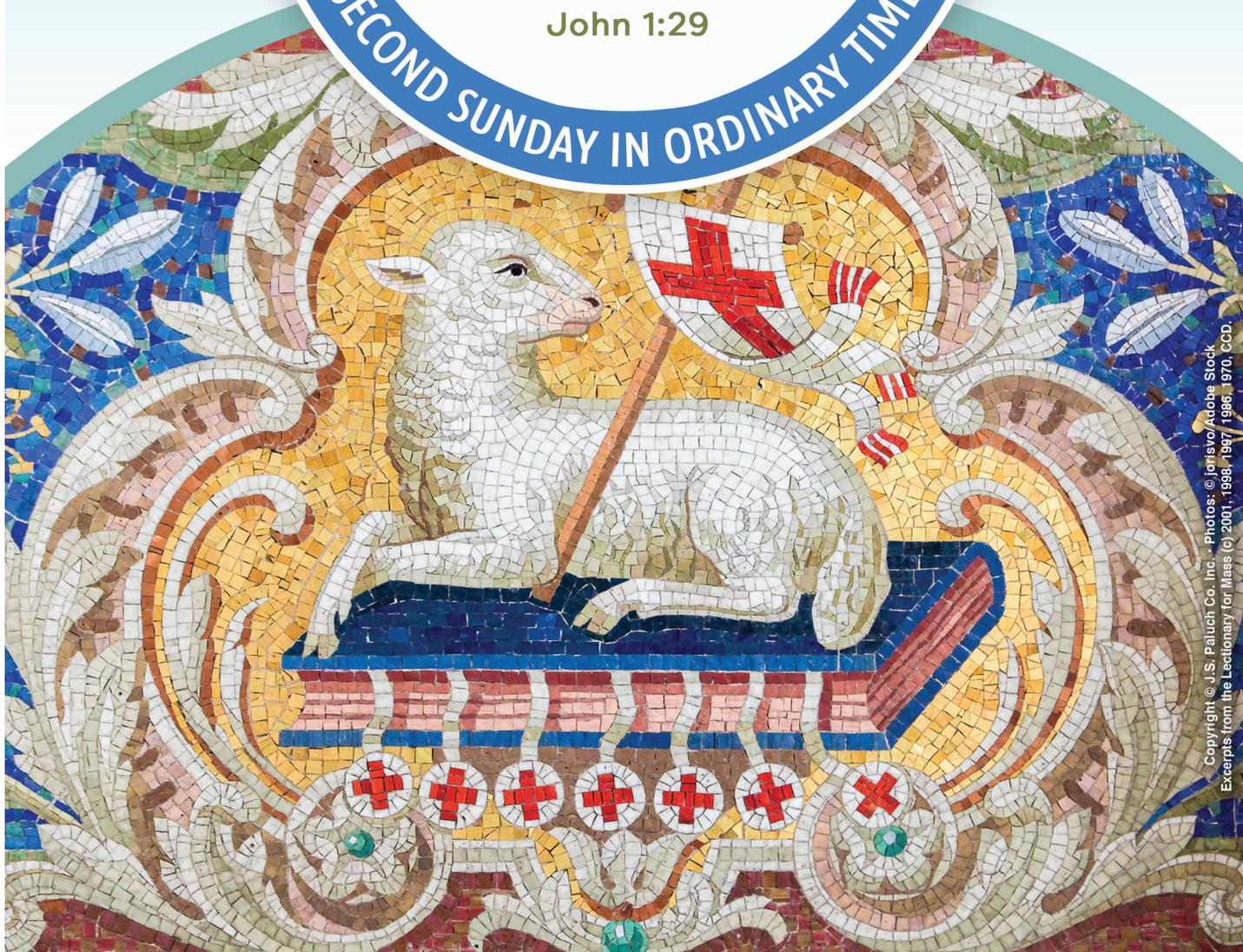


JANUARY 19, 2020

**John the Baptist  
saw Jesus coming  
toward him and said,  
“Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away  
the sins of the world.”**

John 1:29

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR



*Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor*

*January 19, 2020*

*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.*

### ***Sunday gospel in everyday English***

The very next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and yelled out, "Here he is, God's Passover Lamb! He forgives the sins of the world! This is the man I've been talking about, 'the One who comes after me but is really ahead of me.' I knew nothing about who he was—only this: that my task has been to get Israel ready to recognize him as the God-Revealer. That is why I came here baptizing with water, giving you a good bath and scrubbing sins from your life so you can get a fresh start with God."

John clinched his witness with this: "I watched the Spirit, like a dove flying down out of the sky, making himself at home in him. I repeat, I know nothing about him except this: The One who authorized me to baptize with water told me, 'The One on whom you see the Spirit come down and stay, this One will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' That's exactly what I saw happen, and I'm telling you, there's no question about it: This is the Son of God" (from John 1).

### ***Notes on the Scripture***

Jesus made a point of eating with sinners, and that upset the religious leaders of his day. They thought it was wrong to "coddle" those with moral failings. But Jesus believed that sin wasn't something to run from but rather something to heal. He assumed that the people who came to him didn't want to stay in their sins; they longed to be free of them. He showed them the way, not through shunning or punishment, but by eating a meal with them. Meals are powerful. Make the most of your family meals by joining in a prayer of gratitude before you eat. Thank God for forgiveness and the opportunity to start over.

### ***Liturgical Calendar***

When the Octave of the Epiphany (the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord) is over the feeling of Christmastide begins to wane a bit. Though the Season of Christmas liturgically ends with the Octave of the Epiphany, the celebration of Christ's entry into the world and His childhood doesn't truly end until Candlemass (also known as "The Feast of the Presentation) when we celebrate Christ's being presented in the Temple. This time between the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is known unofficially as "Carnival," and is a generally celebratory time which ends in Shrovetide and its famous (and infamous) Mardi Gras. Then remembering of Christ's infancy and Divine Childhood gives way to Lent. Let us enjoy and celebrate well.

### ***Christ Renews His Parish***

CRHP Retreat is coming next month, both for men and women. I realize we still try to cool down after the Christmas busyness, but I invite you to consider marking your calendars and joining this retreat. It is a great opportunity to deepen your connection with God and other parishioners. Please check the bulletin or call the office for more information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Artur Sowa".

## THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Monday, January 20



- ◆ Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- ◆ Offices closed
- ◆ Mass at 9:00 am

Tuesday, January 21

- ◆ Book Club, 1:00 pm (NR)
- ◆ Virtus "Protecting God's Children" Seminar, 6:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Sacred Heart Committee, 7:00 pm (GR)

Wednesday, January 22

- ◆ Bereavement Committee, 8:30 am (NR)
- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed (A), Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)

Thursday, January 23

- ◆ Bunco, 1:00 pm
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Pilgrimage Meeting, 7:00 pm (GR)

Friday, January 24

- ◆ St. Germaine 8th Grade Retreat, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ AA Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

Saturday, January 25

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Community Meeting, 11:00 am (GR)
- ◆ Fifth Grade Mass Lesson II, 4:30 pm (UH)
- ◆ Fifth Grade Family Mass II & Coffee And..., 5:15 pm (UH)

Sunday, January 26

- ◆ That's Deep (Youth Ministry), 11:30 am (SFR)

## SAVE THE DATE



# OPEN HOUSE



FOR NEW FAMILIES/NEW STUDENTS

**COME AND VISIT YOUR TWICE-AWARDED BLUE RIBBON PARISH SCHOOL!**

**3- and 4-year old Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Sunday, January 26, 1:00pm -- 3:00pm**

**Cardinal Joseph**

**Bernardin Catholic School**

9250 West 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487

**SEE PAGE 11 FOR A LETTER FROM FR. ARTUR**

KNOWLEDGE & PRAYER SERIES  
2020

# MASS FOR LIFE



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020**

**5:30 P.M.**

**ST. MICHAEL PARISH**

14327 HIGHLAND, ORLAND PARK



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

# HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

The Catholic Charities Committee at St. Francis is very excited to announce our **NEW** outreach project:

## WARMER FEET

It has come to our attention that St. Blase Child Development Center and Our Lady of the Ridge PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) are in need of SOCKS -- for both children and adults.

In 2020, SFA Catholic Charities Ministry will be collecting NEW crew socks for adults and children. Socks will be distributed 4 times a year, starting in February. A basket will be available in the coat room (off the Narthex) where you can place your donations through the entire year.

Questions? Contact Kim Jauregui ([mirandakim@hotmail.com](mailto:mirandakim@hotmail.com)).

Your generosity is warmly appreciated!



### St. Francis of Assisi Helping Hands Committee is once again holding its annual Baby Shower to benefit young mothers in need on Feb. 8/9

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:

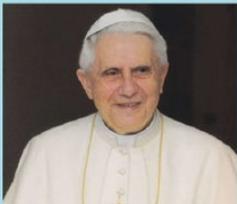
The "Baby Box" for baby item coupons to benefit "Courage" is in the Narthex year-round.



Please remember to clip your coupons for "Courage."

## Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us, Mother Earth



*"The Church has a responsibility towards Creation and considers it her duty... to protect earth, water and air as gifts of God, the Creator, meant for everyone..."*  
— Pope Benedict XVI

#### CLIMATE CHANGE: A MATTER OF FAITH? YES.

Pope Francis follows John Paul II and Benedict in recognizing the scientific consensus that climate change is caused by human activity. Deforestation and burning fossil fuels are major causes. While some have wrongly turned it into a political issue, Pope Francis recognizes it as a social justice and a moral issue. This is because those who will suffer most from the resulting environmental damage are the poor and future generations... who are least responsible for causing it. Francis calls upon individuals, governments and corporations to make changes to mitigate the problem. He has met with top Energy company executives and they have agreed to support a price on carbon emissions. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops also has issued a statement of support for legislation (H.R.763) that puts a price on carbon emissions to encourage a switch to clean energy, without economically harming the poor or middle class. The severe human costs, that will be a consequence of doing nothing, make this a moral issue and a matter of concern and action as part of our faith.

### Donations accepted before and after all masses February 8 & 9, 2019

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?

# SFA Parent lifelines

*"... where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy..."*

Prayer of St. Francis

Mental health resources to assist parents, grandparents, and guardians are available at [sfaorland.org](http://sfaorland.org)

## **MASS FOR LIFE SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

The Multi Parish Respect Life Knowledge and Prayer Series announces a special **Mass For Life**.

This unique liturgy, Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM at St. Michael Parish, 14327 Highland, Orlando Park will be celebrated by representatives of Our Lady of the Woods, St. Bernard's, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Michael, Our Mother of Good Counsel and Annunciation Byzantine Catholic parishes. This Mass gives witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights and moral violation of our time - legalized abortion on demand. This Mass begins the eighth year of the Knowledge and Prayer series sponsored by the 6 parishes above. Come to the Mass and receive the 2020 schedule of events.

Abortion was legalized on January 22, 1973, in the now-infamous Supreme Court decisions in *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton*. People of many faiths or no faith are welcome to join us in prayer for the overturning of this decision and the restoration of respect for life from conception to natural death.



**Need something fun to look forward to this winter? St. Michael Pro-Life Ministry is sponsoring a Mardi Gras to benefit Aid for Women. This charitable organization runs pregnancy care centers and residential homes to help women in crisis pregnancies.**

**The Mardi Gras dinner and dance will be held February 21, 2020 at the Orland Chateau. The tickets are \$50 and will include dinner, an hour open bar, and music by Afterglow featuring Gene Infelise and Francesca. Tickets will be sold on weekends after Mass and during the week in the office.**

**If you are interested in more information, helping with the event, purchasing an ad, or donating a raffle prize call Nancy Wilschke at 708-548-6078 or Pat Kovacs at 708-460-8238**

## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

### ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

The SFA Book Club meets the third Tuesday  
of the month at  
**1:00 pm in the Niehaus Room**

The book for January 21, 2020 is  
***The Whole Town's Talking***  
by, Fannie Flagg

The book selected for February 18, 2020 is  
***Becoming***  
by, Michelle Obama

The SFA Book Club always welcomes  
new members.



The St. Francis of Assisi- Orland Park Council of the Knights of Columbus celebrated their Fourth Anniversary as a council at 5:15 Mass presided by Father Jay followed by a dinner at Papa Joe's Restaurant.



**The Social Committee at St. Francis of Assisi  
cordially invites you to attend our  
Polish Polka Dance on  
February 1, 2020.**



Please come for an evening of  
dinner, dancing and fellowship!

Dinner will promptly be served immediately  
following the 5:15pm mass.

Music will be provided by Bernie II Polka Generations  
from 7pm-11pm.

Tickets will be on sale the weekends of  
January 18, 19 and 25, 26.

Tickets: \$20 per person, includes a Polish dinner catered by Polonia Banquets. Menu to be served: Wild Rice Stuffed Chicken Breast, Stuffed Cabbage, Polish Sausage, Potato Dumplings, Sauerkraut and California Blend Vegetables), dessert and coffee.

Cash bar for beer, wine and soft drinks.  
No tickets will be sold at the door.

Any questions, please call Laurie Arredondo 708.601.7113.



## **BUNCO RETURNS**

**WHEN:** 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH

**NEXT MEETING:** January 23, 2020

**TIME:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** GREAT ROOM

**WHAT:** INFORMAL BUNCO

**SFA:** PARISH WILL PROVIDE DICE AND SCORE CARDS

**YOU:** BRING A SNACK TO SHARE AND A DESIRE TO HAVE FUN



**Caution: I am not endorsing any of these movies themselves (unless I specifically say so); I am simply sharing my thoughts on them. Potential movie SPOILERS ahead.**

**A Hidden Life 2019 (PG-13 Rating)**

This film is directed by Terrence Malick, most notably known for directing *The Tree of Life* (2011), what I consider as one of my favorite movies of all time. In a similar vein to his earlier work, this new piece is just as spiritual and contemplative. Let this be clear, it is not a movie meant to entertain, but to move the heart and get the mind questioning. It is not an easy movie to sit through as it is 3 hours long with many long and drawn out shots with minimal dialogue. It might challenge your patience and it will not hold your hand through heavy-handed expositions to explain to you what is going on, but if you are willing to sit with that stillness, there is undeniable and overwhelming beauty to be witnessed. Such is what it is like when it comes to prayer at times when we place ourselves before God pleading for answers to difficult questions in life. If we are willing to labor with God, then His beauty will reveal itself amidst the ugliness that causes our uncertainty. In that sense, this film is certainly a prayerful and spiritual experience.

A *Hidden Life* is based on the true-life events of Franz Jägerstätter (now recognized as a martyr and beatified by

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### **Preparing the Church for the Holiday Season**

As the church prepared for the Advent and Christmas Season, the members of the Art and Environment team were busy preparing the church, Upton Hall, Chapel, Narthex and Great Room.

As soon as Thanksgiving was over, the volunteers transformed the building from Fall to Advent. Bringing the Winter in and the Fall out meant replacing the plants and flowers with Norfolk pines, glitter branches and pine cones. It was a huge undertaking but everyone agreed that the sanctuary looked amazing.

No sooner was Advent set up then work began in the great room and lower level for Christmas. All in all, eleven trees were set up at St. Francis along with over one hundred plants and poinsettias. Once everything was in place and Liturgies concluded, the team returned to begin the process of taking it all down.



A huge thank-you goes out to all the team members. Thank you for making the sanctuary look so very beautiful.

If you would like to join this merry band of decorators, please contact debi Ross at [insidelooks@aol.com](mailto:insidelooks@aol.com) or by calling: 708-403-9351

debi Ross  
Chair, Art and Environment Committee

# Adult Faith Formation

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

I continue some thoughts on the decline of priests. In accuracy to the title, I go back 60 years. I believe one of the reasons we have experienced a decline is a change in culture, both in the church and society.

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade ('56-'57) I decided I wanted to go to Quigley – the high school seminary of the archdiocese. I thought I wanted to be a priest. I am not sure how clearly I articulated such thoughts, but it seemed to be a vocation I wanted to pursue. There were other boys in my 8<sup>th</sup> grade class that also planned to attend Quigley, as well as other boys from the parish who were already at Quigley. Even though actual priesthood was a long way away, the decision for Quigley was supported and encouraged by the parish. The “Quigley Boys” served the Sunday High Mass and Midnight mass.

I look back at my parent’s reaction. We lived at 103<sup>rd</sup> and Sangamon. Quigley (the only one at that time) was at Chestnut and Rush. It required two buses on Halsted and then the “L” at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Halsted to Chicago Ave. almost an hour each way. In addition, we were off on Thursdays and had

school on Saturday.

I’m sure my parents were concerned about my leaving the confines of the south side to the unfamiliar north side. (At the time the neighborhood around Quigley was not elegant). As I remember, as long as I was happy, my parents were supportive. Since I am an only child I am sure my parents and especially my mother were worried about my daily travels, but she kept her worries to herself.

There were 435 freshman from all parts of the city and suburbs. Almost all had gone to catholic schools. All the teachers were priests of the Archdiocese.

This is a long way to say the beginnings of a priestly vocation was supported by the parish, parents, and hundreds of boys involved in the same process. I was immersed in a “Catholic culture” but what I took as normal.

Such a culture no longer exists. Both high school seminaries are closed as well as the college seminary. Research today, says many parents are not supportive of priesthood/or religious life for their children. I was at the

early end of the “baby boomers” – there were many children. Schools exploded. In addition to the lack of parental support, there are fewer children to recruit from.

Books have been written about the decline in religious practice as well as religious vocations. What I frequently hear is that “I am spiritual”, I pray alone. Such an individual approach leads to drop in church attendance consequently little knowledge of or interest in priesthood.

The terrible abuse crises has been tragic. Hundreds of children have been abused and mistreated by priests. Such behavior creates a picture of environment that does not seem attractive.

This is just a quick overview (there are others) on the decline in vocations: the end of a supportive culture; decline in population; change in participation in church life; the scandal of abuse. In dealing with this decline, the Archdiocese is trying to address this loss by establishing the process of **RENEW MY CHURCH.**

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR TRAINING

### Training for New Eucharistic Ministers – Part 2

Monday, January 20  
7-9:30 PM

### Training for New Lectors – Part 2

Monday, January 27  
7-9:30 PM

Part 1 is the same for both Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.  
New Eucharistic Ministers must attend on **both January 13 and 20**.  
New Lectors must attend on **both January 13 and 27**.  
If you wish to join both ministries, you must attend all three evenings.

Please register with **Pat** in the Worship Office at [pchuchla@saintmike.com](mailto:pchuchla@saintmike.com)  
or 708-873-4652.

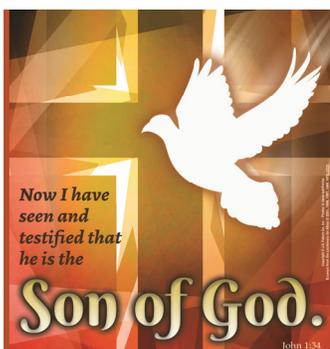
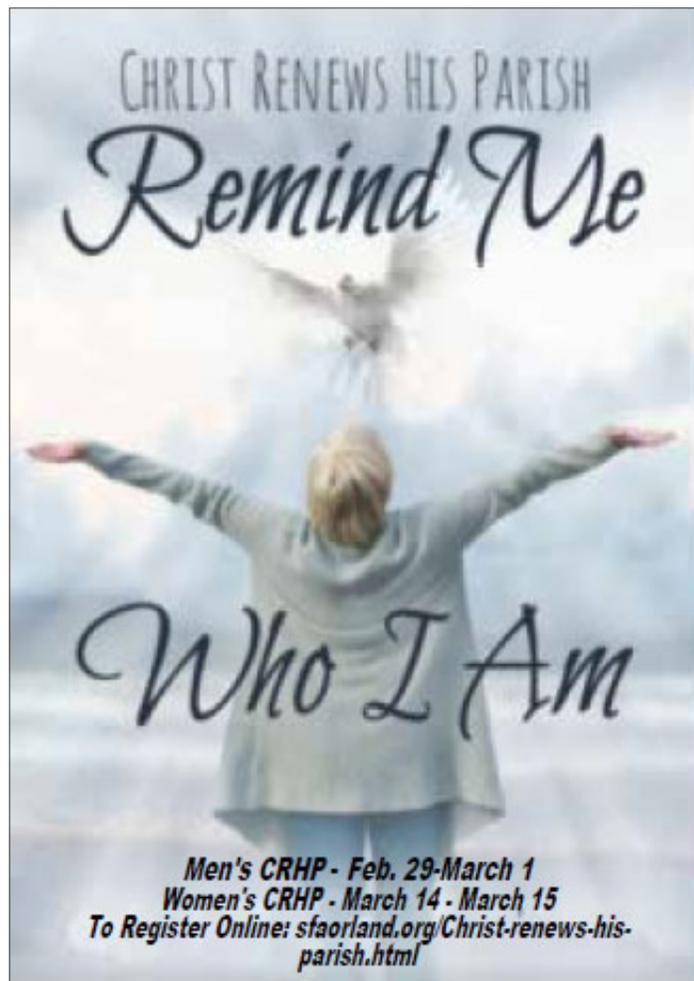
## ARE YOU INTERESTED in becoming a MINISTER OF PRAISE?

### What does it mean?

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).

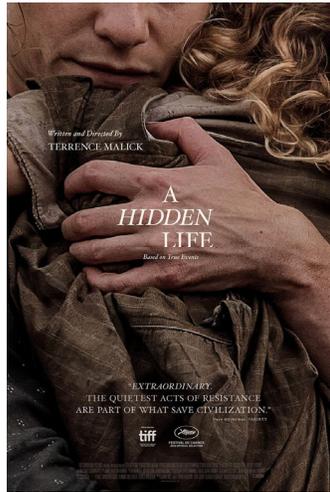
The pastor or designated parish staff member sends all ministers of praise a letter each month naming specific prayer intentions for that month. All parishioners are assured of being prayed for daily.

**To 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.



the Catholic Church) and his wife, Franziska (nicknamed Fani). It finds its source material in the book, Franz Jägerstätter: Letters and Writings from Prison. It follows Franz, an Austrian peasant farmer, trying to make a living in the small village of St. Radegund during World War II. He builds a loving family with Fani who bears three little girls with him. Day after day he cherishes his intimate and innocent moments with his wife and kids as he dreads the day he is called into service with the Nazis. Everyday his sense of peace is interrupted by the ringing of the bell sounded by the postman riding into town on his bike. He knows it is a fight he cannot participate in as dictated by his faith and conscience and he hopes and prays with his wife that it is something he can avoid. The opening voiceover by whom I believe is the wife aptly captures their naïve hopes. She describes them analogously to a nest they thought they could build high upon the trees where they would be able to fly like birds above the clouds. Unfortunately, that dreadful bicycle bell shakes them from their branches as it is finally accompanied with the letter that calls Franz to service.

For Franz, there is no question what he must do, or rather, what he must not do. He is charged with treason and put in prison. His motives are questioned every step of the way even by his own villagers. Sadly, even the clergy compromise and try to convince him to cooperate for fear of not only Franz' life but the life his wife and fellow villagers. The argument others try to hammer into him over and over again is that what good will it do? This just causes trouble for the village, for the family, for the wife. It might even cost them their lives. Who will hear of this? All this commotion and for what? You cannot change the world. However, Franz is the anvil to this hammer. Though the hammer shapes and forms material according to its aggressive will, it is the anvil that remains unchanged while the



hammer that eventually breaks down. Yet, we have to ask ourselves, are we that anvil as well, or are we the metal that bends to the hammer or worse yet, are we the forceful hammer? We hear this image of a hammer and anvil in a priest's homily in the first half of the movie, which foreshadows this dilemma. For Franz, he knows where he stands. All he has to do is sign a piece of paper swearing his allegiance to Hitler. As his lawyer pleads with him, if he signs it he will be set free, but Franz responds, "but, I am already free." All the way to the end Franz was beaten and broken on the outside but was never so on the inside. In the face of the guillotine, perhaps he did find his nest, after all, and even in his suffering and death, he was able to soar above the clouds.

On paper, this all sounds very heroic and it certainly is, but it is rather anti-heroic to current standards of heroism. Heroism today in the face of evil violent force is the ability to find the source of our own good force to counteract that evil no matter how impossible it may seem. What force did Franz find? By modern standards it would seem that he found none and that the darkness had overcome the light when he accepted his suffering and was put to death. It is mentioned in the film that there is a difference between the suffering that is imposed upon us and the suffering that we choose. The hero of today would ask those same questions that were posed to Franz during

his time. Why choose this suffering when you can avoid it? "Survive and live to fight another day," one hero might say. In Franz' place, one hero might come up with a clever little lie to buy some time to rally the people of the village to rise up against these injustices. If it were a Marvel movie, they would somehow come out on top against the Nazis ending World War II on their own terms.

However, this is far from reality and instances like these are far too unlikely. In truth, there are countless injustices around the world that we do not have a certain answer to, not only in force but in thought as well. We are often left wondering why these injustices happen in the first place and we see that in Franz in the film also. He cannot violate his conscience, yet at the same time he cannot fully explain it, another dissonance with the modern day hero who usually has all the answers to the injustices of the world especially when those injustices come from clearly defined villains. However, the world is not black and white, we are not simply divided into heroes with all the right answers and villains with all the wrong ones, but rather we are simply human beings trying to survive our own human folly. The sun shines on all regardless of the good or evil that we commit as Franz' fellow inmate mentions. God's presence is always there subtly in the background throughout the film whether through the image of the church, a crucifix, or a wide shot with sun peering over the valley. He is there in our confusion, He is there in our mess, and He is there even in the face of our evil. Sometimes it feels like that letting that light shine in makes no difference at times, but Terrence Malick assures us with this quote at the end, "...for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvis-

ited tombs."

A hidden life matters. Not everyone may see our faithfulness to God through the light that He imparts upon all of our consciences, but it still makes a difference regardless. All our prayers and offerings as well as our pains and sufferings, God takes notice of and that makes all the difference in the world.

Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, pray for us.

## EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

### The "Angel Fund" Collection January 25/26

Five years ago, CJB's sponsoring parishes began a special collection known as the "Angel Fund." This collection is taken up one weekend during the year at the start of Catholic Schools Week. The Angel Fund is meant to assist parishioner families who may need a bit of help in sending their children to CJB. Last year, nearly 20% of our students received some type of financial aid from various sources.

As you would understand, many other families are in need. CJB is so very grateful to our sponsoring parishes who subsidize each student who attends CJB. Any donation you are able to make is greatly appreciated! **This special collection will take place the weekend of January 25 and 26.**

Thank you for your kindness.



January, 2020

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Parishioner:

We invite you to attend our Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School Open House on Sunday, January 26, from 1 – 3pm. Sponsored by four parishes (St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr), CJB is your Pre-K through 8th Grade Catholic parish school.

Last year, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School received recognition as an “Exemplary High Performing School” by the U.S. Department of Education (meaning CJB is among the nation’s highest performing schools as measured by academic state assessments and nationally-normed tests in Reading and Mathematics). This is the second Blue Ribbon designation for CJB! Achieving Blue Ribbon status once is outstanding; to receive the designation twice is very rare!

This second Blue Ribbon designation makes us prouder than ever to invite you to send your children to CJB. We offer full-day and half-day 3-year-old and 4-year-old Pre-K and we continue to provide full-day Kindergarten, as well! Come and visit these classrooms as well as Grades 1-8.

CJB is going on its 20th year and as we continue growing, we have so much to be proud of! In addition to Blue Ribbon academic excellence, our faith-based daily religious instruction, shared communal prayer and weekly Mass contribute to shaping the spiritual lives of our students. Children are also encouraged to maximize their God-given talents by participating in extra-curricular activities, from athletics to technology, and from choir to drama. In addition to these opportunities, our students volunteer their time in local community service projects. Our school patron, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, former Archbishop of Chicago, devoted his life to issues of social justice, peace and the sanctity of human life. It is important to us that his legacy remains a part of CJB.

We have high expectations of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School students. We challenge them academically, and we strive to instill in them the Gospel values. CJB provides a loving and nurturing environment in which children grow intellectually, spiritually, physically and emotionally. If this is the kind of school that you would like for your child, we look forward to welcoming you to our Open House on January 26.

Sincerely,

Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor  
James Antos, Interim Principal

P.S. Visit [www.cjbschool.org](http://www.cjbschool.org) to complete an online application for the 2020-21 school year. As a registered, practicing parishioner, your children are eligible for enrollment at an “in-parish” rate. (“Practicing” parishioners are Catholics who consistently attend Mass, send their children to Religious Education or Catholic school, and support their parish with time, talent, and treasure. This is an on-going expectation during years of enrollment at CJB. Use of parish envelopes is expected.)

## RESPECT LIFE



Abortion affects countless marriages, more than many people recognize. But God’s grace can bring true healing in relationships. Learn more at [respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage](http://respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage) or find help via [goo.gl/XPyrMb](http://goo.gl/XPyrMb).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Healing Within Marriage from an Abortion”



## Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away ...”

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Answer: *the sin of the world*

## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

*Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for 6 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.*

Mariola Baron  
John Brogan  
Mary Calhoun  
Rita Costanzo  
Dylan Dryer  
Rochello Gonzalzo  
Patricia Hebda  
Louis Kearns  
Vera Kelly  
Virginia Lesnet  
Debbie Lipien  
Sylvia Lukas  
Rosemary Odewald  
Giovanna Picciolini  
Marge Stevens  
Louis Tassone  
Denise Umporowicz  
Carl Walsh  
Delphine Zielinski

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 18

**5:15 PM** Leon Czub, rq. by Family and Dennis Niswonger, rq. by Jan Ota and Hlen Capriglione, rq. by Dolores Grekowicz and Anatasia & Joseph Sopata, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos and Lauren Zbalinger, rq. by Debbie & Bob Tucker

### Sunday, January 19

**7:30 AM** Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike & Tom Foley, Dennis Niswonger, rq. by Regina Knapp and Helen Capriglione, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll and Marie & Bob Burns, rq. by Dave & Mary Burns

**9:00 AM** People of St. Francis

**10:30 AM** Robert Signore, rq. by The Pajeau Family

**12:00 PM** Florence & Joseph Chiappetta, rq. by Phyllis Napoles and William Kennedy, rq. by Mary Ellen Kozeluh and Elizabeth Vaicaitis, rq. by McGovern Family and Sharon Hajik, rq. by John & Sheila Pacholski and Zephyr Lyric, rq. by Brindza Family

### Monday, January 20

**9:00 AM** Romaine Rubinas, rq. by Joseph March

### Tuesday, January 21

**7:45 AM** Patrick McCarthy, rq. by Eileen McCarthy

### Wednesday, January 22

**7:45 AM** Anna Kubicz, rq. by Family

### Thursday, January 23

**7:45 AM** Linda Marzalik, rq. by Joan Hanley and Art Pike, rq. by Joseph March

### Friday, January 24

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

### Saturday, January 25

**5:15 PM** Mary T. Foley, rq. by Carlo Family and William Arzbaechr, rq. by Family and Anita Monroe, rq. by Sue, Patty and Bob and Louis Varlotta, rq. by The Carlo Family and Joyce March, rq. by Joseph March

### Sunday, January 26

**7:30 AM** Mary T. Foley, rq. by Kay Flanagan and Helen Capriglione, rq. by The PADS Team and Vince McNulty, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos and Anthony J. Zambuto, Jr., rq. by Tony & Fran Zambuto

**9:00 AM** Dennis Niswonger, rq. by Brian & Carolyn Whiteford

**10:30 AM** Maria & Michael Janis and Family, rq. by Phyllis Napoles and Frank Zito, rq. by Barb Moser and Thomas Gallagher, rq. by Family and Dorothy Snidauf, rq. by Ray & Marian Peregoy

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



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*



Juanita  
Capriglione

Janine Duda

Renette Olewin

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**Sunday:** Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

	January 25 5:15 PM (Mass)	January 26 7:30 AM (Mass)	January 26 9:00 AM (Mass)	January 26 10:30 AM (Mass)	January 26 12:00 PM (Mass)
<b>Presider</b>	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa
<b>Deacon</b>	VOLUNTEER NOW	Mike Kiley	John Donahue	Michael Pindelski	VOLUNTEER NOW
<b>Sacristan</b>	Susan Vari	Olga Bartell	Kathleen Biederman	Cindy Lucio	Adrienne Wieczorek
<b>Lector</b>	Richard Klein (1) Martin Terpstra (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) Pat Trebe (2)	Patricia Flynn (1) Betty Kameron (2)	George Kaminski (1) Michelle Whalen (2) (sub requested)	Carolyn Kimmey (1) James Massimilian (2)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Beth Bruozis Ann Czarny (sub requested) Elizabeth Giron H. Paul Harms Lisa Kacerovskis Lorraine Martenson Alice Rzeszutko Richard Rzeszutko Rev. Artur Sowa Nancy Sullivan Susan Vari VOLUNTEER NOW	Harriet Antkiewicz Olga Bartell David Burns Daniel Faxel Patricia Grasso Mike Kiley James Pedersen Vince Saavedra Lynne Sparks Rev. Rich Young	Steve Alessi Kathleen Biederman John Donahue James Dykas Joan Giorgetti Marilyn Nelson Kathleen Ostrowski Terry Reger Kim Reid Judee Tan Anthony Vassolo Rev. Rich Young	Susan Campagna Gregory Fifer Wendy Freer Mary Greenan Karen Koehler Cindy Lucio Robert J. McGuire Janet Modelski Janice Ota Michael Pindelski Rev. Artur Sowa Brian Whiteford	Diane Budz Rosalie Hodson Robert Long Mary Jo Noreikis Marcia Pavela Rev. Artur Sowa Adrienne Wieczorek Thomas Wieczorek Jeannine Witowski VOLUNTEER NOW
<b>Altar Server</b>	Jack Tobin Aaron Vales Ronan Vales	Jack Strolia Mia Strolia Beck Stukel	Elizabeth Dykas Emily Dykas Ryan Reid	Anna Bianco Julia Malysz Michael Szumowicz	Patrick Curran (sub requested) Josh Kane Ryan Kane
<b>Usher</b>	Lawrence McGren- era (HU) Jim Arzbaeher Cathy Arzbaeher Teri Sankey Timothy Harris Renee Farrell	Dominic Zambuto (HU) Bud Wyman Mary Ann Wyman Paula Belski	Keith Nelson (HU) Oriano Pagnucci Roger Malinowski Linda Malinowski Peter Walsh Ann Carroll	Jay Modelski (HU) Luke Hosty (sub requested) Kelly Struck George Kelley James Winters Lynn Pajon	Jerry Ondrus (HU) Joan Ondrus VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW

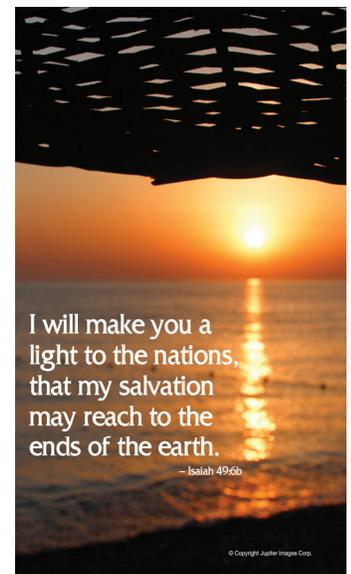
## Parish Stewardship

	<u>01/05/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 657,440.00
<b>Collected</b>	<u>\$ 20,095.00</u>	<u>\$ 648,059.00</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$ 3,385.00)</b>	<b>(\$ 9,381.00)</b>

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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community

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**MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 5:15 PM; Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM and Monday-Friday at 7:45 AM**

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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. Hours 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the north-east corner of the Church.

**ADMINISTRATION Phone: 460-0042, Fax: 460-0136**  
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**Assistant Director:** Anne Madden  
**Accompanist:** James Draudt  
**Children's Choir Co-Director:** Anne Hayes

**Religious Education Cantor:** Angela Reynolds (remusic@...)  
**Cantor for Parish Funerals, Weddings:** Gina Vitucci

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**Phone: 708-460-0042**  
**Youth Minister:** Matt Toohill (sfyg@sfaorland.org)

The Religious Ed Offices are located in the St. Francis Center, up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours ar Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**15010 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, IL 60467**  
**Phone:** 708-460-0155; **FAX:** 708-460-5086  
**Dir:** Mary Kay Burberry, ext. 240 (mkburberry@sfaorland.org)  
**Coordinator:** Jackie O'Malley, ext. 242 (jomalley@...)  
**Office Manager:** Maureen Krzyminski, ext. 244 (mkrzyminski@...)

**CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN (CJB) SCHOOL**  
**9250 W.167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487**  
**Phone:** 708-403-6525  
**Interim Principal:** James P. Antos  
**Web page:** [www.cjbschool.org](http://www.cjbschool.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** Baptism usually takes place on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Prior to the Baptism, parents need to call the office to make arrangements. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

**CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL** Our elementary Catholic regional school is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th & 94th Ave. For registration information, contact the school at 708-403-6525.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Sessions are held on alternating Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays for Grades K-8, and on Saturdays for Grades 1-8, at the St. Francis Center (on the hill). Grades K-4 meet from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and grades 4-8 meet from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Saturday sessions meet from 8:30 - 10:00 AM. Children's Liturgy of the Word meets on Sundays during the 9 & 10:30 AM Masses for children 4-year-olds to 4th grade, September-April. Call 708-460-0155 for more information.

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

**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** Anointing is celebrated every Monday, immediately after the 7:45 AM Mass. 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.