

FEBRUARY 9, 2020 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

~ Matthew 5:14

MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

February 09, 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

“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven” (*from Matthew 5*).

NOTES ON THE SCRIPTURE

Jesus calls us the light of the world. That’s an amazing proposition, considering that we regard him in the same way. He dares us to take that light and bathe the whole world with its brilliance. Our lives can become this kind of invitation for others if we leave our Christ-light burning at all times. Each of us, though a small sample of church, is at the same time an ambassador of all that church is meant to be. Christ has shared his light with us so that in our lives, however humble, the promise of that light speaks boldly against the darkness. Even the hour of death is not so dark that the light of Christ cannot pierce it. May our light so shine, now and always.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

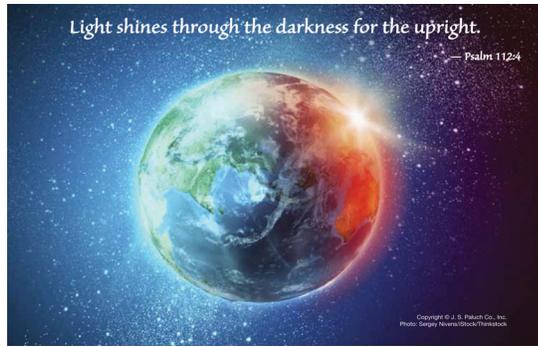
CRHP Retreat is coming next month, both for men and women. I realize we still try to cool down after the Christmas busyness, but I invite you to consider marking your calendars and joining this retreat. It is a great opportunity to deepen your connection with God and other parishioners. Please check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

TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS UPDATE

I am truly grateful for all your generous gifts to TTWCI. We have accomplished many different projects within last few years. Things like: sound system, church roof, air condition, parking lot repairs, church lighting system and carline system were possible because of the success of the campaign. As we enter into our last year of the campaign we are hoping to do few more maintenance projects that were not included in the original plan. (one of them is wetlands maintenance) Once again, thank you for your generosity!

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS



Monday, February 10

- ◆ Fourth Grade Parent/Child Reconciliation Workshop, 7:00 pm (SFC, CH)
- ◆ Bereavement Support Group, 7:00 pm (GR)
- ◆ Women's CRHP, 7:00 pm (NR)

Tuesday, February 11

- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Cancer Support Group, 10:00 am (NR)
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Group, 12:30 pm (SFR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting, 6:30 pm (NR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 5-8, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Business Meeting, 7:30 pm (GR)

Wednesday, February 12

- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed (B), Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Bible Timeline, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 7:00 pm (SFC)

Thursday, February 13

- ◆ Bunco, 1:00 pm (GR)

Friday, February 14 - Valentine's Day

- ◆ A.A., 7:30 pm (NR)

Saturday, February 15

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Sacrament of Reconciliation for Fourth Graders, 11:00 am (CH)

Sunday, February 16

- ◆ Girl Scout Cookie Sale, 8:00 am (Narthex)
- ◆ Children's Liturgy of the Word, during 9:00 and 10:30 am Mass (UH)

SAVE THE DATE



BUNCO RETURNS

WHEN: 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH

NEXT MEETING:
February 13, 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

CJB ATHLETES, SAVE THE DATE

The next Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Athletic Program Liturgy will be celebrated in unison **next Sunday, February 16, 2020 at St. Julie Billiart's Church - 9:30am Mass.**



Timothy J. McCormick, a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi, is scheduled to be ordained to the Order of Deacon on May 9, 2020 at Holy Name Cathedral by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago. This is a public announcement of the upcoming ordination and fulfills the canonical requirement.

Catholics are obliged to reveal any concerns, impediments or circumstances that could prevent Timothy J McCormick from receiving Sacred Orders and should contact the pastor or the Cardinal with such information as soon as possible if there is a serious question about the candidate's suitability for ordained ministry.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION



Grief Support Group gathers at St. Francis of Assisi on the **2nd MONDAY of the month.** (NOTE NEW DAY!)

Our next meeting is **February 10 at 7:00 pm.**

Each session is independent – and the sessions are open to all. Sessions are held in the Niehaus Room.

The New Normal



The word **CANCER** strikes fear in one's heart!

A cancer support group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, **February 11th at 10:00 am.**

If you or a family member lives with cancer or recovering from cancer, you are encouraged and welcome to participate in our support group.

Sessions are held in the Niehaus Room.

WARMER FEET

Children and Adult's Sock Collection Update

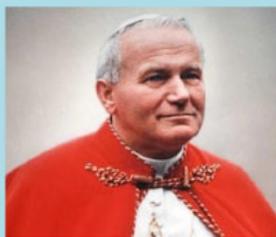
All your sock donations were delivered to St. Blasé Child Development Center and Our Lady of the Ridge PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) on Tuesday, January 21st. Thank you so much for your generous donations! Our next delivery is scheduled for the month of April, please continue placing your donations in the basket available in the narthex coat room.



While visiting at St. Blasé Miss Carolyn showed us the lending library that they put together with the books donated by our parish. Thank you very much for all your book donations!

Creation Care Corner

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



"...the related 'greenhouse effect' has now reached crisis proportions as a consequence of industrial growth, massive urban concentrations and vastly increased energy needs."
— Pope John Paul II

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Calculate your carbon footprint.

Popes Francis, Benedict XVI and John Paul II have all spoken of the need to address climate change. It's influenced by the amount of heat trapping CO2 and other greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere. Small atmospheric GHG % increases can have a significant impact on Earth's temperature rise. Every day, across everything you do and buy, you contribute to GHG emissions. Calculators can help you better understand how much carbon is produced by different activities. Then, if you decide to reduce your emissions, you'll know where you can generate the biggest impact. Start with this easy to use calculator: <https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/>

This Lent, Give Blood.

Each Donation could help save 3 lives.



**Saturday, March 7
7:30 am- 11:30 am**



St. Francis Room (Lower Level)

Schedule your donation time one of 3 ways:
before or after Masses during the weekends of
February 22/23 & February 29/March 1
in the Narthex

Online at www.heartlandbc.org
or contact Joyce Franklin at (708) 250-9022

REMEMBER: EAT A GOOD MEAL AND DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS AHEAD OF TIME!

For eligibility questions, call Versiti/Heartland Blood Center at (708) 633-0101

PHOTO ID REQUIRED AT TIME OF DONATION
WALK-INS WELCOME!

**LITURGY
COMMISSION**

**Initial Training for
Extraordinary
Ministers of the
Eucharist
St. Stephen Deacon
& Martyr**

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March 5 & 12, 2020
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Dr. Mary Amore,
Presenter
David Boyle, Contact
708-342-2400

**PARISH LIFE
COMMISSION**

Pray with Paint



In our next session of Pray with Paint, we will use paint to print interesting papers.

Then, we will use those papers to decorate a journal. The journal can be used as a diary, your meditations on scripture, a prayer journal, a planner or even a place for your recipes.

Anyone can do this!

Join the fun at 7 p.m., Monday, March 9th in Upton Hall. Suggested donation for materials: \$10.

To register call the office, 708-460-0042. Questions? Call Sue Flanagan, 708-969-4898.

Support our SFA Children's and Youth Choirs this



Valentine's Day

Want to send a personalized Valentine greeting to your Sweetheart? Let our Children's Choir help! For a mere \$5.00 donation, we will send a personalized, **SUNG** Valentine love song to your loved one. Simply choose the song, leave us the name, phone # and the preferred time slot for your call. And don't worry, we can leave a voice mail!

Children's Choir Members will be on hand next weekend (Feb. 8-9, 2020) in the narthex to take your order.

Singing Valentine - \$5

Name of Your Valentine: _____

From: _____

Phone: _____

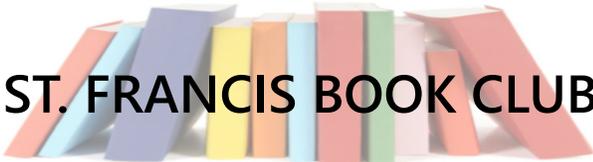
Song Choice – Select One

- I Just Called to Say I Love You
- You Are My Sunshine
- Let Me Call You Sweetheart



Best Time to Call – Select One

- 3pm – 5pm
- 5pm – 7pm



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 selected for February 18, 2020 is
"Becoming" by Michelle Obama

The SFA Book Club always welcomes
new members.

NOTE: The book selected for March 17, 2020 is
"Bowlaway" by Elizabeth McCracken

THINK SPRING!!!!!!!!!!!!

WANTED! Golfers - Men & Women - Experienced
and Beginners

St. Francis of Assisi Golf League
Rolling Hill (SLCC - 9-Hole Course)
Monday Mornings - May 11 thru August 31
Tee Times Starting at 7:00 am

League Fee: \$45 for the Season (includes ending
banquet & prizes)

Greens Fee: \$14 Walking;
\$26 Riding

TO REGISTER: Stop
by the parish office
with a check or cash
or credit card or
register on line on the
parish website using
your credit card.



St. Francis of Assisi Pilgrimage to Italy

June 2 – 14, 2020

**Join us as we celebrate the
30th Anniversary of
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
with a Pilgrimage to Italy**

*Follow in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi from Rome to Assisi, including Florence, Padua and Venice. Visit the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi & Basilica of Saint Clare
Cooking class in Florence
Wine tour and tasting in Spello*

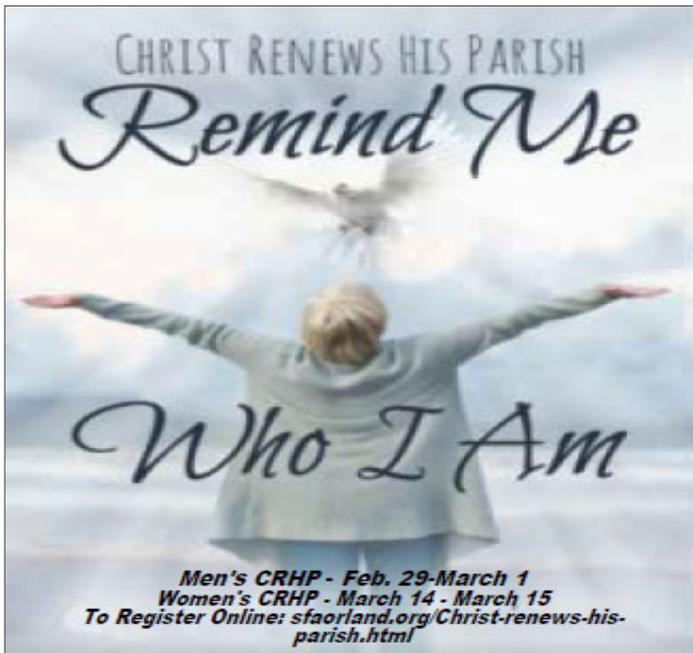
*Contact Blue Island Travel Services, Inc. (708)
388.3933 for information
Limited availability for this customized tour.*



FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS MAY CROWNING, MAY 21, 2020

This year, the Friends of St. Francis Seniors Club Crowning of the Blessed Mother will be held on May 21 in the St. Francis Center Chapel. This event is by reservation only. A catered lunch is provided. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Cash or checks made payable to St. Francis of Assisi.

Last date to reserve your seat is May 4th. NO EXCEPTIONS!



My name is Lynne Sparks and I experienced CRHP 23 during the weekend of March 1 and 2. The women who were on the giving team were phenomenal. It was a deeply spiritual experience for me. It was a chance for me to meet and get to know other women in my Parish.

I have decided to continue and become a member of the giving team for CRHP 24 because I feel everybody should have an opportunity to experience the weekend. I highly recommend it! I loved it! Please come and join us!

The Social Committee at St. Francis of Assisi annual Fish Fry
You are invited to attend!



When: Friday, February 28, 2020 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm
Where: Downstairs in Upton Hall

You will have the following options to choose from:

Cod dinner \$10.00

Shrimp dinner \$12.00

Children's meal (12 & under) \$5.00

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

Children's meal includes 1 piece of cod and 3 pieces of shrimp, macaroni & cheese, potato wedges, dessert and a beverage.

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

Please feel free to bring your own beer or wine.

Tickets will be sold the weekends of February 15,16 and February 22,23 after all masses. No tickets will be sold at the door!

Any questions, please call the church office.

Thank you, Laurie Arredondo, Social Chair



INSTITUTE FOR DIACONAL STUDIES

Are you interested in inquiring about becoming a deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago?

Please join the Institute for Diaconal Studies on **Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 7:30p.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius, Lemont.** The *Exploring the Diaconate* session will take place in the Parish Life Center.

RSVP Required:

Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM (847) 837-4563 or conuoha@usml.edu

Directors of the Institute will welcome you and discuss all aspects of the archdiocese's deacon formation program, including application requirements and all elements of the formation journey. Wives of potential applicants are welcome and urged to attend.

For more information, contact Deacon Bob Puhala, bpuhala@usml.edu or 847-837-4564.

Adult Faith Formation

AROUND FOR AWHILE, *by Fr. Ed Upton*

If my memory serves me, (and it may not), I was aware that some parishioners were making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I thought I would share some reflections on my visits.

I have been fortunate to have made two trips - the first in 1989 and the second in 2013. Each of them have been powerful in coming to the realization this was the place of Jesus. There are two experiences that touched me. They were not those that I experienced in the major shrines - the church of the Nativity and the church of the Holy Sepulcher, but in less understood places.

The first was walking the stations in the old city. On my first visit, there were about 10 pilgrims walking with a Franciscan priest. The stations are marked so we could stop as we walked the streets. We tried our best to be reflective and prayerful.

The streets in the old city are crowded. The merchants are always inviting those walking to enter their shop and buy; many are walking, focused on a task. Little attention is paid to the pilgrims.

It struck me that this experience of trying to walk, recalling Jesus, in the midst of distraction and lack of interest was what was experienced at the time of Jesus.

And trying to stay focused on our relationship with the Lord is the challenge of the day. So for those going to the Holy Land, I encourage walking the stations. When the distractions in the old city get to you, be reminded of the walk of the Lord.

The second was a journey to Mt. Tabor. This was the location for the Transfiguration of Jesus. Mt. Tabor is a significant height - only a few walk. Most ride. This experience was touching. My

friend and I went at a time when the shrine was empty. The church is built at the top of the mountain and is a prominent image of the time Jesus shared with his disciples. They realized more fully who Jesus was.

On entering the church, a group of French pilgrims were very quietly singing. Their music set a reflective tone. I sat in a pew: the location, the music, the reflection that THIS was the place where disciples came to a new understanding of Jesus. Mt. Tabor provided a great place for reflection.

I encourage this visit - it truly is moving.

I am writing this after Christmas. I am grateful for the many cards, gifts, and best wishes. I have tried to respond to thank those who gave a gift. I apologize if you did not receive one.

A sincere thank you,
Fr. Ed

ART & THEOLOGY: My Ruminations on the Good, the True, and the Beautiful

By, Rev. Jay Suero

Something is "beautiful only because the delight that it arouses in us is founded upon the fact that, in it, the truth and goodness of the depths of reality itself are manifested and bestowed, and this manifestation and bestowal reveal themselves to us as being something infinitely and inexhaustibly valuable and fascinating." (Hans Urs von Balthasar)

True beauty draws us out of ourselves toward the transcendent. The more beautiful an encounter is, the more the divine presence is made manifest to us. Thus, there is none more beautiful than that of the Incarnation of Christ. My hope with my drawings is to point to that fundamental importance of beauty as a vehicle to journey into the mind of God.

Every month I will share an art piece of mine along with a description of the theological reflection that went into it so as to hopefully provoke theological reflection of our own.



On the Nature of Daylight

This is my rendition of Michelangelo's Pietà, one of my favorite sculptures/statues to meditate upon. This drawing was a reflection on the statue as well as on a particularly difficult experience I had when I was interning as a chaplain during the summer at Loyola Medical Center. It was one of my first nights on call with no one else and I had been paged about a baby who had been born prematurely and was in critical condition. I gathered my materials immediately and rushed to the location as I tried to keep my mind from unraveling.

By the time I got there the baby had passed and the mother was cradling her lifeless child in her hands. I had heard the parents were Muslim and so I didn't want to approach them yet without speaking to the nurse as to whether or not the parents were okay with a Catholic chaplain speaking with them. So while waiting for the nurse I stood by. I felt utterly helpless to offer any kind of comfort. All I could see was the mother's back with the father standing there trying to figure out how to comfort

her as well. She was having her moment with her child and no one else, not even the father could penetrate that moment. I couldn't see the baby nor the mother's expression but I could feel the emptiness, the coldness, and the darkness that she held in her arms. I wanted desperately to bring light to her situation but eventually the nurse told me that the couple was not interested in speaking with a chaplain but rather had their own Imam or Muslim leader they wanted to talk to.

In this drawing, I wanted to capture that same experience by highlighting them through the use of color in my depiction of the Pietà. There are two sides to Mary. On one side, the light of the sun hits her back but as bright and vibrant as it is, it cannot penetrate to the other side. On Mary's front, there is coolness in blue colors in stark contrast to the orange and yellow colors on her back. There is, however, some yellow outlining Mary's face. Jesus, whose body is nearly entirely encapsulated and outlined by the bigger Mary, is also nearly empty of any color save for the glow of white on his face and the light touches of white that give definition to the body. The colors on her back symbolize my inability to bring light to the situation of the mother. The front colors symbolize the different world that the mother is in with her child as she embraces the emptiness in her arms. You could also say that that emptiness becomes a part of her as well as the void of Jesus' body which seems to be embossed into Mary. The highlights of white on Jesus' face, the faint white glow outlining his body, and the highlights of yellow on Mary's expression symbolize the hope and grace that I was not fully aware of in the moment where I wished to bring hope and grace to the mother. I felt helpless in that situation but just as God's love was at work when sin put Christ to death and was laid in his mother's arms in what would eventually result in the resurrection, God's love was also at work in that mother and child at the hospital to bring fruit to their situation as well even if I was unable to see it.

The title, *On the Nature of Daylight*, is a song composed by Max Richter and was used in the movie, *Arrival*. The song was played during very important scenes that give insight to the relationship between the mother and her child in the movie as well as give clues to a very surprising plot twist in the end. To explain this relationship without spoiling the plot, it illustrated the willingness of the mother to embrace and love her child even when she knew the suffering that would inevitably come along with it which struck me as a great theme of Mary because that is exactly what she went through with Jesus. To me it also connects back to the mother who lost her child because what I found out from the nurses was that this wasn't her first child. Her first child she lost due to a miscarriage and even though she knew that she could risk experiencing the same heartbreak and anguish if she lost her child again, she was still willing to bring another life into the world out of love. This song happened to be played as a prelude to Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception when I had completed this drawing. I thought that it was only fitting that I title this piece after the song.

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

RESPECT LIFE

“As disciples of Jesus, we are called to become neighbors to everyone (cf. Lk 10:29-37), and to show special favor to those who are poorest, most alone and most in need. In helping the hungry, the thirsty, the foreigner, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned—as well as the child in the womb and the old person who is suffering or near death—we have the opportunity to serve Jesus.”

*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 87.
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KNOWLEDGE & PRAYER SERIES 2020

“Illinois Catholic Physicians, Please Check your Conscience at the Door!”

(part 2 of our Humanae Vitae discussion)



DR. ROBERT C. LAWLER
Obstetrician and Gynecologist

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 2020
7 P.M.**
OUR LADY OF THE WOODS
10731 W. 131ST ST.,
ORLAND PARK, IL

SPONSORED BY THE MULTI-PARISH RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES OF
St. Bernard's - St. Francis of Assisi - Our Lady of the Woods - St. Michael
Our Mother of Good Counsel - Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN DRAMA CLUB

Proudly Presents:
DISNEY FROZEN JR

Music and Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez
Book by Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney Film by Jennifer Lee and directed by
Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee
Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical
Productions

Saturday, February 15, 2020
3pm and 7pm
Lincoln-Way East Fine Arts Center
201 Colorado Avenue, Frankfort, IL

Tickets: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/36491>

Tickets available for purchase at the door
Adults \$10
Seniors/Students/Children \$6
plus service fee

Mom & Tot Storytime at CJB



We'd love for you to join us!

**Friday, February 28th
Friday, March 27th
Friday, April 24th
Friday, May 15th**



**Sessions meet from 1:00-1:45 PM @ Cardinal
Bernardin School**

Storytime is open to all 2 and 3 year olds.
A parent/guardian must remain with your child.

Listen to a story, make a craft, and participate in fun learning activities while you and your child meet new friends in the CJB community!

Mom & Tot Storytime is FREE, but you must reserve your spot.

Please call 708-403-6525 ext. 151 or email
brachanski@cjbschool.org

Reservations must be made by the Friday before your session date.
15 children max, per session.

**CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
WE ARE YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!**

9250 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL, 60487



**Mission Trip Meeting
and Pew Cleaning
Sunday February 9,
2020
11:30—4:00**

**Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)
Monday February 17,
2:30-4:30**

Serve the hungry through packing meals at FMSC in Aurora. We have 14 spaces reserved, come and do what you can on your day off of school.

Sign Up deadline is Feb. 12

Contact Matt Toohill sfyg@sfaorland.org
708-460-0042

Live with passion and Join the Passion Play

The passion play is the proclamation of the passion of Jesus, and dates back to the Medieval era. At St. Francis of Assisi teen and adult volunteers work together to proclaim the gospel at mass Palm Sunday in an accurate, reverent, and quality way which respects the flow of the sacred liturgy.

We will begin on Sunday, February 23 and conclude with performances on Palms Sunday weekend, April 4 & 5 at the 5:15, 9:00, and 12:00 Masses.

Sign up now and let your acting skills shine.



REFLECTION FROM NCYC 2019

By, Tess Deneen

NCYC was a fantastic experience that truly impacted my life in an amazing way. NCYC helped me reflect on who I am as a person and what I could do to become a better version of myself. I had attended different church camp type things before and I can honestly say nothing compares. Going into this I did not have any expectations whatsoever because I was not able to attend the meetings for it. I am kind of a shy person so I was a little nervous about rooming with three other girls I hadn't met for about three days. Within the first five minutes of a three hour long car ride, we were laughing and talking like we had known each other for years.



I used to live in Oklahoma (which is the Baptist bible belt) so I had never really met a ton of people who share the same faith. With this in mind, you can only imagine my surprise when I saw what looked like a million kids my age who all were passionate about being Catholic! Furthermore, I was absolutely amazed by the fact that the entire Colts stadium was filled up with people just like me. Don't get me wrong, it was absolutely freezing and the distance between our hotel and the stadium were not ideal; however, that did not bother me because I was distracted by the many laughs and deep talks shared between my new best friends and I. I can say that my very favorite part was either when we got to see many interesting speakers every morning or when we had our nightly discussions while eating a boat load of ice cream. I learned many different things about my faith and I got to see the different viewpoints that the Catholic church has on issues that many teens and people close to my age have. By the end of it I had three close friends, and an eye opening experience that strengthened my faith all together.

I know that some people my age might be hesitant about attending something of this nature because they may be shy or uncomfortable with talking about their faith, but I would argue that NCYC can only make someone feel more comfortable and confident in regards to what they believe. If I could, I would definitely do it again without even having to think about it. I highly recommend NCYC to everyone who is able to attend.

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
Betty Devine
Dylan Dryer
Rochello Gonzalogo
Patricia Hebda
Louis Kearns
Vera Kelly
Lorraine Kowalkowski
Virginia Lesnet
Debbie Lipien
Sylvia Lukas
Irene Musur
Rosemary Odewald
Giovanna Picciolini
Dale Schuit
Lisa Simatz
Marge Stevens
Louis Tassone
Denise Umporowicz
Carl Walsh
Marian Ward
Richard Webster
Delphine Zielinski



**Fr. Ildephonse
(Edward)
Skorup**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 08

5:15 PM Pauline Ciorrocchi, rq. by Family and Maria Winiarski Duffy, rq. by Family and Steve Grahovac, rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz and Helen Capriglione, rq. by Margaret Werner and Sharon Hajik, rq. by the Carlo Family

Sunday, February 09

7:30 AM Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike & Tom Foley and Dennis Niswonger, rq. by Mick & Barb Basila

9:00 AM Schweiger & Norris Families, rq. by The Family and Bianca Liptak, rq. by Liptack Family and Joyce March, rq. by Joseph March

10:30 AM Helen Neubauer, rq. by Family and Frank Zito, rq. by Barb Moser and Thomas Gallagher, rq. by Family and Sharon Hajik, rq. by Jill Topf

12:00 PM People of St. Francis

Monday, February 10

7:45 AM Rosina Lovenzini

Tuesday, February 11

7:45 AM Francis Griffin

Wednesday, February 12

7:45 AM Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike and Tom Foley

Thursday, February 13

7:45 AM Clement Sarge, rq. by Family

Friday, February 14

7:45 AM Barbara Boscarino, rq. by Family and Les McKane, rq. by Trisha Goldberg and Gerry Greene, rq. by Herrebut Family

Saturday, February 15

5:15 PM Frances Wiklanski, rq. by The Grekowicz Family and John Lebert, rq. by Hansen Family and Helen Dorothy Cava, rq. by Marie Snow and William Fountas and Charles Prochaska, rq. by Ed & Maureen Krzyminski

Sunday, February 16

7:30 AM Tom Killoren, rq. by Rita Killoren and Tony DiGerlando, rq. by Mick & Barb Basila and Anthony Zambuto, Jr., rq. by Tony & Fran Zambuto and Henry Platos, rq. by Greg & Barb Kaczmarczyk

9:00 AM People of St. Francis

10:30 AM Felicia Narbone, rq. by the Narbone Family and Thomas Gallagher, rq. by Family and Carol Battaglia, rq. by Topolski Family and Michelle Smith, rq. by Topolski Family and Joann Bischoff, rq. by Family

12:00 PM Zofia & Chester Cieczczak, rq. by Christina & Bart Karpiel and June Krzyston, rq. by Pacholski & Dyrcon Families and Doris Bjorklund, rq. by McGovern Family



*In Our
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

	February 15 Saturday, 5:15 PM	February 16 Sunday, 7:30 AM	February 16 Sunday, 9:00 AM	February 16 Sunday, 10:30 AM	February 16 Sunday, 12:00 PM
Presider	Fr. Jay Suero	Fr. Jay Suero	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Rich Young
Deacon	Daniel Carroll	Daniel Carroll	Michael Pindelski	Mike Kiley	Mike Kiley
Sacristan	Elaine Erdman	Olga Bartell	Betty Kameron	Wendy Freer	Laureen Pietranczyk
Lector	William Farrell (1) Robert Thies (2)	Richard Klein (1) VOLUNTEER NOW (2)	Vincent Pryor (1) Thomas Glynn (2)	John Pacholski (1) Sheila Pacholski (2)	James Massimilian (1) VOLUNTEER NOW (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Robert Carlo Victoria Carlo Daniel Carroll Elaine Erdman Diana Kuffa Diane McErlean Katherine Nicholson Fr. Jay Suero Nancy Sullivan Tricia Vidinich John Zubik Sandra Zubik	Steve Alessi Olga Bartell Daniel Carroll Michael Doyle Patricia Doyle Bernard Flanagan Gael Gensler Vince Saavedra Lynne Sparks Fr. Jay Suero	Joyce Bakotic (sub requested) Kathleen Biederman William Carroll (sub requested) Patricia Flynn Joan Giorgetti Betty Kameron Jocelyn Mangila Michael Pindelski Cheryl Pryor Fr. Jay Suero Carmelita Tangonan David Trzesniewski	Michael Curran Wendy Freer Linda Higgins Mike Kiley Rob Klein Toni Klein Robert J. McGuire Janet Modelski Sharon Moe Sheila Ramsey Mary Ann Schillaci Rev. Rich Young	Carlene Catalano Mike Kiley Robert Long Joan Ondrus (sub requested) Nancy Palacz Marcia Pavela Laureen Pietranczyk Margaret Sabadosa Jeannine Witowski Rev. Rich Young
Altar Server	Jayden Tan Aaron Vales Ronan Vales	Jack Strolia Mia Strolia Jack Tobin	Brendan Siemiawski Chris Vittori (sub requested) Gabi Vittori (sub requested)	Jimmy Piko Jeremy Pozen Michael Szumowicz	Josh Kane Ryan Kane (sub requested) Beck Stukel
Usher	Richard Rzeszutko (HU) Alice Rzeszutko Renee Farrell Richard Roberts Lawrence McGrenera Cathy Arzbaeher	James Pedersen (HU) Martin Powers (sub requested) Bud Wyman Mary Ann Wyman	Wayne Kameron (HU) Ann Carroll Lori Simard Brian Barrett Harriet Antkiewicz Nancy Celeski	James Winters (HU) Brian Whiteford Janice Ota John Higgins John Higgins, Jr. Gregory Fifer	Laura Tucco (HU) Luke Hosty VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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.

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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
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9250 W.167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487
Phone: 708-403-6525
Interim Principal: James P. Antos
Web page: 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.