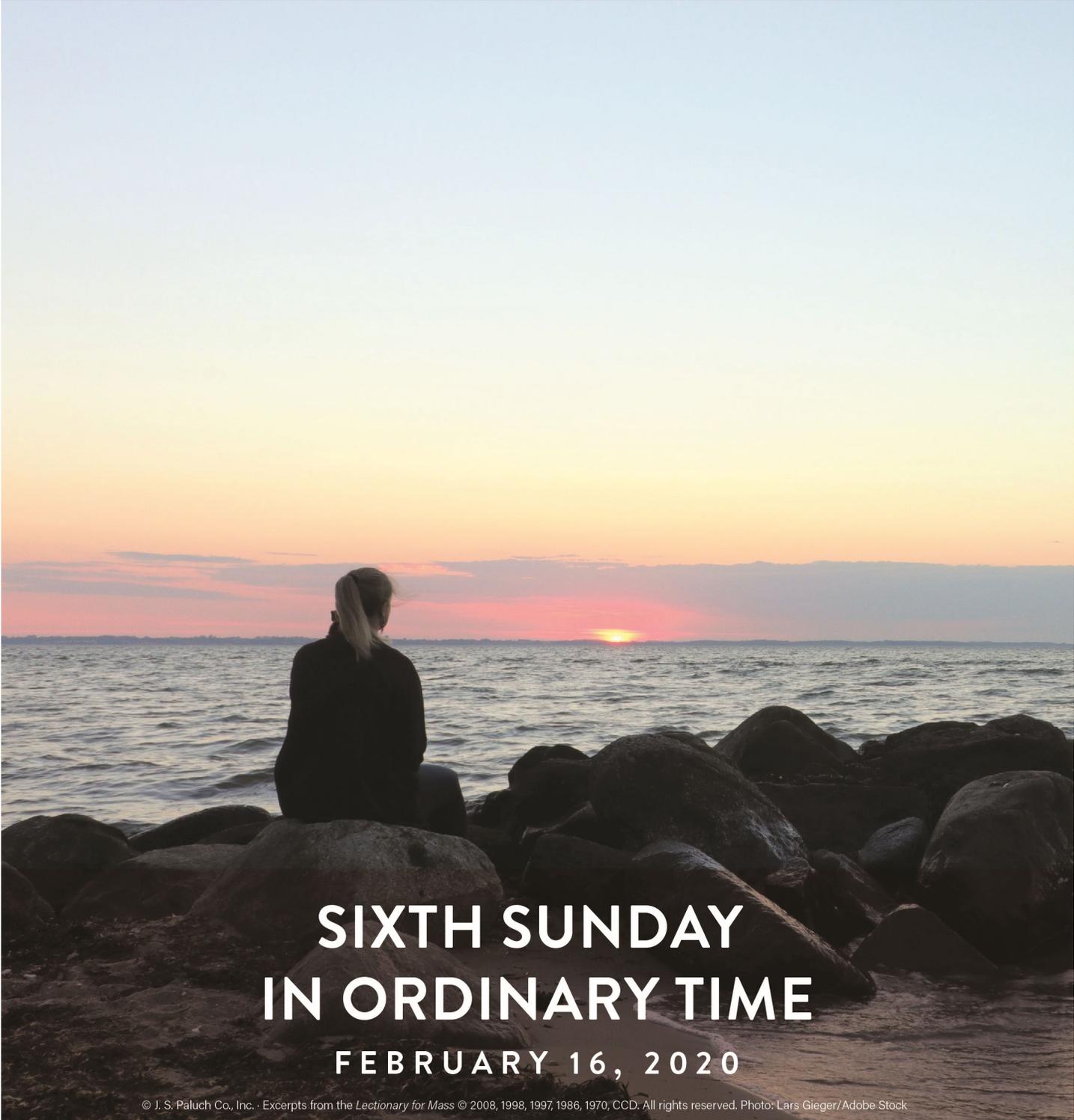


AMEN I SAY TO YOU,  
UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY,  
NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER  
OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER  
WILL PASS FROM THE LAW.

MATTHEW 5:18

A person with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a dark jacket, is sitting on large, dark rocks by the sea. The sun is setting on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow in the sky. The water is calm with gentle ripples. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

## MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR



*Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor*

*February 16, 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***

“Don’t suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the scriptures—either God’s Law or the Prophets. I’m not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God’s Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God’s Law will be alive and working.

“Trivialize even the smallest item in God’s Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in the kingdom. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won’t know the first thing about entering the kingdom. (from Matthew 5).

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

Few of us love the law. In a country that sometimes views government with hostility and authority with suspicion, our reflexive stance toward rules is to shred first, reconsider later. Maybe. Many of us don’t even read the operating instructions on what we buy, though our personal safety may be compromised: Just plug it in, hit the ON button, and hope for the best!

When we live this way—start it up and full speed ahead, without considering the rules of the road—it can lead to trouble, even mortal peril. Though we often regard laws as barbed wire designed to entrap our freedom, they might also be viewed as the means to secure our liberty. If any idiot on the road could do as he or she pleases, travel would be open only to those who value their lives and the lives of others quite lightly.

When Jesus extends the law in his Sermon on the Mount, he’s not doing it to make life harder than it already is. Jesus builds a fence around the law, as the rabbis phrase it. He tells us that the road to murder begins on the path of anger; adultery’s highway has an entrance ramp from lust. If sin is not your destination, then by all means don’t travel its tributaries. Properly understood, law deserves its own fan club. God’s laws are designed, after all, with your happiness and user-satisfaction in mind.

### ***Pilgrimage***

Since this last Saturday, a group from our parish, along with me, have been visiting the sites of Holy Land. We are following the footsteps of Jesus, praying for all of you. Keep us in your prayers and see you in 10 days.

### ***Annual Catholic Appeal***

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway (February 22/23). As we contemplate God’s gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our Archdiocese and the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude.

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

### Monday, February 17 - President's Day

- ◆ Mass at 7:45 am
- ◆ Offices Closed
- ◆ Feed My Starving Children, 1:30 pm (Off Campus)

### Tuesday, February 18

- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Book Club, 1:00 pm (NR)

### Wednesday, February 19

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

### Thursday, February 20

- ◆ Friends of St. Francis, 12:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Mandatory Confirmation Practice (CH)
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul, 7:00 pm (GR)

### Friday, February 21

- ◆ Cub Scouts Tour (GR)
- ◆ A.A., 7:30 pm (NR)

### Saturday, February 21

- ◆ Sacrament of Confirmation, 9:00 am (CH, GR, UH)
- ◆ Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend

### Sunday, February 22

- ◆ Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend
- ◆ Youth Ministry (Peer Ministry), 11:30 am (SFR)
- ◆ Passion Play Practice, 7:00 pm (CH, SFR)

## SAVE THE DATE

### 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**

The Social Committee at  
St. Francis of Assisi

Annual Fish Fry  
Friday, February 28, 2020

SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS



**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 announce-

ment 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.

## 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



### *St. Francis of Assisi Pilgrimage to Italy June 2 – 14, 2020*

*Join us as we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Ven-  
ice.*

*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.*

## 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.

## 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!**

## 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 sea-food, 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.

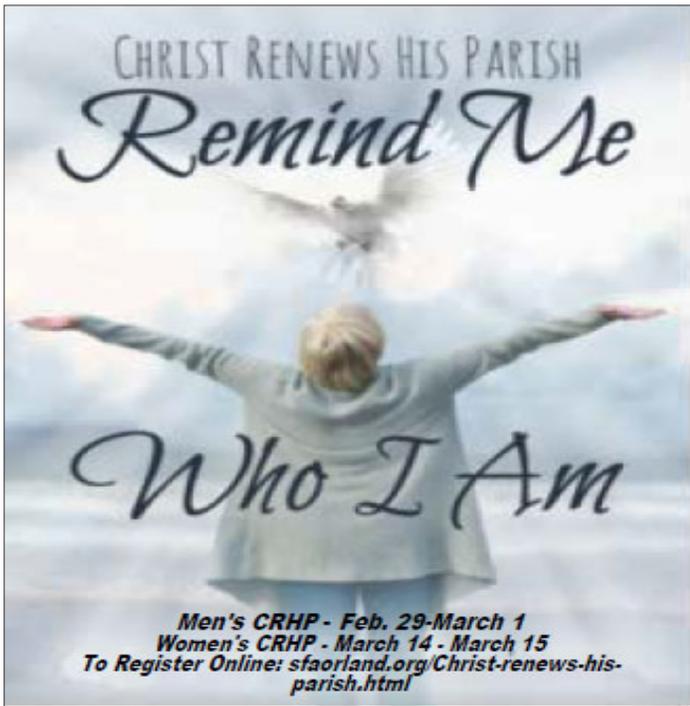
Please feel free to bring your own beer or wine.

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





My name is Ann Carroll and I would like to share my reflection of CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish). Since becoming a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in 1995, I have always been involved, especially because getting involved was a way to get to “know” people.

I was asked, numerous times, to attend CRHP and continuously responded, **no!** FEAR of the unknown and extending myself beyond my comfort zone, as well as excuses stopped me. Until I opened my heart to the “nudging” of God and witnessed the relationships and bonds of friendship among the women of CRHP, did I commit and respond **YES** to attending CRHP.

If you, like me, think there is something missing in your life, I would strongly encourage you to take a chance, step out of your comfort zone and consider attending CRHP. During the **30 Hour CRHP Experience**, women give witness of the importance of God in their everyday life and how God has touched their lives, their very heart and soul. I was inspired and encouraged by their strength and faith.

CRHP was an opportunity for me to grow in my relationship with God and others. Through CRHP, I experienced a different level of “knowing” the women of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. I cherish the relationships and bonds I have formed with the women of CRHP, each a blessing in my life and hold a special place in my heart.

## 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.



## EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

### 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**  
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## RESPECT LIFE

“Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Our efforts—whether educational, pastoral, or legislative—will be less than fully fruitful if we do not change hearts and if we do not ourselves overcome our own spiritual blindness. Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and our souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.”

*“Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities”  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

### 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](mailto:brachanski@cjbschool.org)

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

15 children max, per session.

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### Feed My Starving Children

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](mailto:sfyg@sfaorland.org)  
708-460-0042



### 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.

Jesus said, “I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the ...”

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K \_\_\_\_\_.”

*Answer: Kingdom of heaven*

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### REFLECTION FROM NCYC 2019

By, Charlotte Reynolds

NCYC was a memory I will never forget. An amazing opportunity with amazing people. This trip introduced me to my 3 best friends. Tess, Hailey, and Cecilia. These girls are full of good spirit and energy that made this trip as special as it was. We spent a lot of time eating, walking, laughing, but most importantly we prayed together. This trip was refreshing. I spent more time thinking about my faith than I have ever in my life. It took a lot to get me to NCYC and the fulfillment was rewarding.

As my girls and I walked around the huge conven-



tion center and listened to different conferences, we got the best experience at “Dating 101.” This was one of my favorite parts of the trip. Listening about self worth and respect help me realize that God brings comfort and confidence. This amazing speech inspired all of us to understand self worth. To me it meant to never underestimate or settle. It meant to reach your fullest potential! And I carry this message with me for the rest of my life.

### 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. Contact Matt Toohill at [sfyg@sfaorland.org](mailto:sfyg@sfaorland.org)



### SFA Summer Mission Trip

We have 30 Parishioners attending the Catholic HEART Workcamp Mission Trip July 18-24. On Sunday afternoon of February 9th, participants gathered to clean the pews at St. Francis as a way to contribute to as full parishioners, and keep the Church a clean and welcoming environment.

St. Francis Parish generously donates the collection on Ash Wednesday for mission trip expenses. Teens and adults will be ushering at Ash Wednesday masses and services please donate what you can, and keep us in your prayers as we prepare to serve, pray, and grow in the faith.



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*Be reconciled with your brother,  
and then come and offer your gift*

# Adult Faith Formation

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

Last week I shared some positive experiences I had in the Holy Land. I hoped they might be especially helpful for our parish pilgrims. I continue with another reflection, though I think our pilgrims may have departed. For those who remain, a thought to remember.

In addition to walking the Way of the Cross and a visit to Mt. Tabor, I was touched by an experience on the Sea of Galilee. My sabbatical program arranged for a boat ride on that Sea.

On the grounds, where the dock was located, was a museum. It caught my attention; a boat had been discovered at the bottom of the lake. They made no claim that this boat was used by Jesus. However they claimed its age and construction were around the time of Jesus. I got engrossed, then all of a sudden I realized I needed to get to the boat.

I ran to the dock only to see my fellow priests

heading out. Fortunately, the boat had not gone far and seeing my frantic waving, they returned to the dock.

As I was standing at the dock, I could hear them singing from Amazing Grace. As they came close I could hear, "he once was lost, but now is found". It was soothing.

I was so happy I could take this journey. The Sea of Galilee is the same as it was in the time of Jesus. Unlike many of the other places connected Jesus' life, this is a direct and actual location. Many of the other aspects of Jesus' life are now churches, so they are secondary places of devotion.

On that boat, which had calm waters on the day of our visit, I could imagine Jesus preaching from the shore; resting after a long day preaching; or recalling the storms on that water and calming the disciples. This calm sea, many centuries old, afforded a wonderful time of not only reflection,

but attempting to imagine Jesus carrying out his ministry from the boat or on the shore

The words of that welcome song for me, describes our life. We at times get lost, but when we connect with Jesus we are found.



**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.**

### **The Farewell 2019 (PG Rating)**

This is a film based on the experience of the director, Lulu Wang, and her grandmother, or as the opening words of the movie say, "based on an actual lie." Apparently, in Chinese culture it is common that if a loved one is dying, the family will lie about their health to make sure that he or she is not



terrified but rather comforted in their remaining days of life. In this case, Nai Nai, the grandmother of Billi, the main character of the film, is diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. As an excuse to bring all the relatives together in China to see Nai Nai, the family decides to plan a wedding for Billi's cousin, Hao Hao, who had barely started dating his girlfriend.

The film is aimed at a Western audience exploring this family crisis through the Western lens of Billi a struggling young adult who was born in China but had moved to the United States when she was young. Returning to her homeland with her parents, we see a clash between Eastern and Western ideals that I think hits home not just for Chinese immigrants but those coming from different cultures in general. It is presented in a way that is never patronizing or judgmental to either side and is very neutral in its approach.

We as the audience struggle alongside Billi to understand the Eastern perspective that is more foreign to us. By the end of the film we are a little more sympathetic to the

other side without having felt we were being forced their ideologies. You can tell Wang values both her cultures as part of her life through the respect she gives to both while challenging them at the same time. Her intention is not to convince or change our minds but to give at least a deeper appreciation and understanding of both.

While we see this clash of cultures, what is beautiful is the common ground that brings the family together. They may disagree with what is best in this situation, but what does not need to be said and is what is on genuine display throughout the film is the love and affection the family shares for their matriarch, Nai Nai and the pain and suffering that comes along with the thought of losing her forever.

A subtle image of this theme is the appearance of this sparrow we see at the beginning of the film while we are still in the United States and at the end while they in China. These cultures may be from opposite sides of the globe, but there is a common thread between all cultures that make us all human. As humans we all value the love we have in our lives and we all struggle and suffer when we have to let go of that love. This is especially true when it comes to death, which is something we all eventually confront and it is very important that in the face of this universal crisis that we do not face it alone.

Agree or not with the principles presented in the film, but it does well to

give us pause to think about our mortality and how we should deal with it. I believe this is crucial as human beings not only because we all face it but because we all know deep down that our lives have meaning and purpose and it would be a shame for our lives to come to an end without knowing what that is. While there is unavoidable pain and suffering when it comes to death, fortunately as Christians there is hope beyond the horizon of our earthly demise.

There is nothing on this earth that can rob us of our meaning and purpose save for our refusal to pursue it because our meaning and purpose is rooted in the very person of Christ who has conquered death itself in the image of the resurrection. Make no mistake; this does not magically make the pain of the death of a loved one go away. Even Jesus wept at the death of his dear friend Lazarus because death was never part of the divine plan but a consequence and wound of sin.

We were never meant to be separated from our loved ones especially from the love of God. However, as long as we welcome this love into our lives, we realize all pain and suffering, even death itself is temporary. All find its healing and fulfillment in the heart of God.

## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

### 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](http://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!**



The St. Francis Helping Hands Committee would like to extend a big "Thank You" to all those who contributed to this year's COURAGE BABY SHOWER. We collected over \$1,200 and contributed numerous new baby items to help mothers in need. A special thank you to all those who volunteered!

The COURAGE Program is a special and unique ministry based at St. Germaine Parish in Oak Lawn, Illinois.

COURAGE is a volunteer organization built on compassion and Christian values, advocating for pregnant young women and their families.

Your generous donations will assist many "courageous" young mothers who have chosen life for their babies.

Just a reminder....Coupon donations are collected all year for "Courage" in the baby box located in the Narthex. The coupons need to be current.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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!





Vicariate V Ministry  
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**Sponsors a Two Part  
MINISTER OF CARE  
TRAINING**

**St. Patricia Parish  
Center**  
9000 S. 86th Avenue  
Hickory Hills, IL 60457  
708-598-5232



**Saturdays, March 14 and 22, 2020 (Bring a bagged lunch).** from 9 am to 2:30 pm both days  
This workshop will be facilitated by **Jeanne Lassandrello**

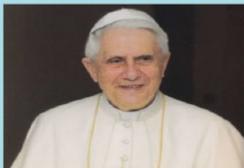
Participation in these two sessions meets the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago, requirements to be eligible for mandating as a parish Minister of Care, ministering to the sick and homebound members of the parish. Participants must be approved and sent by a member of their parish Pastoral Team. Preparation includes such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged, the experience of suffering, dying and death, pastoral listening skills, prayer and Eucharist, and the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. This seminar provides fresh theology and insights into the pastoral practice of the Ministry of Care.

Missy Keegan to register at [Mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com](mailto:Mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com)(708) 598-5222. The sessions will be held at St. Patricia School Hall 9000 South 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hickory Hills, IL 60457

**Jeanne Lassandrello** is commissioned as a Lay Ecclesial Minister in the Archdiocese of Chicago. She served as Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education at St Christopher Parish in Midlothian for 8 years. She is currently the Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education at St Germaine Parish in Oak Lawn. Jeanne earned a Master of Arts Degree Pastoral Ministry at Catholic Theological Union, and is presently a candidate for the Doctorate of Ministry from the University of St Mary of the Lake.

## Creation Care Corner

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



*... "The environment  
is God's gift  
to everyone."*

— Pope Benedict XVI

### **THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:**

**Lent is coming.** Consider a "fast" for Creation Care... sacrificing some comfort, giving up a wasteful practice, or modifying your actions to reduce harm to the environment. Some ideas include:

- **A Meat Fast:** How about adding a meatless Monday to meatless Fridays? What about eating only chicken when you do eat meat, or sustainably caught fish?
- **An Energy Fast:** How about turning the thermostat down 2-5°F lower than usual and putting that sweater on? And maybe turn the water heater down to 120°F and only take 3-minute showers?
- **A "Stuff" Fast:** Buying only the bare minimum of essentials you need and simplifying your life? And how about staying away from as much plastic as you can and minimizing your waste stream?



**We joyfully welcomed  
the following  
child into our Chris-  
tian Community:**

**February 9, 2020**

**Mack Daniel Wilson**  
Son of Daniel Wilson and Amanda McMahan



**Teresa Stepien**

**Ed Wall**

**Cecilia Wolf**

## 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 Gonzalگو  
Patricia Hebda  
Louis Kearns  
Vera Kelly  
Lorraine Kowalkowski  
Virginia Lesnet  
Debbie Lipien  
Sylvia Lukas  
Irene Musur  
Rosemary Odewald  
Giovanna Picciolini  
Barb Radice  
Dale Schuit  
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Denise Umporowicz  
Carl Walsh  
Marian Ward  
Richard Webster  
Delphine Zielinski



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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### 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 Karpel and June Krzyston, rq. by Pacholski & Dyrcon Families and Doris Bjorklund, rq. by McGovern Family

### Monday, February 17

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

### Tuesday, February 18

**7:45 AM** Claudia Roche

### Wednesday, February 19

**7:45 AM** Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike & Tom Foley and Peter Cunningham, rq. by Family

### Thursday, February 20

**7:45 AM** Joseph Sopata, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos

### Friday, February 21

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

### Saturday, February 22

**5:15 PM** Mary Piazza, rq. by Family and Estelle Czub, rq. by Family and Helen Capriglione, rq. by Cindy Bennecke and Sharon Hajik, rq. by Dan & Jerry LaRoche and Anna Kubicz, rq. by Family

### Sunday, February 23

**7:30 AM** Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike & Tom Foley and Marie & Bob Burns, rq. by Dave & Mary Burns and Vince McNulty, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos and Tom Kelly, rq. by Anne Kelly

**9:00 AM** Susan E. O'Connor, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll and John Cairo, rq. by Michael Kiley and Mark Grennell, rq. by Michael Kiley and Juliane Paluch, rq. by Mike & Teri Stephens

**10:30 AM** People of St. Francis

**12:00 PM** Cecelia Wolf, rq. by Robert's Family



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

# 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 22, 5:15 PM	February 23, 7:30 AM	February 23, 9:00 AM	February 23, 10:30 AM	February 23, 12:00 PM
<b>Presider</b>	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Mike Schaab	Rev. Mike Schaab
<b>Deacon</b>	Mike Kiley	John Donahue	Daniel Carroll	Michael Pindelski	VOLUNTEER NOW
<b>Sacristan</b>	Susan Vari	Dolores Grekowicz	Kathleen Biederman	Cindy Lucio	Adrienne Wieczorek
<b>Lector</b>	James Walsh (1) (sub requested) Jill Dwyer (2)	Alice Rzeszutko (1) Patricia Flynn (2)	Marilyn Nelson (1) Casimir (Casey) Pytel (2) (sub requested)	Greg Moe (1) Thomas Glynn (2)	James Massimilian (1) Elena Reklaitis (2)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Beth Bruozis Ann Czarny Elizabeth Giron Lisa Kacerovskis Mike Kiley Richard Klein Lorraine Martenson Maureen Niswonger Rev. Artur Sowa Martin Terpstra Pat Trebe Susan Vari	Kathleen Boland David Burns John Donahue Daniel Faxel Bernard Flanagan Lisa Freisleben Gael Gensler Patricia Grasso Dolores Grekowicz Rev. Artur Sowa	Steve Alessi Kathleen Biederman Daniel Carroll Kathleen Cech Thomas Cech James Dykas Betty Kameron Diane Ostrowski Kathleen Ostrowski Judee Tan Anthony Vassolo Rev. Rich Young	Deborah Burzinski Susan Campagna Mary Greenan George Kaminski Rob Klein Toni Klein Karen Koehler Cindy Lucio Robert J. McGuire Sharon Moe Michael Pindelski Rev. Mike Schaab	Diane Budz Robert Long Mary Jo Noreikis Marilyn O'Sullivan Laureen Pietranczyk Vince Saavedra Rev. Mike Schaab Adrienne Wieczorek Thomas Wieczorek VOLUNTEER NOW
<b>Altar Server</b>	Anthony Picciolini Jack Tobin Anna Walsh (sub requested)	Moira Conway Mark Freisleben Nicole Freisleben	Elizabeth Dykas Emily Dykas Jayden Tan	Anna Bianco Taylor Healy Michael Szumowicz	Patrick Curran Julia Malysz Beck Stukel
<b>Usher</b>	Lawrence McGrenera (HU) Jim Arzbaecher Cathy Arzbaecher Nancy Sullivan Teri Sankey Timothy Harris	Bud Wyman (HU) Mary Ann Wyman Harriet Antkiewicz James Pedersen	Richard Wysocki (HU) Peter Walsh Roger Malinowski Linda Malinowski Oriano Pagnucci Keith Nelson	George Kelley (HU) Kelly Struck (sub requested) Wade Walder Gregory Fifer Jay Modelski James Ward	Don (David) Hodson (HU) Rosalie Hodson (sub requested) Luke Hosty VOLUNTEER NOW

## Parish Stewardship

	<u>01/26/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 751,360.00
<b>Collected</b>	\$ <u>24,994.00</u>	\$ <u>743,207.00</u>
<b>Net</b>	\$ <b>1,514.00</b>	(\$ <b>8,153.00</b> )

Please consider signing up for electronic giving.

Go to our website, [www.sfaorland.org](http://www.sfaorland.org) and press the "Donate Now" button.

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

## HOLY MATRIMONY

With joy, we announce the marriage of

**Mateusz Niemiec & Michelle Krzystyniak**

February 8, 2020

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

# 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**

REV. ARTUR SOWA, **Pastor**  
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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**  
**Office Manager:** Paula Belski (pbelski@sfaorland.org)  
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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.