

**Ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door  
will be opened to you.**

**LUKE 11:9**

**Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**JULY 28, 2019**

## MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR

July 28, 2019



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

*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**

One day he was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Master, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

So he said,

*"When you pray, say,*

*Father,*

*Reveal who you are.*

*Set the world right.*

*Keep us alive with three square meals.*

*Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.*

*Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil."*

Then he said, "Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don't have a thing on hand.'

"The friend answers from his bed, 'Don't bother me. The door's locked; my children are all down for the night; I can't get up to give you anything.'

"But let me tell you, even if he won't get up because he's a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he'll finally get up and get you whatever you need.

*"Here's what I'm saying:*

*Ask and you'll get;*

*Seek and you'll find;*

*Knock and the door will open.*

"Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing—you're at least decent to your own children. And don't you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?" (from Luke 11).

### **Notes on the Scripture**

Teaching is mostly conceived as an academic process relegated to schools or online programs. But the most meaningful lessons we learn happen far from classrooms. What did you learn simply from growing up in the environment that produced you? What did you imbibe from family members, storybooks, personal heroes, or actual experiences? When the disciples of Jesus ask for praying lessons, they've already observed how disciplined Jesus is in his own habits. Jesus teaches them the Lord's Prayer—but he'd already taught them, by his example, the importance of praying.

### **Welcome Fr. Jay**

Fr. Jay started his ministry here, at SFA, at the beginning of the month, it has been 4 weeks now, but I know it will take more time for all of us to get to know him and him to get to know us. Please, continue to introduce yourself, and more importantly, continue to pray for him, as he begins his ministry at our parish. WELCOME FR. JAY!!!

### **Personal Note**

We are getting ready to leave for our 12 day Pilgrimage to Ireland/Scotland/England. We have a great group from our parish and I am looking forward to this wonderful trip. Please, check our [facebook](#) page and our website for some photos and pray for our safe journey. FYI – I will also stay a little longer in Europe and visit my family afterwards.

*Fr. Artur Sowa*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

### Monday, July 29

- ◆ St. Francis Golf League, 7:30 am (Off Campus)

### Tuesday, July 30

- ◆ Foccus, 7:00 pm (GR)

### Wednesday, July 31

- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:00 am (GR)

### Friday, August 02

- ◆ AA Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

### Saturday, August 03

- ◆ Crisis Center Collection

### Sunday, August 04

- ◆ Crisis Center Collection
- ◆ Mission Trip to Sacred Heart, 10:30 am (Off Campus)

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## MARRIED IN 1969?

### Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2:45 p.m. The Mass will be held at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Illinois.

To register, please contact your local parish, or register online at [pvm.archchicago.org](http://pvm.archchicago.org).

**We hope to see you there!**



## SAVE THE DATES

**Mass for the  
Feast of the Assumption  
Thursday, August 15  
7:45 am and 7:00 pm**

**Parish  
Summerfest  
Saturday  
Aug. 17th**

All are invited!  
More details on  
page 05!



**St. Francis of Assisi 9th Annual  
Women's Day of Reflection  
Saturday, October 26th  
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

More details to follow in future bulletins.  
Can't wait to see you there!



## Take us out to the ballgame!

Join us for a Cubs  
baseball game at  
Brewers Stadium  
in Milwaukee.

**Chicago Cubs vs.  
Milwaukee  
Brewers!!**

**Date:** Thursday,  
September 5,  
2019. First pitch is  
6:10 pm

**Time:** Motor  
coach leaves St.  
Francis parking lot  
at 3:00 pm

**Cost:** \$70 per  
person. Price in-  
cludes motor  
coach, great seats  
a fun time!

Tickets are limited  
and are first come  
first serve!

Stop in the office  
with your check  
payable to  
St. Francis of  
Assisi to reserve  
your spot on  
this day trip.

Please contact  
Barb Walder at  
708-351-8994  
or  
Barbwalder  
@yahoo.com  
with any questions.



## SFA SUMMERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you a talented  
DJ or are you  
in a BAND?

HS Bands, we will give  
services hours!!!



We are looking for either to  
DONATE your time at our  
SFA Summerfest!

Please contact  
Michelle Toppi at  
708-560-3381

Looking for  
High School &  
Adult VOLUNTEERS!

HS Service hours  
will be given!

Event is from 11-3pm  
Saturday August 17th

If you have a couple  
hours, please contact  
Michelle Toppi at  
708-560-3381



Men's Renewal Event,  
February 28 & March 1,  
2020

Women's Renewal  
Event, March 14 & 15,  
2020

Online Registration  
Available:

[www.sfaorland.org/christ-renews-his-parish.html](http://www.sfaorland.org/christ-renews-his-parish.html)

At the invitation of  
the Diocesan Direc-  
tor for the Propaga-  
tion of the Faith and  
within the frame-  
work of the Mission  
Cooperative Plan,  
Missionaries of the  
Sacred Heart, Fr.  
Quy Tran, MSC will  
be here to talk to us  
at all the Masses on  
the weekend of Au-  
gust 17-18, 2019.  
Mission appeals di-  
rectly remind us that  
the Church is uni-  
versal and mission-  
ary by nature and  
presents us with an  
opportunity to share  
in missionary work.



## Summerfest 2019

Join us on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 3:00



*Jumpies*

*Obstacle Course*

*Pony Rides*

*Fire trucks – Police cars*

*Games*

*Face painting*

*Balloons*

*Bingo*

*Car Show (sponsored by  
the Knights of Columbus)*

*Popcorn ✪ Cotton*

*Candy ✪ Sno Cones*

*Music and more....*

*'Joey's Red Hots' will be  
here from 11:00 – 1:30  
with \$5.00 combo meals.*



Remember, there is no admission fee. Free to all families (with the exception of Joey's purchases)

# SFA Parent



**Date:** Monday, August 19th

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:00 PM

**Location:** St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Center

**Topic:** Overcoming Addictions

Parents and Teens COME to a very special evening with Christopher Gomez as he tells his very powerful Witness on how he overcame his addictions to alcohol and drugs as a teenager. Chris, a beloved son of God, will share his story about how he capitalized on this one true identity which has allowed him to build an enterprise rooted in Christian values while weathering the storms of life.

He will inspire and motivate you to enrich your relationship with Jesus Christ. You will learn more about:

- The power of an identity rooted in Christ
- How decisions shape your destiny
- The redemptive love of our Lord Jesus Christ
- A tangible way to battle addictions in your community through a 2019 year-old proven method

As a public speaker, Christopher has made several appearances on NBC, CBS, WGN, Shalom Media, and is a regular contributor on Relevant Radio and the Chicago Tribune. Along with three other respected business leaders, Christopher met through Christianity, he recently opened the management consulting company Spirit Consulting. Christopher serves on the board of Catholic Sports Camp, a nonprofit organization CMG founded along with Bishop Paprocki, Fr. Burke Masters, Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck and with many others.

Please RSVP to Penny & Dave Drown at [sfalifelines@gmail.com](mailto:sfalifelines@gmail.com) or Sr. Gael Gensler at [ggensler@sfaorland.org](mailto:ggensler@sfaorland.org) or call the parish office at 708.460.0042.

## ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

The book selected for **August 20** is  
**"Where the Crawdads Sing"**  
by Delia Owens.

**1:00 pm in the Niehaus Room**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### St. Francis Mom's Group Water Playdate Join us Saturday August 10, 10 AM



Feel free to bring toys and small pools to share. Water table with toys will be provided. If it rains we will still meet and play with other toys inside.

Contact Alana at [ammitrovich@gmail.com](mailto:ammitrovich@gmail.com)  
with questions



### Moving?

**Stay in touch – please give the  
Parish Office your new address...**

## EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION



**Cardinal Joseph Bernardin  
Catholic School  
Welcomes Interim Principal,  
James P. Antos**



Please read the following letter of introduction:

Summer Greetings to You, Parishioners!

It is indeed an honor and privilege to be with you at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School this upcoming school year. I am most grateful for the opportunity to serve with you in helping to educate your most special of God's blessings -- your daughters and sons. Thank you to Fathers Sowa, Corcoran, Tylka and Bernas for their support and encouragement in this most special ministry. I am so very grateful to Ms. Iannucilli for our long friendship, her gracious collegiality and her outstanding mentoring these past few weeks; she truly is a "result of God's friendship." Everyone whom I have met since arriving at CJB has been so very helpful and welcoming. I certainly understand why this CJB family is so very prayerful and successful. I am happy to be with you.

So now, "who am I?" A quick snapshot or video would tell you that I am from the Marquette Park neighborhood. I went to St. Laurence High School, received my college degrees from Illinois State University and St. Xavier, and currently live in Oak Lawn with my wife, Mary, a retired psychiatric nurse. We have one son who is a high school music director and is married with one son. (Yes, I am a doting Grandpa!) Mary and I are Communion ministers and lectors at St. Germaine's and we have participated in different parish committees like "Christ Renews His Parish" and "Christ Renews His Church."

After serving in Vietnam for 13 months, I have ministered my entire professional life in Catholic high school education. My first five years were spent at Queen of Peace High School and the last 39 years I held a variety of roles at Brother Rice with my last 20 as principal. Admittedly, I enjoyed every moment working and learning with young people. How energizing they all were!

I am hopeful that we will have many opportunities to meet each other, work with each other and "break bread" together. I look forward to a terrific school year ... I know you do, as well!

God bless you and your families and in the spirit of the Gospel messages of love and service and the "charisms" of St. Francis, St. Elizabeth, St. Julie and St. Stephen, I remain,

Jim Antos  
Interim Principal  
*"Live Jesus in Our Hearts, Forever...."*

## **Bible Study Program begins in September**

### **The Study of the Old Testament – Bible Timeline**

Three years ago we began our journey of the Bible by studying this Old Testament program. We have decided to present the Old Testament again this year as several parishioners missed it the first time around. The Bible Timeline study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. Through its 24 sessions, Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life.

Imagine how our parish would change if we had a profound encounter with God in Scripture, and began relating to him in a personal way. The Bible is at the heart of everything we do and believe as Catholics. A good Bible study can renew parish life, and enrich our faith.

If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then I invite you to join us for Bible Timeline beginning September 17 at 8:30am or evenings beginning September 18 at 7pm.

We will register participants in the Narthex before and after all Masses August 16-17, August 23-24 and August 30-September 1.

There will be two classes presented. This one on Bible Timeline and another class on First Letter to the Corinthians and the Book of James. No matter which one you choose I am sure you will be glad you did. For more information, please contact me at [trishagoldberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trishagoldberg@sbcglobal.net)

# Adult Faith Formation

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

***A continuation of the narrative about the appointment of Bishops. This copy is taken from the web page of the United States Conference of Bishops.***

***In some instances, I have added my remarks – to clarify what is contained in the document. I added my initials to the italicized paragraphs to indicate my addition.***

### **Diocesan Bishop**

Pastoral and legal head\* and representative of the diocese.

*\* In the Archdiocese of Chicago all assets are held in the name of the Corporation Sole; that corporation has a single owner, the Archbishop of Chicago. Parish assets are held by the Corporation Sole, but are kept in trust by the Archdiocese. (efu)*

### **Province**

A territory compris-

ing one archdiocese called the metropolitan see, and one or more dioceses called suffragan sees.\* The Code of Canon Law spells out certain limited obligations^ and authority that the metropolitan archbishop has with respect to the dioceses within the province. The United States is divided into 33 ecclesiastical provinces.

*\*The State of Illinois is a province composed of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the diocese of Rockford, Joliet, Peoria, Springfield and Bellville. (efu)*

*^The Vatican has given all Archbishops responsibility, with a lay Board, to investigate abuse charges made against a Bishop. I do not have the complete information. (efu)*

### **Stage 1**

Every bishop may submit to the archbishop of his province, the names of priests he thinks would make good bishops. Prior to the regular province meeting (usually annually) the archbishop distributes to all the bishops of the province the names and curricula vitae of priests which have been submitted to him. Following a discussion among the bishops of the province meeting, a vote is taken on which names to recommend. The number of names on this provincial list may vary. The vote tally, together with the minutes of the meeting, is then forwarded by the archbishop to the apostolic nuncio in Washington. The list is also submitted to the United States Catholic Conference.

### **Stage 2**

By overseeing the list of names forwarded to Rome, the apostolic nuncio plays a decisive role in the selection process. He not only gath-

ers facts and information about potential candidates, but also interprets that information for the Congregation for Bishops. Great weight is given to the nuncios recommen-

dations, but it is important to remember that his “gatekeeper” role, however does not mean that his recommendations are always followed.

*The process is clear, but the names considered are kept confidential. Few know who is being considered. (efu)*

**BIBLE STUDY REFLECTION, by Regina Knapp**

I have completed 3 sessions of Bible Study at St Francis. Why did I start? I had always wanted to read the Bible and tried many times on my own, but I didn't really have an understanding of the context. Tuesday morning classes were perfect for me and a great start to my day. I found the videos and discussions very engaging. Why do I continue? Because along with learn-



ing so much about God's Word, I can now make connections with

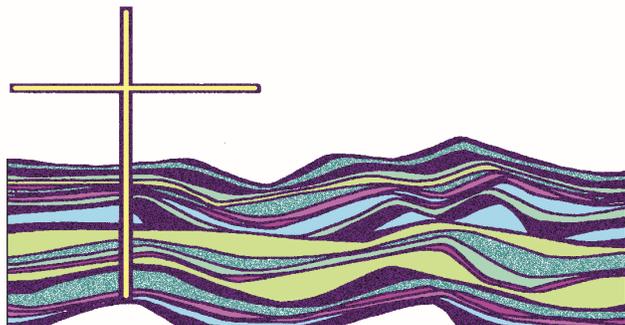
the readings each Sunday in a totally new way. I have a deeper understanding as I listen. But there is also icing on the cake! I have met some wonderful parishioners who have become dear friends. We share a common bond that started with Bible Study. I'm grateful to Trisha Goldberg for introducing this to our parish and to Fr Artur for supporting it!

**ASKING FOR HELP , Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co**

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering

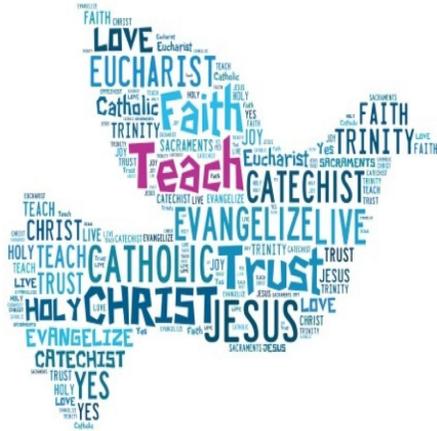
us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.



Asking God for help puts us in conversation

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR 2019-2020



We are looking for Confirmed Adults who are interested in sharing their faith with the children of St Francis. Currently, we have 25 Religious Ed classes in Grades 1 through 8 that do not yet have a Catechist. Volunteers are needed to fill these spots before classes begin in September.

Our weekday classes are held 4:30-6:00pm on Tues, Wed or Thurs. Our Sat morning classes are 8:30-10am. Each class meets twice a month from Sept - May. Our Catechist Orientations begin the week of August 13

If you would like to volunteer, or have thought about it and have questions, please contact the Religious Ed Office at 708-460-0155. Monday through Friday.



### South Bend Adventure

Sunday  
August 11

7:00 AM-5:00 PM  
\$35.00

Bring a friend to the third annual South Bend Adventure.

We will attend Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and Tour Notre Dame University.

After lunch we will ride the white water rapids of the East Race Waterway.

The rapids are a class 2, expect to get wet, but unlikely to fall in.



Register at  
[sfaorland.org](http://sfaorland.org) under  
Gather tab

Registration and  
payment is due  
Sunday August 4, 2019



### SENIORS & GUESTS

**FIRST MEETING**  
**AUGUST 4, 7:00**  
**PM IN THE**  
**YOUTH ROOM**  
**BRING YOUR**  
**FRIEND, BOTH**  
**OF THEM**

- ◆ Four Days and Three Nights
- ◆ Deepening your faith
- ◆ Actively Living

- Your Faith
- ◆ Exploring Indianapolis
  - ◆ Getting Closer to God
  - ◆ Become a closer parish community
  - ◆ One Life Changing Experience

NCYC is a three day pilgrimage which happens every other year for teens to celebrate, and explore their Catholic Faith. There are large group sessions, workshops, service opportunities, prayer, and Catholics from all over the United States.

**2019**  
TO: INDIANAPOLIS  
INDIANA  
DATES: NOVEMBER  
21-24  
**COST: \$300 +**  
**FUNDRAISING**  
**FRESHMEN**  
**THROUGH**



Registration is open, and a registration link will be emailed to all high school families, be available on our website, and fliers throughout the parish. Registration Closes, and nobody can be added after September 15.



Looking for answers to questions or topics about our Catholic Faith such as:

How to answer the question, "Are You Saved?"

"Why Catholics Have a Pope?"

"Catholic Evangelization: A Target Without a Bullseye?"

"Praying to the Saints, the Communion Fast, and Confession 'Hopping'"

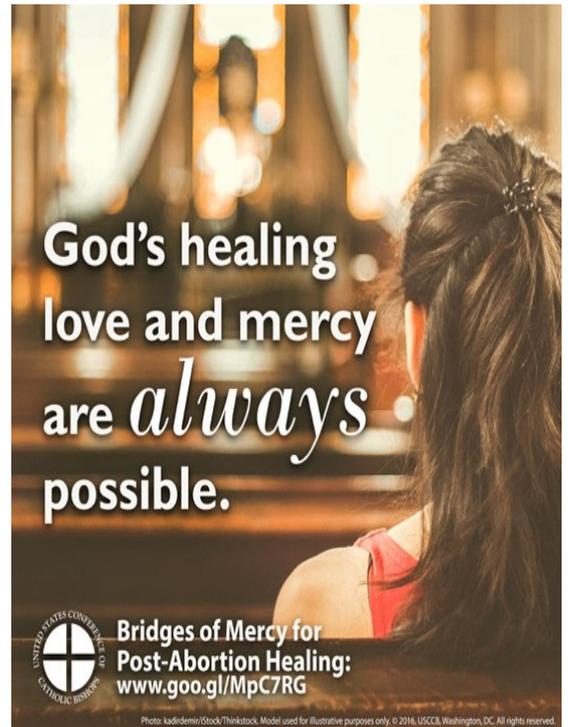
Go to Ascension 99 and see what's happening?

IT'S FREE!

## RESPECT

"O God, you are faithful, and you never abandon those who hope in you. I know that my redemption from sin and death has been purchased at the cost of your Son's blood. In return for this priceless gift, I resolve today to renew my trust in your unfailing mercy."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Trust in God's Mercy" Prayer



## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO FILL CATHOLIC CHARITIES BACKPACK

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, the SFA Catholic Charities Committee will fill and sort approximately 600 backpacks to deliver to area children whose families struggle to provide basic necessities for their families. These families at St. Blase, St. Anne and St. Christopher are all served by Catholic Charities programs in the South and Southwest suburbs.



**PLEASE JOIN US ON MONDAY, AUGUST 5 AFTER MORNING MASS AND/OR AT 6:30 PM IN UPTON HALL TO HELP FILL BACKPACKS.** This is a wonderful project for families, grandparents and grandchildren, neighbors and friends to work on together. Stay as long as you schedule allows. Many, many hands are need and all are welcome!



**BRING THE FAMILY!**

Please contact Maureen Klouda, vikingshockey9@comcast.net or Mary Pat Osoba, mposoba@gmail.com if you have any questions.

On behalf of the SFA Catholic Charities Committee and the families we serve, thank you for your generosity and support.

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the **Crisis Center for South Suburbia**.

The Crisis Center is celebrating throughout the year and a 40th Anniversary traveling silent witness exhibit is available to be displayed throughout community. The display features a large sign with quotes from victims who have benefited from Crisis Center programs and services as well as 'Silent Witness' silhouettes with stories of local domestic victims attached.

The display will be presented in the great room before and after Masses on this weekend. All are invited to visit this very poignant display and to learn about the perils of Domestic Violence.

For more information please contact Maureen Niswonger via email at [maureenniswonger@aol.com](mailto:maureenniswonger@aol.com) or by phone at 708-921-4812.

## You Scream. I Scream. We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Make a kid's day by helping them build the ice cream creation of their dreams following Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Hopkins Park



**Sunday, August 4**

Meet at St. Francis lower level entrance facing Wolf Road at 10:30 a.m.  
Return to St. Francis around 3:00 p.m.

We will also be stocking their pantry. Sacred Heart parishioners appreciate all food donations, but especially need toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, laundry soap, adult diapers, baby diapers, bottled water, Ensure or other nutrition drinks.

Please contact Alice Rzeszutko @ 955-9340 if you can join us!



**Grief Support Group** gathers at St. Francis of Assisi on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**. Next meeting is **August 8 and September 12 at 7:00 pm**. Enter through the main doors of the Church. Each session is independent – and the sessions are open to all. These sessions are help in the Niehaus Room.

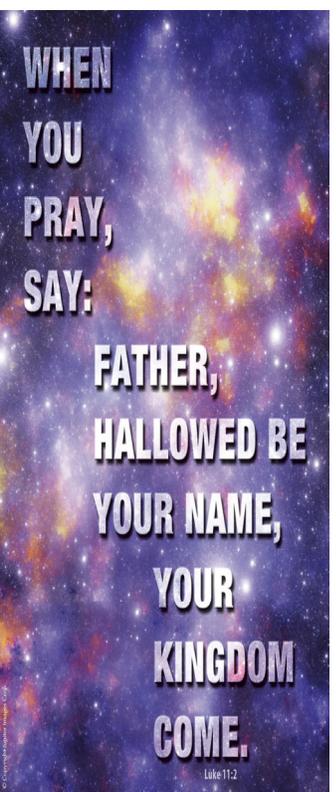


### BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

A Caregiver Support Group meets monthly at St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 S. The meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Niehaus Room (enter through the front doors of the church and turn to the right).



**Our next meetings are August 5 & September 9** (instead of Sept. 2 Labor Day). If you have any questions regarding this group, please call Char Klabacha at 708-602-2019 or Marie Flanagan at 708-687-3351 or talk to Sister Gael at [ggenkler@sfaorland.org](mailto:ggenkler@sfaorland.org)



## The New Normal



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

A cancer support group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, August 13 and September 10 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.

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

Steve Alessi, Laurie Arredondo, Jim Ashcroft, Jeff Belski, Paula Belski, Kelly Boyce, Frank Burkiewicz, Sue Burkiewicz, Brian Burzinski, Susan Campagna, Ann Carroll, Georgia Casella, Carolyn Cumbee, Lora Dulfer, Pam England, Joyce Franklin, Sr. Gael Gensler, Jack Glass, Ray Gold, Gina Gregga, Sharon Hajik, Christina Izguerra, Tami Klein, Lee Knapik, Jerri LaRoche, Doreen Lenczycki, Mary Ann Leodoro, Lorraine Martenson, Tammy McGrath, Linda Misiorowski, Debby Obler, Jerry Obler, Char Oliver, John Oliver, Sally O'Rourke, Sheila Pacholski, Carmel Perino, Katie Peternell, Mary Beth Pratt, Rose Prohaska, Helen Przybysz, Corinna Pytel, Casey Pytel, Alice Rzeszutko, Rich Rzeszutko, Margaret Sabadosa, Jerry Saletta, Kay Saletta, Teri Sankey, Kay Scanlan, Kevin Scanlan, Mary Vaas, Lauren Vari, Anna Walsh, Carmen Walsh, John Wator, Vicki Wator, Jeanine Witowski, Roxanne Zoladz

Very impressive! A huge "THANK YOU" to all of these dedicated members for all you do, chairing various projects, manning tables at Mass, planning, arranging, donating and generally doing whatever possible to accomplish our mission, responding to the needs of those less fortunate. These generous people continue to follow the example of Christ who lived His life in the service of others. We always say that many "hands" can accomplish much! Our sincere thanks to all of you for a year well served!

Sheila Pacholski and Jerri LaRoche,  
Co-Chairs, Helping Hands Committee

### Helping Hands Committee

We wanted to take some time to reflect on what this Committee has accomplished over the last year. Following is a list of our annual and ongoing projects:

- School Supply Drive
- Fall Coat Drive
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Christmas Outreach Project
- Easter Baskets
- Spring and Summer Food Drives
- Blood Drives
- Courage Baby Shower
- Bishop Goedert Residence Dinners
- Baby Bottle Project
- Project Linus Blankets
- Ronald McDonald House toiletries
- Coupons for Courage
- Pop Tabs and Label Program for CJB
- Parish Hospitality

How many Helping "Hands" does it actually take to accomplish all of this? Here are the names of our loyal, hard-working members who never fail to amaze us with all they are willing to do:

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**THEOLOGY ON TAP**



**August 1, 7:00 pm**

**Durbin's, 17265 Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL**

***"Would Jesus Support Black Lives Matter"***

***Gardis H. Watts***

For more information on all of the Theology on Tap events taking place across the Archdiocese of Chicago and in the South Suburban Parishes this summer, please visit [www.totchicago.org](http://www.totchicago.org) or contact Kyle Groves at 708.403.0101 x105 or [kgroves@steseton](mailto:kgroves@steseton).



Peter Viz, a parishioner and an upcoming senior at St. Rita High School, is working to collect baby items and/or donations for the **Women's Center in Chicago**.

As a member of the Pro-Life Club at St. Rita, Peter is looking to help young mothers and families that need aid in

troublesome times and strive to protect the scanty of the family and unborn. Items include baby wipes, diapers, formula, blankets, and especially clothes. Gift cards and other forms of donations are welcomed of course.

**PLAN TO BRING DONATIONS TO CHURCH BEFORE & AFTER MASS AUG. 3 & 4**

Thank you for all the help you will be providing for these children and their families.

**LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO VOLUNTEER???**  
**Volunteer at the South Suburban Center**

Much of the donated food Northern Illinois Food Bank distributes needs to be inspected, sorted and packaged before it's distributed to our hungry neighbors. We simply could not do this without the help of volunteers. Last year, volunteers donated more than 136,000 hours of their time, the equivalent of 65 full-time employees.

Whether you can volunteer once a week, once a month or once a year; individually or with a group of friends, family or colleagues, whatever your commitment, every hour of assistance helps us ensure our hungry neighbors will have access to food in their time of need.

South Suburban Center  
171 S Larkin Ave / Joliet, IL 60436  
Phone: (815) 846-1041

Volunteer Shifts  
Weekdays: Tuesdays at 9:00am – 11:30am  
Weeknights: Wednesdays at 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
Weekends: Saturdays at 9:00am – 11:30am

Inspect, sort, and package food distributed to our hungry neighbors. Groups of 20+ must call to register.

Ages 8+ are welcome.



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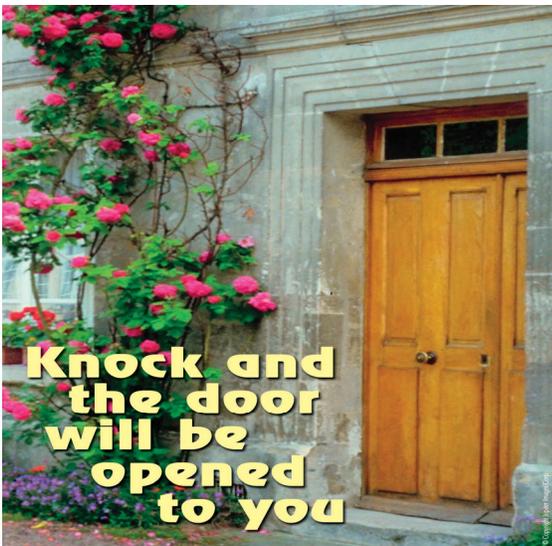
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## LITURGY COMMISSION

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION** *by, James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.*

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.



**We joyfully welcomed  
the following children  
into our Christian  
community on July 21,  
2019:**

#### **Rosario Sol Dizon**

Daughter of Christopher & Michelle  
(Martinez) Dizon

#### **Alexzander Adam Kocerka**

Son of Adam Kocerka & Laura Bucki

#### **Casey Mack McArdle**

Son of Collin & Melissa (Lapsansky)  
McArdle

#### **Bridie Ann Perez**

Daughter of Joseph Perez & Kristen Benes

#### **Elias Frank Tugend**

Son of Shaun & Allison (Kubicki) Tugend

## **HOLY MATRIMONY**

With joy, we announce the marriages of

**Michael Siemion & Ashley Kwiecien**

on

**July 20, 2019**

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

## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Kay Cernak  
Fred Clavio  
Griselda Evano  
Phyllis Farrington  
Denis Fellman  
Carol Gervais  
Dolores Grekowicz  
Don Januszuk  
David Kirher  
Lorraine Kowalkowski  
Grace McGuire  
Giovanna Picciolini  
Regina Pinkos  
Bill Powers  
Jim Slattery  
Louis Tassone  
Joe Truesdale  
Joe Tumpich  
Marianne Vancina  
Shirley Wagner

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 27

**5:15 PM** Walter T. Norton, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll and William F. Krahn, Jr., rq. by Andrea & Robert Misek and Frank Domanski and Margaret Murphy, rq. by Carol & George Buckner

### Sunday, July 28

**7:30 AM** Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and James Guerino, rq. by Christine Calgaro

**9:00 AM** George Sargautis, rq. by Gary & Edit Sarge and Kurt Kruger and William Shaw rq. by Maureen & Denny Niswonger and James Gervais, rq. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Connolly

**10:30 AM** Verlin Rogers, rq. by Mokate Family and James Madigan, rq. by Mary McDermott & Family and Maddie Grobmeier, rq. by Crisanti & Kurcz Families

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

### Monday, July 29

**7:45 AM** Bubbles Sabath, rq. by Bobbi Mangan and Jerome Szambelan, rq. by John & Linda Pietrzyk

### Tuesday, July 30

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

### Wednesday, July 31

**7:45 AM** Carl & Prena Boscarino, rq. by Family and George Hellmann, rq. by Daughters

### Thursday, August 01

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

### Friday, August 02

**7:45 AM** Marvin & Esther Phillips, rq. by Family

### Saturday, August 03

**5:15 PM** Rodrigo Evano, rq. by SFA Children's Choir and Anthony Ciarrochi, rq. by SFA Music Ministry

### Sunday, August 04

**7:30 AM** Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup

**9:00 AM** Julie Branchaw, rq. by Ramona Branchaw and In Celebration of the Anniversary of Alina & Andrzej Grela, rq. by Parents and Marie Sargautis, rq. by Gary & Edim Sarge

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

**12:00 PM** John & Mary Cusic & Peter Vanwissen, rq. by P.J. Cusic and Special Intention for Caroline Cieczczak, rq. by Mom & Dad and Special Intention for Janina Kolacz, rq. by Cieczczak Family

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



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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.*

	<b>August 03 5:15 PM (Mass)</b>	<b>August 4 7:30 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>August 4 9:00 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>August 4 10:30 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>August 4 12:00 PM (Mass)</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Mike Schaab	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Rich Young
<b>Deacon</b>	Michael Pindelski	VOLUNTEER NOW	Mike Kiley	Michael Pindelski	John Donahue
<b>Sacristan</b>	Elaine Erdman	Dolores Grekowicz	Olga Bartell	Cindy Lucio	Adrienne Wieczorek
<b>Lector</b>	Sandra Zubik (1) James Walsh (2)	Kyle Laird (1) Gabby Bach (2)	Kim Reid (1) Vincent Pryor (2)	Michelle Whalen (1) Rachel Weber (2)	James Massimilian (1) Carolyn Kimmey (2) (sub requested)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Beth Bruozis Elaine Erdman Elizabeth Giron Lisa Kacerovskis (sub requested) Maureen Niswonger Cynthia Patrick Michael Pindelski Casimir (Casey) Pytel (sub requested) Nancy Sullivan Susan Vari John Zubik VOLUNTEER NOW	Steve Alessi Paula Belski Kathleen Boland David Burns Patricia Goldberg Patricia Grasso Dolores Grekowicz Lynne Sparks Rev. Ed Upton VOLUNTEER NOW	Thomas Cech Betty Devine Mike Kiley Diane Ostrowski Kathleen Ostrowski Cheryl Pryor Rev. Mike Schaab Joseph Schweiger Judy Schweiger Judee Tan David Trzesniewski Mary Vaas (sub requested)	Mark Behncke Kathleen Biederman Patricia Flynn Wendy Freer Joan Giorgetti Karen Koehler Cindy Lucio Robert J. McGuire Marilyn Nelson Peter Piazza Michael Pindelski Jeffrey Whalen	John Donahue Rosalie Hodson Cathy Kara Robert Long Nancy Palacz Margaret Sabadosa Adrienne Wieczorek Thomas Wieczorek Jeannine Witowski Rev. Rich Young
<b>Altar Server</b>	Giuliana Cisek Kaylie Grossi Julia Malysz	Moira Conway Jack Strolia Mia Strolia	Kathleen Johnson Jimmy Piko Brendan Siemiawski (sub requested)	Anna Bianco Chris Vittori Gabi Vittori	Josh Kane Ryan Kane Jayden Tan
<b>Usher</b>	Jim Arzbacher (HU) Cathy Arzbacher Mike Zoladz Roxanne Zoladz Alice Rzeszutko Richard Rzeszutko	Dominic Zambuto (HU) Joann O'Dea James Pedersen VOLUNTEER NOW	Nancy Celeski (HU) Brian Barrett Oriano Pagnucci Richard Wysocki (sub requested) Diane Mackowiak VOLUNTEER NOW	Brian Whiteford (HU) Kelly Struck James Ward George Kelley John Glass James Winters	Laura Tucco (HU) (sub requested) VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW

## Parish Stewardship

	<b><u>07/21/2019</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 70,440.00
<b>Collected</b>	<u>\$ 22,548.00</u>	<u>\$ 68,550.00</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 932.00</b>	<b>(\$ 1,890.00)</b>

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

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community

15050 South Wolf Road, Orland Park, Illinois 60467-3028

Website: <http://www.sfaorland.org> Parish office e-mail: parishoffice@sfaorland.org Parish phone: 708-460-0042

**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**  
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**Accompanist:** James Draudt  
**Children's Choir 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 are 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)

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**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.