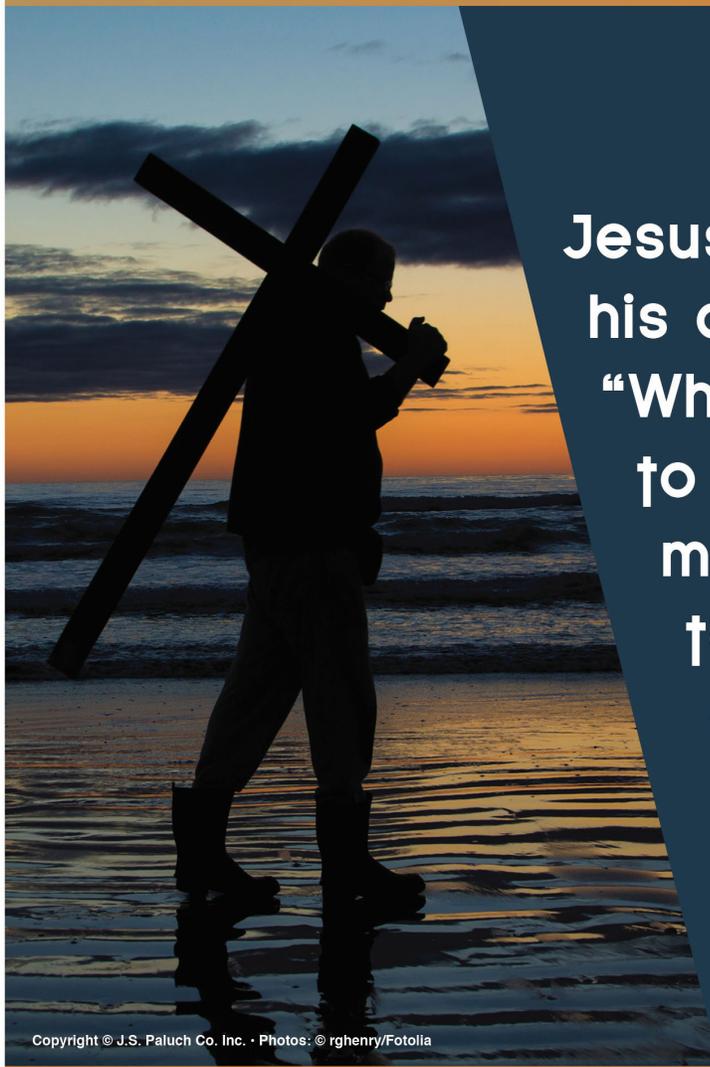


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to  
his disciples,  
“Whoever wishes  
to come after me  
must deny himself,  
take up his cross,  
and follow me.”

**Matthew 16:24**

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MY SOUL IS  
THIRSTING FOR YOU,  
O GOD



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*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.*



## Pastor's Morsels & Tidbits

It's Labor Day weekend! Who wants to work? Nobody in their right mind. Of course, plenty of people in our society will be working right through the weekend so the rest of us can relax and tend to our barbeques. They make the sacrifice; we get the benefit.

Most of us will go back to work eventually, never fear. Even retirees have tasks to perform that properly fall under the title of labor: yard work, laundry, housekeeping, volunteering, caring for family members. Even children have work to do. It's September, isn't it? That means back to school; let's hear a collective groan of sympathy for the kids.

There's no escaping the many responsibilities that come with being alive. We have to see to basic hygiene every single day, like it or not. We have to maintain our health by moving our bodies and saying yes to non-processed food. We have to use and feed our minds, too: Start a list today of new books to read before the end of the year.

Why all this talk of work on Labor Day weekend? Because work is good. The work we do to maintain ourselves, or for the sake of those we love, or to make a livelihood are all vital to what it means to be human. Daily, you and I produce something: maybe it's a meal, a clean-shaven face, or a 10-page report on the present economy. Maybe we bathe children—or elders. We may teach, take an order, preach a decent homily, plant seeds, pick vegetables. We give our time and attention to people who need it: family members, coworkers, sometimes strangers. We give our "living sacrifice of praise" to God—yes, our prayer is considered a form of work. The word *liturgy* means public work.

We hear Jeremiah's lament about how hard it is to be a prophet—a job he never wanted, a labor he got drafted into and regrets often. We could all say the same. There are tasks that will fall to us that we never asked for: rebuilding our families after a loss. Fighting to reclaim our health in sickness. Reinventing ourselves after a career reversal. We would all certainly prefer that the cup of suffering pass us by. But when it doesn't, we walk the road that Jesus walked before us. His suffering proved to be the greatest labor of all.

Lord on this Labor Day,  
we celebrate the work we do,  
and we thank You for the blessing of our jobs.  
We ask for those seeking employment that  
You guide them in their search for work.

We ask for guidance when we are confused.  
We ask for patience when working through conflicts.  
We ask for strength to complete each day.  
We ask for rest when we are weary.  
We ask that You be with those whose faces  
we might never see but who work tirelessly  
each day for the good of us all.

*Jr. Arthur Sosa*

## This week at St. Francis

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 04 LABOR DAY

- ◆ Mass at 9:00 am; all offices Closed

### Tuesday, September 05

- ◆ New Religious Ed (RE) Family & First Grade Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm (SFC)

### Wednesday, September 06

- ◆ Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed (A), Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Women's CRHP, 7:00 pm (NR)

### Thursday, September 07

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Helping Hands, 7:00 pm (GR)

### Friday, September 08

- ◆ A.A. Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

### Saturday, September 09

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ CRHP Continuation Committee, 9:00 am (GR)
- ◆ Knight of Columbus, 10:00 am (UH)
- ◆ Marian Movement, 10:15 am (NR)
- ◆ First Grade Mass Lesson, 4:30 pm (UH)
- ◆ First Grade Family Mass & Coffee And..., 5:15 pm (CH, GR)

### Sunday, September 10

- ◆ Grandparents' Mass, 10:30 am (CH, GR)
- ◆ Youth Ministry Fall Xtravaganza, 11:30 am (SFR)

## Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities



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## Tootsie Roll Drive



## September 9th & 10th



**Need Halloween Candy  
or just have a sweet tooth?  
50 Large Tootsie  
Rolls for \$10.  
Limited Quantities**

**Proceeds to aid Special Olympics  
and Local Disability Programs**

## Do you dream of...

- ...making a difference in the life of a child?
- ...sharing your faith in a creative way?
- ...giving back to your parish?

**Please consider volunteering as a  
Religious Ed Catechist!**

The recipe is simple. We will provide:

- detailed lesson plans
- all necessary materials
- guidance/support

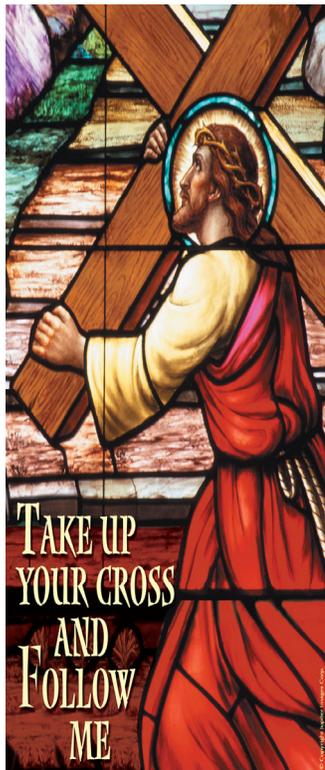
*You just add **your** commitment and enthusiasm!*

Contact the RE office to find out more:  
**708-460-0155**

# Respect Life

"The sufferings caused by chronic or terminal illness ... cry out for our compassion, a word whose root meaning is to 'suffer with' another person. True compassion alleviates suffering while maintaining solidarity with those who suffer. It does not put lethal drugs in their hands and abandon them."

USCCB, "To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Assisted Suicide," © 2011, <https://goo.gl/BVQ3dE>.



## THERE IS HOPE!



### Success Stories, Updates, Action Plans

- Get the inside scoop on what's happening in Illinois
- How we're taking back Illinois through groundbreaking new pro-life education
- Behind the scenes stories about the women and men we've counseled
- What Illinois Planned Parenthood doesn't want you to hear
- What's going on in Springfield
- The huge steps we're taking to make the pro-life movement in Illinois stronger than ever— and how you can help!



### Regina D'Amico

Program Manager, Illinois Right to Life

Thursday, September 14, 2017, 7:00 PM

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St. Bernard's - St. Francis of Assisi - Our Lady of the Woods - St. Michael - Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish



**Fall Extravaganza**  
 Positively Dangerous  
 Faith, Fun, Friends, Food and Fire Juggling.  
 September 10  
 11:30-1:00  
 In the Youth Room. Bring a Friend or Two.

**Mission Trip Reflection**  
 by, *Maggie Guidici*

This summer, the youth group and I traveled down to Memphis TN for our week long journey of faith and hard work. The ride down there was a trip in itself. It took us about 10 hours to make it down there but my car made it a fun time.

My work group for the week was with people from Nashville, a few from southern Illinois, and one girl from the north side. For the first half of the week, we worked with an older lady who's backyard was falling apart on her. About half of the fence was falling over and there was a lot of weeding and trimming to be done. In the span of 2 days, my work group and I somehow took down the broken part of her fence and made it look brand new. She was so grateful for her new and clean looking backyard and she couldn't believe it could look like that again.

The second half of my work groups week was working at a Baptist church that had been severely affected by the large storm Memphis had just had.

We ended up working with another group who had been there at the beginning of the week as well. The pastor of the church explained to us that their church had been a safe haven for the community that provided food and water and shelter if the people needed it from the storm.

During the 2 days we spent there, we had to repaint different rooms, sweep and clean, and clean and re-paint the baptism pool. The church was very moldy and broken but it was all the community had. Our groups managed to pull off cleaning up parts of the church that needed it the most. The pastor said that we have the community hope, something that they hadn't seen in a while. Everyone at the church was so friendly and was willing to help with whatever we needed.

The 3 mission trips that I have been on always restart my faith and build up relationships with everyone that goes on them. The program put on by CHWC always puts my life into perspective and shows ways that I can really help those in need in my own community. The people that I go on these mission trips with are some of the most selfless and kind people I've ever met. We all have such a tight bond and nothing could ever break that.

I'm still unsure if I'll go on 1 more mission trip or this would have been my last one but these experiences are ones that I wouldn't trade for the world.



Raise your  
Spirits &  
Save a life!

## **DONATE BLOOD**

St. Francis of  
Assisi  
Community  
Blood Drive

Saturday,  
September 16  
7:30 – 11:30 am  
St. Francis  
Center  
(lower-level)

**REGISTER THIS  
WEEKEND OR  
NEXT!**

Contact Joyce at  
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sign up online:  
[heartlandbc.org](http://heartlandbc.org)

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welcome, but  
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are preferred!

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and October to  
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Oct. 31

# Calling all Kids...

## Saint Francis of Assisi **Children's Choir**



Have you  
heard?  
This summer  
members of  
our Children's  
Choir sang in  
Disney World!  
Join us!  
There's much  
more fun in  
store!

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR VOICE!**

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, Sept. 12th  
in the Music Ministry Rehearsal Room.

(Next to Upton Hall / Lower Level of the Church)

Parents of all new members are asked to remain for a brief meeting  
at 4:30 in the Saint Francis Room on Sept. 13th.

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Kids in Grades 2-5 rehearse from 4:30-5:45.  
Grades 6 and up rehearse from 5:30-6:30.

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## **NEWCOMERS WELCOME!**

To register, please email the Music Ministry Office at: [music@sfaorland.org](mailto:music@sfaorland.org)  
or call the Music Ministry Office at (708)460-9831 to leave a Voice Mail.

**Leanne Stoterau Hahn, Director of Music Ministry**



## THE “GOLDEN MICKEY” AWARD

**And the award goes to....**

After our performance on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Children’s Choir was presented with the “Golden Mickey Award” from the Disney Performing Arts Association. Almost as cool as the Stanley Cup, our Golden Mickey Award travelled back to Orland Park and can be seen in the Music Ministry Office. This award is only presented to groups who perform at DisneyWorld!

# SAVE THE DATE



*Fr. Steve Bevans, SVD*

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 7  
IN  
APPRECIATION  
FOR  
ALL OUR  
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VOLUNTEERS!**

Watch this  
space for more  
information!



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Our award belongs to all who supported us on our journey **“From Orland to Orlando”** this summer. From the bottom of our hearts, our entire Music Ministry would like to thank those who contributed to our **GOFUNDME** drive and various fundraisers:

Christina Pacini, Doris Lucas, Christopher Vittori, Beverly Can Duzer, Jessica Nelson, Jim Walsh & Family, Brian Leach Family, Al & Jackie Becker, MaryAnn Liptak, William Reiland, Jim Draudt, Dan Fixel, Diania Kufra, Julie Kane, Debbie Alvarado, Bill & Ann Carroll, Gina Vitucci, Nancy O’Donnell, Michal Szaflarski Family, John Westby, Cathleen Kiely, Jeff & Lisa Andrews, Anita Bieszke, Dr. Cheryl Scanlon, Ann Madea, Rose Jung, Elena Reklaitis, Fr. Artur Sowa, Patricia Grasso, Sharon Hajik, “Annonymous”, Anne Matty, Jim Harmening, Carol Burgess, Maggie Macek, John McCarthy, Joe Boyce SFA Children’s Choir Alum, Ania Folwarska, Kathy Burkhart, Regina Knapp, Jill Topf, Peg Minogue, Maureen Niswonger, Barbara Walder, “Lucky” MaryAnn Smith, Meredith Doyle, Alma Rumsfeld, Michael J. Weidman, Jamie Fryzek, Michael Cymbala, the Coners family, Patricia Fernandes, Renata Malysz, Mark Gontarz, Jola Bernard, Denise Manning and Tastefully Simple, Maureen Krzyminski, Lora Martarano, Anne Hayes, Pat Depcik, Arlene DeHoff, Ann Leach, Bob & Chris Winiarski, Tom Jensen and the Knights of Columbus Council 16369, Allison Dominic, the SFA Parish Office Staff, SFA Facilities Personnel; James Hahn, Monika Florek, Jen & Tim Carroll and daughters, Jerzy Malysz family, the Szaflarski family, Lori Labine, Phillip Kearns, Bernie Czerwinski, Fr. Steve Dombrowski, Michael and MaryAnn McKeivitt and Family, Angela Reynolds, Luke Stewart and the Diane Niehaus family.

Again, my deepest gratitude to all involved with our endeavor,  
Leanne Stoterau Hahn

*My apologies if we omitted your name in err.*

# Adult Faith Formation

## THOUGHTS *By, Pat Depcik*

I noticed a few weeks ago that a tree down the road was turning color. Too soon, too soon, I'm not ready. Summer isn't over yet and things that should have been done are not. It makes me sad that I can't catch and hold on to time. Actually, it's mostly my fault because I waste time a lot.

The house needs a good cleaning and some sprucing up and after reading a book about life without clutter, there was a big guilt trip going on. Clutter, oh yes, there's a lot.

What do we hang on to, where does it originate and why can't we rid of it easily? So, I started something that wasn't pleasant at all.

First it was paper and plenty of it that I purged from years of researching informational data and historical pamphlets and maps out of date. There were lesson plans and so many odds and ends no longer useful. What was I thinking!

However, don't ask me to toss my children's school work even if some pieces are over 40yrs old. They're so hysterical that I laugh and cry at the same time, especially like the one paper on which my son gave

himself a 200% on a self-graded spelling test.

Well, now I've paused because I've lost momentum on the material things. I found a greater need in overhauling me, especially spiritually. St Francis De Sales wrote that everyone can falter and become distracted, especially in pray-

er. "Our spirit is not always bright and clear." That's the clutter I'll try to eliminate, the threads of distraction in prayer, and it will be a life-long task. Eventually, the other things will be organized and taken away but concentrating on devotion is more important in my life.

## I'M GLAD YOU ASKED THAT QUESTION

*By, Sue Flanagan*

Can lay people in a prayer group for the sick anoint the participants with oil?

The *Code of Canon Law* states: "Every priest, and only a priest, validly administers the anointing of the sick." The fact that only priests can give the anointing of the sick was infallibly defined at the Council of Trent (*Canons Concerning Extreme Unction* 4).

While it is impossible for anyone but a priest to administer the sacrament of holy anointing validly, this does not rule out the possibility of non-priests, including laity, administering *non-sacramental* anointing. The oil that is used in a non-sacramental anointing is NOT the oil of the sick that is blessed by the bishop every year for the sacrament of the sick.

People who are ill should be

encouraged to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and anointing of the sick. In the sacrament of the sick, the participant receives grace from the Holy Spirit of strengthening, peace and courage needed in serious illness or the frailty of old age. CCC 1520

The non-ordained faithful particularly assist the sick by being with them and praying with them in difficult times. Participants in a prayer service may receive an anointing from a lay person with blessed oil from a shrine. The lay person who is anointing asks God, perhaps through the intercession of a saint, to bless or heal the person.

Since this can be very confusing and we have enough confusion in the church, it is the lay leader's responsibility to ensure that the sick realize that these are

not sacraments whose administration is exclusive to the priest or bishop. They are not receiving the same sacramental grace.

Want more? [www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/laity/](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/laity/) for the Instruction on Collaboration, Nov. 1997

Questions? [parishoffice@sfaorland.org](mailto:parishoffice@sfaorland.org)

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

As the nation celebrates Labor Day, I want to thank all who work at St. Francis. I have the opportunity to visit other parishes, and while I “may be” biased, I am so impressed by our staff. They are competent, generous, and do so much; one of the best in the Archdiocese! In addition to the paid staff, St. Francis is blessed by hundreds of volunteers, who constitute the heart of our parish. So, on this Labor Day weekend, please know of my appreciation and gratitude for your willingness to provide so much to our parish as well as willing helping hands to the “senior.”

The Labor Day weekend is also an unofficial end to summer. All are back in school, days are growing shorter. But wonderful weather still is before us – enjoy the days!

In this reflection, I want to share some **little known facts** about our church.

The other day, a parishioner asked why hymn book racks were not placed in the pews or clips for men’s hats. We know why the clips for hats are no longer placed (you must be of a certain age to know what I mean). Our building committee agreed it is im-

portant for the ushers to greet people when they enter church. Handing them a hymnal is a simple gesture, but an important part of our efforts to welcome parishioners when they enter. So, pew storage racks are unnecessary.

The sacristy is located at the rear of the church. Today that location is commonplace and reflects current liturgical practice. In older churches, the sacristies (one for the priest; the other for altar boys – I am going back many years!!!!) were placed next to or behind the altar. This arrangement was convenient because only the priest and servers entered for Mass and then from the sacristy without a procession.

Our sacristy has four rooms. The first, the largest, is for the ministers. The sacristans prepare the elements necessary for Mass, the servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ready their materials and sign in. The ushers learn information of anything special for each mass and retrieve the collection baskets. This room is quite busy before mass. In addition, materials used by groups with tables of interest in the Narthex, are stored here.

Adjacent to this room is the “mechanical closet” which holds the panel for the lights, and where the sound system and bell controls are located.

The middle room is used for the vesting of the presider and the deacon. It also has closets and cabinets for vestment storage. For me this is an important room. Since the other room, is hectic by necessity, another room is important. This space is quiet and allows priest and deacon to get focused before celebrating the liturgy.

The last room is storage. There is one element in that room that always gets attention. At one of the early church planning meetings, those present were asked to indicate things they would like in the new church. Our head sacristan asked that a washer and dryer be placed in the sacristy. It would make her work and those who helped easier. I said we would do that. Of course, the requirements for installation were more complicated than I anticipated. I did not lose this request. This washer and dryer represents not just a convenient tool, but an expression that our building committee both listened and responded.

# 2017 Scramble with the Knights



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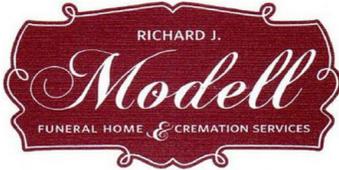


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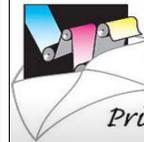


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## Grandparents and Grandchildren

Please join us **Sunday, September 10, at 10:30 am Mass** to celebrate the loving bond of family at our **Second Annual Grandparent's Mass** to be followed by refreshments in the Great Room.



### Grandparent's Message of Faith

*Faith is the greatest gift I have, it's the tradition that we share.  
And so my precious Grandchild,  
This is a reflection of how much I care.  
Faith connects our family and makes us feel as one, it surrounds us with a wonderful Peace.  
It is warmth and divine Love.*

*For when Faith walks beside you, it becomes a blessed part, of all the beauty, goodness and truth that you carry in your heart.*

*And when Faith rests within you, and guides you through your days, then you hold the fabric of our family close to you always.*

## St. Francis Book Club

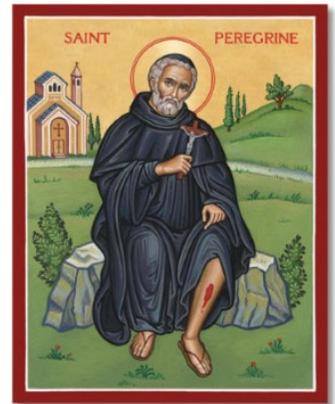


The St. Francis Book Club meets the third Tuesday of most months, in the Niehaus Room.

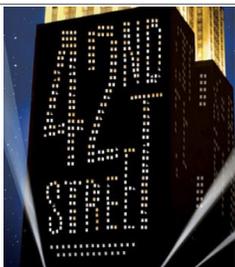
Our next meeting is:  
**Tuesday, September 19 at 1:00 PM**  
We will discuss:  
*"Hillbilly Elegy,"* by, J.D. Vance

**October 17** we will discuss "Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper," by, Patrick Phaedra

Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church. Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for the relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. The canonization of St. Peregrine in 1726 increased people's devotion to him which spread to the universal Church.



**September 11 at 7:00 pm** in the church, St. Francis of Assisi will begin offering a novena to St. Peregrine. The novena will be held for 9 Mondays. All parishioners are welcome to participate.



Join us at Drury Lane Theater in Oak Brook for "42nd Street on December 5! The price is \$75 per person. Fee includes lunch, gratuity and motor coach transportation from our St. Francis parking lot. We will depart at **10:45 am**, **arriving for lunch** at 11:30 am - you will have your choice of two entrees (Herb Roasted Chicken Breast or Bistro Steak w/ Bordelaise Sauce.) Lunch includes salad, dessert, coffee, hot tea or iced tea. Play begins at 1:30 pm; return to SFA around 5:00 pm. Contact Barb Walder at [barbwalder@yahoo.com](mailto:barbwalder@yahoo.com) or 708-351-8994 with any questions.

# Mass of Remembrance



We invite those who have lost children of any age to join us for a special mass honoring his/her memory and praying for eternal peace.

**Saturday, September 30th  
8:30 A.M.**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
15050 South Wolf road  
Orland Park, Illinois**

Please join us for a remembrance mass and fellowship followed by a presentation by Nancy Loeffler, author of *The Alchemy of Grief*. Nancy, a mother herself who lost her 17-year-old daughter in a car accident, will speak of her journey dealing with the catoptric grief of the loss of a child. Her story mirrors so many others who have had the loss of one of their own.

**"Every life, no matter how brief forever changes the world"**

## GRIEF

is the normal response of sorrow, emotion and confusion that comes from losing someone important to you.

It is a natural part of life, however, we are not meant to go through grief alone.

Allow your faith community to walk this difficult journey with you.

St. Francis of Assisi will be holding a **5 week series titles, "GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO GRIEVE"**.

The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings in the Great Room from 7 – 8:30 pm.

**Sept. 28:** A grieving person's Bill of Rights

**Oct. 5:** How do I know if my grieving is healthy?

**Oct. 12:** Is it OK to be angry with God?

**Oct. 19:** Grief takes a lot of work

**Oct. 26:** Getting thru the Holidays

**Nov. 2:** All Souls Mass of Remembrance

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME ANY OR ALL OF THE SESSIONS!**

**Feel free to bring a friend!**



## EMERGENCY PANTRY DRIVE FOR SACRED HEART PARISH IN PEMBROKE TOWNSHIP

*September 16<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>*

Just take a moment to think about not knowing how you are going to feed yourself and your family and provide for the essentials of daily living... Well, this is a daily struggle for the Parishioners of Sacred Heart in Pembroke Township and the local community. Pembroke is one of the poorest communities in the country where schools and stores have closed. The closest store is at least 15 miles away.

As you've probably heard, the St. Francis of Assisi Monthly Mission Trip is to the Sacred Heart Parish to provide fellowship, deliver needed food and pantry items, and to help the community with various projects.



We are now asking for **YOUR HELP** to address an urgent need in the Pembroke community.

On **September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** after all Masses, we will be collecting non-perishable items at our van parked in front of the main church entrance. Simply pull up and a Committee Member will be happy to help. The following items are in great need:

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toilet Paper
- Napkins
- Laundry Soap
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Bath Soap
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- General Non-Perishable Items



Cash donations or checks made payable to St. Francis (noting Pantry Drive or Sacred Heart) also are very beneficial since the funds can be used to purchase food at greatly reduced prices from Food Depositories.

We greatly appreciate your help and consideration of a donation. Even a small food or cash donation can make a major impact. Thank you!

***Together we can make a difference!***

## CATHOLIC PRAYER IN YOUR LIFE TODAY

Our rich Catholic tradition has wonderful ways to embrace prayer.

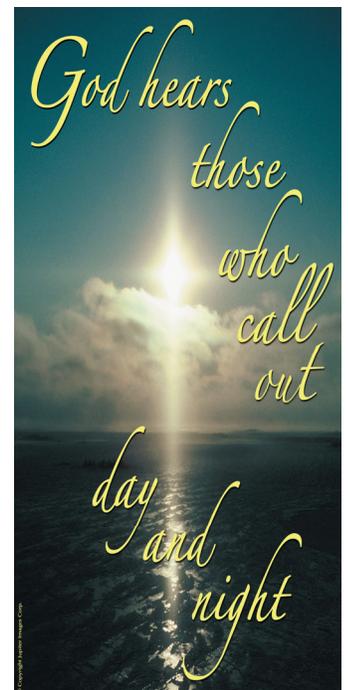
Come join us at St. Francis of Assisi to explore them!

**Sept. 19**  
**Introduction to Prayer**

**Sept. 26**  
**Communal & Personal Prayer**

**7:00 pm**  
**Great Room**

*Prayer is conversation with God!*





**St. Francis of Assisi's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Day of Reflection**  
**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

Please join the women of St. Francis of Assisi for a half day of reflection, companionship and spiritual renewal at the St. Francis Center.

You will enjoy a break (where you don't feel rushed for a change!) and time with other women to reflect on our theme of "Companionship" - a feeling of fellowship and friendship – and how it is such a vital component of our everyday life and spiritual journey.

During our time together we will pray, have a conversation with Sr. Gael on the importance of "Companionship" in our lives and learn how significant it was for St. Francis of Assisi, and end the day with Mass and a buffet lunch together.

Please come and enjoy a thoughtful day with us. Bring a friend, your mom, your daughter, your grand-daughter, a neighbor...All are welcome! Women from other parishes are invited to attend. Admission is \$15.00 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and activities. We will be taking registrations after Masses beginning in September or you may register online now at <http://www.sfaorland.org/womens-day-of-reflection-registration.html>

For any questions, please contact Linda McCormick at [lmccormick516@comcast.net](mailto:lmccormick516@comcast.net).

Can't wait to see you at this very special event!

# Sick Relatives & Friends

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

Ginny Drogula	Mary McCarthy
Ann Marie Egan	Margaret Moore
Holly Fedor	Joey Oberholzer
Patricia Harms	Marissa Pearson
John Janachowski	Dina Rio
Dr. Jim Kline	Rosemary Rissler
Denise Klovens	Tim Scanlon
Jim Kowalkowski	Gabi Szumowicz
Richard Kozik	Domenic Tallarita
Sylvia Lukas	Phyllis Young

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, September 02

**5:15 PM** Leon & Estelle Czub, rq. by Family and Mildred & Robert Rodgers, rq. by Bobbi Mangan and Tom Murphy, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos

## Sunday, September 03

**7:30 AM** Marian Skorup, Robert Abt, Charles & Madeleine Pelicant, Jean & Marguerite Abt, Laura Desimpel & Frances Umporowicz, rq. by Mr. & Mrs. Emil Skorup

**9:00 AM** Zdzislaw Antkiewicz, rq. by Family and Melva Moore, rq. by Joan Fox and Carol Dombrowski, rq. by Carol Grunow

**10:30 AM** Art Heintz, rq. by Magafas Family and Betty H. Vaughan, rq. by Rosemary Odewald and Frank Latek, rq. by Latek Family

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

## Monday, September 04—Labor Day

**9:00 AM** Bill Callaghan, rq. by Thursday Friends and Carol Dombrowski, rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz and Peter Cunningham, rq. by Family

## Tuesday, September 05

**7:45 AM** Van Soltis, rq. by Mary Soltis and Sue Peregoy, rq. by Ray & Marian Peregoy and Diane Niehaus, rq. by Family

## Wednesday, September 06

**7:45 AM** Diane Niehaus, rq. by Thomas Small and Jennifer Bialek, rq. by Vita Bakes and Stefania & Franciszek Kleczek, rq. by Eva & George Lupuszynski

## Thursday, September 07

**7:45 AM** Diane Niehaus, rq. by Joe March

## Friday, September 08

**7:45 AM** Don Gray, rq. by Ceil Murphy and Tom Murphy, rq. by Pam & Ted Murawski and Norb & Lea Retis, rq. by Pam & Ted Murawski

## Saturday, September 09

**5:15 PM** Austin & Catherine McCarthy, rq. by Eileen McCarthy and Susan Grigolo, rq. by Cuck & Lee Springer and Joseph Simard & Charles Coppens, rq. by Family

## Sunday, September 10

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

**9:00 AM** Schweiger & Norris Families, rq. by The Family and Jaromin Family, rq. by The Family and James & Alice Murphy, rq. by The Family

**10:30 AM** Josephine Barbaro, rq. by Zambrzycki Family and Mike Bratich, rq. by Richard & Linda Misiorowski and Margaret Kulovitz, rq. by SFA Parish Staff

**12:00 PM** Helena Jarosz, rq. by Mario & Monika Florek and Rich Skorka, rq. by Ross Vaccaro and Paul Hillman, rq. by Brian & Carolyn Whiteford & Family



# Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



# Liturgical Ministers

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

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 09 - 5:15 PM

<b>Presider</b>	R. Young	<b>Deacon</b>	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	N. Treacy	A. Vales	R. Vales
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	D. Blahaus P. Harms V. Piazza	R. Rzeszutko N. Sullivan A. Sweeney	M. Terpstra S. Vari J & S Zubik
<b>Readers</b>	A. Rzeszutko	R. Thies	
<b>Sacristan</b>	V. Piazza		
<b>Ushers</b>	R. Adamowski F. Burkiewicz	R. Farrell M. Powers	J & T Sankey

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - 7:30 AM

<b>Presider</b>	E. Upton	<b>Deacon</b>	J. Donahue
<b>Altar Servers</b>	G. Hamilton	J. Strolia	M. Strolia
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	J. Bakotic B. Basila P. Belski	L. Dolan J. Donahue L. Martenson	S. McCaffrey M. Niswonger T. Vidinich
<b>Readers</b>	R. Klein	G. Bach	
<b>Sacristan</b>	B. Basila		
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Pedersen H. Antkiewicz	J. O'Dea D. Zambuto	

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - 9:00 AM

<b>Presider</b>	A. Sowa	<b>Deacon</b>	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A. Mackowiak	R. Reid	E. Winjum
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	N. Biggio N. Celeski B. Kameron	C. Pytel S. Ramsey K. Reid	J & J Schweiger D. Trzesniewski R. Zielinski
<b>Readers</b>	J. Magafas	P. Flynn	
<b>Sacristan</b>	B. Kameron		
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Mackowiak G. Gervais	K. Heatter W. Kameron	O. Pagnucci P. Walsh

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - 10:30 AM

<b>Presider</b>	S. Dombrowski	<b>Deacon</b>	D. Carroll
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C. Kane	I. Schreck	W. Schreck
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	D. Carroll M. Curran G. Dytrych P. Goldberg	L. Higgins R. Klein T. Klein C. Lucio	J. Ota M. Vaas M. Ward
<b>Readers</b>	M. Whalen	R. Weber	
<b>Sacristan</b>	C. Lucio		
<b>Ushers</b>	K. Whalen J. Higgins	J. Higgins, Jr. J. Modelski	J. Whalen B. Whiteford

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - 12:00 PM

<b>Presider</b>	S. Dombrowski	<b>Deacon</b>	M. Pindelski
<b>Altar Servers</b>	K. Johnson	M. Sevik	B. Siemiawski
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	B. Bruozis C. Kara R. Long	N. Palacz M. Pavela M. Pindelski	J. Wator A & T Wieczorek
<b>Readers</b>	C. Klabacha	T. Governale	
<b>Sacristan</b>	A. Wieczorek		
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Hodson R. Hodson	M. Oik L. Tucco	MINISTERS NEEDED

# Holy Matrimony

With joy, we announce the marriage of...

**Brian Radzevich & Colleen Raminski**

August 26, 2017

May your lives always be blessed with God's love!

# Parish Stewardship

	<u>08/27/17</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,065.00	\$ 207,585.00
Collected	\$ <u>23,028.00</u>	\$ <u>207,759.00</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$ 37.00)</b>	<b>\$ 174.00</b>

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

**Sign Up Today:**

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

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community

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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