

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

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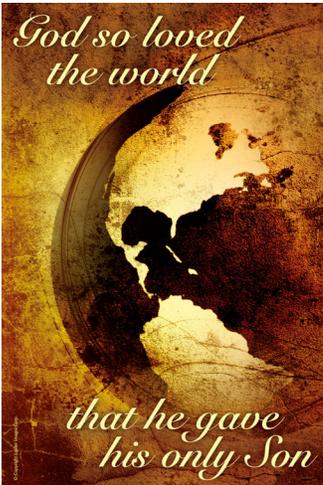


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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

# Fourth Sunday of Lent



*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,

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you the news that I will be finishing my term at St. Francis in June. I have been asked by the Priests' Placement Board to be in the Pastor pool for this year. I had been asked to look at a parish last year, but because of my commitment as administrator during Fr. Artur's Sabbatical, and caring for my Mother (while she was in hospice), I did not feel it was the right time.

Late in the fall we were given a list of parishes that would be open for a new pastor. I had taken advantage of Mass coverage here, during Advent, to visit various sites. In February there was a parish information night in which parish representatives were on hand to share details about their parish with prospective pastors. With Ash Wednesday we were asked to submit the parishes to which we felt we might be called as pastor.

I mentioned mixed emotions. St. Francis is such an awesome community – and I have truly found a home here. I have to admit that it was difficult visiting parishes while using this community as “measuring stick.” This community has certainly raised the bar in terms of ministries, liturgy, and overall hospitality. I do feel humbled to know that my gifts may be used and needed elsewhere. I am not a fan of moving and starting over, but this is part of the priest's calling.

A week ago I received a call from the bishop informing me that the Cardinal was assigning me to St. Cajetan Parish (112<sup>th</sup> and Western in Beverly) as their new pastor. The parish just celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I found it to be a very warm and inviting place. The parish consists of 1200 families, with a school of around 400, and a small Religious Ed. Program. There are many city workers who live in the neighborhood, many police and firefighters. I feel that I would not have looked at St. Cajetan, had I not experienced the warmth of the people at St. Francis. It encouraged me to stay in this Vicariate.

My last weekend at St. Francis will be June 23rd/24<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Artur will return the following week.

For now I ask your prayers for my next parish, for all those who are going through transitions, especially parishioners of parishes that are merging, and for me, as I begin this new chapter in my life. Just as with many parishes, I will be the sole priest at the parish; but we are blessed with the Carmelites who help out on weekends.

They say that change is the only consistent in life – how true!

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Today's Gospel has one of the most famous lines of John's Gospel:

***For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.***

That would make a good quote for a prayer of contemplation. It could also be used as a mantra. Good focus as we come to Laetare (rejoice) Sunday. This is a day of hope for Easter is within sight.

*Peace,  
Fr. Steve Dombrowski*

## This week at St. Francis

### Monday, March 12

- ◆ Committee Chair Meeting, 1:00 & 7:00 pm (GR)

### Tuesday, March 13

- ◆ Book of Matthew, Session 2, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Ministry, 12:30 pm (SFR)
- ◆ Evening Mass, 7:30 pm (CH)

### Wednesday, March 14

- ◆ Catholic Charities Easter Project, 8:30 am & 7:00 pm (UH)
- ◆ Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Book of Matthew, Session 2, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus, 7:00 pm (GR)
- ◆ Passion Play Practice, 7:00 pm (CH, SFR)

### Thursday, March 15

- ◆ Senior Wisdom 101: Embracing the Challenges and Joys of Aging, 8:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Seniors Club, 12:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Baptism Meeting, 7:00 pm (GR)
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7:00 pm (NR)
- ◆ Communion Service, 7:30 pm (CH)

### Friday, March 16

- ◆ Stations of the Cross, 3:00 & 7:30 pm (CH)
- ◆ A.A. Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

### Saturday, March 17

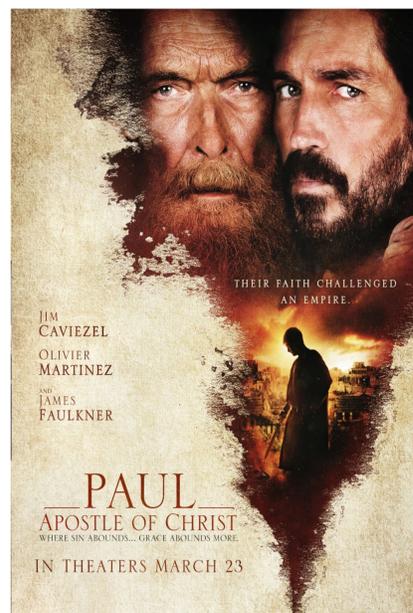
- ◆ Mass, 8:30 am (CH)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Spiritual Directors Training, 9:30 am (NR)

### Sunday, March 18

- ◆ Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9:00 am Mass (UH)
- ◆ RCIA - 3rd Scrutiny, 10:30 am (GR, NR)
- ◆ Passion Play Practice, 7:00 pm (CH, SFR)



## Mark Your Calendar



The Ministry Commission of Vicariate V proudly presents:

### EVENING OF REFLECTION WITH ERIC GROTH OF "OUTSIDE DA BOX" MINISTRY

**Thursday, March 15, 2018  
6:30 - 8:30PM**

Saint Xavier University - McDonough Chapel  
3700 W. 103rd Street in Chicago, IL 60655

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF REFLECTION WITH ERIC GROTH – PRESIDENT/CEO OF ODB FILMS AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF FULL OF GRACE AND THE SOON-TO-BE-RELEASED FILM ON THE APOSTLE PAUL. ERIC WILL SHARE STORIES FROM PRODUCTION, SCENES FROM THE FILM, AND REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF PAUL AND THE BEAUTIFUL REALITY THAT NONE OF US ARE BEYOND THE REACH OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE.

PLEASE RSVP AT: <http://ministrycommission5.com/evening-of-reflection-with-eric-groth>



# Human Concerns Commission

**D**uring Lent, there are many opportunities to aid the less fortunate. One way to make a contribution as a family is to participate in assembling Easter Baskets for the many children in need who live near our own community. **On Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Charities @ St. Francis committee will meet to fill baskets** that will be given to the children whose families visit the supplemental supper programs at St. Anne, St. Blase and St. Christopher. We will also assemble gift bags containing hygiene kits, socks and t-shirts to be given to the homeless.



Join us after morning mass and again at 7:00 pm in Upton Hall. If you are unable to join us, but would like to make a contribution, we are accepting donations of crayons, glue sticks, erasers, individually wrapped pieces of candy, fruit snacks and socks. This project truly brings smiles to hundreds of precious faces. On behalf of our committee, thank you for your consideration and continued support. Should you have any questions please contact Paula Belski at [pio-la@comcast.net](mailto:pio-la@comcast.net).

*Please note: we are assembling on a Wednesday, not Monday as we usually do.*

# Liturgy Commission

**Q** What are the scrutinies and exorcisms in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and what is their purpose?



**A** The scrutinies, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, invite the elect, along with the assembly, into prayerful contemplation and repentance. The scrutinies help “uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.” The rituals help purify the heart and mind. They protect the elect from the power of sin, strengthen them against temptations, and orient them toward the saving waters of Baptism (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 141). Each scrutiny concludes with a prayer of exorcism over the elect, through which they “are freed from the effects of sin” and the influence of evil (RCIA, 144). Unlike exorcisms depicted in popular films, these are beautiful prayers that speak of Christ’s saving power over sin and death.

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## Can you help decorate St. Francis for Palm Sunday and Easter?

The art and environment team is always looking for that next occasional volunteer who might want to work with us as we take on the formidable project of decorating church for the Palm Sunday and Easter holidays. This is the busiest liturgical season for our committee and we'd appreciate any and all help you might offer. This is also a great time to put our teens and college students to work (they can earn service hours?). Many hands are needed and all are welcome. **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

Thursday, 3-22, 8:30AM; Friday, 3-23, 8:30AM;  
Saturday, 3-24 8:30AM

Tuesday, 3-27 10AM  
Wednesday, 3-28 8:30AM  
Thursday, 3-29 8:30AM

Friday, 3-30 8:30AM AND 8PM (after Good Friday Services)  
Saturday 3-31 8:30AM

Tuesday, 4-3 8:30AM (we strike the basement decorations)

These dates and times are subject to change based upon church events. Please check with the office or debi Ross to confirm: 708-403-9351 or [insidelooks@aol.com](mailto:insidelooks@aol.com)

Thanks in advance for your help. You'll have a great time working with us!

debi Ross  
Chair, Art and Environment at St. Francis

## GOLFERS WANTED!

*Men and Women  
Experienced and Be-  
ginners*

**ST. FRANCIS OF  
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LEAGUE  
TO PLAY AT  
ROLLING HILL (SLCC)**

**MONDAY MORNINGS  
STARTING MAY 7**

**Greens Fees per  
week: \$14 Walking;  
\$25 Riding**

**TO REGISTER:  
CALL THE OFFICE  
460-0042**

LEAGUE FEE: \$40  
FOR THE SEASON  
INCLUDES ENDING  
LUNCH, PRIZES  
AND COMPUTER  
RECORD FOR EACH  
WEEK'S SCORE  
(Pro Shop)



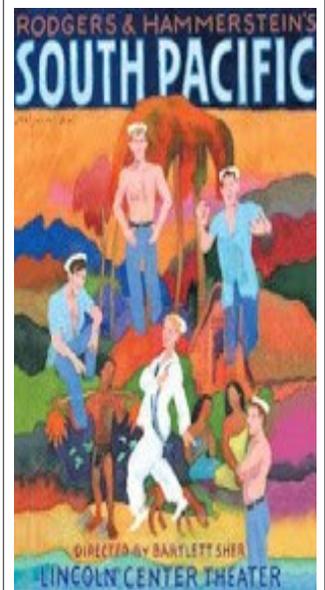
## FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS CLUB MEETING

The Friends of St Francis Club is meeting on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in the St Francis Center Building at Noon. This is also our annual St Joseph's Table. All members are asked to consider bringing a dish to add to the table. Suggested categories are: Side dishes, casseroles, salads, appetizers, or desserts. Or your house specialty.

Questions regarding the  
club contact:

Cindy Bennecke 708-912-0524 or  
Dolores Grekowicz 708-403-4135

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 re-questing 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.



Join us on April 11 to see the musical at Drury Lane Theater.

\$75 will include motor coach transportation from St. Francis and your choice of Bistro Steak or Roast Turkey entrée, salad, dessert and beverage. We will begin boarding at 10:45am and depart from the church parking lot at 11:00am returning approximately 5:00pm. Tickets will be available on a first come first serve basis so don't wait to make your reservation.

In order to reserve your ticket, please write your check payable to St. Francis in the amount of \$75 per person. Bring it to the church office where you will select your menu choice. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Walder at barbwalder@yahoo.com or 708-351-8994.

## The Social Committee of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes all to a Pasta Dinner.

This event is March 23, 2018 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in Upton Hall.

The main adult entrée (vegetable lasagna and 3 jumbo raviolis) will be catered from RoccoVino's.

Salad, bread, butter, coffee, pop and dessert are also included.

The child's dinner entrée is two chicken tenders and macaroni and cheese.

Salad, bread, butter, dessert and a beverage is also included.

Feel free to BYOB!

Adults: \$10.00 (ages 14 and up)

Children: \$5.00 (13 and under)

There will be NO tickets sold at the door.

Tickets can only be purchased on the weekends of March 10, 11 and March 17, 18 due to the caterer's deadline.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Any questions, please call Laurie Arredondo 478-7113.

## Education & Formation Commission

### TRANSGENDERISM: A COMPASSIONATE APPROACH

March 15<sup>th</sup> - By Fr. Thomas Loya

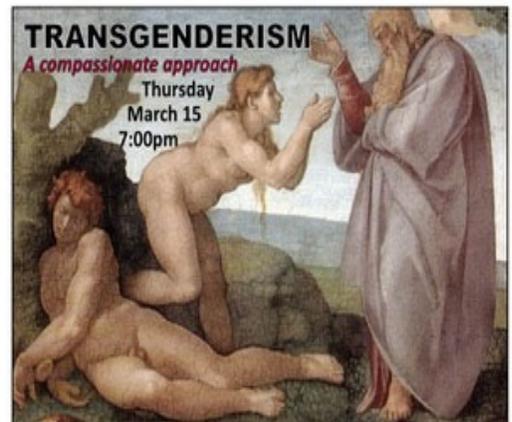
at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

The Knowledge and Prayer Series is sponsoring Fr. Thomas Loya, Pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church and world-wide expert and speaker on the "Theology of the Body" to speak on the issue of Transgenderism. The presentation will be at 7:00 PM on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 Will-Cook Rd in Homer Glen.

Fr. Loya says: "My main point will be that on the Transgender issue, as in ALL issues of life, compassion is a function of truth. If we do not know and understand the truth, there can be no compassion. Compassionate truth must necessarily debunk certain fallacies, no matter how widely or deeply held they may be. "

"In the process of explaining the "compassionate truth" I also will offer some points for parents and families of how to react, what to say, not to say, what to do, what not to do when a family member suddenly claims to be "Transgender."

*The Knowledge and Prayer series is sponsored by the Multi Parish Respect Life Ministries from and Our Lady of the Woods, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Michael in Orland Park and St. Bernard's, Our Mother of Good Counsel, and Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen*



# Respect Life

"When I voiced my objections to do abortion-related services, I was terminated. It's against my conscience. I became a nurse to protect lives, not to take lives."

Sandra Mendoza, L.P.N.  
Take Action:  
www.humanlifeaction.org  
Video: www.bit.ly/  
StandWithSandra



Want a more peaceful, joyful, and fulfilled life?

Register Now:  
"Living in the Light"  
Workshop

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. Together we will explore the source of our hope, using movement, music, Scripture, guided meditation, Lectio Divina (praying with scripture) and journaling. Be inspired by Janene's story of moving from darkness to light through God's faithfulness. Leave refreshed and hopeful!

## "Living in the Light Workshop"

St. Francis of Assisi Church - St. Francis Center

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

Continental Breakfast 9:00 AM

Program 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

\$35 includes breakfast, lunch, activities

Register online at [www.sfaorland.org](http://www.sfaorland.org)

Registration in the narthex 3/11, 3/18, 4/8

## St. Francis Book Club



All are welcome to join!  
We meet at 1:00 pm in the Niehaus Room

**Tuesday, March 20**

We will discuss:  
"The Trust," by Ronald Balson

**Tuesday, April 17**

We will discuss:  
"Love and Other Consolation Prizes,"  
by Jamie Ford

## 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, March 13**  
7:30 pm -  
Liturgy of the Eucharist

As part of our prayer encounter for the evening, we will attend Mass at 7:30.

Fr. Upton will be the celebrant and will explain the Liturgy of the Eucharist during Mass.

We will assemble afterward in the Great Room for some sharing and reflection.

Please plan to attend.

## Senior Wisdom 101: Embracing the Challenges and Joys of Aging

Thursdays,  
March 15 and 22  
8:30- 9:30am

Facilitated by Valerie Piazza, LCPC, RN.

Research shows that the greatest influence on our happiness involves:

- Our perspective toward life: Cultivating our ability to reframe our situation more positively, while acknowledging the reality of life's challenges.
- Our capacity to experience gratitude.
- Our choice to be kind and generous.
- The gift of Faith.

Consider attending the next two weeks.

Enjoy lively discussion, shared wisdom, and learn new ways to live more fully with the challenges and difficulties life brings.

Discover how changing your "perspective" can help you live more fully and joyfully.

# Adult Faith Formation

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

The beginnings of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School required attention to develop a number of foundational issues. As I have previously written, our regional school model, formed a new school, (not the joining of previously existing schools). Consequently, we had few guidelines from the past or present to develop this model. I have described two issues that were important: feasibility and internal governance. Our planning committee developed these structures. The third issue presented the most difficult challenge.

To frame the questions bluntly - who owns the school? Who owns the building? The language used is not precise, because, in the end, all church property is ultimately owned and directed by the Catholic Bishop of Chicago. However, we used this imprecise language to describe our local situation; this secular language provided the best available description.

The four sponsoring parishes "owned" the school. Each parish, through its pastor and the Executive Committee, had a place at the

table of administration: each pastor had an equal vote; the executive pastor represented the pastors. Each parish had an equal number of parishioners on the school council. While ownership was not necessarily the best image, CJB School was owned equally by the sponsoring parishes. The CJB School was an entity connected to the school building but distinct from it.

After much discussion, it was decided that the school building would be "owned" by St. Elizabeth Seton parish. Cardinal Bernardin School would be an independent entity "leasing space" from St. Elizabeth Seton, the building's owner.

This decision was made primarily from a practical perspective. Besides CJB's use of the facility, St. Elizabeth parish had a large religious Education program who had need to use the school building for religious education. At the time, the SES program had almost 2000 children.

In addition, the school offered after school activities. These two

groups, CJB and SES would have a challenge in scheduling. Adding other parishes to this mix of building occupancy would have been chaotic.

The financial goal was that the school parents (via tuition and fund raising) and sponsoring parishes (via a parish grant) would cover school expenses. Seton would not have a school financial obligation more than the other sponsoring parishes. The first years were a challenge in terms of budgeting. The parish portion was based on the % of children from their parish attending CJB.

It was a challenge to create budgets in the beginning and properly portion expenses. Over the years this has been refined. I do not have current information to detail the financial situation.

These three articles, about the beginning of the school have outlined organizational and financial issues.

Next I turn to the heart of any Catholic school - faith.

## MINISTRY MOMENTS THIS WEEK: Mary Kay Burberry

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

### A Short Tale of Who I Am and How I Came Here

I come from a family of seven. I have three sons and three grand babies (What a blessing!) Many of you know I love to travel and I am always planning some trip. All I really need is my GPS and a full tank of gas, and I am in heaven! My family considers me the "church lady" so whenever St. Michael's has Trivia Night, I get the call to be the "ringer" at my sister's table and answer all of the theological questions.

My involvement with the church began with a book – *The Seven Story Mountain* by Thomas Merton. I had found the book at the church library cart one Sunday at St. Michael's. I could not understand a word of it! Within a year everything had changed and I was devouring the pages of anything that Merton wrote along with anything else I could get my hands on that would give me insight into who I was in Christ.

I enrolled in a scripture study – and I still study scripture today! I found that learning about my faith became a driving force in my life, and teaching about it helped me to understand it more.

While this searching was going on, my employment changed. I was working for an insurance company as a Senior Account Executive. I had a Bachelor's degree in business but realized that I



would have to go back to school for an MBA in order to move forward in my career. Instead of an MBA, I enrolled in the Archdiocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry program *Together in God's Service* (TIGS) in 2002. I was accepted into the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and eventually into the Doctor of Ministry program at Mundelein Seminary.

When I began studying, I felt a hunger to know this God I had come to love, and then to share what I had learned with others. I wondered what type of positions were available and went on the Archdiocesan website. That brought me to St. Francis in 2004 as the Director of Religious Education. I have learned so much about myself, my faith, and my God because of catechesis and because of the wonderful parishioners and families that I have worked with at St. Francis.

The religious education program at St. Francis

provides opportunities for children, families, and catechists to know and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ, to carry that understanding into the world. I encourage all parishioners to consider teaching for a year. **Make 2018 your mission year!** It will give you insight into your faith and develop your relationship with Jesus Christ. It definitely will be a springboard for attempting other ministries at St. Francis of Assisi.

Many of the people in ministries at St. Francis were once catechists, and many still are. In fact, many parishioners find catechesis is a vocation for them. Sharing the love of God and an understanding of faith, helps us all grow in faith. Sometimes it is overwhelming to think that God can love us so completely. So if you see a tear in my eye (I'm known for that!) it's because in a word, a moment, a liturgy - that love is revealed, and I am so very grateful for the challenges and blessings that God has sent my way.



Last call for males for the Passion Play **we still need many more males to fill roles in The Passion Play.** This is accepted at schools for service hours.  
Join us tonight, see full schedule below.

Date	Time	
Sunday March 11	7:00-9:00 PM	Passion Play Practice
Sunday, March 14	7:00-9:00 PM	Passion Play Practice
Wednesday March 18	7:00-9:00 PM	Passion Play Practice
Sunday March 21	7:00-9:00 PM	Passion Play Practice
Saturday March 24	3:00-7:00 PM	Palm Sunday/Passion Play @ 5:15
Sunday March 25	8:00 AM-2:00 PM	Palm Sunday/Passion Play @ 9, 10:30 & 12
Sunday April 8	7:00-9:00	Passion Play Party

### Teens invited to participate Holy Thursday

We are looking for 12 teens who will carry pitchers of water during the foot washing, the priest's and deacons will do the actual washing, you just need to carry the water. You will also process down the aisle with the gifts of bread and wine. Please contact Matt Toohill in the Youth Ministry office if you are interested. [sfyg@sfaorland.org](mailto:sfyg@sfaorland.org) 708-460-0042



The St. Francis Wolves had a great volleyball season going 6-2. They beat St. Michaels in the first round of the tournament, and lost in the third set to Our Lady of the Woods for the championship. They still receive \$100.00 to donate to a charity of their choice. Next up, Softball registration will start in May. Coaches and Umpires please volunteer now.

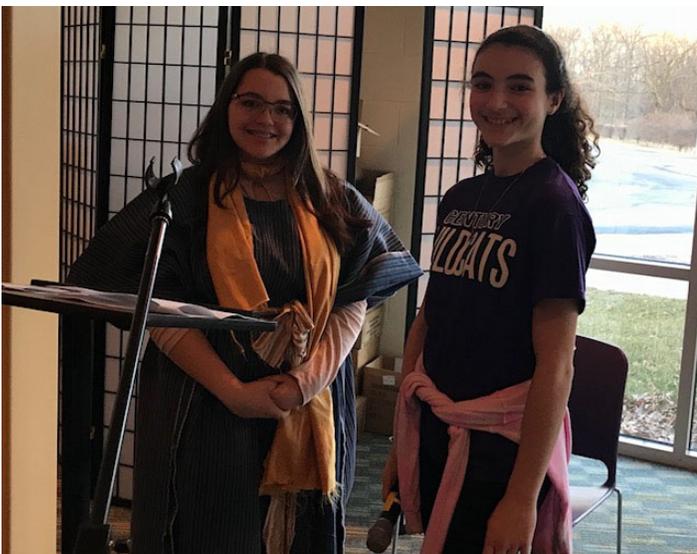
# RCIA



8th graders re-enacting the Last Supper for the rest of the grade levels.  
Great job, great 8th graders!



*Rite of Election at St. Francis of Assisi for the 15 people being initiated into the Church on Easter Vigil.*



## Sick Relatives & Friends

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

Mary Budz	Angie Latek
Joseph Carone	Bill Lorden
Anthony Catalano Jr.	Madelon Lorden
Emily Cepkaskas	Douglas Lukas
Steven Cernak	Gary Lukas
James Deacy	Bonnie Petrick
Patricia DiGangi	Bob Przybysz
Jim & Catherine Dillon	Jackie Smith
Jean Hornick	Russell Soucek
Anne Kelly	Mary Lynn Vitucci
Dr. Jim Kline	Jeanette Wood

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 10

**5:15 PM** Elizabeth & Richard Shinnars and Dan & Bridget O'Rourke, rq. by Sally O'Rourke and Loretta Niedzwiadek, rq. by Tarasuk Family

### Sunday, March 11

**7:30 AM** Louis Belski and Marie Jean Skorup and Ruth Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup

**9:00 AM** Schweiger & Norris Families, rq. by Family and Patrick Cahill, rq. by Kay & Jerry Saletta and James & Alice Murphy, rq. by Murphy Family

**10:30 AM** Margaret Kulovitz, rq. by Lammert Family and Marge Janachowski, rq. by McKeitt Family and Denise Klovens, rq. by Jim & Marian Ward

**12:00 PM** People of St. Francis

### Monday, March 12

**7:45 AM** Tom Murphy, rq. by Gina & John Gorski and Genevieve Marco, rq. by Berton Family and Alvin Duttonhoffer, rq. by Jean McNamara & Kay Cernak

### Tuesday, March 13

**7:45 AM** People of St. Francis

**7:30 PM** Kathryn Petricca

### Wednesday, March 14

**7:45 AM** Jim Mangan, rq. by Bobbi Mangan

### Thursday, March 15

**7:45 AM** Gene Huegerich, rq. by Friend

**7:30 PM** Prayer Service - no intentions

### Friday, March 16

**7:45 AM** David Burberry, rq. by Regina Knapp and Steven Beckle, rq. by Deloris Fischer and Alvin Duttonhofer, rq. by Lucky Smith

### Saturday, March 17

**8:30 AM** "Breakfast Club in Heaven," rq. by Mike & John

**5:15 PM** Daniel S. O'Rourke, rq. by Sally O'Rourke and Estelle Czub, rq. by The Family and Eileen McKeon, rq. by Thomas McKeon

### Sunday, March 18

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

**9:00 AM** Phil Brankin, rq. by Peg & Jack Sheehan and Br. Kevin Ruane, rq. by Ann Nellis and Ana Guitierrez, rq. by Priscilla Silvai

**10:30 AM** Rosalie Whalen, rq. by Fran Capriotti and Rita Webster, rq. by SFA Music Ministry and Ann Janachowski, rq. by Roxanne & Mike Zoladz

**12:00 PM** Barbara Henry-Jones, rq. by Family and Joyce March, rq. by Joseph March and Victor Lopez, rq. by Angel & Carmen Colon

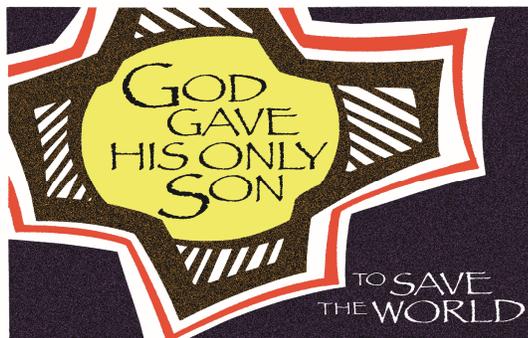


*We joyfully welcome  
the following children  
into our Christian  
Community:*

**March 4, 2018**

***Payton Rae Warren***

Daughter of Matthew & Devin (Rakowski)  
Warren



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# Liturgical Ministers

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

	Saturday, 5:15 PM Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, 7:30 AM Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, 9:00 AM Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, 10:30 AM Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, 12:00 PM Fifth Sunday of Lent
<b>Presider</b>	Rev. Steven Dombrowski	Rev. Steven Dombrowski	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Steven Dombrowski
<b>Deacon</b>	Daniel Carroll	VOLUNTEER NOW	Michael Pindelski	Michael Pindelski	Mike Kiley
<b>Sacristan</b>	Valerie Piazza	Cynthia Bennecke	Catherine Cernak	Wendy Freer	Jean Nielsen
<b>Lector</b>	James Walsh (1) Charlene Klabacha (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) Gabby Bach (2)	Casimir (Casey) Pytel (1) Katharine Pytel (2)	Alana Mitrovich (1) Brian Whiteford (2)	Diania Kufra (1) Tina Governale (2)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Robert Carlo Daniel Carroll Rev. Steven Dombrowski Richard Klein Lorraine Martenson Janet Modelski Katherine Nicholson Maureen Niswonger Valerie Piazza Martin Terpstra John Zubik Sandra Zubik	Harriet Antkiewicz Michael Basila Rev. Steven Dombrowski Daniel Faxel Bernard Flanagan Patricia Goldberg Patricia Grasso Sharon McCaffrey James Pedersen Dominic Zambuto	Kathleen Cech Thomas Cech Catherine Cernak James Dykas Diane Heatter (sub requested) Diane Ostrowski Kathleen Ostrowski Michael Pindelski Cheryl Pryor Kim Reid Rev. Ed Upton Mary Vaas	Kathleen Biederman Gregory Fifer Janet Fifer Wendy Freer Mary Greenan Maureen Harton Linda Higgins Jacqueline Magafas Sharon Moe Michael Pindelski Rev. Ed Upton Tricia Vidinich	Beth Bruozis Diane Budz Rev. Steven Dombrowski Patricia Flynn Mike Kiley Robert Long Nancy Palacz Marcia Pavela Margaret Sabadosa Jeannine Witowski
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<b>Usher</b>	Frank Burkiewicz (HU) Lee Springer Alice Rzeszutko Richard Rzeszutko Renee Farrell Robert Adamowski	Cynthia Bennecke (HU) Martin Powers Mike Olk (sub requested) VOLUNTEER NOW	George Kelley (HU) Kenneth Heatter (sub requested) Nancy Celeski Peter Walsh Oriano Pagnucci Nancy Sullivan	Timothy Harris (HU) Richard Bonetti John Higgins, Jr. John Higgins Kelly Struck Jay Modelski	Jerry Ondrus (HU) Joan Ondrus Don (David) Hodson Rosalie Hodson John Coyle VOLUNTEER NOW

## Parish Stewardship

	<u>03/04/17</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,065.00	\$ 830,340.00
Collected	\$ 29,130.00	\$ 870,913.00
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 6,065.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,573.00</b>

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You can also use the yellow form in your envelope packet or call the office to sign up: 708-460-0042

## Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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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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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