FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT
CAME INTO
THE WORLD.

JOHN 3:19

March 10, 2024
Gospel in everyday English

“No one has ever gone up into the presence of God except the One who came down from that Presence, the Son of Man. In the same way that Moses lifted the serpent in the desert so people could have something to see and then believe, it is necessary for the Son of Man to be lifted up—and everyone who looks up to him, trusting and expectant, will gain a real life, eternal life.

“This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person’s failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him. “This is the crisis we’re in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God. Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won’t come near it, fearing a painful exposure. But anyone working and living in truth and reality welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is” (from John 3).

Notes on the Scripture

In the Gospel, Jesus offers what is probably the most famous verse in the whole Bible—John 3:16—the one-sentence summary of the entire Gospel message: “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.” God’s love for us is overwhelming and unlimited. Also, it’s remarkable that He loves us at all, since the history of mankind has been a steady stream of selfishness, ingratitude, hypocrisy, cruelty, idolatry and apostasy. If you’re not convinced, just read the morning paper each day for a week. Frankly, if I were God (and let’s all offer a heartfelt “Thank God!” that I’m not), I would have given up on mankind a long time ago. But God does love us. So much so, in fact, that He gave His one and only Son to pay the ultimate price for our sinfulness—Jesus, the sinless lamb, nailed to the cross as an atoning sacrifice. The only thing we need to “do” to receive this love of God is just that: receive it. All we have to do is accept it, embrace it, and believe it. We simply have to put our faith and trust and hope in God—and that’s it. If we truly accept and embrace God’s love, our good works surely will follow.

Lent

I hope Lent is going well for you and you are making some progress in the area of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Honestly, I am not happy with my Lent. It has been up and down this year and I know it could be better. However, we still have plenty of time left. Let the season continue.

Pew Project Update

It has been a while since I shared with you any updates. We are working with the new vendor and our pews are being made. They will be ready mid March, however after consulting with our staff, we decided that the installation will take place right after Easter (first part of April). There are a lot of moving pieces and we don’t want to interrupt the season of Lent, Holy Week or Easter. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend (Please visit the Ministry Scheduler for the most up to date schedule or to volunteer)

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We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. At the beginning of the pandemic, we made the decision to stop passing the collection basket and instead placing a basket at both entrances. We have decided to continue that practice.

**This Week at St. Francis**

**Sunday, March 10**
Helping Hands Easter Basket Collection
Eucharistic Revival Presentation, 3:30PM

**Monday, March 11**
This is My Body Group Discussion, 9:00AM & 6:30PM (GR)
Grief Support, 3:30PM (GR)
Women’s CRHP, 6:30PM (GR)

**Tuesday, March 12**
Ephesians – Adult Bible Study, 9:15AM (SFC-MP)
Prayer Shawl Mtg., 12:30PM
Tues RE Grades 1-8, 4:30PM-6:00PM (SFC-FR)
Reconciliation for 1st Eucharist Candidates (SFC-CH)
Knights of Columbus, 7:30PM (UH)

**Wednesday, March 13**
OA Mtg., 9:30AM (GR)
Wed (B) RE Grades 1-8, 4:30PM-6:00PM (SFC-FR)
Reconciliation for 1st Eucharist Candidates
Ephesians – Adult Bible Study, 7:00PM (SFC-MP)

**Friday, March 15**
Stations of the Cross 3:00PM & 7:00PM
AA Mtg., 7:00PM (NR)

**Saturday, March 16**
Sat RE Grades 1-7, 8:30AM-10:00AM (SFC-FR)
Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt, 9:00AM-11:00AM (UH)
RCIA, 10:00AM (GR)

We would ask that you consider electronic giving. It is safe, flexible, convenient and consistent. Simply scan the qr code or complete the yellow sheet in your monthly envelope packet or call the parish office.

**Parish Stewardship**
Month of February, 2024

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We thank you for your continued support.
St. Augustine, preaching on the Eucharist said, “Become what you receive.” Becoming Eucharist begins as we arrive at Mass ready to join the Body of Christ at worship. Letting go of ourselves during liturgy is key to being formed by Word and Sacrifice and joining Jesus on the altar, claiming our vocation to the baptismal priesthood of the faithful.

We invite you to learn how, by emptying yourself as Jesus did, letting go of distractions to immerse yourself fully in the Mass, you can be open to let the Spirit change you with the bread and wine, becoming more like Jesus – open to the Father’s will for your life.

Joyce Donahue, longtime religious education leader from the Diocese of Joliet, will lead us to learn how Jesus wants His Eucharist to transform us. Please join us.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Welcomes you to a presentation on

**LET GO, LET GOD**

Offer Yourself as a “Living Sacrifice”
Let the Eucharist Change You!

**Sunday, MAR. 10, 2024**
**3:30 P.M. Presentation**

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 708-460-0042

**LOCATION:** 15050 South Wolf Rd.
Orland Pk, IL 60467

**Guest Speaker – Joyce Donahue**

Joyce Donahue, Liturgical Catechist, served as Associate Director in the Diocese of Joliet Religious Education Office for 20 years, supporting parish faith formation leaders. Her parish experience includes liturgy coordinator, director of liturgy/religious education, catechist for adults and children, RCIA team leader, and pastoral musician.

She is author of *From Mass to Mission: Understanding the Mass and its Significance for our Christian Lives for Children* (Liturgy Training Publications, 2016.) Joyce currently facilitates online courses for University of Dayton in liturgy, RCIA, catechesis and prayer. She is a member of St. John the Baptist Church, a Franciscan parish in Joliet.

Joyce’s website is [theliturgicalcatechist.weebly.com](http://theliturgicalcatechist.weebly.com)
Lectio Divina
Experience this beautiful prayer form

You are invited you to an evening of reflection using the format of Lectio Divina.
All are welcome!

DATE: March 21, 2024
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: St. Francis of Assisi Church (Great Room)
FACILITATOR: Dr. Elizabeth-Anne Stewart
www.elizabeth-annestewart.com

In Need of Alter Servers

We joyfully welcomed the following children into our Christian Community on March 3rd, 2024

Benjamin William Basa
Son of Joseph & Leslie (Siwik) Basa

Graham Jacob Dill
Son of Christopher & Maria (Stohler) Dill

Baptism

4th grade and up
Boys & Girls
EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, March 16
9 am to 11 am
St. Francis of Assisi
Upton Hall for Indoor Activities
and Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone is invited to attend this free Parish event for children of all ages, plenty of fun indoor activities, games, coloring, bingo and more!

Plus have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

SAVE THE DATE!
The 2024 Home Build will take place June 21-22.

Incarnation St. Terrence will be our host this year!

Please watch the bulletin for more details!

Presented by:
Knights of Columbus® Council #16939
Mom (or Dad) & Tot Storytime at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School
(for 2 & 3 year-old children NOT currently attending CJB)
9am until 9:45am
Friday, March 15th -- Exploration Theme; Friday, April 19th -- Spring Theme; Friday, May 17th -- Summer Theme

We welcome you & your child into one of our CJB classrooms from 9:00-9:45am. Together we will read a story, sing a song, & complete a craft. This is a great way to immerse your child in the warm and welcoming CJB community for the first time, meet CJB teachers, and make new friends! Storytime is FREE, but you must reserve your spot by emailing spinta@cjbschool.org

Reservations must be made by the Friday before your session date.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School
We are affiliated with St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Julie Billiart, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr. We welcome families from these parishes as well as other families who are looking for a Christ-centered, blue ribbon academic learning environment.

9250 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487
708-403-6525
The Social Committee of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes all to a Pasta Dinner

This event is March 22, 2024 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. Feel free to BYOB!

Tickets: $12.00

There will be NO tickets sold at the door.

Tickets can only be purchased on the weekends of March 9, 10 and March 16, 17 due to the caterer’s deadline.

Looking forward to seeing you! Any questions, please email Laurie Arredondo at dondolj@att.net.

We warmly welcome our new parishioners (February 2024) to St. Francis of Assisi:

Derrick & Cristina (Contreras) Gabalewicz and children, Kash & Skylar

Donald & Barbara (Wolniakowski) Ciurej

Dana Anderson

Michael & Sara (Tesmond) Doyle and daughter, Maggie

Daniel & Lori (Puchacz) Daly

James & Joanna (Pinkerton) Castro

Jack & Patty (Rafferty) Hughes

Michael & Kelly (Ricker) Rangel and son, Jackson

Christopher & Kathleen (Tunney) Leake

Michelle Cooney

Lisa Snyder
Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for six weeks. After six weeks, the names are written into our parish book of prayers for continued remembrance. At the request of the family, Names will appear in the bulletin for a longer period.

Charlotte Ambuehl
Jerry Baldwin
Mick Basila
Frances Bonaguro
Bob Carlo
Adan Corral
Patricia DiGangi
Edmund Dizon
Kevin Drown
Judy Hannigan
Autumn Hoffmeyer
Carol Janes
Joseph & Eleanor Katauskas
Jackson Klein
Irene Komara
Debbie Lipien
Laurel & Julianne McGrenera
Joelle McMaster
Isabel Nocera
Donna Parzynski
Jose Ramirez
Anthony Sopata
Michaelle Wisniewski

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

Saturday, March 9th
5:00PM Bernadette Tomasek rq. by Rita Killoren, Bishop Kevin Birmingham rq. by The Ann Ross Family, Nancy Seida rq. by SFA Arts & Environment Committee, Elisabetta 'Lisa' Vari rq. by The Carlo Family, Linda Huckabee rq. by SFA Arts & Environment Committee

Sunday, March 10th
8:00AM The People of St. Francis
10:00AM Adam & Erin Kozarewicz rq. by Brian Bolakowski, Geraldine Zolinski rq. by SFA Art & Environment Committee, Genevieve Stewartrq. by Kathy Biederman, Luis Gonzalez rq. by Kathy Biederman, Stephen Oleszkiewicz rq. by Pete & Val Piazza
12:00PM Mahrda Maffei, Mary Hellmann rq. by daughters, Luis Angel Cibils rq. by The Walsh Family, Nancy Kalley rq. by Andrea Cline, Robert Kaiser rq. by SFA Prayer Shawl Committee

Monday, March 11th
8:30AM Susan Cava rq. by Joe March, Frank & Josephine Fox rq. by The Fox Family, Maybelle McCann rq. by The Jauszyk Family

Tuesday, March 12th
8:30AM Victoria DeCoursey

Wednesday, March 13th
8:30AM Ed & Dorothy Chanda rq. by Family, Stefania Kleczek rq. by The Lopuszynski Family

Thursday, March 14th
8:30AM Cynthia Prendergast rq. by Gina & Beth Prendergast

Friday, March 15th
8:30AM Virginia Zbos rq. by Kay & Jerry Saletta, Jeff Belski rq. by John Zbos

Saturday, March 16th
5:00PM Elizabeth & Richard Shinners rq. by Sally O'Rourke, Dan & Bridget O'Rourke rq. by Sally O'Rourke, Joseph Wolf rq. by Marianne, Bernadette & Philip Cederstrom rq. by Family, Linda Huckabee rq. by Maria Weber, Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel

Sunday, March 17th
8:00AM The People of St. Francis
10:00AM Daniel O'Rourke rq. by Sally O'Rourke, Mr. & Mrs. John O'Farrell rq. by Family, Mike Sheehan rq. by Rich & Linda Misiorowski, Connor Christian rq. by Family, Adam Szymel rq. by Chuck & Maria Steffens
12:00PM Joe Mozdzen rq. by Darlene Gonska, Maharda Maffei rq. by Family, Stephen Oleszkiewicz rq. by The Walsh Family, Shirley Abram (healing) rq. by Elaine Kucharski, James Mears rq. by Sharon & Tom Conroy
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
15050 South Wolf Road, Orland Park, Illinois  60467
Website:  http://www.sfaorland.org  Parish e-mail: parishoffice@sfaorland.org  Parish phone: 708-460-0042

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 5:00 PM; Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM

REV. ARTUR SOWA, Pastor
(asowa@sfaorland.org)

REV. JAY SUERO, Associate Pastor
(jsuero@sfaorland.org)

SR. GAEL GENSLER, OSF, Pastoral Associate
(ggensler@sfaorland.org)

REV. EDWARD F. UPTON, Pastor Emeritus
(edfupton@aol.com)

REV. RICH YOUNG, OSA, Weekend Presider

DEACON DANIEL CARROLL, Permanent Deacon
(mkiley@sfaorland.org)

DEACON JOHN DONAHUE, Permanent Deacon
(jdonahue@sfaorland.org)

DEACON MICHAEL KILEY, Permanent Deacon
(mpindelski@sfaorland.org)

DEACON TIM MCCORMICK, Permanent Deacon
(bwhiteford@sfaorland.org)

DEACON BRIAN WHITEFORD, Permanent Deacon

ADMINISTRATION  Phone: 460-0042, Fax: 460-0136
Office Manager: Paula Belski (pbelisk@sfaorland.org)
Director of Facilities: Jim Hahn (jimhahn@)
Parish Accountant: Kathleen Biederman (kbiederman@)
Director: Ann Carroll (acarroll@), Teri Sankey (tsankey@)
Comm. Coordinator: Allison Domenick (adomenick@)
Liturgical Coordinator: Gina Vitucci (gvitucci@)
Facilities Maintenance: Monika Czajczyk, Tony Candelaria

MUSIC MINISTRY
Phone: 708-460-9831
Director: Leanne Stoterau (music@sfaorland.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY
Phone: 708-460-0042 (sfyg@sfaorland.org)

REGISTRATION  Become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

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 708-460-0042

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  Baptisms can be arranged by appointment. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 9:00 - 9:30 AM to allow time for sanitizing the church before Funerals and Weddings.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE  Weddings need to be scheduled at least 4-6 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 ANOINTING OF THE SICK  Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed. A priest is available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 708-460-0042. Anointing will also be offered on Mondays after Morning Mass.

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN (CJB) SCHOOL
9250 W.167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487
Phone: 708-403-6525
Principal: Jeanne Pagliaro
Web page:  www.cjbschool.org

Our elementary Catholic Regional school is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th & 94th Ave.