service. To minimize facilities maintenance support, visitations in Unity Hall offer these accommodations:

- Podium for a guest book and two easels for photo boards or other items
- Kneeler (when a funeral director is available to move one from the church)
- One floral arrangement (additional floral arrangements can be placed in the church)
- Cups for water
- The basic room setting of four round tables with chairs will remain in place, and no food or drinks other than water are allowed in Unity Hall.
- When the parish can provide the required facilities support, three additional accommodations are available, for which a facilities fee will be asked.
- Use of the projector and other audiovisual equipment in Unity Hall
- Resetting the tables and chairs in the room (removing or adding)
- Two additional easels

I ask your patience and understanding as we continue to consider how Unity Hall can best support our mission and ministries.

Peace, Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Summer Reading

Join NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) Metro Suburban at Anderson's Bookshop, 26 South LaGrange Road in LaGrange as we welcome Mark Lukach, author of [My Lovely Wife in the Psych Ward](#); this Sunday, September 3 at 2:00 pm.

"A compassionate yet searing memoir of the author, Mark Lukach, and his wife, Giulia. Their young marriage strained with episodes of mental illness, yet how they coped is a remarkable lesson in love. [My Lovely Wife in the Psych Ward](#) will stick with you."

This event is FREE and open to the public. To join the signing line, you will have to purchase the author's latest book, [My Lovely Wife in the Psych Ward](#), from Anderson's Bookshop.

To hear more about the experiences of Mark and Giulia Lukatch you can listen to them being interviewed on the Mental Illness Happy Hour podcast by going to <http://mentalpod.com/archives/4485>.



Family Outreach Committee Opportunity

On Saturday, September 16, the Family Outreach Committee is encouraging families with teenagers to join us as we volunteer with the Saturday Meals Program at First Congressional Church of LaGrange. We will be preparing and serving lunch to as many as 40 people at the church, located at 100 6th Avenue in LaGrange.

There are two options to volunteer at this event: The Cooking shift runs from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Cooking volunteers must be at least 16 years old and must be comfortable prepping and cooking a meal. There are 5 volunteer spots for cooking.

Lunch set-up and serving is from 10:45 am-1:00 pm. Lunch volunteers plate desserts, serve hot foods to guests in a buffet line, run the dishwasher, and wipe down tables and chairs following the meal. The minimum age is 13 years old, accompanied by an adult, and there are 7 volunteer openings.

For more information or to register, contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.

Nazareth Academy Hosts Coffee & Conversation Dates

Prospective parents are invited to join us for Coffee and Conversation with the Nazareth Administration. Guests will be treated to a light breakfast, informal conversation and a tour of the school. The event begins at 8:30 am and will conclude at 10:00 am. Enter through the main entrance on the west side of the building. Parents are welcome on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 4 and Wednesday, November 15

Registration is required, visit nazarethacademy.com and click "Admissions" or contact Kristen Stojetz at 708-387-8505 or kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com.

Your Invitation to Learn More about Catholicism

RCIA is a process of questioning and conversation for non-Catholics who wish to know more about the Church, and for Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.



New this year: St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier have combined efforts, to present the best of our three programs to participants. Leaders from all three churches will walk with you throughout the process. *If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments, please consider joining us.*

How it works: We will meet on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 pm, and on some Sundays at various times from September 19-April 24. There are 4 stages in the Process:

- 1. Inquiry** – a time to explore where God is calling you, ask questions, experience and learn about the faith, including: God, Jesus, the role of community, prayer, scripture, Mary, the saints; also, a tour of St. Francis Xavier Church. September 19-November 5; meets primarily at St. Cletus.
- 2. Catechumenate**– a time to dive deeper into key elements of Catholicism including: our approach to scripture, why we do what we do, signs & symbols, ritual, church history, what we believe, the 7 sacraments, and the mass. November 7-February 13; meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier.
- 3. Enlightenment**– a time of reflection and prayer before receiving the sacraments. February 20-March 24; meets primarily at St. John of the Cross; Sacraments will take place at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 1, 8:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier.
- 4. Mystagogy**– a time to reflect on your experience, and what it means to live out your new life as part of the Body of Christ. April 10-24; meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier.

Next Step: Contact Kate DeVries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 to make an appointment to discuss your desires and how the RCIA Process can support your journey of faith.

On Sunday, August 20, the LaGrange Area Ministerium, made up of leaders from the churches in the LaGrange area, invited members of our communities to gather to pray for peace at the Fountain by our Village Hall. Fr. Tkachuk, a number of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and other parishioners took part in the vigil. May we all embrace and live out the words of the closing prayer:

“May you go forth to love your neighbor and build a just world for all, may you see with the eyes of our Creator that all Creation’s children are beautiful and deserving of love and respect; may you reach out in love to all, with no regard for race, creed, or homeland; and may you be accompanied by the Spirit of Life so that you may be sustained as you commit to your part of the ongoing courage in the struggle for peace and justice.”





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School Scoop

Monday, September 4

No School
Labor Day

Wednesday, September 6

Main Campus Room Parent Meeting at 8:30 AM
2 PM dismissal

Thursday, September 7

Picture Day at East & Main Campus

Friday, September 8

East Campus Room Parent Meeting at 8:30 AM
SFX Golf Outing – All day



Join us for the first St. Francis Xavier Oktoberfest!

When: Saturday, September 30 from 7:00-11:00 pm
Where: The Parking lot behind the school
Cost: \$40 per person, buy your tickets at the door or in advance at:
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/13644>

Ticket price includes beer, wine, brats and music by Kickin' Jimmy.

Sponsors of the SFX Oktoberfest



Questions? Email Mary Cormier at mccormier4@gmail.com

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

You are invited!

6pm Mass returns for the season on Sunday, September 10th. Please join us in celebration of the Eucharist. There will be an ice cream social outside God's Garage following Mass. You won't want to miss this.



If you are interested in becoming a lector or serving as a Eucharistic Minister at 6pm Mass, please contact Olivia Hollman at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x338. We are in need of new (and returning!) ministers.

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 4:30pm. We will review the Quest program and highlight important information. Please plan to attend!

We're on social media!



Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Scan the QR code below or search "SFX – Quest" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!



-Olivia

Start Up for Religious Education

Registered RE Families will receive class placement the week of September 11 via email.

Sunday, September 17, is the start of Religious Education with **MEET & GREET.**

Meet & Greet for ALL Sessions is from 8:45-10:15am.

ALL registered families are expected to come to the Meet & Greet!

See you soon in the Education Building!

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.

Senior Women's Group

St. Francis Xavier Parish



St. Francis Xavier
124 N. Spring Avenue
La Grange
Rectory Meeting Room
No RSVP Needed

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Coffee @ 9:30am

Presentation @10:00 am

Rene Silinis
Professional Landscaper

*How to care for your perennials and
prepare your garden for fall and winter.*

Bring your questions.

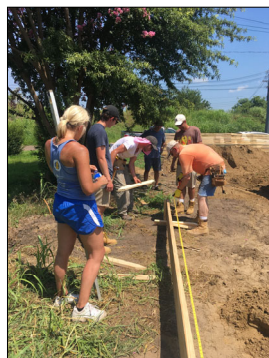


Habitat For Humanity

For more than 20 years, volunteers from St. Francis Xavier have made the trip to Clarksdale, Mississippi to work on new housing for deserving families. This summer three teams, comprised of approximately 50 volunteers, made the trip to Clarksdale. Our teams headed back to Clarksdale to finish Sherry Williams' new home which we started last summer and to begin construction on the next new home. Sherry was born in Clarksdale and is living in a family home that was passed down to her. She currently lives with her daughter and granddaughter in their once proud family home that is quickly deteriorating and disintegrating due to its age, despite their best efforts to keep it up. Sherry's new house is very near completion after our teams worked on the interior, including: finishing and painting the walls, installing and painting the window trim, installing light fixtures, and laying floor tile.

Thanks to the generosity of the parish, St. Francis Xavier was able to double its contribution to Clarksdale Habitat for Humanity from \$11,000 to \$22,000! The increased contribution was necessary to begin construction of the next new home. Our teams prepared the site for the concrete slab, framed the house, built the trusses and installed the trusses.

All of this work could not have been accomplished without the generous support of our parish community and dedicated volunteers. Thank you! Your financial contributions, prayers, encouragement and sweat equity continue our mission to provide safe, affordable housing in Clarksdale, Mississippi.



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

St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study
St. Paul Letters from Prison
Philippians, Philemon, Colossians
Thursdays beginning **September 7**
9:45-11:15 am

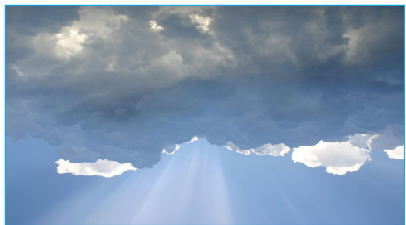
How is it that Paul's most joyful letters are written while he was incarcerated? Come and see. Ten sessions.

Please register with
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ
708-363-6728 or
mrace@csjoseph.org

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 in LaGrange Park

A Note From The Well Spirituality Center and From Joseph's Corner Gift Shop 1515 West Ogden Avenue

We have re-located into our new spaces and we have created a warm, welcoming environment for you!

We begin our fall 2017 semester in our new home in the three-story ministry building located on the east side of our campus just north of the Chapel. Our new entrance faces Nazareth Academy High School. Look for the balconies. Underneath you will find the new entrance. The new parking lot is in front of the chapel and wraps around the east side of the building. Of course parking is still available on the ring road.



We look forward to welcoming you into our new space and our new program year. We have some exciting new programs coming up – among them:

Discover Your Core of Love: Awaken the Larger Love That Wants to Free You!, an 8-week workshop of discovery on how to live out of our unique loving nature, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 pm from September 6 – October 25.

Dream Workshop, an evening designed to teach some simple steps to begin making sense of your nighttime images, Thursday, September 7 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Practicing Peace, an hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets twice a month for three months, beginning Monday, September 11 from 11:00 am-Noon.

Please check our website www.csjthewell.org for further details on these and many other wonderful programs.

The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue
LaGrange Park

To register: 708-482-5048
thewell@csjoseph.org or www.csjthewell.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 12
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



This Labor Day weekend, Arise Chicago is pleased to bring you a message about the sacred link between faith and labor and the dignity of all work.

As Cardinal Cupich stated, *“For centuries, but especially over the last 125 years, the Catholic Church has offered a strong and principled vision on the dignity of work and justice for workers. Pope Leo XIII called for standards of justice in the work place including the right to a living wage, the right to safe work places, the right to health care, and to the need to provide for retirement.”*

Pope Francis declared that work, *“Anoints us with dignity, fills us with dignity and makes us similar to God.”*

The work that each of us performs is vital for the common good. God calls us to act so that each person will have a seat at the table, and can fully contribute and enjoy the abundance of God's creation. Happy Labor Day!

**This program is coordinated by Arise Chicago, an interfaith worker center that partners with immigrants and leaders from the religious, government, legal, labor and academic communities to end workplace abuse. Questions? Please email luke@arisechicago.org or call 872-223-8415.*

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 will be collecting donations after each mass on Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17 for the Intellectually Disabled Tootsie Roll Drive 2017.

Donations collected help fund SPRED and other Intellectual Disabilities programs. Donations are greatly appreciated.



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.

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!

Catholic Women's Club

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

Save the Date



*Tyler's Toy Drive
Friday, September 22 from 4:00-5:30 pm
SFX Parking Lot
(Joyce Hall in case of rain)*

Memorial Service for Aborted Children at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, in Hillside

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the fifth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than **59 million** children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

Event:

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When:

Saturday, September 9
2:00 pm

Where:

Queen of Heaven Cemetery
1400 Wolf Road at Roosevelt, Hillside

Special Guest:

His Excellency Bishop Joseph Perry

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

More information:

Call Wayne or Marianne Hamilton
708-525-7458

Thank You



Thank you for hosting a week of summer shelter this year. We are delighted to report that after two summer shelter programs, BEDS Plus is confident we will continue this important program. We very much appreciate your involvement.

Thanks to your partnership, 39 total clients found respite from the elements and had more time to work in their housing plans. Over 80 volunteers made 63 nights of shelter a reality and served 125 of delicious homemade meals. Over the course of the summer, 9 clients were housed from the program and we are anticipating housing at least 2 more very soon. Thank you for your role in this important ministry.

In gratitude,
Erin Molek & Tina Rounds

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.

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

Baptisms

We celebrate and welcome the newest members of our faith family, who were baptized:



Chloe Victoria Corbett

Daughter of Ed & Jill (Bonitz) Corbett

Maeve Sloane McGinnis

Daughter of Patrick & Kirsten (Graef) McGinnis

George Paul Graham

Son of Brian & Jennifer (Godar) Graham

Eric Hugh Stachorek

Son of Ken & Melissa (Avitia) Stachorek

Harrison Davenport Honan

Son of Michael & Jennifer (Davenport) Honan

Gennaro Pasquale Fiordiroso

Son of Giovanni & Patrizia (Ponticiello) Fiordiroso

Frances Mae Davis

Daughter of Edward & Amanda (Fisher) Davis

John Matthew Erlenbaugh

Son of Matthew & Laura (Skarren) Erlenbaugh

Michael Saleh Fiore

Son of Gino & Lubna (Saleh) Fiore

Nicole Avery Navarro

Daughter of Matthew & Lindsay (Silverstein) Navarro

Bridget Maureen Whalen

Daughter of Sean & Sarah (Kell) Whalen

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during August:

Joseph & Megan Davidson
Thomas King
Kevin Draz & Geri Sargent
Robert & Shirley Wachowski
Michael & Amorena Shaver
Jody Wise
Patrick & Annette Cuthbert
Timothy & Kathryn Flynn
Ted & Megan Novak



Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, September 8
7:30 pm
at
St. Francis Xavier*



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind of inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.

Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from *Equal Exchange Fairly Traded*. There is a lot behind this coffee. "We work closely with our farmer partners, year after year, to better understand each other's needs. The result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee."

Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

Fair Trade builds right relationships between buyers and sellers that are rooted in the principles of human dignity and solidarity.

Fair Trade:

- Respects human dignity
- Promotes the common good
- Advances economic justice
- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- Cultivates global solidarity

The Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program creates opportunities for us to bring these core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Effort is made to see that these coffee farmers are given a fair wage!!!

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found cabinet located outside the church restroom is emptied each month. Please check it if you think that you have left something in church. In the upcoming week, items in lost and found will be brought to the Community Nurses' Resale Shop.

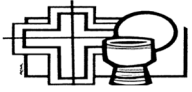


Please Pray For...all those serving in the military including:

- **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
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **U.S. Navy James Lynch & Christopher Cugier, Air Force**—cousin and nephew of Sr. Helen Sullivan
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—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
- **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
- **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
- **PFC 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
- **SPC Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschakovsky 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
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio

Please inform us of others serving in the military...and let us know when friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas.

Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—September 9-10, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	M. Bruni H. Fitzpatrick L. Young	L. Bannach C. Cooke J. Denson S. Devitt K. Kanzer J. Kelly D. Mulvenna K. Murphy C. Witt	C. Holmes A. Holmes C. Gonzalez	A. Sterwalt	S. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	R. Hillsman S. Lindsay M. Carroll	L. Allabastro D. Challender M. Hermesdorf J. Morsch P. Olson	H. Lisek C. Stetz H. Labrador	S. VanOrdstrand	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	T. Ganon M. Lukanich M. Quigley	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht D. Carlson J. Cogelja M. Hull J. Sosnowski T. Urchell L. Weyrauch	E. Newman B. McGovern R. Newman	C. Kline Gallery Choir	J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Muccino	T. Walsh M. Justak T. Hill	A. Clark J. Clark L. Egan J. Garreau A. Gatsos D. Kriha A. Krol J. Nowak Not Filled	A. Sullivan M. Hayford P. Adams	B. Kalnes Celebration Ensemble	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	J. Jagodzinski C. Anderson L. Freda	L. Donegan B. Edelmann K. Johnson N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley	E. Madden A. McCarty K. Smith	L. DiGianfilippo	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of September 3, 2017

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Associate Pastor
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
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Rectory Hours

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

Sabbath Liturgy

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

Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday.....9:00 am
Friday.....7:45 am
Saturday.....9:00 am

Word Communion Services

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

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the
Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on
a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous
Thursday. All articles must be emailed to the
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, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the
Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.