

PSALM 90:14

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days.

***Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time***

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR

September 08, 2019

The Sunday gospel in everyday English

One day when large groups of people were walking along with him, Jesus turned and told them, “Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters—yes, even one’s own self!—can’t be my disciple. Anyone who won’t shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can’t be my disciple.

“Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn’t first sit down and figure the cost so you’ll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you’re going to look pretty foolish. Everyone passing by will poke fun at you: ‘He started something he couldn’t finish.’

“Or can you imagine a king going into battle against another king without first deciding whether it is possible with his ten thousand troops to face the twenty thousand troops of the other? And if he decides he can’t, won’t he send an emissary and work out a truce? “Simply put, if you’re not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can’t be my disciple” (from Luke 14).

Notes on the Scripture

Nice-guy Jesus inhabits our religious imagination, a carryover from the coloring books. This smiling Lord seeks lost sheep and welcomes prodigal kids home. He banishes fevers and wipes away tears. It can be a jarring wake-up call to encounter the gospel Jesus, who does all those things but also says we have to give up everything to be his followers. Can’t we negotiate here? Does “all” really mean all? A very few will take this saying literally. The vast majority of us spend our lives seeking a comfortable compromise. Jesus is asking for ultimate loyalty, not personal poverty. Does he have your heart?

Religious Education (RE)

If you have not yet registered your children for the 2019-2020 Religious Education Program, now is the time!. Also, consider being a catechist – this is a wonderful way of helping and learning at the same time. Please, check our bulletin for more details.

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 ticket are available. You can buy tickets at the church or online at our parish website: <http://www.sfaorland.org> Thank you for your generosity.

St. Francis of Assisi 30th Anniversary Pilgrimage Tour

In 2020 our parish will celebrate our 30th anniversary as a parish. As part of the numerous celebrations recognizing this milestone, the parish is organizing a trip to Italy to retrace this life of St. Francis from Rome to Assisi. We will visit Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice and Padua. The dates for this trip are June 2-14, 2020. Watch the bulletin for more details. An informational meeting will be held Thursday, September 19th at 7pm.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Monday, September 08

- ◆ Caregiver Support Group, 1:00pm (NR)
- ◆ Adult Leader Mtg, 7:00pm (SFR)
- ◆ Peregrine Novena, 7:00pm (CH)

Tuesday, September 10

- ◆ Cancer Support Group, 10:00am (NR)
- ◆ Prayer Shawl 12:00pm (SFR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30pm (SFC)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg, 6:30pm (NR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 5-8, 7:00pm (SFC)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Business Mtg, 7:30pm @ GR

Wednesday, September 11

- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:00am, (GR)
- ◆ SWSC Vicariate V, 9:00am (SFC)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Holy Hour for Peace, 7:00pm (CH)

Thursday, September 12

- ◆ Bereavement Support Group, 7:00pm (NR)
- ◆ Liturgical Ministers Summit, 7:00 pm (CH, GR, UH)

Friday, September 13

- ◆ A.A. Meeting, 7:30pm (NR)

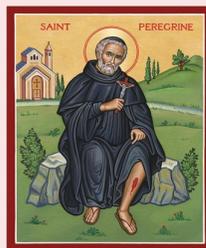
Saturday, September 14

- ◆ Liturgical Ministers Summit, 9:00am (CH, GR, UH)
- ◆ Mom's Play Date, 10:00am (SFR)
- ◆ Catechetical Sunday (5:15pm Mass)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive (Narthex)

Sunday, September 15

- ◆ Catechetical Sunday (All Masses)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive (Narthex)
- ◆ That's Deep (Youth Ministry), 11:30am (SFR)
- ◆ That's Deep (Youth Ministry), 1:00pm (SFR)
- ◆ NCYC Meeting, 7:00 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.

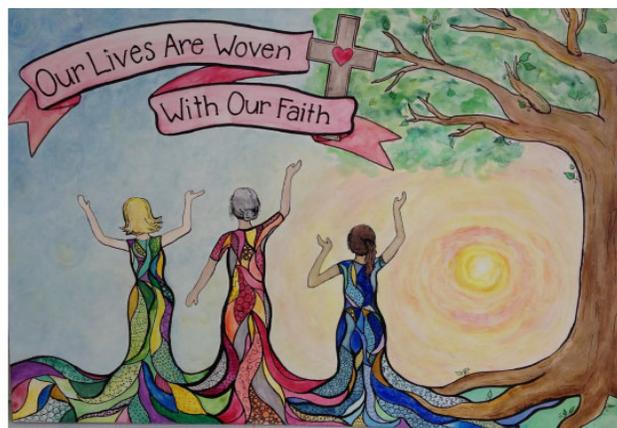
St. Francis of Assisi 9th Annual Women's Day of Reflection

Saturday, October 26th

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

More details to follow in future bulletins.

Can't wait to see you there!



PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

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 19th at Trivia Night

Purchase your ticket by September 18th

to qualify for the

Early Bird Drawing on September 22nd

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 31st.

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.

Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tootsie Roll Drive



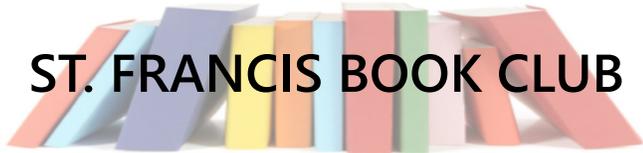
September 14th & 15th



**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 BOOK CLUB



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

1:00 pm
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 or Sr. Gael Gensler at ggensler@sfaorland.org or call the parish office at 708.460.0042.

SAVE THE DATES



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

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



Fall Xtravaganza

Sunday September 8, 2019

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

For All Teens Especially First Timers

Dive into the ball pit With Friends



Faith Cloud
& Kahoot



Group Tag & Fruit
Salad



Bonfire with
hotdogs &
S'mores



NCYC 2019
Meeting September 15, @
7:00 PM In Youth Room

TO: INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

DATES: NOVEMBER 21-24

COST: \$300 + FUNDRAISING

FRESHMEN THROUGH SENIORS & GUESTS

- ◆ Four Days and Three Nights Getting Closer to God
- ◆ Actively Living and Deepening 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.

7 Days left to register

<https://www.sfaorland.org/ncyc--retreats.html>

Join our pilgrims

Fr. Jay Suero	Matthew Toohill
Hailey Dwyer	Jill Dwyer
Mia Strolia	Kayla Snaidauf
Jim Winters	Gabby Bach
Tess Deneen	Mike Pindelski
Cecilia Kolbash	Your Name HERE

I was asked to write a short reflection on my experience as a recent participant in the SFA Youth Mission Trip.

My name is Bette Bailey and I served as one of the Adult Leaders for the trip. I was not planning on going on this year's Mission Trip, until I read the June 2nd Bulletin, and spotted **SFA Youth Mission Trip Adult Leader Request**. I read "one opening for an

2019 Mission Trip Reflection

By, Bette Bailey (cont. on page 11)

adult woman that must be filled in order for us to go." My first thought was, I hope someone will step up so they can go on the mission trip. My second thought was "why don't you do it?" Never underestimate the promptings of the Holy

Spirit! I'm so glad that I listed to my heart and volunteered, because the trip was an amazing experience. I would like to share some of my takeaways from the trip.

First, I was blessed to work with a great group of



Mission Trip 2020

Pre-Trip Requirements

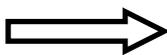
September 4, 7:00 PM: Information Night
September 15: **Registration Deadline**
October 6, 11:30 AM Mission Trip Meeting #1
February 9, 11:30 AM **Mandatory Mission Trip Meeting #2 & Pew Cleaning:** 1:00-3:00PM
Wednesday February 26: Usher For Ash
Wednesday
Sunday April 26, 7:00 PM
Mandatory Meeting #3 & Waivers Due.
Saturday May 16 8:30-2:30 Fundraiser
(May 30 Make up day due to inclement weather)
July 18 Depart for CHWC
July 24 Return to SFA, Orland Park

Mission Teams: Free Day, T-Shirts, Fundraiser & Supplies

Witness: After the mission trip, each participant is required to show appreciation to the parish, and share about their experience through a one page 400 word written reflection or make a 3-5 minute video reflection to go in the bulletin, and online. Due August 2.



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#Scan2register



TO: TWIN CITIES, MN

DATES: JULY 18-24, 2020

The Summer Mission trip with Catholic HEART Workcamp is an opportunity for teens to get out and serve, deepen spiritually, and have some fun while experiencing different cities, cultures, and lifestyles throughout the US. This experience concretely puts faith put into action, and allows each teen to see that they fully belong, and are able to fully participate in the Church's mission in the world.



- ♥ 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

Adult Faith Formation

AROUND FOR AWHILE, *by Fr. Ed Upton*

WHY? A question I am often asked, usually about church related issues. WHY? This inquiry was about my trip to Russia that I took with three of my classmates. The why is simple. We wanted to take a trip together to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Russia was a new destination. So Russia it was. The excursion was for two weeks, in the middle of August, on a Viking River cruise.

At the time of my anniversary, I was blessed with generous gifts. I have tried to individually thank all who gave me a gift. I am afraid there may be some who were accidentally overlooked. I apologize; I tried my best.

Please accept this belated thank you to all for your gifts, especially anyone who did not receive a personal thank you – I am appreciative. These gifts got me to Russia.

In my homily the Sunday after I returned, I spoke about taking pictures. When I

moved from the rectory to my townhouse, I had to move many things that had accumulated for 23 years. Much of what had to be moved were photo albums. I realized that some of them had rested undisturbed for the 23 years I lived at 13971. Others were more recent, but had only been perused once. They are all now nestled in a place where they have not been touched for another six years.

I decided no more pictures. If I can't remember an image when I get home, it is not that important. So a lot of words to indicate these reflections are limited; I am relying on an "old mans" memory.

Our trip began in St. Petersburg and ended Moscow. I'll just share highlights and focus on the Moscow portion.

Moscow was a great surprise! I assumed it would not compare to other large European,

or North American cities. I was wrong.

The population is about 15 million. My reflections are based on a very limited time – about three days. So I make no claim to complete accuracy. Simply observations provided by Viking bus excursions through the city and tour guides in various churches and museums.

What first caught my attention in the bus rides to various sites was the extent of construction. Driving through the city, it was obvious there were many high rise apartments going up, cranes dotted the skyline. These new buildings were taking their place with many similar already there. Ownership was not clear. I asked one of our guides about ownership but I'm not sure he understood my question. It appears these are "condos" as we know them, but he seemed to indicate government assistance is available for some.

In addition to the apartments, multi-use skyscrapers are also being built. Not as many as in Chicago, but enough for a contemporary sky line.

The highways are as crowded and bumper to bumper as any I

have experienced. I had assumed car ownership would be limited; not the case.

We also rode the subway. Each station had been decorated in Stalin's time and continue as source of pride. The design in

each station was "art-deco" and quite attractive. We were there on a Sunday; the trains were packed. They stop every minute.

Continued next week!

COMPANIONS OF YOUR JOURNEY *A Self-Paced At-Home Retreat*

St. Francis of Assisi is offering parishioners an opportunity to participate in a self-paced-at-home retreat entitled Companions of the Journey. It offers you a chance to nourish your heart and soul, to find spiritual energy and to reflect on your journey with God. You set aside an intentional daily 10-minute prayer time and meet seven times with a compan-

ion to share the fruit of your reflection on each of seven given topics.

Ask yourself these questions:

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

If you are interested have questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Gael at ggensler@sfaorland.org. If you say 'yes' to this opportunity, please fill out a reservation form either on-line or in the office.

Our orientation will be Tuesday, September 24 at 7 pm in the Great Room.

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

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.



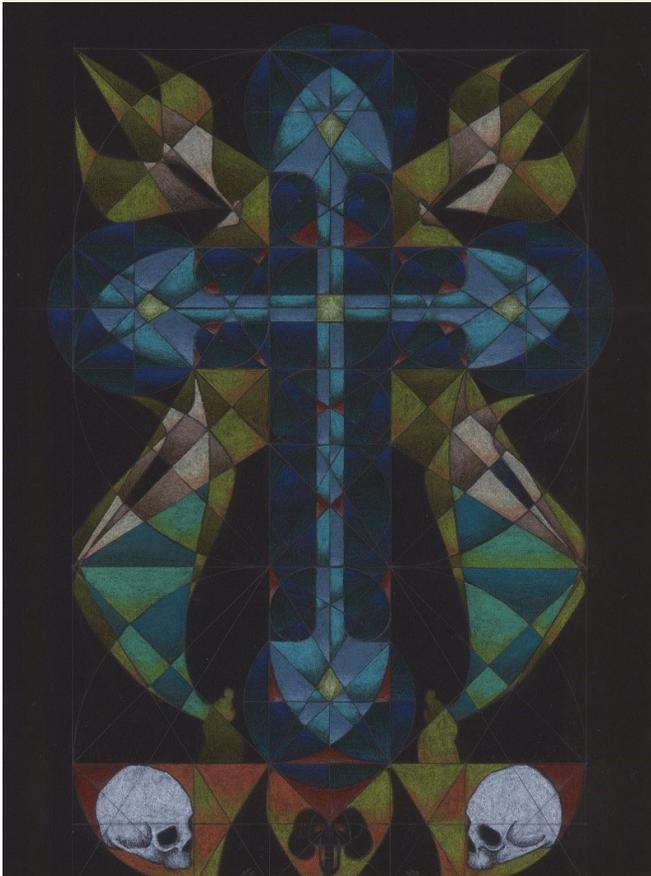
ART AND THEOLOGY: My Ruminations on the Good, the True, and the Beautiful

By, Fr. Jay Suero

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 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*)

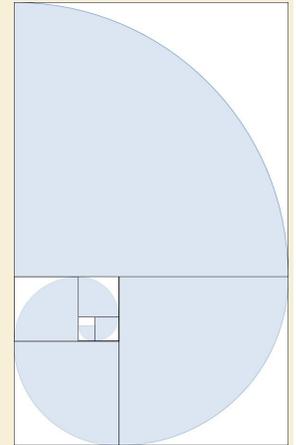
True beauty draws us out of ourselves toward the transcendent. The more beautiful an encounter is, the more the divine presence is made manifest to us. Thus, there is none more beautiful than that of the Incarnation of Christ. My hope with my drawings is to point to that fundamental importance of beauty as a vehicle to journey into the mind of God.

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.



The Logic of the Cross

This drawing stemmed from my intrigue of the golden ratio which builds the pattern to the right, the golden rectangle and golden spiral. It is said that you can see this pattern recurring in nature, albeit not perfectly, but there are many examples that tend toward this ratio. The golden ratio, however, is also one of many other patterns we may see recurring in nature and, to me, it is fascinating to think about because it points to the reality that there are underlying laws that govern and hold together the universe and these laws point to Christ who IS the underlying law of the universe (or in terms of ancient Greek Philosophy and the Tradition of the Church, he is the Logos) “for in him all things were created...all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Col 1:16-17)



What is also interesting is the fractal nature of this ratio. Fractal means self-similar infinitely across different scales. It is a never ending pattern. In the golden rectangle we can see how it infinitely folds in on itself with the golden spiral following suit. Paradoxically fractals are also found among chaotic phenomena such as snowflakes. Every snowflake is unique yet at the same time constructed of an ordered fractal pattern. I think this reflects how, although God allows the chaotic disorder of sin in respect to our free will to choose against his divine plan, He is

still able to bring order to it. The idea of fractals also reflects the created order of the universe that not only is Christ the underlying principle of the universe but also everything in it reflects God's being, down to the very smallest molecule. This reality allows us to look at nature and encounter God on some level. This applies especially to us persons who not only reflect Him but were also created in His very image.

Focusing on this one fractal pattern, I utilized the golden rectangle in this drawing as a fundamental principle underlying everything. Everything is contained by this rectangular pattern and thus is used as a symbol for Christ. Dominating the picture is the cross. The deep and light blue colors represent the death to self and the entering into new life of baptism. The red color signifies the blood of Christ and his sacrifice on the cross. The five yellow marks allude to the five wounds of Christ through which our salvation poured out from. Angels surround the cross giving veneration to it. On the bottom is death and Satan. The cross appears to be coming down upon Satan to show that both he and death are conquered by it. They too fall within the pattern of the golden ratio. Even in their chaos they are bound by the order of Christ.

Another theme that comes into play is Plato's metaphysics. An abbreviated (and thus inadequate) explanation is that what is most real and reliable to Plato are the universal ideas, the forms, for they never change and what is least real and untrustworthy is what we perceive through the senses; for our interaction with space and time is always changing and ever fading (for further explanation, please read into Plato's Cave). Within the drawing as your eyes move up from death and sin to the cross it moves from the more sensible looking to the more abstract, signifying the movement from lies and deceit upward towards the contemplation of the truth, Jesus Christ.

Bette Bailey's reflection, cont.



donations and grants. The Center provides food and activities for seniors with little income. They don't have money to pay landscapers or painters so my team was asked to do exterior painting, landscaping, and cleaning.

The seniors at the Center were happy to see the teens and interact with them. Many of the seniors said how lonely they were and that it was so good to adults and teens from St. Francis. They welcomed me with open arms and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of their team. I also, met wonderful people from all over the country. When we arrived, I was assigned as the adult leader for a team of 5 teens that worked at a Senior Center in St. Louis.

The Senior Center is run by a not-for-profit organization that operates on have the young people around. They were most appreciative of their hard work and their interactions.

I watched my team go from 5 strangers to 5 friends and witnessed faith-filled teens give four days of hard work in the blistering heat. I can honestly say, that in spite of the heat, I never heard a com-

plaint. Instead, of complaints, I heard teens sharing stories of the connections they were making with the people they were helping.

For me the trip was challenging but a very positive experience. If I had to say one thing that stood out to me it was that the young people on the trip lived their faith. No one was shy about openly praying to Jesus or sharing themselves with the others. I loved getting to know my co-leaders and the kids.

The Mission Trip renewed my faith in the future of this world. I guess the Holy Spirit knew the trip would be good for me too.



RESPECT LIFE

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."

USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts"
Bulletin Insert

KNOWLEDGE AND PRAYER SERIES KICKS OFF FALL PROGRAMMING

"THE BEDROOM, THE EUCHARIST AND THE SANCTITY OF LIFE"

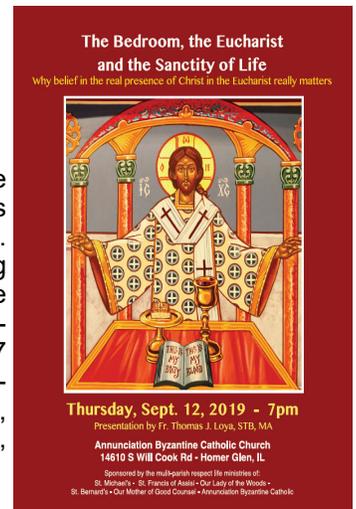
The 6 parish Knowledge and Prayer Ministry is pleased to present Fr. Thomas Loya speaking on the Eucharist and the Sanctity of Life, Thursday, September 12th, 7 PM at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 S. Will Cook Rd., Homer Glen IL.

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.

SPONSORED BY THE MULTI-PARISH
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



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!

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



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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.

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.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

Creation Care Corner



"The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change. . . can only precipitate catastrophes. . .". "Truly much can be done!"
– Pope Francis

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"

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

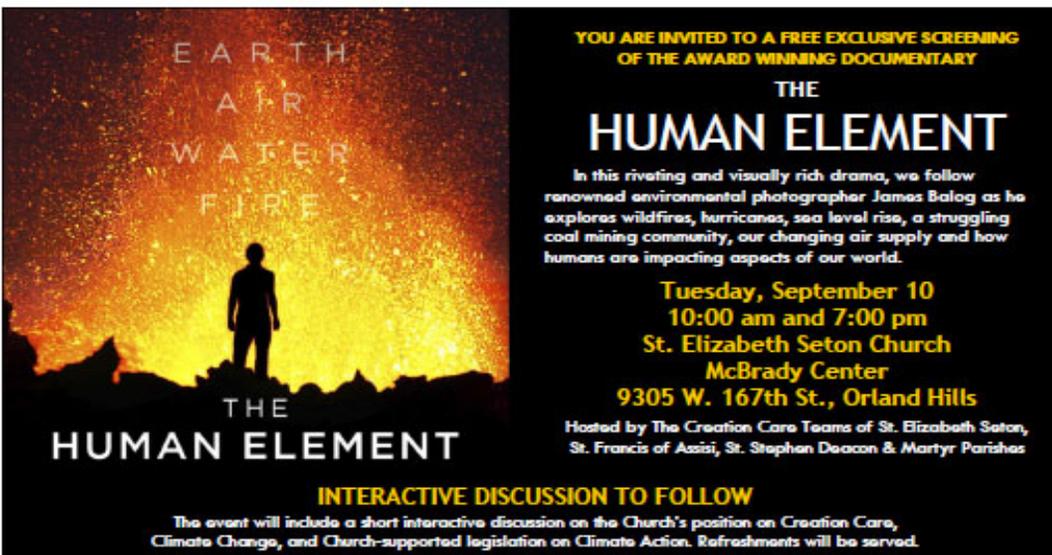
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Need someone to talk to about Alzheimers?

Contact Alzheimer Association at
800-272-3900, the counselors are available
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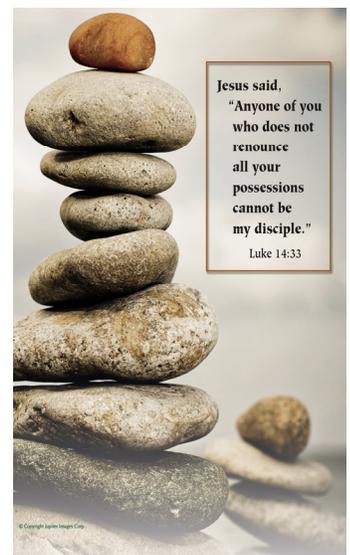
In this riveting and visually rich drama, we follow renowned environmental photographer James Balog as he explores wildfires, hurricanes, sea level rise, a struggling coal mining community, our changing air supply and how humans are impacting aspects of our world.

**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.



Jesus said,
"Anyone of you who does not renounce all your possessions cannot be my disciple."
Luke 14:33

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 gensler@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.



Grief Support Group gathers at St. Francis of Assisi on the **2nd 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.



ORGAN DONORS NEEDED

Please contact
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



HELP US HELP OTHERS

September 14 & 15
Donate new or gently used items.

Your donation makes a huge impact! It supports thrift store operations by offering low-cost or free* items for people in need. Thank you for your support by helping to provide a high quality experience for those in need.

Clean your closets. Change lives forever.



We welcome the following donations!

We welcome donations in boxes and/or bags.

- > Clothing
- > Jewelry
- > Linens
- > Lamps
- > Toys
- > Baby Items****
- > Shoes
- > Blankets
- > Rugs
- > Small Furniture**
- > Office Supplies
- > Household Items
- > Purses
- > Draperies
- > Tools
- > Books
- > Old Electronics***

Bring Your Donations!

We are hosting a pick up event at a location near you!

ST. FRANCIS

PARKING LOT

SEPT. 14 & 15

Free items are provided through our emergency voucher program, which provides free clothing, furniture, and household items to those in need

Furniture – larger items can be brought to stores or call to schedule a pick up

Old Electronics – computers, lap tops, key boards, mice, flat screen monitors

****Baby Items - excluding baby cribs****

*****We CANNOT accept the following items - mattresses, TVs, pianos, organs, broken/unusable furniture.*****

Thank you! 
svdpchicago.org
773.779.6700 ext. 111

Fill us at daybreak
with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy
and gladness all our days.

— Psalm 90:14

LITURGY COMMISSION

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Description of presentation: 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

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: MinCommV5@gmail.com or contact Vicariate V Ministry Commission Coordinator, Maria Perez-Eraci at perez-eraci@gmail.com or register online at <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/>

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



We joyfully welcomed the following children into our Christian community

September 1, 2019

Alina Maeve Soteris

Daughter of Charles & Casey (Burns) Soteris

Callia Casey Soteris

Daughter of Charles & Casey (Burns) Soteris

Mila Charlie Soteris

Daughter Charles & Casey (Burns) Soteris

Savannah Lorae Zolo

Daughter of Hrvoje Zolo & Brittany Tovar

- HOLY MATRIMONY -

With joy, we announce the marriage of
Jason Gaskill & Valentina Arroyo
August 31, 2019

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

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Norma DeHoff
Joanne Follenweider
Carol Gervais
Jack Killoren
Jerry Kurth
Debbie Lipien
Sr. Bernard Lynch
Vince McNulty
Bill O'Neil
Giovanna Picciolini
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 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

Monday, September 09

9:00 AM Susan Cava, rq. by Joe March

Tuesday, September 10

7:45 AM Mercy Josephy, rq. by Tiby Joseph

Wednesday, September 11

7:45 AM Tony Ciarrocchi, rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz and Jim Mangan, rq. by Fred & Virginia Pesek

Thursday, September 12

7:45 AM Chester Hoyne, rq. by Frank Margaron and Donald Toohill, rq. by Kathy Biederman

Friday, September 13

7:45 AM Cres Morrison, rq. by Rick & Linda Misiorowski and John Bomba, rq. by Family

Saturday, September 14

5:15 PM People of St. Francis

Sunday, September 15

7:30 AM Henry & Melania Platos, rq. by Greg & Barb Kaczmarczyk and Richard Milkeris, rq. by Ted Grekowicz

9:00 AM Ray Zielinski, rq. by Rosemary & Stephen and James & Alice Murphy, rq. by Family and Clement Sorge, rq. by Family

10:30 AM Donald Toohill, rq. by St. Francis of Assisi Staff and Steve Sullivan, rq. by Jim & Marian Ward and Wanda Mrozek, rq. by Jill Topf & Family

12:00 PM In celebration of Peter & Magdalena Lesnicki's Wedding Anniversary



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

	September 14 5:15 PM (Mass)	September 15 7:30 AM (Mass)	September 15 9:00 AM (Mass)	September 15 10:30 AM (Mass)	September 15 12:00 PM (Mass)
Presider	Rev. Ed Upton	Fr. Jay Suero	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Rich Young
Deacon	Michael Pindelski	VOLUNTEER NOW	VOLUNTEER NOW	Mike Kiley	Michael Pindelski
Sacristan	Elaine Erdman	Olga Bartell	Betty Kameron	Wendy Freer	Adrienne Wieczorek
Lector	Alice Rzeszutko (1) James Walsh (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) VOLUNTEER NOW (2)	Kim Reid (1) (sub requested) Jerri LaRoche (2)	Thomas Glynn (1) Rachel Weber (2)	Carolyn Kimmey (1) Warren Winker (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Elaine Erdman Carol Funk H. Paul Harms Richard Klein Lorraine Martenson Maureen Niswonger Michael Pindelski Richard Rzeszutko Nancy Sullivan Martin Terpstra Pat Trebe Rev. Ed Upton	Olga Bartell David Burns Michael Doyle Patricia Doyle Lisa Freisleben Patricia Goldberg James Pedersen Vince Saavedra Lynne Sparks VOLUNTEER NOW	William Carroll Thomas Cech Betty Devine Betty Kameron Marilyn Nelson Casimir (Casey) Pytel Sheila Ramsey Terry Reger Joseph Schweiger Judy Schweiger Judee Tan Mary Vaas	Mark Behncke Michael Curran Patricia Flynn Wendy Freer Mary Greenan Mike Kiley Janet Modelski Janice Ota Mary Ann Schillaci David Trzesniewski Tricia Vidinich Rev. Rich Young	Cathy Kara Robert Long Mary Jo Noreikis Joan Ondrus Nancy Palacz Michael Pindelski Adrienne Wieczorek Thomas Wieczorek Jeannine Witowski Rev. Rich Young
Altar Server	Aaron Vales Ronan Vales Anna Walsh	Moira Conway Mark Freisleben Nicole Freisleben	Kathleen Johnson Jeremy Pozen Jayden Tan	Anna Bianco (sub requested) Patrick Curran Taylor Healy (sub requested)	Julia Malysz Michael Szumowicz (sub requested) Jayden Tan (sub requested)
Usher	Richard Roberts (HU) Jim Arzbaeher Cathy Arzbaeher Roxanne Zoladz (sub requested) Timothy Harris VOLUNTEER NOW	Joann O'Dea (HU) Harriet Antkiewicz Cynthia Bennecke VOLUNTEER NOW	Ann Carroll (HU) Keith Nelson Richard Wysocki Wayne Kameron Oriano Pagnucci Peter Walsh	Lynn Pajon (HU) Gregory Fifer Janet Fifer Kelly Struck Brian Whiteford John Glass	Luke Hosty (HU) Don (David) Hodson Rosalie Hodson VOLUNTEER NOW

Parish Stewardship

	<u>09/01/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 211,320.00
Collected	<u>\$ 20,704.00</u>	<u>\$ 203,475.00</u>
Net	(\$ 2,776.00)	(\$ 7,845.00)
Our Missionary collection for Fr. Quy Tran & his fellow Priests' missionary work in Asia totaled \$6,660.70		

Please consider signing up for electronic giving.

Go to our website, 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)

REV. EDWARD F. UPTON, **Pastor Emeritus**
(edfupton@aol.com)

SR. GAEL GENSLER, OSF, **Pastoral Associate**
(ggensler@sfaorland.org)

DEACON DANIEL CARROLL, **Permanent Deacon**
(dcarroll@sfaorland.org)

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(jdonahue@sfaorland.org)

DEACON MICHAEL KILEY, **Permanent Deacon**
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DEACON MICHAEL PINDELSKI, **Permanent Deacon**
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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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Director of Facilities & Operations: Jim Hahn (jhahn@...)
Parish Accountant: Kathleen Biederman (kbiederman@...)
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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)

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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

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.