

JANUARY 28, 2018

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:22



# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times



Catholic Schools Week

***The St. Francis of Assisi community is a welcoming Christian family.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.***

***We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.***



## Associate Pastor's Reflections

Dear Friends,

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2018 is January 28 - February 3. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

"Catholic Schools Week is a special time for schools across the nation as we come together to celebrate Catholic education," said Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Catholic Schools. "What sets Catholic schools apart is that Catholic schools educate the whole person – academically, spiritually, physically and emotionally – through an environment of faith, compassion and academic rigor. I am thrilled to get into the community and see first-hand all of the great things are schools have planned."

This year we are pleased to have parishioners of SFA who are also part of the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin community with us in various roles at weekend Masses. Today there is an open house at CJB; I would encourage anyone who has not seen this magnificent school/campus to set time aside to do so. CJB is a source of pride for the Archdiocese, but in a special way for our Parish and the other three parishes that make up the school community.

In August 2017, with bipartisan support, the House and Senate of our state passed a comprehensive education funding bill that was signed into law by the governor. The law includes a provision for tax credit scholarships, which provide strong incentives for donors to support non-public school scholarships for low-income students in the state. Illinois students from low-income families may use these new scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice.

This legislation represents a major step forward that will help create more equity in school funding throughout Illinois, and for the first time provide real school choice for students and their families. If you would like more information about donating to a tax credit scholarship, please visit this link -- <https://schools.archchicago.org/donating-to-a-tax-credit-scholarship>.

The Celebration of Catholic Schools Week is not only a time for our individual schools, but also a time of remembrance for those of us who were educated and formed by way of parochial schools. We remember the lessons that were taught, the awakening of interest in different school subjects, but in a special way, those who ministered to us and our classmates in those formative years.

Our Thanks, goes, then, to all those who taught us, and to those who continue to teach reading, writing, and arithmetic; but who also inspire us through the formation of faith and their wonderful example!

*Fr. Steve Dombrowski*

# This week at St. Francis

## Monday, January 29

- ◆ Social Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm (GR)

## Tuesday, January 30

- ◆ Family Event, 7:00 pm (SFR)
- ◆ Catholic Prayer In Your Life Today, 7:00 pm (GR)

## Wednesday, January 31

- ◆ Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed (A), Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)

## Thursday, February 01

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)

## Friday, February 02

- ◆ Xtreme Youth, Pads visit, 8:00 am (Off Campus)
- ◆ A. A. Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

## Saturday, February 03

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30am (SFC)
- ◆ CRHP Continuation Committee, 9:00 am (GR)
- ◆ Rosary for Life, 10:00 am (Chapel)
- ◆ Fourth Grade Mass Lesson II, 4:30 pm (UH)
- ◆ Fourth Grade Family Mass & Coffee And..., 5:15 pm (CH, GR)

## Sunday, February 04

- ◆ Annual Catholic Appeal
- ◆ Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9:00 and 10:30 am Mass (UH)
- ◆ Sacred Heart Mission, 10:30 am (Parking Lot)
- ◆ Passion Play sign-up



# Mark Your Calendar

**BEST LENT EVER**

**DON'T GIVE UP**  
*chocolate*  
**FOR LENT**

**This year, do something different.** Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with . . .

- Inspirational Videos
- Practical Tips
- Encouraging Stories

SIGN UP AT  
**[DynamicCatholic.com/40Days](http://DynamicCatholic.com/40Days)**

 Dynamic Catholic

All are invited to attend a meeting on Monday, March 12, at either 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm, in the



Great Room, to **review the parish process for requesting event dates, meeting space and ticket sales for 2018/2019 parish events.** We will share the meeting/event date request forms and share information regarding promotion logistics. Since our parish calendar cycles July 1 through June 30, requests for meeting rooms, even regularly scheduled meetings, must be submitted new each year. A review of established procedures will be discussed, as well as updates on how to make bulletin submissions and additional promotion opportunities.

# Parish Life Commission

Hosted by St. Francis of Assisi

## ANNUAL



**When:** Friday, February 16  
**Time:** 4:30pm – 7:00pm  
**Where:** Downstairs in Upton Hall

### Menu Options:

- Cod dinner \$10.00
- Shrimp dinner \$12.00
- Children's meal (13 & under) \$5.00

Cod/Shrimp dinner includes one/half pound of seafood, cole slaw, potato wedges, macaroni & cheese, salad, roll, dessert and a beverage.

Children's meal includes chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, potato wedges, dessert and a beverage.

We hope everyone can come and enjoy this evening! Don't forget to invite your family, friends and/or neighbors.

**Tickets only available  
February 3, 4 and 10, 11  
after all masses.**

*No tickets will be sold at the door!*

Questions:  
Call Laurie Arredondo, 478-7113

## ***The Rosary: the best prayer for men***

Why should *men* pray the Rosary? Because Jesus told them to. From the Cross, Jesus tells St. John, "Behold your Mother!" (Jn. 19:27). That command to "behold" is not St. John's alone—it's ours, too. To behold, to take in, to bask in, to be attentive to, to delight in: this is the command. Through Mary's intercession at the Cross and in the Rosary, Jesus arranges that the treasury of graces associated with His Immaculate Mother, may be opened to us and poured out on us. ***But we're left to seek her, to behold her.***

Paraphrased from [www.catholicgentleman.net](http://www.catholicgentleman.net)

### **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY FOR LIFE.**

We meet the first Saturday of each month. We meet again on **Saturday, February 3rd, 10:00 AM** in the Eucharistic Chapel at the base of the Bell Tower.



### **Knights of Columbus celebrated Second Anniversary at St. Francis January 14, 2018**

Congratulations to the Knights and thank you for your service to St. Francis of Assisi!

# Education & Formation Commission

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## FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF A VIBRANT CHURCH

**HOPE, GIFTEDNESS,  
AWARENESS, AND  
RELATIONSHIP**

*As the world becomes more "spiritual but NOT religious" what does the Catholic Church have to offer?*

*What can RELIGION provide, that the culture cannot?*

*What does our faith in Jesus bring to the world?*

**St. Francis of Assisi  
Parish**

Great Room  
Use Church Entrance  
708-460-0042

**Thursday,  
March 8, 2018**

This workshop will be facilitated by  
**Sr. Gael Gensler  
and  
Kathy McNicholas**

What factors mark a "vibrant parish"? There are about as many answers to that question as there are Catholic parishes! And most of the answers view the parish through a unique lens – Finances in the black? October count? Number of Baptisms and Weddings? Is that true vibrancy? Sr. Gael and Kathy will spend an evening viewing "parish vibrancy" through the lens of what our Catholic faith has to offer the modern world – Hope, Giftedness, Awareness, and Relationship. Come and be inspired to discuss ways your parish can be more alive and vibrant in Christ.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28!**

**INTERACTIVE OPEN HOUSE  
FOR NEW FAMILIES/NEW STUDENTS**

**COME AND VISIT YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!  
3- and 4-year old Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Sunday, January 28, 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

**3- and 4-year old Pre-K (full day and half day) Presentation at 1:15pm  
Kindergarten (full day) Presentation at 2:00pm  
All Grade Levels – Tours and Opportunities to Speak with Teachers**

**Visit and Shop the BOOK FAIR!!**

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## Respect Life

"If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion":

[www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion).  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

## SAVE THE DATES CATHOLIC PRAYER IN YOUR LIFE TODAY

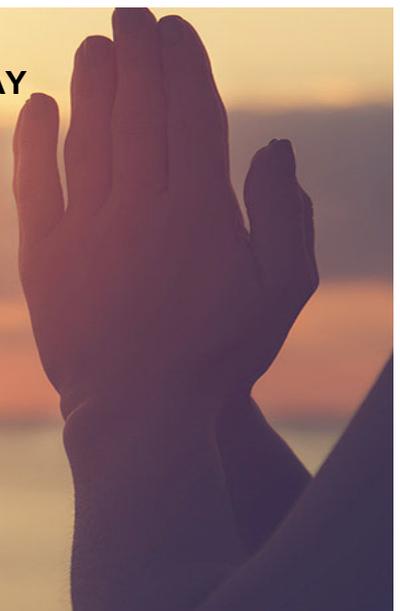
Come and join us at St. Francis of Assisi to explore wonderful ways to embrace prayer and continue our conversation with God!

**Tuesday, January 30**  
7:00 Meditation and Contemplation

**Tuesday, February 6**  
7:00 The Our Father

**Tuesday, March 13**  
7:30 Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Tuesday, April 17**  
7:00 The Examen of St. Ignatius Loyola





Painting by Sue Flanagan, St. Francis Parishioner

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Want a more peaceful, joyful, and fulfilled life?

Join men and women to listen to Janene Ternes, Founder of Prayer in Motion, as she guides you towards a more intimate connection with God

### “Living in the Light - Workshop”

St. Francis of Assisi Church - St. Francis Center

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

More details to follow in future bulletins. Hope to see you there!

Every so often things just fall into place. Is it Fate? Or Luck? Or Faith?

The Monday prior to our January '18 PADS commitment, only two teens had signed up to serve. A brutal forecast of -2 set the stage for a capacity crowd of 50 guests. I was worried.

With so many SFA families away for the Christmas holiday, I struggled to reach teens that had expressed an interest in serving. **Then our amazing team of Youth Ministry teens stepped up.** They set out recruiting friends. High school seniors volunteered to carpool to The Chapel. We went from two volunteers to eleven! What an amazing night. When I asked the teens to reflect on their experience that night, here's what they shared:

#### 1. What did I learn about myself?

*"I learned that I can move on from past difficulties and succeed. I was inspired by those we served tonight in that nothing must be taken for granted - starting with shelter and food, but certainly including love. The Lord provides - it is up to us to find a way to accept His grace."*

*"Tonight I learned that I know more about cooking (boiling water) than I thought I did. I learned that I enjoy volunteering and helping others. The people we served today were not shy or embarrassed like one would assume before signing up. I was never in an awkward situ-*

*ation with the guests. They are very nice. I learned that I want to do more things like this."*

*"I learned that I enjoy helping others and seeing how we affect others bring great joy to me."*

#### 2. What did I learn about others?

*"I learned that everyone has a story and that some people are just going through hard times."*

*"For the people who came here actually have hard jobs but struggle for a home because of the little pay."*

*"I learned that we are all people and at the end of the day we all have problems, but some more than others. I learned not to be afraid or look down on people in need, but only look up to them for their strength courage and knowledge. Life isn't just about money or school scores; it's truly about who you are as a person and what you make out of your life experience."*

Adult leaders and overnight shift volunteers play an integral part in providing this faith forming opportunity for our youth. Do you have 3-5 hours a month to dedicate to this important mission?

#### Questions?

Debbie Burzinski - dburzinski@comcast.net

Mike Sedlak - mikes@golden-trail.com

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
**X T R E M I E**  
 YOUTH MINISTRY  
 ENCOUNTER CHRIST BE A DISCIPLE

**Mission Trip Meeting**

January 28, 2018  
 11:30 –2:30 in Youth Room

**Pew Cleaning**

January 28, 2018  
 1:30-2:30  
 in Church  
 All workers  
 welcome



**Passion Play**

Adult leader team forming now. Need directors and costume/behind the scenes help. Contact Matt Toohill to volunteer: 708-460-0042  
[sfyg@sfaorland.org](mailto:sfyg@sfaorland.org)  
 Teens register now at  
<http://www.sfaorland.org>  
**First Practice February 11 @ 7:00 PM**

**MULTI-PARISH KNOWLEDGE & PRAYER SERIES 2018  
 & THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**



PRESENT:

**MARRIAGE BY ANY OTHER NAME**

A FAITH FILLED DISCUSSION LED BY DAMON OWENS

- GAIN CLARITY ON THE TRUE MEANING OF MARRIAGE
- WHY MARRIAGE IS NOT AN OPTION FOR EVERYONE
- WHAT DOES JESUS, THE CHURCH, THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT MARRIAGE
- LEARN HOW TO ANSWER THE "SAME SEX" MARRIAGE ARGUMENT



**DAMON OWENS**

- CERTIFIED INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER OF THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY INSTITUTE
- SOUGHT AFTER SPEAKER ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY
- ACCOMPLISHED AUTHOR, FREQUENT GUEST ON EWTN, CATHOLIC RADIO, NPR, NBC, CBS AND MORE
  - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JOYTOB
  - FATHER OF 8

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 AT 7 P.M.**

OUR LADY OF THE WOODS  
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**St. Francis Book Club**



**Meets the third  
 Tuesday of most  
 months, in the  
 Niehaus Room**

Our next meeting is:

**Tuesday, February 20 at 1:00 PM**

*We will discuss:  
 "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans  
 and Their Quest for Gold in the  
 1936 Berlin Olympics"*

by, Daniel James Brown

# Adult Faith Formation

## AROUND FOR AWHILE *By, Fr. Ed Upton*

The number of children participating in religious education, in the 70's increased, particularly in the suburbs. In many parishes, there were more children in these programs than the parish school.

As I reflected last week, school growth had been contained. New schools were not built, expansion was limited, parents were making a choice, and tuition was increasing. This was true not only in Chicago but in many dioceses around the country. During this time, Fr. Andrew Greely was writing that the decision to not aggressively support and expand Catholic school education was a short sighted decision.

The expansion of Religious Education was a new parish reality. The first challenge facing the parish was the need for qualified leadership to direct these programs. Up until this time, the "staff" in the parish was the pastor, associate pastors (always 1 many times 2 or 3), the parish secretary, and the maintenance man.

The Catholic school ran somewhat independently, was considered the heart of the parish, and parish school boards were just being established (The beginnings of lay involve-

ment). The pastor and principal were the usual decision makers. The associates were asked to visit and perhaps regular teach a religion class.

The impact of the Second Vatican Council was beginning to have direct impact in parishes. Besides the Liturgical changes that were so apparent at the parish level, the communities of woman religious were also renewing their mission. Each community spent much time in this renewal process. It was too involved and too long to discuss here. Many religious communities decided to expand their mission beyond elementary teaching; they decided to live in smaller communities rather than large convents, and additionally many left religious life.

The changing role of woman religious occurred at the same time as the expansion of religious education. These women were trained educators, had received excellent formation, and were knowledgeable about their faith. Many universities, Loyola being one, offered degrees in Pastoral Ministry to prove additional training for those sisters who wished to leave a specific teaching role and enter pastoral ministry.

While the role of religious in pastoral ministry would expand over the years, for many, the first entrance into parish ministry was as directors of religious education.

Today the role of a full time professional director is taken for granted. But in my first experience, (50 years ago) such a role was not accepted, and often resisted. My pastor felt no need for such a position. In his understanding, religious education was a ministry, therefore it should be voluntary and not compensated. And the implicit understanding that little training was needed.

Over the years, both religious and lay men and women have had professional training and or supervised experience to become certified directors. The publishers of religious education materials have developed specific texts for use in religious education programs. The bulk of catechists are volunteers; however trained leadership, appropriate focused material and generosity of the catechists have provided quality programs for the children.

## MINISTRY MOMENTS *THIS WEEK: Deacon John Donahue*

Throughout 2018, this page will include reflections from staff and parishioners highlighting their ministry involvement.



My wife, Eileen, and I along with our four children moved to Orland Park in 1997. We came from St. Bernadette Parish in Evergreen Park. Our children attended Religious Education at St. Francis of Assisi, and that was our introduction to the parish.

To be honest, St. Francis was hard for me to get used to. First of all, it didn't look like a Catholic Church because it did not have the traditional stained glass windows or statues that I associated with the parishes of my childhood. But eventually, I came to find out what a great parish St. Francis is and I found a home here.

I became involved at St. Francis through the Religious Education program. One Sunday, my son and I were at mass and Mary Kay Burberry made a request for teachers. My son said to me, "Dad, I don't

have a teacher, can you do it?" I told him that he should ask his mother when we got home. Her response was "Oh no, he asked you, and it is right up your alley!" So, the next day I called Mary Kay and volunteered. It turned out to be a wonderful experience where I was able to renew my faith.

Through the Religious Education Program, I got to know Father Ed. He encouraged me to become a Lector and later a Minister of Com-

munion. All of this eventually led me to the Diaconate Formation Program. I was ordained a Deacon in 2015.

Since ordination, I have been involved with the Catholic Charities dinner at St. Ann Parish, CRHP, Baptism Prep, and the RCIA Program.

St. Francis of Assisi offers many opportunities to be involved as little or as much as you want to live out your faith. Jump in, the water is warm and inviting!

## TRUE PROPHETS

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In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth.

In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority.

But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority

because he was popular or famous.

Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes.

Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well.

The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

The vicariate V commission hosts a Confirmation preparation program for older teens and adults of all ages. The program is offered in the Spring and Fall of every year.

The 8 sessions begin Feb. 28 at 7:00 pm and will be held at St. Daniel the Prophet Parish in Chicago.

Confirmation is set for April 28th at St. Daniel - Bishop Wypich will be the celebrant.

If you are interested in participating, just let Sr. Gael know (ggensler@sfaorland.org) and she can get you registered.

# COURAGE Baby Shower!

## FEBRUARY 10 & 11

**St. Francis of Assisi Helping Hands Committee is once again holding its annual Baby Shower to benefit young mothers in need.**

We will be collecting any **new unwrapped** baby items such as:

- ◆ Clothing, blankets, diapers (larger sizes)
- ◆ Bottles, formula, diaper bags
- ◆ Strollers, car seats (especially booster seats for older children)
- ◆ Baby shampoo, lotion & powder
- ◆ Bibs, pacifiers, onesies, sleepers
- ◆ Coupons for baby items
- ◆ Cash or check donations are also accepted.

*(NO cribs can be accepted)*

### REMINDER:

**The "Baby Box" for baby item coupons to benefit "Courage" is in the Narthex year-round.**

**Please remember to clip your coupons for "Courage."**



## Donations accepted before and after all masses February 10 & 11, 2018

All items will benefit the "Courage" program through St. Germaine Parish and will be distributed to single mothers in the southwestern greater Chicago area.

**Won't you please help support these young women who have chosen LIFE for their babies?**

### Questions? Contact:

Tami Klein: tami113@comcast.net,  
708-203-4896

Roxanne Zoladz: r.zoladz@comcast.net,  
708-212-6395

## Human Concerns Commission

### Sacred Heart Mission Trip planned for Sunday, February 4th

Thanks to the many generous St. Francis of Assisi parishioners, we collected an abundance of paper goods for Sacred Heart Mission. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate. Due to freezing rain, we needed to cancel our January visit. There were many volunteers planning to make the trip to Pembroke. We are hoping that you will be able to join us for our February visit.

The Sacred Heart Mission pantry is in need of canned fruits and vegetables and we will be delivering the collected paper goods to the mission. Donations are welcome and may be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Knights for your generous donation of a \$500.00 gift card for use at Sacred Heart Mission. Your kindness is most appreciated.

We will be departing via caravan promptly at 10:30 from the Upton Hall side of the parking lot (SE side). Noon Mass followed by fellowship of sharing lunch with the parishioners of Sacred Heart will be included in a joyous, faith filled day. We usually return about 3:00 PM.

If you would like to join us, please contact Maureen Niswonger via email at maureenniswonger@aol.com or via cell 708-921-4812. On behalf of the Sisters residing at Sacred Heart, Sr. Mary Beth and Sr. Dorothy, they wish to extend their thankfulness and blessings to the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi.

# Liturgy Commission

## ARE YOU INTERESTED in becoming a MINISTER OF PRAISE?

### What is involved?

As a Minister of Praise you promise to pray and offer your sacrifices and sufferings and joys for the needs of the parish, the universal church and all prayer requests listed in our parish book of intercessions (located near the chapel).

The pastor or designated parish staff member sends all ministers of praise a letter each month naming specific prayer intentions for that month. All parishioners are assured of being prayed for daily.

### How do I apply?

Simply complete a form (located in the narthex pamphlet rack) and drop it off at the office or place in the collection basket. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry.



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**INITIAL TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**  
St. Symphorosa School Hall, 6125 S. Austin Avenue in Chicago, IL 60638/ 773-767-1523  
**Two Thursdays: February 8 and 15, 2018**  
7 to 9 pm both days

This workshop will be facilitated by **Marge Garbacz**

Through prayer, reflection and praxis, participants will explore what it means to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist in the 21st Century. In Session One there will be a brief overview of the history and theology of the Eucharist. We will also explore the development of the role of the laity in the liturgical life of the Church. Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences of Eucharist and worship with one another. Session Two will address the call to ministry and what it means to be a Minister of the Eucharist in the Church of today's world.

**Marge Garbacz** is the Director of Mission Integration and Pastoral Care at Franciscan Village Continuing Care Retirement Community in Lemont. She is certified both as a Director of Religious Education and as a Pastoral Associate in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Marge has over 40 years of experience as an educator and as a parish pastoral minister. She has given numerous presentations on liturgy and sacramental life throughout the Archdiocese

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**MINISTER OF CARE TRAINING**  
St. Germaine Parish Center, 9711 S. Kolin in Oak Lawn, IL 60453, 708-636-5060  
**Two Saturdays: March 3 and 10, 2018**  
9 am to 2:30 pm both days (Bring a bagged lunch.)

This workshop will be facilitated by **Jeanne Lassandrello**

Participation in these two sessions meets the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago, requirements to be eligible for mandating as a parish Minister of Care, ministering to the sick and homebound members of the parish. Participants must be approved and sent by a member of their parish Pastoral Team. Preparation includes such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged, the experience of suffering, dying and death, pastoral listening skills, prayer and Eucharist, and the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. This seminar provides fresh theology and insights into the pastoral practice of the Ministry of Care.

Missy Keegan to register at [Mkeegan@stpatriaparis.com](mailto:Mkeegan@stpatriaparis.com)(708) 598-5222 or [register online](#).

**Jeanne Lassandrello** is commissioned as a Lay Ecclesial Minister in the Archdiocese of Chicago. She served as Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education at St Christopher Parish in Midlothian for 8 years. She is currently the Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education at St Germaine Parish in Oak Lawn. Jeanne earned a Master of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministry at Catholic Theological Union, and is presently a candidate for the Doctorate of Ministry from the University of St Mary of the Lake.

## We joyfully welcomed the following children into our Christian Community:

January 14, 2018

**Julia Maeve Fitzenberger**

Daughter of Mark & Jennifer (Murray)  
Fitzenberger

**Kludia Kwintal**

Daughter of Grzegorz & Krystyna (Suchecki)  
Kwintal

**Saoirse Rose Masterson**

Daughter Martin & Aileen (Kenny)  
Masterson

January 21, 2018

**Sam Carmen DeLaurentis III**

Son of Sam & Jayna (Joiner) DeLaurentis II

**Juliana Helen Jachymiak**

Daughter of James & Ramona (Cison)  
Jachymiak

**Baptism**

## Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all who are sick and in need of healing, especially:

Anthony Catalano Jr.	Douglas Lukas
Ruth Crocono	Mike Michor
Patricia DiGangi	Robert O'Donnell
Jim & Catherine Dillon	Bernadine Peterson
Erv Erdman	Jackie Smith
Holly Fedor	Russell Soucek
Sandy Gibson	Dorothy Stoterau
Jean Hornick	Paul Thompson
Leona Howard	Vern Tuttle
Dr. Jim Kline	Nicholas Versetto
Angie Latek	Frank Wierzbowski
Bill Lorden	Barb Wilson
Madelon Lorden	Vito Zotto



## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 27

**5:15 PM** John & Jeanette Wilkos, rq. by Grekowicz Family and Timothy Sullivan, rq. by Lee & Chuck Springer and Ismael Barbosa, rq. by Mother-in-law

### Sunday, January 28

**7:30 AM** People of St. Francis

**9:00 AM** Mary Celeste Stanton, rq. by Kay & Jerry Saletta and Mary Bernadette McNeela, rq. by Annett Olson & Cathy O'Connor and Sue Duddlelston, rq. by Kay & Jerry Saletta

**10:30 AM** Denise Klovens, rq. by Regina Knapp and Denis Ryan, rq. by St. Francis Religious Ed Staff and Eleanore Heintz, rq. by Magafas Family

**12:00 PM** Edward Carey, rq. by Angie Clark and Lynn Earll, rq. by McGovern Family and James & Alice Murphy, rq. by Murphy Family

### Monday, January 29

**7:45 AM** Conlisk Family, rq. by Family and Mary Hellmann, rq. by Family

### Tuesday, January 30

**7:45 AM** Anne Bohan, rq. by Maureen & Dennis Niswonger, rq. by Al Stoll, rq. by Bernie & Diane McErlean

### Wednesday, January 31

**7:45 AM** Dorothy Small, rq. by Family

### Thursday, February 01

**7:45 AM** Joan Rendell, rq. by Mark & Cindy Bennecke and Florence Grekowicz, rq. by Grekowicz Family

### Friday, February 02

**7:45 AM** Rich Tyrrell, rq. by Lois Tyrrell and Tim Gruensfelder, rq. by Steve Dombrowski and Tom Murphy, rq. by Cecilia Murphy

### Saturday, February 03

**5:15 PM** Don Gray, rq. by Stang Family and Special Intention for Ann Ross, rq. by Mike & Mary Foley and William Woodrow, rq. by Bernie & Diane McErlean

### Sunday, February 04

**7:30 AM** Mary Patricia Flynn, rq. by Bernie & Sue Flanagan and James Juerino and Edward Calgaro, rq. by Christine Calgaro

**9:00 AM** Don Staab, rq. by The Family and Don Gray, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos and Mary Dolores McNamara, rq. by Bill & Carroll

**10:30 AM** People of St. Francis

**12:00 PM** Pauline Ciarrocchi, rq. by Family and Julie Branchaw, rq. by Ramona Branchaw and Joann Bischoff, rq. by Family



# Liturgical Ministers

Please visit the Saint Francis Liturgical Minister Web Terminal for the most up to date schedule or to volunteer.

	Jan. 27 Sat., 5:15 PM	Jan. 28 Sun., 7:30 AM	Jan. 28 Sun., 9:00 AM	Jan. 28 Sun., 10:30 AM	Jan. 28 Sun., 12:00 PM
<b>Presidor</b>	Rich Young	Steven Dombrowski	TBA Priest	TBA Priest	TBA Priest
<b>Deacon</b>	Mike Kiley	Daniel Carroll	Michael Pindelski	Michael Pindelski	VOLUNTEER NOW
<b>Sacristan</b>	Elaine Erdman	Cynthia Bennecke	Barbara Basila	Marjorie Curran	Laureen Pietranczyk
<b>Lector</b>	Charlene Klabacha (1) Jerri LaRoche (2)	Kyle Laird (1) Gerald Saletta (2)	Betty Kameron (1) Casimir (Casey) Pytel (2)	Greg Moe (1) Jacqueline Magafas (2)	John Pacholski (1) Diania Kufra (2)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Beth Bruozis Pamela England Elaine Erdman Mike Kiley Richard Klein Lorraine Martenson Barbara Petrick Alice Rzeszutko Richard Rzeszutko Nancy Sullivan Martin Terpstra Rich Young	Steve Alessi Kathleen Boland Daniel Carroll Steven Dombrowski Daniel Faxel Lisa Freisleben Patricia Goldberg Patricia Grasso Sharon McCaffrey David Trzesniewski	Barbara Basila Michael Basila William Carroll Pat Depcik James Dykas Marilyn Nelson Diane Ostrowski Kathleen Ostrowski Michael Pindelski TBA Priest Terry Reger Rosemary Zielinski	Michael Curran Betty Devine Georgiann Dytrych Janet Fifer Patricia Flynn Linda Higgins Sharon Moe Michael Pindelski TBA Priest Sheila Ramsey Marian Ward Brian Whiteford	Mary Burmeister Carlene Catalano Rosalie Hodson Robert Long Sheila Pacholski Marcia Pavela Laureen Pietranczyk TBA Priest Margaret Sabadosa Jeannine Witowski
<b>Altar Server</b>	Ava Franzese Matthew Gaspardo Kaylie Grossi	Mark Freisleben Nicole Freisleben Amanda Mackowiak	Kathleen Johnson Isabella Schreck William Schreck	Kevin Moe Chris Vittori Gabi Vittori	Cecilia Kane Josh Kane Ryan Kane
<b>Usher</b>	James Arzbaecher (HU) Cathy Arzbaecher Mike Zoladz Roxanne Zoladz Joe Sankey Teri Sankey	Diane Mackowiak (HU) Dominic Zambuto Cynthia Bennecke James Pedersen	Wayne Kameron (HU) Keith Nelson Oriano Pagnucci George Kelley Greg Gervais Richard Roberts	Jay Modelski (HU) Lynn Pajon Janice Ota (sub requested) James Winters John Higgins John Higgins, Jr.	Jerry Ondrus (HU) Joan Ondrus John Coyle Laura Tucco VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW

## Parish Stewardship

	<u>01/21/17</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,065.00	\$ 691,950.00
Collected	\$ <u>28,623.00</u>	\$ <u>719,809.00</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 5,558.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,859.00</b>

**PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING.**

Go to our website, [www.sfaorland.org](http://www.sfaorland.org) and press the "Donate Now" button or [www.sfaorland.org](http://www.sfaorland.org) and press the "Donate Now" button. You can also use the yellow form in your envelope packet or call the office to sign up:  
708-460-0042

You are invited to attend

Christ Renews His Parish  
Renewal Experience 2018

Men ~ February 24th & 25th

Women ~ March 10th & 11th

For more information or to register visit:

[www.sfaorland.org/christ-renews-his-parish.html](http://www.sfaorland.org/christ-renews-his-parish.html)

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**MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAY: 5:15 PM SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, AND 12:00 AND MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7:45 AM**

The parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. The parish offices are open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Religious Ed offices are located in the St. Francis Center, 15010 Wolf Rd.— up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays. The Eucharistic Chapel is open for prayer twenty-four hours a day. The Chapel is located at the northeast corner of the Church.

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**PARISH LIBRARY**  
In the Great Room there is a "SELF-SERVE" parish library

## Religious Education

Religious Education meets on alternating Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays for Grades K-8, and on Saturdays for Grades 1-8, at the Religious Education Center. Grades K-4 meet from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. and grades 4-8 meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday sessions meet from 8:30—10:00 a.m. *Children's Liturgy of the Word* meets on Sundays during the 9 & 10:30 a.m. masses for children 4-years-old to 4th grade, September-April. Call 708-460-0155 for more information.

The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin School, located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th and 94th Ave., is the elementary Catholic regional school for parishioners of St. Francis. For registration information, contact the school at 708-403-6525.

## Become a Catholic

R.C.I.A. - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 460-0042.

## Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated every Monday, immediately after the 7:45 a.m. Mass. Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed.

The priests are available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 460-0042.

## Baptisms

Baptisms usually take place on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:30. Prior to the Baptism, parents need to call the office to make arrangements. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

## Marriages

Weddings need to be scheduled at least four to six months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 11:30-12:00.

## Registration

You may become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

## Boundaries

North: 135th St. South: 183rd St.  
West: Will-Cook Road  
East: 108th Ave. - 135th St. - 153rd St.  
104th Ave. - 153rd St. - 183rd