

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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WHEN YOU HOLD A BANQUET,  
INVITE THE POOR, THE CRIPPLED,  
THE LAME, THE BLIND.

LUKE 14:13



*Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor*

## MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR

*September 01, 2019*

### ***Sunday Gospel in everyday words***

One time when Jesus went for a Sabbath meal with one of the top leaders of the Pharisees, all the guests had their eyes on him, watching his every move.

He went on to tell a story to the guests around the table. Noticing how each had tried to elbow into the place of honor, he said, "When someone invites you to dinner, don't take the place of honor. Somebody more important than you might have been invited by the host. Then he'll come and call out in front of everybody, 'You're in the wrong place. The place of honor belongs to this man.' Red-faced, you'll have to make your way to the very last table, the only place left.

"When you're invited to dinner, go and sit at the last place. Then when the host comes he may very well say, 'Friend, come up to the front.' That will give the dinner guests something to talk about! What I'm saying is, if you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face. But if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself."

Then he turned to the host. "The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You'll be—and experience—a blessing. They won't be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned!—at the resurrection of God's people" (from Luke 14).

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

Humility is a hard sell in this culture. Celebrity is chic, and obscurity is hell. People would rather be made fools of in front of Judge Judy than never be on TV at all. Reality shows have taught us something really ugly about human nature: We are a race of shameless exhibitionists. How do we invite people to consider a way in which you actively choose not to be seen or celebrated?

It's important always to distinguish the virtue of humility from low self-esteem. Margaret Mary Alacoque stressed in her writings that it is just as important not to speak of yourself badly as to refrain from tooting your own horn. Speak of God with praise and of your neighbor with respect—but do not speak of yourself well or ill or at all, she said. Maybe we could offer humility as a mode of ego hygiene: a spiritual cleaning of sorts. Try to go one day without talking about yourself. See how it feels. Learn what else there is to talk about.

### ***Labor Day***

As we celebrate Labor Day, we recall that Catholic teaching honors work but reminds us that work is to serve humans, not humans to serve work. The human needs of those who labor must never be shunted aside. From the moment he announced his mission—a moment recalled in today's gospel—Jesus expressed concern for those oppressed in any form, be it in employment or otherwise.

Enjoy and Happy Labor Day!!! (Please keep in mind that our morning Mass on Monday will be at 9am)

### ***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.

*Fr. Artur Sowa*

*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, September 02 - Labor Day**

- ◆ Offices Closed
- ◆ Mass at 9:00 am

### **Tuesday, September 03**

- ◆ New RE Family & First Grade Family Meeting, 7:00 pm (SFC)

### **Wednesday, September 04**

- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:00 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Human Concerns Commission, 7:00 pm (GR)
- ◆ Mission Trip Information Meeting, 7:00 pm (SFR)

### **Thursday, September 05**

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

### **Friday, September 06**

- ◆ Boy Scout Pack 400 Roundup, 5:30 pm (UH)
- ◆ A.A. Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

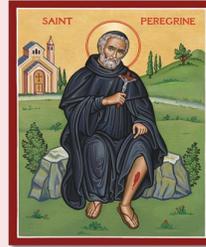
### **Saturday, September 07**

- ◆ Helping Hands Blood Drive, 7:00 am (SFR)
- ◆ Sacred Heart Mission Trip, 8:30 am (Off Campus)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Rosary, 10:00 am (Chapel)
- ◆ First Grade Mass Lesson, 4:30 pm (UH)
- ◆ First Grade Mass & Coffee And...5:15 pm (CH, GR)

### **Sunday, September 08 - Grandparent's Day**

- ◆ Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00 am (UH)
- ◆ Youth Ministry Fall Extravaganza, 6:00 pm (SFR)

## SAVE THE DATES



### **St. Peregrine Novena to start September 9**

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.

### **September 9th at 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.

### **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!



**PLEASE READ:** *It has come to our attention that periodically, there is a group of scammers who watch our website and bulletin. They are looking for cell phone numbers and email addresses. They use this information to scam parishioners. Please be advised that Father Artur, Father Jay, Father Ed, Father Rich or Father Mike will never ask you to purchase gifts cards for them. This also applies to any Deacon or staff member of St. Francis of Assisi. No one from the parish staff, Religious or Lay, will ever ask for emergency financial assistance of any sort. Please report any fraudulent activity to the parish office and disregard any email or text message you may receive. It is sad that we must print such an announcement, but we do so in the best interest of the St. Francis Community.*

## LITURGY COMMISSION

### **Proclaiming the Word of God: Training for New Lectors**

This two part workshop focuses on the theology of The Word, the history of the Mass, liturgical language, proclamation skills and the gifts required for liturgical ministry.

- September 29 from 12:30 – 3:00 pm at St. Julie Billiart
- October 4 & 5 from 7 – 9 and Saturday from 11:30 – 1:30 at St. Mary Star of the Sea
- January 13 & 27 from 7 to 9 pm at St. Michael, Orland Park

### **Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

Description of presentation: Through prayer, reflection and praxis, participants will ex-

plore 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

### **Ministry of Care Training**

Participation in these three sessions meets the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago, requirements to be eligible for mandating as a parish Minister of Care, ministering to the sick and homebound members of the parish. Participants must be approved and sent by a member of their parish Pastoral Team. Preparation includes such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged, the experience of

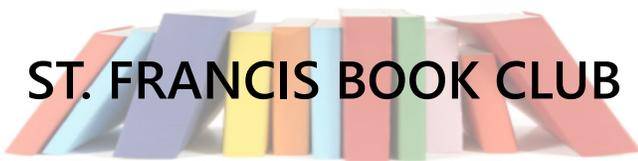
suffering, dying and death, pastoral listening skills, prayer and Eucharist, and the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. This seminar provides fresh theology and insights into the pastoral practice of the Ministry of Care.

- Thursday, October 10, 17, 24 9:00 – Noon at St. Francis of Assisi
- March 14 & 21 from 9 am to 2:30 pm at St. Patricia

*To register please call or text: 708-552-0052 or email: MinCom-mV5@gmail.com or contact Vicariate V Ministry Commission Coordinator, Maria Perez-Eraci at perezraci@gmail.com or register online at <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/>*

## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

### ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB



The book selected for **September 17** is  
**"Need to Know"**  
by Karen Cleveland

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

### Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Tootsie Roll Drive



**September 14th & 15th**

**Need Halloween Candy or just have a sweet tooth?  
50 Large Tootsie Rolls for \$10.  
Limited Quantities**



**Proceeds to aid Special Olympics and Local Disability Programs**

St. Francis of Assisi  
GRAND RAFFLE

First Prize \$30,000

Second Prize \$10,000

Third through Tenth Prizes \$1,000

Grand Raffle winners will be drawn

On October 19<sup>th</sup> at Trivia Night

Purchase your ticket by September 18<sup>th</sup>

to qualify for the

Early Bird Drawing on September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Two \$1,000. winners will be drawn.

Purchase more than one ticket to qualify

For the multiple purchaser prize of \$1,000.

Tickets will be available in the Narthex

Beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## The Rosary

PLEASE JOIN  
US FOR THE  
**ROSARY FOR  
LIFE.**

We meet the first  
Saturday of each  
month.

We meet again  
on Saturday,  
September 7<sup>th</sup>,  
at 10:00 AM  
in the Eucharistic  
Chapel at the  
base of the  
Bell Tower.

*“The Virgin is  
our strength and  
our protection.”*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Dropped your  
landline?



Don't forget to give  
the Parish

Office your current  
phone number.

The St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
invites you to our

**Holy Hour for Peace**  
**September 11th**

The Holy Hour will begin at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Church

Join us as we pray as a community for peace in the world  
on Patriot's Day 2019.

## 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.

### VOLUNTEER



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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 [mkburber-ry@sfaorland.org](mailto:mkburber-ry@sfaorland.org)

### KNOWLEDGE AND PRAYER SERIES KICKS OFF FALL PROGRAMMING

#### “THE BEDROOM, THE EUCHARIST AND THE SANCTITY OF LIFE”

The 6 parish Knowledge and Prayer Ministry is pleased to present Fr. Thomas Loya speaking on the Eucharist and the Sanctity of Life, Thursday, September 12th, 7 PM at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 S. Will Cook Rd., Homer Glen IL.

Recently, several studies have come out revealing a SHOCKING and very disturbing statistic: only 3 in 7 Catholics believe in the REAL PRESENCE of Christ in the Eucharist!! One of the reasons is because many younger Catholics were never taught and never even knew that the Church actually teaches that the Eucharist is indeed the actual Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ!

Fr. Loya will explain the Eucharist, and will discuss why and how believing in the REAL PRESENCE is essential to marital relationships, family, life issues and in fact to all issues. He will show the connection and correlation between the "bedroom" and the Eucharist and why the true belief in the Eucharist is essential to healthy marriage and to all life issues.

Come join us and bring your friends. Hospitality to follow presentation.

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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES OF  
Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish, St. Francis of Assisi, Our Mother of Good Counsel, St. Bernard, St. Michael, & Our Lady of the Woods

### The Bedroom, the Eucharist and the Sanctity of Life

Why belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist really matters



Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019 - 7pm

Presentation by Fr. Thomas J. Loya, STB, MA

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church  
14610 S Will Cook Rd - Homer Glen, IL

Sponsored by the multi-parish respect life ministries of:  
St. Michael's • St. Francis of Assisi • Our Lady of the Woods •  
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## RESPECT LIFE

“The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Another Look at Abortion”

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 infor-  
mation and/or begin. this .journey of faith.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
**XTRMIE**  
YOUTH MINISTRY  
ENCOUNTER CHRIST BE A DISCIPLE

**Fall Xtravaganza**

**Sunday September 8, 2019**

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

**For All Teens Especially First  
Timers**

**Meet With Friends**



**Explore  
Your  
Faith**

**Have  
Fun**



**Try the  
Food**



**For any adult  
seeking to receive  
the sacrament of  
Confirmation**

Preparation sessions will be held on  
Thursdays: September 19, 26, Octo-  
ber 3, 10, 17, & 24 November 7 & 14  
from 7:00 pm — 9:00 pm at Incarna-  
tion 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](mailto: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.

# Adult Faith Formation

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

For those “**Around for a While**”, the Labor Day weekend marked the end of summer. School did not begin until after Labor Day. School now begins in late August; the School Year has begun.

Labor Day was not intended to be a marker indicating the end of summer. It was established as a day to recognize workers. The origin was an attempt to put an end to inhumane working conditions. The day recognized the formation of unions whose goal was to serve as the voice for those not able to speak for themselves.

Today, like so many things, we find acrimony about unions – those opposed and those supportive. In driving, I see lawn signs saying “**proud union home**”. Whether you are supportive of unions or not, the primary issue is simply making sure those who work are treated fairly – dealing with hours worked, wages

paid, benefits provided. And likewise a reciprocal attitude from employees.

Today, the attitude toward work has changed. These reflections of change are what I have observed and not based on specific research studies.

As I recall my generation, as well as the one before me, the goal was to get a “good job”, with a large company, then hope this job would be for life with promotions and pay raises. Many sought city employment because they provided job security. While changing jobs was not unheard of, stability was the norm.

Today young people appear to change jobs more frequently than in the past. They want to develop a resume which shows ability in a number of environments. They nor their company do not see these positions as lifetime.

One of our parishioners shared a story

about his company. They had many older employees. They hired a consulting firm to assist them in developing employment structures that would make their company attractive to young employees. Younger employees did not want to work in cubicles but preferred to work in collaborative spaces. One of many insights they learned.

I am not sure of the number of “robots” in business, but they are becoming more common and causing loss of employment.

The way we work, what work we do, how we are compensated has changed over the years. However, the reasons that began Labor Day for me hold truth. A fairness to employees; remembering they are not robots. They deserve justice. The same word applies to employee toward the employer – justice and honesty in the work.

Happy Labor Day!

## HUMILITY

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Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight

with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is

fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

### Are YOU looking for opportunities to help you with your Spiritual Growth?

**Companions of the Journey** is an opportunity to participate in a self-paced-at-home retreat. It offers you a chance to nourish your heart and soul, to find spiritual energy and more meaning in your life, and to see where you are on your journey with God. You set aside an intentional daily 10-minute prayer time and meet seven times with a spiritual companion to share the fruit of your reflection on each of **seven** given topics.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Who am I at this moment?
- What am I busy with?
- How can I grow in my personal prayer life?
- Where do I find God in my daily life?

#### September 11th – Anniversary of 9/11

A Holy Hour for Peace with Benediction

7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 11th in the Church



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

Starting 7:00 PM on Monday, September 9th continuing for 9 Mondays

#### Marian Prayer Group

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

# 2019 Mission Trip Reflection

By, Luke Wills



I chose to go on the mission trip only because I wanted to get all my service hours done for high school.

My experience coming into this was first I didn't know what to expect so I was hoping for the best and to have fun and learn on the trip. When I

got to my house it didn't start very well. There was a couple of bugs in the person's house and there wasn't a lot of space to work with. But after we finished painting one room for the couple, they were so happy with how it turned out, it felt so good to see their smiles on their faces, and right there showed me that I should be so grateful for what I have because everyone here didn't have much.

Then I got to my second house and the lady there lived in an old house and she wanted a lot of work done in only 2 days because that's the only time we had. The first day when we were eating lunch and we had two bags of chips left over and we gave them to the owner and she was so happy because even two bags of chips is hard for her to get. We finished in the two days we had, and she was smiling and happy just like the first couple we had.

But overall, the best thing here was to work with new people that we have never met before and maybe become friends in the future and to see how happy the people are for the little things we do for them.

God wanted me to learn that when you do work like we did at the mission trip people will always be grateful and happy for what you have done for them. And wanted to show me what God's work looked like, which was all of

us people at the mission trip working in the one day 110 degree day. Even though it was that hot, we all still worked our butts off to achieve and finish our work.

Also at the mission trip when we had program the adults kept on telling us that we were really god's children and were doing god's work. So overall, god wanted us to show that we can show his work and do it by helping others in need. The mission trip was so fun and a great experience and I would recommend it to everyone.



## Teen kickball

Starts September 5.

Registration due August 29.

Free to play

T-shirt \$10.00

Contact Matt Toohill for more information

708-460-0042

[sfyg@sfaorland.org](mailto:sfyg@sfaorland.org)





**2020 MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION OPEN**

INFORMATION NIGHT SEPTEMBER 4, 2019  
@ 7:00 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

TO: TWIN CITIES, MN

DATES: JULY 18-24, 2020

COST: \$250 + FUNDRAISING

INCOMING FRESHMEN THROUGH  
GRADUATED SENIORS

**Registration Deadline September 15.**

This Camp will fill up on the first day. After September 15 you will be placed on a waiting list should a spot open up.

- ♥ One week of Serving Christ
- ♥ One week of deepening your faith
- ♥ Explore Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
- ♥ 40 Service Hours for school
- ♥ Make a difference in someone's life
- ♥ Become a closer parish community
- ♥ Develop new skills



**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.

**14 Days left to register**

**Join our pilgrims**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Fr. Jay Suero   | Matthew Toohill |
| Hailey Dwyer    | Jill Dwyer      |
| Mia Strolia     | Kayla Snidauf   |
| Jim Winters     | Gabby Bach      |
| Tess Deneen     | Mike Pindelski  |
| Cecilia Kolbash |                 |

## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

### SACRED HEART MISSION HOPKINS PARK, IL

Collecting items to stock the mission's pantry  
to be delivered on September 7



We are collecting items to stock the mission's pantry.

NEEDED: Paper products and personal hygiene items.

These items can be dropped off at the parish office during normal hours (8:30am – 4:30pm) and/or in the Narthex before regularly scheduled mass-

es.

Please mark the items as "Sacred Heart Mission Donation."

Join us on Saturday September 7th to continue our visits to the homebound at Sacred Heart. We leave from Upton Hall (lower exterior doors adjacent to the parking lot) at 8:30am. We usually make five or six visits per year.

If interested, please contact Linda or Tim McCormick at 847 254-6816, or at [timothyjmccormick@comcast.net](mailto:timothyjmccormick@comcast.net)

Thank you in advance for your support of this discipleship!!

### ORGAN DONORS NEEDED

Please contact [Loyola.donorscreen.org](http://Loyola.donorscreen.org)

Mark C. Miller is in need of a kidney donor. (Mark is the son of the former Music Director at St. Alexander's in Palos Heights and a family friend of Fr. Upton's.) Please keep Mark and his family in prayer.

If anyone can provide information referring to this great need, please contact [Loyola.donorscreen.org](http://Loyola.donorscreen.org)

### Huddle up! Give blood!

Donate Blood & Receive a Free Long-Sleeve Bears T-shirt!



**Saturday, September 7**  
**7:30 am - 11:30 am**  
**St. Francis Room**  
**(Lower Level)**

Schedule your donation time one of 3 ways:

- Before or after Masses in the Narthex
- Online at [www.versiti.org](http://www.versiti.org)
- Contact Joyce Franklin, 708-250-9022

**REMEMBER TO EAT A GOOD MEAL AND DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS IN ADVANCE OF YOUR APPOINTMENT**

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

**PHOTO ID REQUIRED AT TIME OF DONATION**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE EXCLUSIVE SCREENING OF THE AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY**

**THE HUMAN ELEMENT**

In this riveting and visually rich drama, we follow renowned environmental photographer James Balog as he explores wildfires, hurricanes, sea level rise, a struggling coal mining community, our changing air supply and how humans are impacting aspects of our world.

**Tuesday, September 10**  
**10:00 am and 7:00 pm**  
**St. Elizabeth Seton Church**  
**McBrady Center**  
**9305 W. 167th St., Orland Hills**

Hosted by The Creation Care Teams of St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parishes

**INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW**

The event will include a short interactive discussion on the Church's position on Creation Care, Climate Change, and Church-supported legislation on Climate Action. Refreshments will be served.

THE SOUTH/SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES PRESENTS

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## GET THE FACTS

Thursday, September 19

Catholic Charities S/SW Regional Office | 8:30 a.m. Registration  
12731 S. Wood Street, Blue Island | 9:00 a.m. Program

Human trafficking is not just an issue in foreign countries. It is happening in our community. Gain an understanding of the issue and learn about human trafficking from leaders with different perspectives at this informational event.

### HEAR FROM THESE SPEAKERS

Each speaker will speak for 10 minutes, followed by a Q&A

- Tom Dart, Cook County Sheriff
- Anne Polencheck, New Name Executive Director
- Pastor Esther Holiday, House of Glory for All Nations Church (Morris, IL)
- Cassandra Ma, Redaim 13 Executive Director
- Laura Ng, MSW, Traffic Free Executive Director
- Sister Peggy Quinn, OSF, Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate (Joliet, IL)
- Paula Myer-Besler, Selah Freedom National Director of Advocacy and Awareness
- Brenda Myers-Powell, The Dreamcatcher Foundation Co-Founder & Executive Director

### TO RESERVE A SEAT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Christopher Torres • dtorres@catholiccharities.net  
Anel Navarro • anavarro@catholiccharities.net  
Carol Petersen • cpetersen@catholiccharities.net  
Nancy Mott • nancymott@gmail.com



## Need someone to talk to about Alzheimers?

Contact Alzheimer Association at 800-272-3900, the counselors are available 24/7/365.

## HELPING HANDS MEETING

Please join us for the first meeting of the new Church calendar year on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 PM in the Great Room. If you are new to the parish, we encourage you to attend and learn about our may projects throughout the year!



**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 help in the Niehaus Room.



## BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Caregiver Support Group

A Caregiver Support Group meets monthly at St. Francis of Assisi. 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 ggensler@sfaorland.org



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

*The New Normal*



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 participate in our support group.

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

# SFA Parent



**Date:** Monday, Sept. 16

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:00 PM

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

**Topic:** Warning Signs that an addiction disorder may be present.

**Presenter:** Sonia Chand, a counselor from Counseling Speaks

**Questions?** Please contact 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.

## Partners in Ministry

As a partner in Ministry, Saint Xavier University invites those who like to “*sleep in*” to attend our daily Mass at 12 noon in the McDonough Chapel, beginning this year on Tues, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We are lucky to have over the years, diocesan and order priests sharing their time with us each day, Monday thru Friday. The chapel is located near the corner of 103<sup>rd</sup> and Central Park. All are invited to attend.

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

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The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God’s plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus’ presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September’s shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means “high place,” yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar’s three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or “I will go to the altar of God,” followed by the altar servers’ response, “The God who gives joy to my youth.” Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.



**Men's Renewal Event:**  
Feb. 28 & Mar. 1

**Women's Renewal Event:** Mar. 14 & 15

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

**Pray with Paint,  
A Sip and Paint Party**

Friday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Letters from Heaven**

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

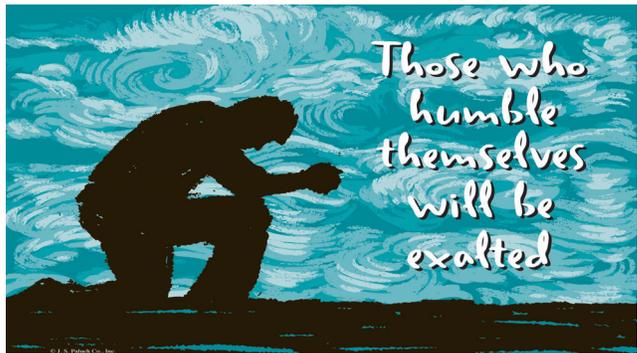
Jesus said, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself ..."

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Answer: *will be exalted.*

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**HOLY MATRIMONY**

With joy, we announce the marriages of  
**Michael DeMarco & Stephanie Joyce**  
**August 24, 2019**

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

## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Fred Clavio  
Norma DeHoff  
Griselda Evano  
Phyllis Farrington  
Denis Fellman  
Carol Gervais  
Jack Killoren  
David Kirher  
Jerry Kurth  
Sr. Bernard Lynch  
Bill O'Neil  
Giovanna Picciolini  
Regina Pinkos  
Bill Powers  
Ann Ross & baby  
Jim Slattery  
Debra Sovich  
Louis Tassone  
Joe Tumpich  
Marianne Vancina  
Shirley Wagner  
Marjane Warren  
Dorothy Weber  
Jack Weber

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 31

**5:15 PM** Zdzislaw Antkiewicz, rq. by Wife & Family and Sue Peregoy, rq. by Ray & Marian Peregoy and Millie Mardjetko, rq. by Rich & Linda Misiorowski

### Sunday, September 01- L

**7:30 AM** Marian Skorup, Robert Abt, Charles & Madeline Pelicant, Jean & Marguerite Abt, Laura Desimpel & Frances Umporowicz, rq. by Emil Skorup

**9:00 AM** People of St. Francis

**10:30 AM** Mary Stoffel, rq. by Gene & Jolene Hillgoth and Elizabeth & Daniel Martin, rq. by Martin Family

**12:00 PM** Michael Weber, rq. by Maria Weber & Family

### Monday, September 02 - Labor Day

**9:00 AM** Stephen & Stephanie Satala, rq. by Family and Bill Callaghan, rq. by Thursday Friends and Diane Niehaus, rq. by Family

### Tuesday, September 03

**7:45 AM** Betty Vaughan, rq. by Bob & Rosemary Odewald

### Wednesday, September 04

**7:45 AM** Peter Cunningham, rq. by Family and Abi Joseph, rq. by Tiby Joseph

### Thursday, September 05

**7:45 AM** Diane Niehaus, rq. by Family

### Friday, September 06

**7:45 AM** Diane Niehaus, rq. by Family

### Saturday, September 07

**5:15 PM** Estelle & Leon Czub, rq. by Family and Diane Niehaus, rq. by Joseph March and John & Gertrude McCormick, rq. by The McCormick Family and Susan Grigola, rq. by Springer Family and Richard Prosser, rq. by Patricia Prosser

### Sunday, September 08

**7:30 AM** Marie Jean Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Austin & Catherine McCarthy, rq. by Eileen McCarthy and Tony Ciarrochi, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll

**9:00 AM** Schweiger & Norris Families, rq. by Family and Bennie Smith, rq. by Anne & Paul Lebert

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

**12:00 PM** Van Soltis, rq. by Mary Soltis and Don Toohill, rq. by Lebert Family



Mark  
Bennecke

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

# 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>September 07 5:15 PM (Mass)</b>	<b>September 08 7:30 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>September 08 9:00 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>September 08 10:30 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>September 08 12:00 PM (Mass)</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa	Fr. Jay Suero
<b>Deacon</b>	John Donahue	Mike Kiley	VOLUNTEER NOW	Michael Pindelski	Michael Pindelski
<b>Sacristan</b>	Ann Czarny	Sharon McCaffrey	Barbara Basila	Cindy Lucio	Jean Nielsen
<b>Lector</b>	Cynthia Patrick (1) Diana Kufta (2)	Jerri LaRoche (1) Gerald Saletta (2)	Alana Mitrovich (1) Patricia Flynn (2)	Lynn Pajon (1) Debbie Lipien (2)	Timothy McCormick (1) Warren Winker (2)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Mary Burmeister Ann Czarny John Donahue Carol Funk Elizabeth Giron Diane Heatter (sub requested) Richard Klein Lorraine Martenson debi Ross Timothy Smith Tricia Vidinich Rev. Rich Young	Steve Alessi Kathleen Boland Michael Doyle Patricia Doyle Patricia Grasso Mike Kiley Sharon McCaffrey Eileen McCarthy Maureen Niswonger Rev. Ed Upton	Barbara Basila Kathleen Biederman William Carroll Pat Depcik James Dykas John Gaskill Diane Ostrowski Kathleen Ostrowski Kim Reid Rev. Artur Sowa Mary Vaas Anthony Vassolo	Joan Giorgetti Mary Greenan Linda Higgins Cindy Lucio Jocelyn Mangila Marilyn Nelson Janice Ota Peter Piazza Michael Pindelski Rev. Artur Sowa Carmelita Tangonan David Trzesniewski	Beth Bruozis Diane Budz Regina Knapp Robert Long Linda McCormick Jean Nielsen Mary Jo Noreikis Michael Pindelski Vince Saavedra Thomas Wieczorek
<b>Altar Server</b>	Gianna Elizondo Nicholas Elizondo Beck Stukel	Jack Strolia Mia Strolia Jack Tobin	Elizabeth Dykas Emily Dykas Jimmy Piko	Brendan Siemiawski (sub requested) Chris Vittori Gabi Vittori	Patrick Curran Michael Szumowicz Jayden Tan
<b>Usher</b>	Alice Rzeszutko (HU) Richard Rzeszutko Joe Czarny Lee Springer Richard Roberts Jim Arzbaecher	Bud Wyman (HU) Mary Ann Wyman James Pedersen Dominic Zambuto	Ann Carroll (HU) Lori Simard Diane Mackowiak Oriano Pagnucci Nancy Sullivan Peter Walsh	James Winters (HU) Gregory Fifer Janet Fifer John Glass John Higgins John Higgins, Jr.	Don (David) Hodson (HU) Rosalie Hodson Laura Tucco Luke Hosty

## Parish Stewardship

	<b><u>08/25/2019</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 187,840.00
<b>Collected</b>	<u>\$ 23,019.00</u>	<u>\$ 182,771.00</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$ 461.00)</b>	<b>(\$ 5,069.00)</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)

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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)

**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.