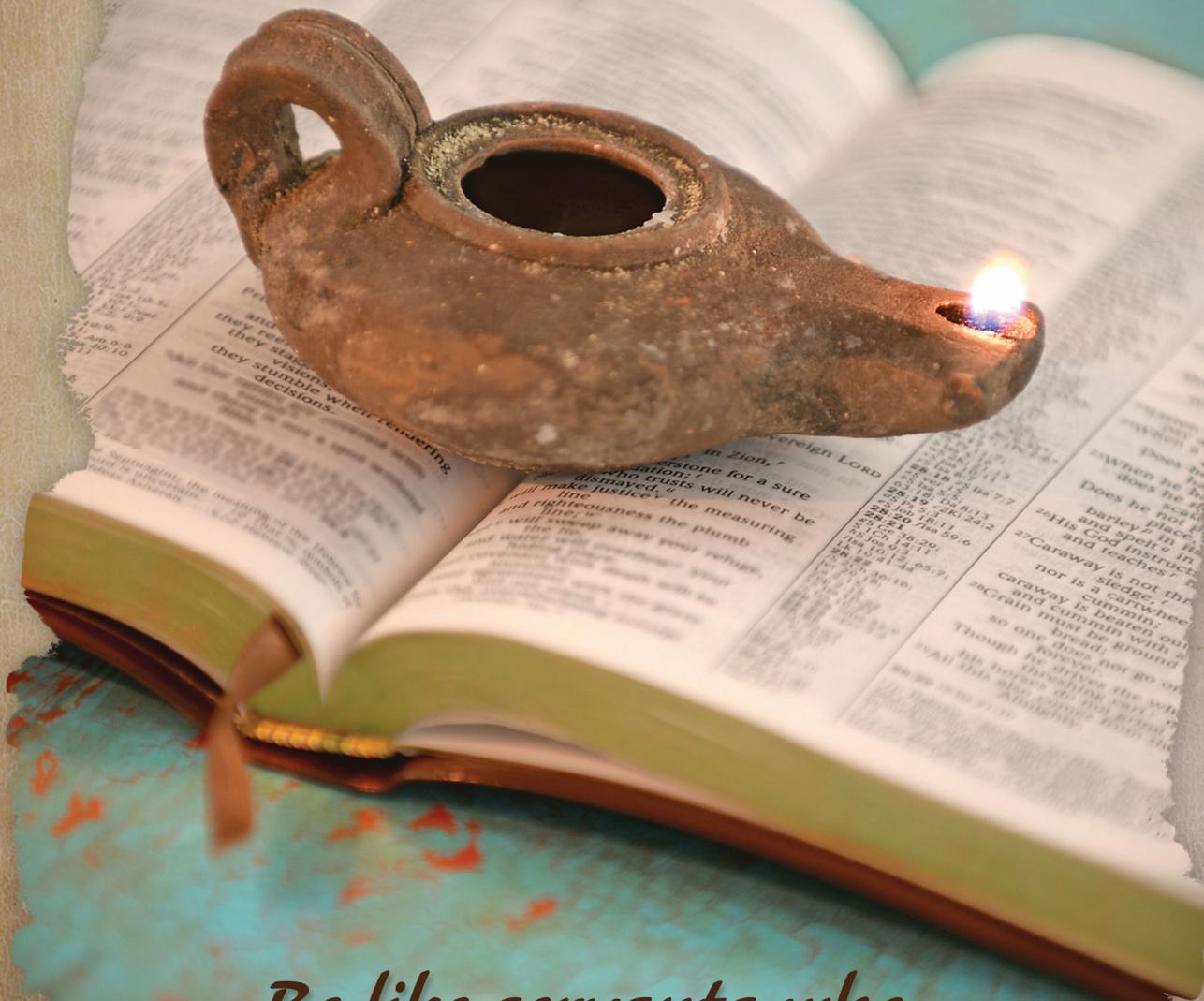


# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Be like servants who  
await their master's return  
from a wedding.*

*Luke 12:35*

*August 11, 2019*



*Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor*

## MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR

*August 11, 2019*

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

“Don’t be afraid of missing out. You’re my dearest friends! The Father wants to give you the very Kingdom itself. “Be generous. Give to the poor. Get yourselves a bank that can’t go bankrupt, a bank in heaven far from bankrobbers, safe from embezzlers, a bank you can bank on. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

“Keep your shirts on; keep the lights on! Be like house servants waiting for their master to come back from his honeymoon, awake and ready to open the door when he arrives and knocks. Lucky the servants whom the master finds on watch! He’ll put on an apron, sit them at the table, and serve them a meal, sharing his wedding feast with them. It doesn’t matter what time of the night he arrives; they’re awake—and so blessed! “You know that if the house owner had known what night the burglar was coming, he wouldn’t have stayed out late and left the place unlocked. So don’t you be slovenly and careless. Just when you don’t expect him, the Son of Man will show up.”

Peter said, “Master, are you telling this story just for us? Or is it for everybody?” The Master said, “Let me ask you: Who is the dependable manager, full of common sense, that the master puts in charge of his staff to feed them well and on time? He is a blessed man if when the master shows up he’s doing his job. But if he says to himself, ‘The master is certainly taking his time,’ begins maltreating the servants and maids, throws parties for his friends, and gets drunk, the master will walk in when he least expects it, give him the thrashing of his life, and put him back in the kitchen peeling potatoes. “The servant who knows what his master wants and ignores it, or insolently does whatever he pleases, will be thoroughly thrashed. But if he does a poor job through ignorance, he’ll get off with a slap on the hand. Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities” (from Luke 12).

### **Notes on the Scripture**

In a secular age, some believers feel the need to “prove” the credibility of religion. If only we could dig up Noah’s Ark, produce Jesus’ swaddling clothes, or locate Martha’s dishes! Even better, if only consecrated hosts would bleed before the eyes of skeptics. Archeological evidence and miraculous interventions aside, a life of faith requires neither and isn’t bolstered by either. Faith is grounded in the future, not the past, and is more about where we place our hope rather than where we misplaced the Holy Grail. Faith is a flying lesson. Let go!

### **Summer Fest**

Saturday, August 17th is our Parish Summer Fest and Car Show. I am very excited and I hope you are too. It is yet another opportunity to grow as a community and we will have something for all age groups. Save the date, bring your friends and let’s have some fun!!!

### **Religious Education (RE)**

If you have not yet registered your children for the 2019-2020 Religious Education Program, now is the time! While classes do not begin until September, we do need to prepare and organize classes. Also, consider being a catechist. Please, check our bulletin for more details (pg. 10). Register Now.

*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.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

### **Monday, August 12**

- ◆ St. Francis Golf League, 7:30 am (Off Campus)
- ◆ Women's Event Committee, 7:00 pm (GR)

### **Tuesday, August 13**

- ◆ 8th Grade Confirmation Candidate Retreat, 7:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Cancer Support Group, 10:00 am (NR)
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Group, 12:00 pm (SFR)
- ◆ 1st & 6th Grade Catechist Orientation, 4:30 pm
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting, 6:30 pm (NR)
- ◆ 7th Grade Catechist Orientation, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Knight of Columbus Business Meeting, 7:30 pm (GR)

### **Wednesday, August 14**

- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:00 am (GR)
- ◆ 2nd Grade Catechist Orientation, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ 5th Grade Catechist Orientation, 5:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ 4th Grade Catechist Orientation, 6:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ 5th Grade Parent/Child Bible Workshop, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Liturgical Commission Meeting, 7:00 pm (GR)

### **Thursday, August 15 - Assumption of Mary**

- ◆ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, 7:45 am & 7:00 pm (CH)
- ◆ 3rd Grade Catechist Orientation, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ 8th Grade Catechist Orientation, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul, 7:00 pm (GR)

### **Friday, August 16**

- ◆ AA Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

### **Saturday, August 17**

- ◆ Family Event

### **Sunday, August 18**

- ◆ Recital, 3:30 pm (CH)
- ◆ 2020 Mission Trip Destination Collaboration, 7:00 pm (SFR)

## SAVE THE DATES

### **Parish Summerfest**

**Saturday  
Aug. 17th**

All are invited!  
More details on  
page 05!



**Saturday, September 7th**

**34th Annual**

**Greater Chicago Food Depository**

**Hunger Walk**

**Sign up in the Narthex:**

**August 17th / 18th & 24th / 25th**

**St. Francis of Assisi 9th Annual**

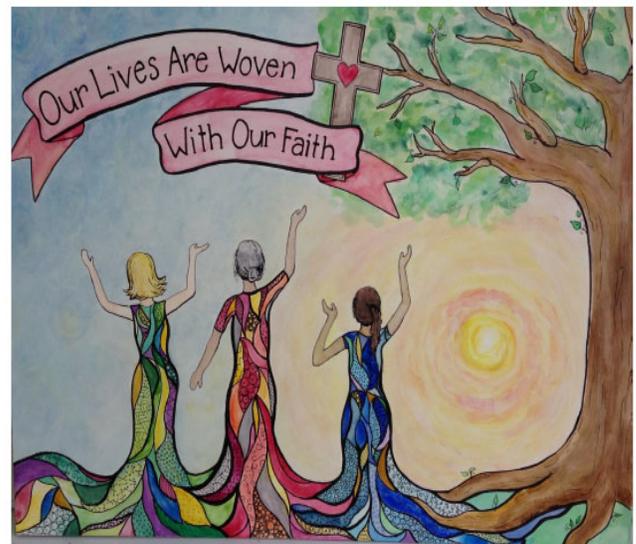
**Women's Day of Reflection**

**Saturday, October 26th**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

More details to follow in future bulletins.

Can't wait to see you there!



## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

### 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

##### Use Powerstrips.

When your TV, computer and other appliances are plugged in, they quietly drain electricity all day, every day, even when turned off. This phenomenon is known as standby power: the electricity consumed when products are switched off. Standby power waste is a big issue. According to the Dept. of Energy, it accounts for 5-10% of residential energy use, costing the average U.S. household \$100 per year. It also contributes to wasted resources and pollution. Here are ways to address the issue and save:

- Plug the devices/appliances into a power strip and turn the strip off when not in use.
- Unplug the devices/appliances when not in use.
- Use Energy Star products—these products typically have less standby power requirements.

**Grief Support Group** gathers at St. Francis of Assisi on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**. Next meeting is **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 held in the Niehaus Room.



### Creation Care Team

Are you interested in the future  
of our beautiful earth?

Would you like to help St. Francis of Assisi  
continue to take steps to protect all that God  
has given to us?

We are looking for volunteers who would be  
able to attend a monthly meeting with  
representatives from neighboring parishes  
in a spirit of collaboration.

Come and join the team!

The next Creation Care meeting will be  
August 19 at 7:00pm  
in the Gubbins Center  
at St. Elizabeth Seton Church,  
9300 W 167th St., Orland Hills

### *The New Normal*



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

A cancer support group meets on the 2nd  
Tuesday of the month: 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 par-  
ticipate in our support group.

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

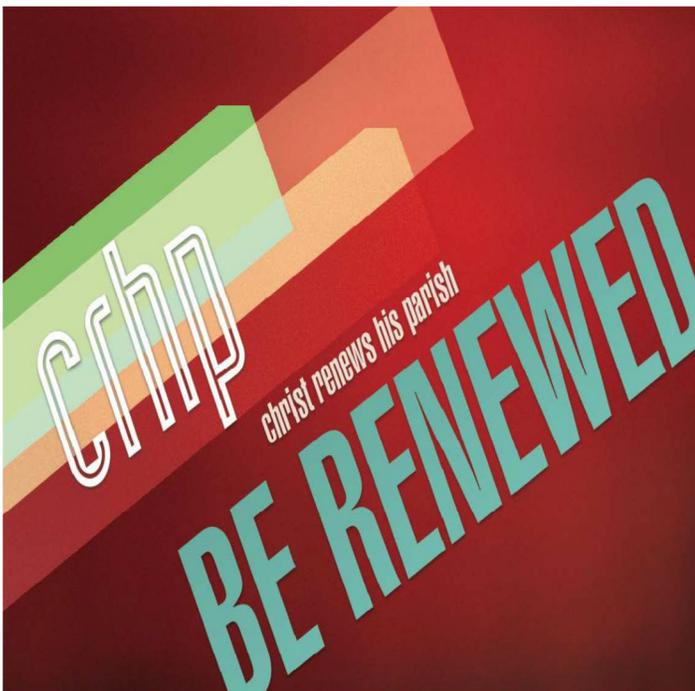
## BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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 meeting is 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 [gensler@sfaorland.org](mailto:gensler@sfaorland.org)

## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION



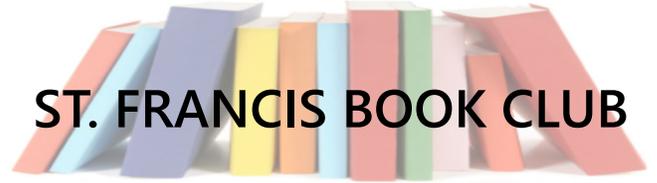
**Men's Renewal Event,  
February 28 & March 1, 2020**

**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)

## 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!**

**Upcoming Book:**

**"Need to Know"**  
by Karen Cleveland  
September 17



**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 includes 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](mailto:Barbwalder@yahoo.com) with any questions.



**THANK YOU  
FOR ALL THE  
SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES,  
ASSEMBLY AND  
GENEROSITY**

The SFA Catholic Charities Committee would like to thank everyone who gave so generously of supplies, time and donations to help this year's Backpack Project be a success. We were able to fill 600 backpacks with grade level appropriate supplies for children from families who struggle with providing these needed supplies for the school year.





A special thank you to Lorraine Martenson, who without her help, knowledge and skills, we would not be able to make this project work!

Also, thank you to Adrian and Stephanie Kwit, and Paula Belski for all their "extra" help in preparing for the assembly of the 600 backpacks. And, thank you to Dave Klouda who delivers all 600 backpacks to where they need to be.

Our parish is so generous and those who receive these backpacks could not be more grateful to all of you!



# Adult Faith Formation

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

AROUND FOR A WHILE  
Continuation of USCCB  
document, HOW BISH-  
OPS ARE APPOINTED

### **Stage 3 - Congregation for Bishops**

Once all the documenta-  
tion from the nuncio is  
complete and in order,  
and the prefect approves,  
the process moves for-  
ward. If the appointment  
involves a bishop who is  
being promoted or trans-  
ferred, the matter may be  
handled by the prefect  
and staff. If, however, the  
appointment is of a priest  
to the episcopacy, the full  
congregation is ordinarily  
involved.

A cardinal relator is cho-  
sen to summarize the doc-  
umentation and make a  
report to the full congrega-  
tion, which generally  
meets twice a month on  
Thursdays. After hearing  
the cardinal relator report,  
the congregation discuss-  
es the appointment and  
then votes. The congrega-  
tion may follow the recom-  
mendation of the nuncio,  
choose another of the  
candidates on the terna,  
or even ask that another  
terna be prepared.

### **Stage 4 - The Pope De- cides**

At a private audience with  
the pope, usually on a  
Saturday, the prefect of  
the Congregation for Bish-  
ops presents the recom-

mendation of the Congre-  
gation to the Holy Father.  
A few days later, the pope  
informs the Congregation  
of his decision. The con-  
gregation then notifies the  
nuncio, who in turn con-  
tacts the candidate and  
asks if he will accept. If  
the answer is “yes” the  
Vatican is notified and a  
date is set for the an-  
nouncement.

It often takes six to eight  
months – and sometimes  
longer- from the time a  
diocese becomes vacant  
until a new bishop is ap-  
pointed.

In the previous three  
weeks, I shared the pro-  
cess used in selecting and  
appointing bishops. While  
this process is clear; what  
remains unclear is the  
selection of the individuals  
who are part of the pro-  
cess.

Basically, a discernment  
process begins with the  
local bishop, the bishops  
of the province, then the  
papal nuncio. Some are  
excluded, only three  
names are sent to the  
congregation for bishops;  
then finally to the Pope.  
Obviously, he cannot  
know all the candidates  
put before him, so he re-  
lies on the congregation.

What individuals are nomi-  
nated – what follows is my  
interpretation. Certainly,

the necessary seminary  
degrees are required, fur-  
ther education, usually a  
doctorate in canon law or  
some area of Theology, is  
considered important but  
not necessary.

In many ways, what the  
various people involved in  
the process look for are  
men who are spiritual;  
holy men. Spiritually is  
hard to quantify, but expe-  
rience with the person will  
usually reflect their inner  
relationship with Jesus.  
Secondly a reputation of  
pastoral care and con-  
cern; an ability to lead and  
organize. Responsibility  
and faithfulness to church  
teaching.

It doesn't hurt who you  
know!

Ecclesial tidbits Yes, there  
have been some nominat-  
ed to be auxiliaries who  
have refused the office.  
Usually this information  
just “seeps out” without  
reasons.

In one instance, a priest  
was aware he was on a  
terna. One night he re-  
turned home to find a  
message, “call the nun-  
cio”. He did so; only to  
hear the nuncio say,  
“Who? I did not call you” A  
friend his pulled a prank.  
Subsequently, he did re-  
ceive a legitimate call.

## ART & THEOLOGY: My Ruminations on the Good, the True, and the Beautiful, by, Rev. Jay Suero

*(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.)*

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

### The Fruit of Sorrows

This drawing stems from a devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary which is based on the prophecy of Simeon: "and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.'" (Luke 2:34-35) Statues and iconography according to this tradition portray Mary or Mary's heart pierced by seven swords. I have found that this devotion powerfully illustrates Mary's motherly intimacy with her son, Jesus. It is apparent in scripture how willingly Christ suffered for the sake of our salvation. What is less apparent and often forgotten is how his mother was with him every step of the way suffering along with him all the way to the cross. No other creature knows Jesus as well as his mother who carried his very presence in her womb.

As one who had carried the very presence of God within her, tradition also

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

identifies Mary with the Ark of the Covenant which too carried the presence of God. The Ark was built with a lid called the Mercy Seat upon which were two cherubim and between them on top of the Mercy Seat would appear the presence of God in a pillar of cloud (Exodus 37:6-9, Leviticus 16:2, Psalm 99:1).

This drawing attempts to bring those two connections with Mary together. However, there is also a third connection that I had in mind as well. The image of cherubim found in scripture is also described in Genesis 3:24 when Adam and Eve fell to temptation and were driven out of the Garden of Eden and God "placed the cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life."

Angels, as we see in scriptures, have been associated with the manifestation of God's glory as described with the Ark but also instances such as the angel in the burning bush where Moses encountered the great I AM or the Annunciation where the angel Gabriel proclaimed unto Mary

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.

Following is Fr. Jay's reflection for the image pictured here:



that she would bear the Lord in her womb. So the image of the Cherubim and the flaming sword turned every which way I interpret as an image of God keeping man out of Paradise because sin causes His glory to be too much to bear. However, having been made possible by the sacrifice of Christ, God's glory now manifests and pierces the heart of humanity as illustrated through the Sorrowful Mother and her Immaculate Heart. To me it reminds me of not only how intimate Mary is to Jesus but also intimate she is to all of humanity because she too suffered alongside Christ for our salvation and through her sorrows bore the fruit of eternal life in her heart. She can teach us how to love Christ as she does so that we too can bear the fruit of salvation in our own hearts.



## 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 – 1:00  
with \$5.00 combo meals.*



## 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  
to sign up**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



## 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!**



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 non-profit 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.

## THIS WEEKEND

We welcome **Fr. Quy Tran, MSC** to our parish.

He will make an appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC), a religious society of more than 2,000 members active in 54 countries, most of them in developing countries. I urge you to welcome him and make a generous sacrifice to join with the MSC in order to spread the Gospel in mission lands.

Your contribution is a very concrete way to express your baptismal call and share in missionary work.



*Thank You!*

THE 2019  
St. Francis  
of Assisi  
BABY BOTTLE  
PROJECT  
Raised:

# \$10,260.33!

Since 1984 – with God's Grace – The Women's Centers have been supporting women and helping them choose life, sparing more than 40,000 mothers and babies from suffering the atrocity of abortion.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MOTHERS AND BABIES IN NEED!  
For more information, please call 773-794-1313 or visit [gotwc.org](http://gotwc.org)

THE WOMEN'S CENTERS OF GREATER CHICAGOLAND  
CHICAGO ■ DES PLAINES ■ EVERGREEN PARK



## EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

Calling all College and University students living at home who would like to be a catechist! Think about it! It's only twice a month for an hour and a half. You have been through the program – you know your faith! Help us out and still continue to connect to your faith. Programs available from Pre-K to 8th Grade.



PARENTS check your schedules. Volunteer. Find a friend and share teaching! Listen to your heart and give us a call!

Call the RE office at (708) 460-0155 or email [mkburberry@sfaorland.org](mailto:mkburberry@sfaorland.org)

### RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

...is ongoing. Please complete your forms and return to the RE office. Drop-off box available 24/7 or slide your packet under the door. Wed A is closed for all grades. Other days are filling up. Visit our office and REGISTER NOW!

### Bible Study Program begins in September Tuesday September 17, 8:30am Wednesday September 18, 7pm

#### Practical Solutions for Everyday Circumstances – Book of James

Looking for an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life? Want the secret to find joy in the midst of trials? Interested in learning to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace? James, one of the most practical books of the Bible, is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. In the Book of James study presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our Faith.

#### First Letter to the Corinthians: The Church and the Christian

Following last year's Bible program of the Acts of Apostles and the beginning of Paul's journeys to spread Christianity, we will study Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. As you study this letter, you will see that he addresses many of the same topics that appear in the news headlines today: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly, the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways similar to our own. Paul's messages to the Corinthians regarding division, immorality, persecution and other trials offer much needed wisdom for our own times.

Won't you join us to learn more about these interesting programs? **We will register participants in the Narthex before and after Masses August 17-18, August 24-25, August 31-September 1.**

For more information, contact [trishagoldberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trishagoldberg@sbcglobal.net)



### BIBLE STUDY REFLECTION, by, Steve Alessi

My name is Steve Alessi and I have been a member of St Francis since its beginning.



I have always wanted to read the entire Bible but no matter how many times I started I never made very much progress.

Then a few years ago I read about the Bible Timeline in the church bulletin and decided to join the Bible study.

That was one of the best decisions i could have made.

I have met so many new friends all who were just like me, just wanting to grow in their Catholic faith. The Bible Study has opened the word of God to me in a ways that I never could have imagined.

If you're looking for a way to grow in your faith and to meet some great new people this Bible Study group is for you.

I promise you wont be disappointed.

### **JOB OPENING**

*Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is looking to hire Teacher Aides to assist in the classroom for the 2019-2020 school year.*

*If interested, please email a resume to [miannucilli@cjbschool.org](mailto:miannucilli@cjbschool.org) or [lbroshous@cjbschool.org](mailto:lbroshous@cjbschool.org)*



*This is a 25-hour/week part-time position. Not benefits eligible.*



## Fall Xtravaganza

Sunday September 8, 2019

7:00-9:00 PM @SFA Youth Room



For All Teens  
Especially  
First Timers

Fun



Friends

Faith



Food

# NCYC 2019

TO: INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

DATES: NOVEMBER 21-24

**COST: \$300 + FUNDRAISING**

FRESHMEN THROUGH SENIORS & GUESTS



- ◆ 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.

**35 DAYS TO REGISTER**

Hello, my name is Danny Wunderlich and I belong to St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

I recently got to have a great experience of going on a mission trip for St. Francis of Assisi church. The reason I chose to go on this trip was because my friends, Jack and Luke, were wondering if I wanted to go. They told me it would be a great opportunity to get closer to God, and it was.

Not only was I able to get closer to God, but I also met a lot of new people on the trip. My group members were people from across the country, so I thought it was really cool to meet and make friends with people from different areas. I still do stay in touch with my group members and I always ask what they are up to.

While we were on the trip, we got to help less fortunate people who were not able to do the strenuous tasks we completed for them. My group helped two families who were elderly. The tasks that we completed for them consisted of painting, cleaning gutters, trimming bushes, installing handrails, repairing wood rots, and much more.

On the very last day of the trip we got to have a free day and do relaxing things. First, we went to the Meramec Caverns, which was re-

## 2019 Mission Trip Reflection

*By, Danny Wunderlich*



ally interesting. We got to see an active onyx mountain which was forming really cool minerals. I have never seen anything like it in my life!

We then went out to a barbecue restaurant called Pappy's. It was a great addition to the day because the food was absolutely astounding. After that we parked in a parking garage and walked over to the Arch. We

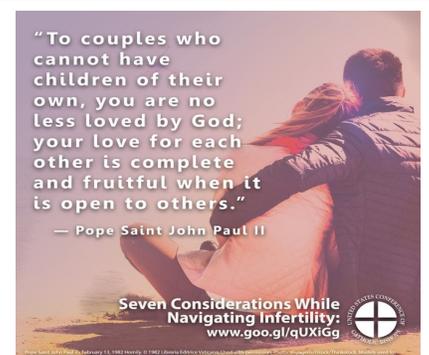
got to ride a lift up to the top and boy, the view was amazing. Looking out the window I was able to see everything in the city. From the tiny cars riding around, to the beautiful sky in the horizon. After the Arch we went to the St. Louis Cardinals baseball game. It was a very exciting game, but the Cardinals ended up losing. Lastly, we went and checked into a nice hotel where we stayed the night after our long day of fun.

Overall, I think the lesson that God wanted to teach me on this trip was that I really need to not take my privileges for granted. God put me on this earth with very loving family members and friends, and also with many resources others do not have. I was able to see that I have it way better than a lot of other people across the country have it. God was trying to tell me to use the resources he gave me to help others, and that's exactly what we did on this trip.

## RESPECT LIFE

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. ... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"



## AROUND TOWN

The Village of Orland Hills is looking to hire qualified Pre-K teachers for their Fall program. Interested candidates should contact:

Mr. Glenn E. Bilina  
Recreation Director  
Village of Orland Hills  
16553 S. Haven Avenue  
Orland Hills, IL 60487-5637  
Phone: 708-349-7211



### Women's Ministry Morning *You are invited*

We are woman seeking to grow in our faith and friendship with Jesus, while making friends along the journey.

**Saturday, August 31**

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Mokena

8:30-10:30 Breakfast and Meeting

*Why was I created?  
What is my mission?*

**RSVP 708-326-9313**  
[sistersinchrist@stmarymokena](mailto:sistersinchrist@stmarymokena)

## HOLY MATRIMONY

With joy, we announce the marriages of

**Matthew Yaeger & Amanda Sadler**  
**August 3, 2019**

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



We joyfully welcomed  
the following child in-  
to our Christian com-  
munity on August 4,  
2019

**Mara Natalie Mitrovich**  
Daughter of Matthew & Alana (Barone)  
Mitrovich



**Email is faster – make sure the Parish Office  
has your current email address.**



## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Kay Cernak  
 Fred Clavio  
 Norma DeHoff  
 Griselda Evano  
 Phyllis Farrington  
 Denis Fellman  
 Carol Gervais  
 Dolores Grekowicz  
 Don Januszyk  
 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, August 10

**5:15 PM** Dolores Carroll, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll and In celebration of Ann Ross' 101st Birthday, rq. by Ross Family

### Sunday, August 11

**7:30 AM** Earl & Betty Bennecke, rq. by Mark & Cindy Bennecke

**9:00 AM** Don Gray, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos and Richard Mix, rq. by Anne & Kevin Tucker

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

**12:00 PM** John Cusic, rq. by P.J. Cusic and Jacky Magafas, rq. by St. Francis Eucharistic Ministers and Marie March, rq. by Joe March

### Monday, August 12

**7:45 AM** Kevin Gensler

### Tuesday, August 13

**7:45 AM** John Matthews

### Wednesday, August 14

**7:45 AM** Art Pike and Jim Gervais, rq. by Rich & Linda Misiorowski and Tony Ciarrochi, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll

### Thursday, August 15 - Feast of the Assumption of Mary

**7:45 AM** Jack Oleskiewicz, rq. by Topolski Family

**7:00 PM** Loretta Meyer and Ronald Kuligowski, rq. by Joe & Joan Georgetti and Margaret MacNamara, rq. by Cathy Foley Family

### Friday, August 16

**7:45 AM** Nancy Gaynor, rq. by Sherry Family

### Saturday, August 17

**5:15 PM** Schwieger & Norris Families, rq. by Family and Susan Grigola, rq. by Chuck & Lee Springer and Robert McGuire, rq. by Family and Gary Adams, rq. by Adams Family

### Sunday, August 18

**7:30 AM** Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Ellen Casey, rq. by Eileen McCarthy and Tony Ciarrocchi, rq. by Ann Ross Family

**9:00 AM** James & Alice Murphy, rq. by Family and Antonia Bury, rq. by Pytel Family

**10:30 AM** Donald Toohill, rq. by St. Francis Religious Ed and Michael Finnegan, rq. by Vanessa Norman

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



William  
 "Bill"  
 Cody

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

# 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 17 5:15 PM (Mass)</b>	<b>August 18 7:30 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>August 18 9:00 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>August 18 10:30 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>August 18 12:00 PM (Mass)</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Mike Schaab	Rev. Mike Schaab	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Rich Young
<b>Deacon</b>	VOLUNTEER NOW	Daniel Carroll	John Donahue	Mike Kiley	Michael Pindelski
<b>Sacristan</b>	Elaine Erdman	Sharon McCaffrey	Barbara Basila	Marjorie Curran	Adrienne Wieczorek
<b>Lector</b>	Alice Rzeszutko (1) Jerri LaRoche (2)	Kyle Laird (1) Gerald Saletta (2)	Vincent Pryor (1) Debbie Lipien (2)	Gabby Bach (1) Patricia Flynn (2)	Timothy McCormick (1) James Massimilian (2)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Beth Bruozis Ann Czarny Elaine Erdman Carol Funk Elizabeth Giron Maureen Niswonger Richard Rzeszutko Nancy Sullivan Pat Trebe Susan Vari Anthony Vassolo Tricia Vidinich	David Burns Daniel Carroll Patricia Doyle Daniel Faxel Gael Gensler Lorraine Martenson Sharon McCaffrey Eileen McCarthy James Pedersen Rev. Mike Schaab	Steve Alessi Barbara Basila Kathleen Biederman William Carroll Thomas Cech John Donahue Kathleen Johnson Diane Ostrowski Kathleen Ostrowski Cheryl Pryor Kim Reid Rev. Mike Schaab	Mark Behncke Michael Curran Linda Higgins Mike Kiley Karen Koehler Robert J. McGuire Marilyn Nelson Cynthia Patrick Peter Piazza Vince Saavedra David Trzesniewski Rev. Rich Young	Robert Long Linda McCormick Joan Ondrus Nancy Palacz Marcia Pavela Michael Pindelski Margaret Sabadosa Adrienne Wieczorek Thomas Wieczorek Rev. Rich Young
<b>Altar Server</b>	Jack Tobin Aaron Vales Ronan Vales	Patrick Curran Kaylie Grossi Julia Malysz	Amanda Mackowiak Ryan Reid Jayden Tan	Anna Bianco (sub requested) Gianna Elizondo Nicholas Elizondo	Josh Kane Ryan Kane Beck Stukel
<b>Usher</b>	Mike Zoladz (HU) Roxanne Zoladz Renee Farrell Timothy Harris Joe Czarny VOLUNTEER NOW	Jeffrey Belski (HU) Paula Belski Joann O'Dea Mary Ann Wyman	Ann Carroll (HU) Diane Mackowiak Brian Barrett Oriano Pagnucci Richard Wysocki Mike Olk (sub requested)	Janice Ota (HU) Brian Whiteford Kelly Struck Lynn Pajon John Higgins John Higgins, Jr.	VOLUNTEER NOW (HU) VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW VOLUNTEER NOW

## Parish Stewardship

	<b><u>08/04/2019</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 117,400.00
<b>Collected</b>	<u>\$ 22,722.00</u>	<u>\$ 113,992.00</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$ 758.00)</b>	<b>(\$ 3,408.00)</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

# 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**  
(asowa@sfaorland.org)

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

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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)  
**Director of Facilities & Operations:** Jim Hahn (jhahn@...)  
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**Liturgy Coordinator:** Gina Vitucci (gvitucci@...)  
**Facilities Maintenance:** Monika Czajczyk, Greg Gervais  
**P.T./Weekend Maintenance:** Eric Franklin, Michael Higgins, Kevin Moe, Ryan Reid  
**Bulletin Editor:** Jill Hickey Topf (bulletin@sfaorland.org)

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

**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.