

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 2019

*“Father Abraham, have pity on me.
Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger
in water and cool my tongue.”*

Luke 16:24



MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR

September 29, 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

"There once was a rich man, expensively dressed in the latest fashions, wasting his days in conspicuous consumption. A poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, had been dumped on his doorstep. All he lived for was to get a meal from scraps off the rich man's table. His best friends were the dogs who came and licked his sores.

"Then he died, this poor man, and was taken up by the angels to the lap of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell and in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham in the distance and Lazarus in his lap. He called out, 'Father Abraham, mercy! Have mercy! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool my tongue.'

"But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that in your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things. It's not like that here. Here he's consoled and you're tormented. Besides, in all these matters there is a huge chasm set between us so that no one can go from us to you even if he wanted to, nor can anyone cross over from you to us.'

"The rich man said, 'Then let me ask you, Father: Send him to the house of my father where I have five brothers, so he can tell them the score and warn them so they won't end up here in this place of torment.'"Abraham answered, 'They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them.'" 'I know, Father Abraham,' he said, 'but they're not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways.'"Abraham replied, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they're not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead'" (from Luke 16).

Notes on the Scripture

The injustice of the world is an inescapable reality. Inescapable, that is, if you are on the nasty side of the equation as one of the have-nots. Those who do not experience the downside of injustice are often not aware that there is a problem, because it's not a problem for them. Such people are more likely to think the world is basically pretty fair, that people get what they deserve, that justice is more or less served for those who work hard and keep their noses clean.

But for those who start out with little or wind up with less, the inherent injustice of the worldly system is pretty obvious. Being born into poverty, a broken family, or a war-torn community provides a whole different perspective. Try adding in other factors like illness, physical or mental disability, and variables like IQ and natural ability—which are not evenly distributed—and you begin to realize that the chances of us ever living in a just world are seriously doubtful.

However, we choose Jesus, and I hope many of us do, that means we have to stop questioning if Lazarus at the gate is an alcoholic or an addict; if he dropped out of school or got his girlfriend pregnant; if he refuses to work because he's lazy or up to no good; in short, we have to refrain from deciding whether or not he is worthy of our concern. The only reason to open our hearts and share our resources with those in need is because Jesus asked us to. One day, we are assured, the last will be first. It would be good if they remembered us kindly when the chasm is reversed.

RCIA

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Are you curious about our faith or missing sacraments? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults learn and join the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information, as we begin our program later in September.

Grand Raffle Tickets

Please consider buying a ticket and supporting our parish. The ticket price remains at \$100 and only 1500 tickets are available. You can buy tickets at the church or online at our parish website: <http://www.sfaorland.org> Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteer Thank You

On October 4th, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we would like to express our appreciation to all parishioners who are volunteering in many different ministers. Please, join us on Friday, October 4th at 6pm for Mass and Volunteer Appreciation, as we give thanks to God for your gift of time. (Please, RSVP by calling the office so that we can make preparations and if you are not able to join us that evening you can join us for our Pot Luck Breakfast that morning after our daily mass.)

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Monday, September 30

- ◆ Social Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm (NR)
- ◆ Peregrine Novena, 7:00 pm (CH)

Tuesday, October 01

- ◆ Corinthians/Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ PPC, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 02

- ◆ Bereavement Committee, 8:30 am (NR)
- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed (A), Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Bible Timeline, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Corinthians/Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Feast of the Angels Mass (Mass of Remembrance), 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 03

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Finance Council, 7:00 pm (GR)

Friday, October 04

- ◆ Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
- ◆ Pot Luck Breakfast, 8:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Volunteer Thank You, 7:00 pm (UH)
- ◆ A.A. Meeting, 7:30pm (NR)

Saturday, October 05

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Pet Blessing, 1:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Fourth Grade Mass Lesson, 4:30 pm (UH)
- ◆ Fourth Grade Family Mass & Coffee And..., 5:15 pm (CH, GR)

Sunday, October 06

- ◆ Bring a friend to Church! Coffee and... after all masses.
- ◆ Sacred Heart Mission Trip, 10:30 am (Off Campus)
- ◆ Mission Trip Meeting, 11:30 am (SFR)
- ◆ Escape Room, 7:00 pm (Off Campus)

SAVE THE DATES



Saturday, October 19th
Trivia Night at St. Francis
Doors open at 6:30
Tickets \$15.00; Cash Bar
Get your teams together:
Family, Friends and Neighbors
(21 and over)
For a Casual Night Out
Tickets on Sale September 28th
(MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 5)

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!

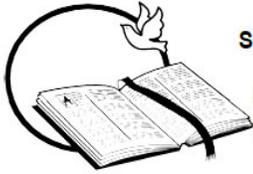


Christ Renews His Parish
Men - Feb. 29 & March 1, 2020
Women - March 14 & 15, 2020

Register online: <http://www.sfaorland.org/Christ-renews-His-parish.html>

LITURGY COMMISSION

The Word Well Spoken: Session for New and Seasoned Proclaimers



Sunday, September 29, 2019
12:30-3:00
St. Julie Billiart Church
7399 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park

This workshop will first focus on theology of the Word, history of the Mass, liturgical languages and cues, and the gifts of proclaiming. Then, we will focus on the practical aspects—preparation, skill sets, pointers and practice.

Carol Conway holds Master's Degrees in English Literature and Pastoral Studies. She taught high school Speech and English before becoming Pastoral Associate at St. Germaine Parish. Since retiring from both, she helps with liturgy at Mercy Chapel and enjoys sharing the Word at liturgy and through training sessions.

Please register please call or text: 708-552-0052 or email:
MinCommV5@gmail.com

This free session is sponsored by
the Vicariate V Ministry Commission.

Proclaimers "should receive careful preparation, so that the faithful by listening to the readings from the sacred texts may develop in their hearts warm and living love of Sacred Scriptures." ~GIRM, #101

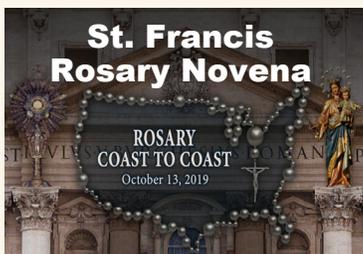
Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Through prayer, reflection and praxis, participants will explore what it means to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist in the 21st Century. In Session One there will be a brief overview of the history and theology of the Eucharist. We will also explore the development of the role of the laity in the liturgical life of the Church. Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences of Eucharist and worship with one another. Session Two will address the call to ministry and what it means to be

a Minister of the Eucharist in the Church of today's world.

- September 21 from 9 to Noon at St. Barnabas
- October 4 & 5 from 5 from 7 – 9 and Saturday from 9:30 – 11:00 at St. Mary Star of the Sea
- October 19 from 10 am to 2:30 pm at St. Julie Billiart
- November 13 & 20 from 7 – 9 pm at Incarnation
- January 13 & 20 from 7 to 9 pm at St. Michael, Orland Park

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION



In conjunction with parishes and groups across the country!

Join us for a very special Novena asking our Blessed Mother to bring healing to our country and return it to holiness. Pray for the needs of our nation and

church, the sanctity of human life and marriage, and an end to violence. The St. Francis Novena schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, 10/5 at 10:00 AM in Eucharistic Chapel
- Sunday, 10/6 after the 9:00 AM Mass in Eucharistic Chapel
- Monday to Friday, 10/7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 after 7:45 AM Mass in Church
- Saturday, 10/12, 10:00 AM in Eu-

charistic Chapel

- Sunday, 10/13, at 3:00 PM Central Time in Church

The final day of the Novena, Sunday, October 13th, is the 102nd anniversary of the Fatima Miracle of the Sun.

Plan to join together across the country in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary simultaneously at 3:00 PM Central Time. The National Rosary Rally will take place in Washing-

ton D.C. at St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill.

There is GREAT power in numbers even in Spiritual Battles. Let's do our part to add to the thousands praying together for a return of our nation, culture and world to God and to Holiness!

For more information, visit:
www.rosarycoasttocoast.com.

Join us for Trivia Night
Saturday, October 19th
6:30 pm – Upton Hall
\$15.00 per person – Cash Bar

- Bring snacks or appetizers for your table to share.
- Beggars Pizza may be pre-ordered, to be delivered to your table.
- Tables of 8, 10 or single seats.
- Buy your tickets early!
- Tickets purchased first (lowest number) will be the tie breaker.
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners.
- Last place team will *not* go home empty handed.
- Raffle baskets (including 44" HDTV, outdoor electric grill and more).
- Split the pot.
- Best theme/team name earns extra points - so let's see some team spirit!
- Not a trivia buff? Not a full table? Not a problem.
- Join us for a casual evening of fun and fellowship.
- Tickets on sale in the Narthex or through the parish office.
- For more information please contact Gina Loizzo at gdoyle22@yahoo.com



ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

The book selected for
October 15 is

***"Woman Last Seen
in Her Thirties"***
by Camille Pagan

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

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

COMING NEXT:

November 19th
"Sold on a
Monday"
By, *Kristina
McMorris*

There will be
no meeting in
December.



Children's Rosary

Sponsored by St. Francis Mom's Group

Saturday October 12, 2019 at 10AM

In the Chapel

Contact Alana Mitrovich at

ammitrovich@gmail.com with questions

Babies and children of all ages are welcome.

**Children who can read are welcome to
lead a decade.**



Pray with Paint - A Sip and Paint Party

**Friday Oct. 11th
7-9 p.m. in
Upton Hall**

Come for an evening of prayerful creativity, contemporary Christian music, and fellowship.

Bring your favorite beverage and the instructor, Sue Flanagan, will provide the step by step instruction to create a beautiful painting. *Everyone can do this!* You do not need to be an artist. God has given you a share in his creativity. So, come and bring a friend!

All painting supplies are included, and snacks are provided. Donation for materials: \$7

To register, call the office: 460-0042. Class size is limited to 16 so register early.

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

RESPECT LIFE

"In a striking way, we see today a heightening of the tension between our nation's founding principles and political reality. We see this in diminishing respect for the inalienable right to life and in the elimination of legal protections for those who are most vulnerable. There can be no genuine justice in our society until the truths on which our nation was founded are more perfectly realized in our culture and law."

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics*



For any adult seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation sessions will be held on Thursdays: September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, & 24 November 7 & 14 from 7:00 pm — 9:00 pm at Incarnation Parish (St. Gabriel Center) 5705 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, IL 60418.

To register, please contact St. Francis of Assisi, 460-0042 or Sr. Gael at ggensler@sfaorland.org

The Celebration of Confirmation will be held on Saturday, November 23 12:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Snows.

Adult Confirmation is sponsored through the Ministry Commission of Vicariate V.



Movie With A Moral With Pizza and Popcorn

**Sunday September 29, 7:00 PM
In the Youth Room**

**Finding the hidden Christian
Values and Themes in
everyday movies.**

October 6, 2019

Extravaganza

Psyche Escape Room

Arrive at SFA @ 7:00 Pm

Return to SFA @ 9:00 PM

\$29.00

Consent form Needed

The Escape room experience is one of finding clues and solving puzzles while beating the clock to escape from a "Locked" room. Escape with us for a night of fun!

Sign up due September 29th, contact Matthew Toohill

sfyg@sfaorland.org 708-460-0042

Hi, I'm Grace Molloy. This year I chose to do the mission trip because I went last year and loved it so I was looking forward to doing it again.

By the end of last year's mission trip, I felt so great. I felt closer to God and I felt good because I was able to help people who were in need. This year was no different. I started the week eager to grow even closer with God and to help the people at my worksite. While being put into a whole new group of people and not knowing a single person isn't my favorite thing, I loved the group I worked with this year, we all worked hard and managed to have a good time while doing it.



Our worksite was a recreation center for the elderly in St. Louis. We started by pulling weeds and doing other work outside of the center. The coordinator of this worksite was happy we were able to help because they weren't able to get anyone to help with this messy yard work. After it got too hot outside we would go inside and do some cleaning whether it was in the kitchen, the dance floor, or storage closets. Every day was pretty much the same, and it got to be pretty tedious work but it was all worth it in the end when a lot of the people at the center came up to thank us and tell us how great the place looked.

Working every day outside in the St. Louis heat got pretty hard but it felt nice to know that we were doing something good for the people at the rec center. Even better, at the end of the week, I got to sit down with an elderly couple and play bingo. Bingo isn't the most fun game in the world but I enjoyed sitting down with them and helping them play while also getting to know them a little bit. It turns out the wife of the man I was helping is also from Chicago! Not only did I enjoy the work but I also enjoyed getting to spend time with my friends, meet new friends, and also further my relationship with God.

I think this year God wanted me to experience the joy of helping people, even by doing small things like pulling weeds and playing bingo. Small things like that can make a person's day and that's why I always love going on the mission trip. I learned this year that God wants us to radiate His love, especially by helping other people and showing them what God's love can do.

Adult Faith Formation

AROUND FOR AWHILE, *by Fr. Ed Upton*

A number of parishioners shared they enjoyed my reflection on Russia. Done without pictures! Pleased to learn that.

A few months ago I shared the process used for selecting bishops in the United States, using documents provided by the Office of the United States Catholic Bishops. I described the process for naming both auxiliary bishops (those who assist the ordinary) and the ordinary - the leading Bishop of a diocese.

Larger dioceses, like Chicago, are led by an Archbishop. He has authority only in his archdiocese, but he has a responsibility to the gather the other bishops in his province (usually the state) for joint reflection and establishing common practices.

In Chicago, we have one Archbishop, 7 active auxiliary bishops and four retired. 6 of the active auxiliary bishops are assigned to a Vicariate; a partic-

ular section of the Archdiocese. St. Francis is in vicariate 5 with Bishop Wypych as Vicar. The other active auxiliary bishop is the Vicar General – who is the “stand to the Archbishop. FYI he is a native son – his parents live in St. Elizabeth Seton; he grew up in St. Jude, South Holland. Bishop Gorman, now retired, lives at Our Lady of the Woods; prior to that he was vicar General of the Archdiocese with Cardinal Bernardin, and then Vicar in Vicariate 5. Before those responsibilities he was pastor of St. Michaels’.

When I was asked the question by a parishioner about how Bishops are selected, she also asked about the selection of Cardinals. The process for their selection is entirely up the Pope. And I have never read the process he or any Pope uses in his selection.

Ordinarily, a candidate named Cardinal is a bishop and usually an Archbishop. They serve as Archbishops

in larger Archdioceses or have major responsibilities in the Roman Curia. Their most important responsibility is to elect the next pope. The pope is selected from the “college of cardinals”.

In prior years, it was expected that Cardinal’s would be selected from major Archdiocese and the curia. This process produced many Cardinals from Europe and North America. And thus the pope would be from these parts of the world.

Currently, there are 128 voting cardinals (under 80). There will be 120 when 8 will reach the age of 80 in 2020. Of the potential electors in 2020, Pope Francis has created 67 of those Cardinals. Yes, each Pope can set up future electors by naming Cardinals who agree with him.

Pope Francis has named Cardinals from around the world. His goal seems to be to acknowledge the universality of the church;

not necessarily univocal thinking. Let me just name the places where the newest Cardinals are from.

Council of Interreligious Dialog (Rome), Archivist of the Holy Roman Church (Rome), Jakarta, Kin-

shasa (Congo), Luxembourg, Huehuetenango (Guatemala), Rabat (Morocco), and a priest who will be first ordained a Bishop. This is unusual, he is head of Integral Human Development.

Three over 80 who will not elect a new pope, honored for past service: Angola, Lithuania and nuncio to Egypt.

We are a large and universal church.

HOW GOD INTENDS FOR US TO LIVE

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Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's--justice for the oppressed; food the hungry; freedom for

captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the

wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Novena to St. Pergrine - for Loved Ones Dealing with cancer and/or chronic illness

7:00 PM on Mondays, September 9th—November 4

Marian Prayer Group

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is the gathering place for our local Schoenstatt's Women's Group. Meetings are held third Satur-

day of each month (starting Sept. 21st) from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon to further develop our Marian Spirituality and share our faith journey. Women of all ages are invited to come.

Pro Life Rosary and Litany

The first Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Eucharistic Chapel for an end to abor-

tion, sanctity of life from conception to natural death and prayers for women experiencing a crisis pregnancy - that they will choose life for their babies and that they will find the support they need.

Mass of Remembrance



We invite those who have lost children of any age to join us for a special mass honoring his/her memory and praying for eternal peace.

Wed., October 2nd,
7:00 P.M.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
15050 South Wolf Road
Orland Park, IL

We pray in memory of the lives we have co-created with you. Increase our trust that they are with you now, in your arms, enjoying the fullness of life.

“Every life, no matter how brief forever changes the world”

Sacred Heart Mass & Fellowship

Visit with parishioners and enjoy a hot dog following Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Hopkins Park, IL

Sunday, October 6

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, Ensure or other nutrition drinks.

Please mark the items as “Sacred Heart Mission Donation”

If you can join us, please contact Linda Misiorowski at 312 510 5490 or email Lindam@lindamiz.com



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS - Caregiver Support Group - 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 October 7.**

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 ggenisler@sfaorland.org

“Emily’s Heart”

“I begged God to change my child and instead
He changed me.”



INSPIRING STORY OF A CHILD WITH
DOWN SYNDROME & CHD

By

Laurie Cepkauskas

Mother, Advocate & Parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi

October 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

**St. Francis of Assisi Center,
15050 S. Wolf Rd., Orland Park, IL**

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

Grief Support Group gathers at St. Francis of Assisi on the **2nd Thursday of the month.** Next meeting is **October 10 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.



**COAT DRIVE AT ST. FRANCIS
OCTOBER 12/13, 2019**

Time to once again go through your closets and donate coats in good condition for men, women, and children.

Drop off donations before all masses on
October 12/13, 2019

Just pull up to the church van and Helping Hands members will be happy to assist you.

Coats will be donated to the South Suburban Crisis Center (Neat Repeats) and Homeless vets

Any questions please contact Lee at
301-9706 or Laurie at 601-7113

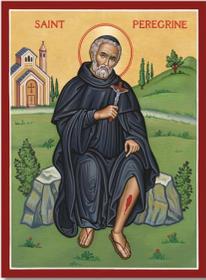
THANK YOU!

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

The New Normal



A cancer support group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month: **October 8 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 help in the Niehaus Room.



St. Peregrine Novena through November 4

St. Peregrine is the patron saint for persons suffering from illnesses of all types in particular cancer.

Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond

saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church.

Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for the relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. The canonization of St. Peregrine in 1726 increased people's devotion to him which spread to the universal Church.

7:00 pm in the church, St. Francis of Assisi will begin offering a novena to St. Peregrine. The novena will be held for 9 Mondays. All parishioners are welcome to participate.



**Do you like to Crochet?
Would you like to learn how?
Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Consider joining us in our Christmas Outreach SCARF Project!

As part of our annual holiday outreach, the Prayer Shawl Ministry crochets warm winter scarves for those in need. The majority are distributed by Catholic Charities at SFA as part of the holiday gift packages from our parish to men served at Catholic Charities' Supplemental Suppers. Over the years, our outreach has grown to include other groups in need, whether men, women, children or teens. Recipients appreciate the scarves not only for their warmth, but also for the fact that the scarves have been handmade especially for them.

Our goal for 2019 is to provide 250 handmade scarves and we would welcome your help!

Our members have found creating scarves to be a wonderful way to share our Spirit-given talents and express our care and concern for those less fortunate. During our frigid Chicago winter weather, having such a simple thing as



Date: Monday, October 21

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Center

Topic: The use of Narcan in the treatment of an overdose.

Presenter: Dr. Kathleen Burke, Director of Substance Use Initiative

Questions? Please contact Penny & Dave Drown at sfalifelines@gmail.com or Sr. Gael Gensler at ggensler@sfaorland.org or call the parish office at 708.460.0042.

a warm scarf is something most of us take for granted.

We invite you to help us spread the warmth and love of the Christmas season! We are currently working on our scarves for men on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 12:30-2:30 in the St. Francis Room at our **Prayer Shawl Ministry and Needles and Things** meetings.

We will explain the project requirements and provide the yarn and easy patterns – all we ask is a little of your time. Making a scarf is an easy way to brush up your skills or to learn to crochet, if you are new to the craft. We have members who are eager to help!

Come and enjoy lively conversation and the companionship of fellow parishioners while we work together to meet our goal!

For more information, please call the Parish Office, (708) 460-0042.

BEYOND DIVORCE

Divorced and Hurting?

Divorce is painful and often shattering. Divorce does change every aspect of a person's life.

If you would like help in managing these changes, St George will be offering a 10-session study/discussion group using the book "Divorce and Beyond."

Those who have suffered a divorce or in the process are invited to register.

The group will meet on dates to be determined at the first meeting

Divorce and Beyond
Please register by October 13
Deacon Joe Truesdale
708-614-0286

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
and Children (RCIA)

ARE YOU . . .

Interested in being baptized?
Desiring to become a member
of the Catholic Faith?

Seeking to have your older children
baptized?

Then the RCIA is for you!

Call the parish office 460-0042 for more information and/or begin this journey of faith.

HOLY MATRIMONY

With joy, we announce the marriage of

**Krzysztof Kielczewski &
Caroline Wojtowicz
September 21, 2019**

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

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

William Anderson

Maria Eugenia

Fernandez

Joanne

Follenweider

Lynn Gainer

Carol Gervais

Jack Killoren

Jerry Kurth

Debbie Lipien

Sr. Bernard Lynch

Marge McFadden

Vince McNulty

Bill O'Neil

Giovanna Picciolini

Annette Popernik

Mikaela Rix

Ann Ross & baby

Jim Slattery

Debra Sovich

Louis Tassone

Joe Tumpich

Marianne Vancina

Christina

Valentinas

Marjane Warren

Dorothy Weber

Jack Weber

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 28

5:15 PM People of St. Francis

Sunday, September 29

7:30 AM Melania Platos, rq. by Greg & Barb Kaczmarczyk and Tony Ciarrocchi, rq. by Cindy Bennecke and Mark Bennecke

9:00 AM People of St. Francis

10:30 AM Randy Peregoy, rq. by Ray & Marian Peregoy and Elisa Echaztan

12:00 PM Nancy Gaynor, rq. by Sherry Family and Joseph Michael Chiappetta and Mario Napoles Cabadas, rq. by Phyllis Napoles

Monday, September 30

9:00 AM Alan R. Hunt, rq. by sister, Kathleen Matthews and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Ray & Barb Perisin

Tuesday, October 01

7:45 AM Mary Matthews & Michael

Wednesday, October 02

7:45 AM Nancy Gaynor, rq. by Mike & Teri Stephens and Steve & Victoria Krasinski, rq. by Mark & Lorraine Kowalkowski and Jim Mangan, rq. by Gerry Gray

Thursday, October 03

7:45 AM Vincente Saavedra

Friday, October 04

7:45 AM Michael Sullivan, rq. by Mike & Mary Foley and Mary T. Foley, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos

Saturday, October 05

5:15 PM Ernie Horvath, rq. by Barbara Horvath and Vince Jacobucci and Rich Petrarca, rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz and Patricia Fernandez and Catherine Machado, rq. by Priya

Sunday, October 06

7:30 AM People of St. Francis

9:00 AM Ray Sullivan, rq. by Nancy Sullivan and Clement Sorse, rq. by Jeff & Paula Belski

10:30 AM James Kozeluh, rq. by Mary Ellen Kozeluh and Don Kulovitz, rq. by Family and Lydia Krajewski, rq. by Mom & Dad

12:00 PM Art Pike, rq. by Joseph March

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

	October 05 5:15 PM	October 05 7:30 AM	October 05 9:00 AM	October 05 10:30 AM	October 05 12:00 PM
Presider	Rev. Artur Sowa	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa
Deacon	VOLUNTEER NOW	VOLUNTEER NOW	Mike Kiley	John Donahue	Michael Pindelski
Sacristan	Valerie Piazza	Olga Bartell	Kathleen Biederman	Marjorie Curran	Adrienne Wieczorek
Lector	James Walsh (1) Warren Winker (2)	Richard Klein (1) Gerald Saletta (2)	Marilyn Nelson (1) Debbie Lipien (2)	Brian Whiteford (1) Sheila Pacholski (2)	Carolyn Kimmey (1) Timothy McCormick (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Beth Bruozis Ann Czarny Diane Heatter (sub requested) Katherine Nicholson Cynthia Patrick Peter Piazza Valerie Piazza Rev. Artur Sowa Pat Trebe Tricia Vidinich John Zubik Sandra Zubik	Olga Bartell Daniel Faxel Lisa Freisleben Gael Gensler Patricia Grasso Jocelyn Mangila Lorraine Martenson James Pedersen Fr. Jay Suero Carmelita Tangonan	Kathleen Biederman William Carroll Patricia Flynn Kathleen Johnson Mike Kiley Kim Reid Judee Tan David Trzesniewski Rev. Ed Upton Mary Vaas Anthony Vassolo Rosemary Zielinski	Deborah Burzinski Michael Curran John Donahue Gregory Fifer Janet Fifer Wendy Freer Joan Giorgetti Linda Higgins Robert J. McGuire Sharon Moe Janice Ota Rev. Artur Sowa	Diane Budz Robert Long Linda McCormick Mary Jo Noreikis Nancy Palacz Michael Pindelski Rev. Artur Sowa Lynne Sparks (sub requested) Adrienne Wieczorek Thomas Wieczorek
Altar Server	Beck Stukel Jack Tobin Anna Walsh	Mark Freisleben Nicole Freisleben Taylor Healy	Amanda Mackowiak Jimmy Piko Ryan Reid	Anna Bianco Chris Vittori Gabi Vittori	Moira Conway Julia Malysz Jeremy Pozen
Usher	Alice Rzeszutko (HU) Richard Rzeszutko Nancy Sullivan Renee Farrell Roxanne Zoladz Timothy Harris	Dominic Zambuto (HU) Jeffrey Belski Paula Belski Luke Hosty	Keith Nelson (HU) Brian Barrett (sub requested) Ann Carroll Diane Mackowiak Richard Roberts Oriano Pagnucci	Mike Olk (HU) John Glass John Higgins John Higgins, Jr. Lynn Pajon Jay Modelski	Don (David) Hodson (HU) Rosalie Hodson Jerry Ondrus Joan Ondrus

Parish Stewardship

	<u>09/22/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 281,760.00
Collected	<u>\$ 21,087.00</u>	<u>\$ 267,651.00</u>
Net	(\$ 2,393.00)	(\$ 14,109.00)

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

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The Parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. Hours 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the north-east corner of the Church.

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

REGISTRATION Become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

BECOME A CATHOLIC - R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 708-460-0042

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism usually takes place on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Prior to the Baptism, parents need to call the office to make arrangements. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

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

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

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Weddings need to be scheduled at least 4-6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Anointing is celebrated every Monday, immediately after the 7:45 AM Mass. Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed. A priest is available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 708-460-0042.