

September

15 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

“Rejoice with me
because I have found
the coin that I lost.”

Luke 15:9



MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR

September 15, 2019



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

The St. Francis of Assisi Community is a welcoming Christian family.

We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.

We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.

Sunday gospel in everyday English

By this time, a lot of men and women of doubtful reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story.

“Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ Count on it—there’s more joy in heaven over one sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue (from Luke 15).

Notes on the Scripture

Perhaps it’s fairer to say that humanity was still too spiritually immature to comprehend the compassion of God. After all, God shows a remarkable tenderness to Adam and Eve in fashioning clothes for them once they learned shame. This same kindness is extended to Cain in protecting him with a special mark and repeated countless times in the Hebrew scriptures: to Elijah when his courage fails under the broom tree, to Jonah when he sulks under the shade of the gourd plant. While there are plenty “acts of God” visited upon sinners and attributed to God’s wrath—flood, fire, famine, and pestilence, to name a few—God is understood at the same time to relent quite easily and show remarkable restraint for someone who has the power to crush opposition absolutely at a moment’s notice.

How else can we appreciate the many psalms that cry to God for leniency? “Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness,” today’s prayer begins. God’s goodness is presumed, and divine compassion is at least a possibility the sinner can pursue.

Our appreciation of God as the source of abundant mercy comes to full flower in the revelation of Jesus Christ, naturally. After the example of Jesus’ teaching, healing, suffering, dying, and ultimate forgiving, can we have any doubts that God’s greatest desire for us is to reconcile us to heaven? And yet, sad to say, some Christians still clutch the punitive, angry, out-to-get-us God to their breasts and prefer the idea of judgment to the hope of redemption.

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 (page 4) 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 tickets are available. You can buy tickets at the church or online at our parish website: www.sfaorland.org. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteer Thank You

On October 4th, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we would like to express our appreciation to all parishioners who are volunteering in many different ministers. Please, join us on Friday, October 4th at 7pm for Mass and Volunteer Appreciation, as we give thanks to God for your gift of time. (Please, RSVP by calling the office so that we can make preparations and if you are not able to join us that evening you can join us for our Pot Luck Breakfast that morning after our daily mass.)

Artur Sowa

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Monday, September 16

- ◆ Lifeline for Parents, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ St. Peregrine Novena, 7:00 pm (CH)

Tuesday, September 17

- ◆ Bible Timeline, 8:30 am (SFC-MP)
- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC-FR)
- ◆ Book Club, 1:00 pm (NR)
- ◆ St. Francis Golf League Banquet, 5:00 pm (Off Campus)
- ◆ Eighth Grade Parent & Teen Confirmation Meeting, 7:00 pm (CH)

Wednesday, September 18

- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:00am, (GR)
- ◆ Vicariate Ministry Commission Meeting, 12:00 pm (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed (A), Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Bible Timeline, 7:00 pm (SFC-MP)
- ◆ Continuation Committee, 7:00 pm (GR)
- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 7:00 pm (SFC-FR)

Thursday, September 19

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Italy Pilgrimage Meeting, 7:00 pm (GR)
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul, 7:00 pm (NR)

Friday, September 20

- ◆ A.A. Meeting, 7:30pm (NR)

Saturday, September 21

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Marian Movement, 10:00 am (NR)
- ◆ Eighth Grade Enrollment Mass & Coffee And..., 5:15 pm (CH, GR)
- ◆ NCYC Diocesan Sending Mass, 6:00 pm (Sacred Heart, Palos Hills)

Sunday, September 22

- ◆ Eighth Grade Enrollment Mass & Coffee And..., 10:30 am (CH, GR)
- ◆ That's Deep (Youth Ministry), 11:30 am (SFR)
- ◆ That's Deep (Youth Ministry), 1:00 pm (SFR)

SAVE THE DATES



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

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!



SAVE THE DATES

CHP
Christ renews his parish
BE RENEWED

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

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

RESPECT LIFE

“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion”

May all who fear confessing involvement in abortion be assured of Christ’s mercy.  



usccb.org/prayforlife

Religious Education Notes



You still have time to register for Religious Education 2019!

Some classes are closed but many are still available. Hurry into the St. Francis Center and enroll!

We are in need of three catechists

Volunteers needed for 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade catechists.

Eighth grade Parent/Teen meeting, September 17

All Confirmation candidates and parents should attend. The meeting is at 7:00pm in the Church.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting, September 26

Please mark your calendars for this 7:00 pm meeting in the church.

Parents, register for our Video Scripture Series

Parents of students in grades 5, 7, & 8 should register for the video scripture series. Information was sent home at packet pick-up. Children view the videos prior to faith session times. Check your children's information.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
XTREME
YOUTH MINISTRY
ENCOUNTER CHRIST BE A DISCIPLE

That's Deep

Developed by teens for teens.

11:30-1:00 and/or 1:00-2:00 PM

In the Youth room



September 15 &

September 22

Lunch will be provided.

You can ask Be open minded ... Share ...
Be heard ... Seek ... Journey Faithfully

All Are Welcome

October Extavaganza

Psyche Escape Room

Arrive at SFA @ 7:00 PM

Return to SFA @ 9:00 PM

\$29.00

Consent form Needed

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

2019 Mission Trip Reflections

By, *Bette Bailey & Kayla Snidauf*

Last week we ran Bette Bailey's reflection of the SFA Mission Trip and some of the copy was lost behind images. We are re-running the full reflection this week, with apologies to Bette.

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 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 listened 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 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 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 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 complaint. 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.

~ **Bette Bailey**

By, **Kayla Snidauf**



The mission trip in St. Louis, Missouri with Catholic Heart was a huge wake up call for me and an eye opening experience that I will never forget.

As the years go on, the mission trips become more meaningful and impactful. I went on this mission trip because I have been on two mission trips before and after both trips I have left with a closer relationship with God. This year I decided to work with painting and yard work on a resident's house.

My resident was a 94 year old man who from Columbia and his yard was overgrown with weeds. My work group had the opportunity of helping this kind man in fixing up his house and yard. We painted his barn and his steps after removing all of the overgrown weeds in his front and backyard.

The first day we saw that he had a chair on his front porch with the seat caved in. Right away, our leader immediately jumped at the opportunity to get a new chair for him. The tool suppliers came back right away with a new fold up chair and that was all it took for the biggest smile to arise on our resident's face. He was so grateful for just this small fold up chair that almost everyone has and it just made him so happy.

We forget sometimes how lucky we are and how much we have that we don't need. This man loved sitting on his front porch and his chair was broken so he would sit on a milk crate. This new chair meant something so much more to our resident, it meant he could sit on his front porch while doing his Sudoku comfortably.

After the week was finished, our resident was so grateful and he would not stop thanking us. We replaced his screen door with a brand new one

and leveled some of the bricks in his backyard so he could walk easier. We also put in a new bird feeder on his front porch because he had made a homemade bird feeder that was not very sturdy. He kept saying that we were spoiling him and that this whole week has felt like a dream. We also gave him a catholic heart workcamp shirt for him to wear. He was so happy at the end of the week that he could sit on his front porch and walk around his backyard without weeds blocking his path.

This mission trip taught me to appreciate the little things and to thank God for all the opportunities he gives us to help others.



Deadline 7:00 PM Today

<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**



**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.

2020 MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION OPEN



TO: TWIN CITIES, MN

DATES: JULY 18-24, 2020

COST: \$250 + FUNDRAISING

INCOMING FRESHMEN THROUGH

GRADUATED SENIORS

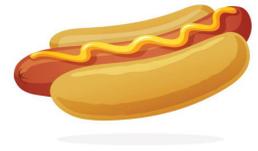
Registration Deadline Midnight Tonight. This Camp will fill up on the first day. After September 15 you will be placed on a waiting list should a spot open up.

- ♥ 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

Contact anyone whose been on a mission trip for more information.



Sacred Heart Mass & Fellowship



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

Sunday, October 6

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

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

Please mark the items as "Sacred Heart Mission Donation"

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

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

Creation Care Corner



"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation." — Pope Francis

Pope Francis and *Laudato Si'*

- The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.
- Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.
- The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences.
- Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."
- The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.
- Through active stewardship and reducing excessive consumption/waste we demonstrate our care for Creation and gratitude for this great gift.



Adult Faith Formation

AROUND FOR AWHILE, *by Fr. Ed Upton*

I continue reflection on my trip to Russia. Last week I shared the fact that I took no pictures. I did so because in years past, after I returned home, I rarely looked at them. So I felt there was no point in continuing such a tradition. A second reason I stopped taking pictures is because, on return, others politely ask to look at them, and honestly, that exercise can be a tad boring.

Reading about another's trip may be just as boring as looking at pictures, but in this context, there is a difference. I cannot see your reaction and so if this "vacation journal" bores you, just turn the page - no hard feelings.

Our trip was taken on a Viking River Cruise ship. This was my first cruise, and I was not sure what to expect. It was a positive experience. The staff was attentive; lectures in Russian history were offered as well as guided tours of significant places.

After two days touring St. Petersburg, we sailed to Moscow; this was a two day journey. We traveled on Lake Onega, and then the Volga River. I don't remember the exact number, but we entered at least 10 – 12 locks.

What surprised me was the quiet and peacefulness of the lake and river cruise. Until we got close to Moscow. There was very little boat traffic; the shore, for the most part, seemed uninhabited. Infrequently, a few homes could be seen clustered, and occasionally, close to shore, an isolated fisherman was spotted. Overall the river scenery reminded me of being in Northern Wisconsin or Michigan. The shore line was miles and miles of trees. Even though the days were pleasant, in the low 70's, no swimmers.

We did have opportunities to stop along the way, get off the ship and visit small cities. To embark was our

choice. At one stop, a visit with a Russian family was arranged. Because there were so many, we were divided into groups of 15; the times of the visit were staggered. My group was scheduled for the first visit – 9:00 AM. We were accompanied by a Viking guide who serve as translator,

We learned about Russia in a number of ways: views from the boat, van or bus, or tours of churches and museums. This was the first and only opportunity to visit directly with a Russian family. This family lived on the outskirts of the city of Yaroslavl. It was a rural rather than a suburban environment. The family owned the home and ownership was a source of pride. The couple was middle aged – 50's. Their 2 sons, married, left this small town and were living in Moscow for better paying jobs. They had three grandchildren.

The house could be compared to a Chica-

go bungalow. A beautiful spread had been prepared – cheese, tomatoes, pickles, fresh bread and other foods. The host explained the heart of a visit to a Russian home was to share homemade vodka. Even though it was 9:00 am, all were expected to have three shots. I politely declined.

They had a large backyard- an above ground medium size pool for the grandchildren. A well planned vegetable garden, and then what I was surprised to see in a neighborhood, were chickens and ducks: not pets. Our conversation was limited. Our group asked some questions – mainly about the vodka. No questions were

asked about America. This might have been because this family were regular hosts.

I was surprised by similarities not differences.

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 ggenster@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?

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.



Do you like to Crochet? Would you like to learn how?

Consider joining us in our Christmas Outreach SCARF Project!

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

handmade especially for them.

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

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

We invite you to help us spread the warmth and love of the Christmas season! We are currently working on our scarves for men on



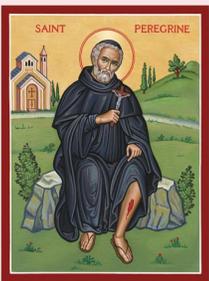
the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 12:30-2:30 in the St. Francis Room at our **Prayer Shawl Ministry and Needles and Things** meetings.

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

are new to the craft. We have members who are eager to help!

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

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



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.



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

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.*****

Bring Your Donations!

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

ST. FRANCIS

PARKING LOT

SEPT. 14 & 15

Thank you!
svdpchicago.org
773.779.6700 ext. 111

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, Red aim 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

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LITURGY COMMISSION

The Word Well Spoken:
Session for New and Seasoned Proclaimers



Sunday, September 29, 2019

12:30-3:00

St. Julie Billiart Church

7399 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park

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

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

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

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

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

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

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. Partici-

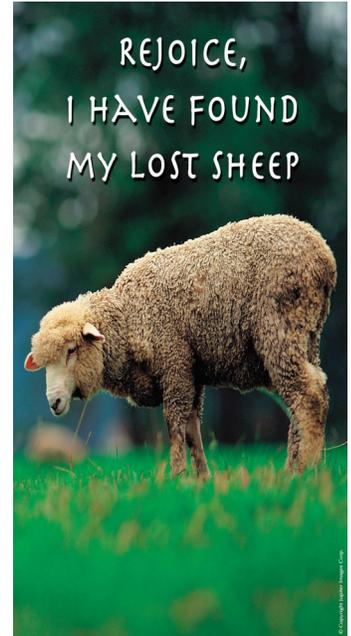
pants must be approved and sent by a member of their parish Pastoral Team. Preparation includes such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged, the experience of

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: MinComM5@gmail.com or

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



PARISH LIFE COMMISSION



Date: Monday, Sept. 16

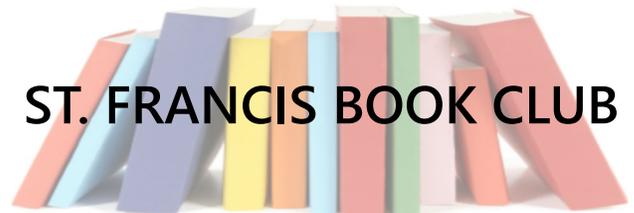
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

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.



ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

The book selected for
September 17 is

"Need to Know"
by Karen Cleveland

1:00 pm
in the Niehaus Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**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.

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish
30th Anniversary
Pilgrimage to Italy
June 2 – 14, 2020**

**3 Nights in
Rome**



**3 Nights
in Assisi**

**3 Nights in
Florence**



**2 Nights in
Padua**

**Informational Meeting
Thursday,
September 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi
Great Room**

**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.

**We warmly welcome
our new parishioners (August 2019) to
St. Francis of Assisi:**

Robert & Kimberly (Beranek) Pawlicki and children:
Jenna, Peyton, & Mason

Joseph & Dana (Barauskas) Sulkson and children:
Kamile, Amber, Matthew, & Aleksander

Matthew & Danielle (Gabriele) Zanta and children:
Gianna & Michael

Gerardo Ramiro-Cedillo & Ericka Garcia-Rios
and children: Saulo & Maximo

Thiago & Fernanda Rabelo and children: Sofia & Felipe

David Lempa & Erika Cano-Albor and children:
Aiden, Valerie, & Brianna

William Ward & Katherine Niemczwa and children:
Ally & Zoey

Dr. George & Carmela Shehata and children:
Chiara & Christina

Robert & Barbara (Kesek) Kulikowski and children:
Ella, Dominic, & Lily

Sam & Stella (Hornik) Bryja and children:
Kamil, Mateusz, & Ania

John & Rachel (Cardelli) Peccia and children:
Joseph & Caleb

Caesar & Yvette (Loera) Gaytan and children: Miguel,
Aylin, Abigail, Alison, Alexander, & Caesar, Jr.

William & Laura (Panozzo) Grob and son: Benjamin

John & Marzena (Malochleb) Macros and children:
Olivia & John

Russell & Jennifer (Bednarczyk) Johnson and children:
Gavin & Hailey

Peter Corluka and Jamie Wroble and children:
Matthew & Nathan

David Lundstrom & Anna Zaleska and son: Alexander

Jeff Kopf & Kari Flanigan-Kopf

John & Shauna (Scanlan) Schmeski

Paul & Kristin (Doody) Murphy and children:
Liam & Ronan

John & Karla (Auksi) Murray and children:
Mary, Nora, Charles & Margaret

Brandon Bell & Amia Scovel and children:
Alyssa & Ethan

SWIFT SPEAKERS FORUM 

South West Interfaith Team

Love thy Neighbor?

Christian, Muslim and Jewish Perspectives

DATE:
Sunday September 22, 2019

TIME:
Registration 2:30pm
Program 3:00pm-6:00pm

LOCATION:
St. Michael Parish
14327 Highland Ave
Orland Park IL 60462

SPEAKERS:

Abdul-Malik Ryan
Muslim Perspective

Liz Young
Christian Perspective

Jessica Schaeffer
Jewish Perspective

~ DONATION DRIVE ~

Bring along a non-perishable food item to donate to Respond Now

Christians, Muslims and Jews Working Together for Respect... Understanding... Religious Harmony

SWIFT is a Non-Profit Organization made up of synagogues, churches & mosques located in the South & South-West suburbs of Chicago.

www.swiftinterfaith.org (708) 253-2834
info@swiftinterfaith.org

 LIKE US ON 
"SWIFT South West Interfaith Team"

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



Save the Date!



Thursday
OCTOBER 17, 2019
7:00 PM

Broken Mary

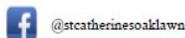
Is Coming To
St. Catherine Of Alexandria Church
10621 S. Kedvale
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-425-2850

Kevin Matthews entertained drive-time radio listeners for seventeen years on AM 1000, The Loop and ABC and CBS radio. Kevin was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2008. Broken Mary is the story of his struggle with MS and the chance encounter with a broken statue of Mary left next to a dumpster and all that transpired as a result.

"The message of Broken Mary is we're all broken. Everyone. We're not perfect, we're flawed. But we're loved."
...Kevin Matthews



Please join us for an evening of inspiration.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God's call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God's creation, but not disturbing it.

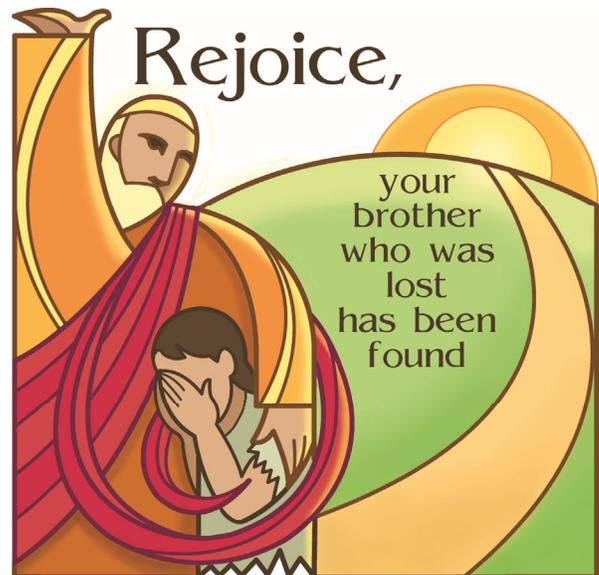
For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord's

Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

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Need someone to talk to about Alzheimers?

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



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We joyfully welcomed the following
children into our Christian
community

September 8, 2019

Parker Marie Cumbee

Daughter of Sean & Carolyn (Stvan) Cumbee

Rocco Vincenzo Lewis

Son of Daniel & Catherine (Christiano) Lewis

Mila Grace Mori

Daughter Eugene & Jessica (Chiappetti) Mori

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

William Anderson
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 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

Monday, September 16

9:00 AM Betty Vaughn, rq. by Bob & Rosemary Odewald and Olivia Fernandez, rq. by Maria Elena and for improved health of: Maria Eugenia Fernandez, rq. by Maria Elena

Tuesday, September 17

7:45 AM Clement Sarge and Ana Cristina Solis, rq. by Maria Elena

Wednesday, September 18

7:45 AM Tom Touhy, rq. by Family and Ronald S. Hunt, rq. by Sister, Kathleen Matthews and Joyce March, rq. by Joseph March and Kevin Connolly, rq. by Connolly Family

Thursday, September 19

7:45 AM Mary Ellen Sullivan

Friday, September 20

7:45 AM Gloria Regocki, rq. by Andrea Flanagan

Saturday, September 21

5:15 PM Rick Michalowski, rq. by Family and George Zavodny, rq. by McKane Family and Beverly Belford, rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz and Clement Sarge, rq. by Bernie & Diane McErlean and Arlene La Buda

Sunday, September 22

7:30 AM Joan Rendell, rq. by Mark & Cindy Bennecke and Otto Gensler

9:00 AM Edward J. Mills, rq. by Jerry & Kay Saletta

10:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Erickson, rq. by Ray & Marian Peregoy and Anna Kubicz, rq. by Family and Alice Kelly, rq. by French Family and Bill Cody, rq. by Wood Family

12:00 PM People of St. Francis



Charles
Prochaska

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

	September 21 5:15 PM (Mass)	September 22 7:30 AM (Mass)	September 22 9:00 AM (Mass)	September 22 10:30 AM (Mass)	September 22 12:00 PM (Mass)
Presider	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Artur Sowa	Fr. Jay Suero
Deacon	Michael Pindelski	John Donahue	Daniel Carroll	Mike Kiley	Mike Kiley
Sacristan	Ann Czarny	Sharon McCaffrey	Kathleen Biederman	Marjorie Curran	Jean Nielsen
Lector	Sandra Zubik (1) William Farrell (2)	Alice Rzeszutko (1) Richard Klein (2) (sub requested)	Patricia Flynn (1) Vincent Pryor (2)	George Kaminski (1) Greg Moe (2)	Nancy Palacz (1) Elena Reklaitis (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Beth Bruozis Robert Carlo Victoria Carlo Ann Czarny Lisa Kacerovskis Diania Kufta Michael Pindelski debi Ross Rev. Artur Sowa Nancy Sullivan Susan Vari John Zubik	Kathleen Boland John Donahue Daniel Fixel Gael Gensler Sharon McCaffrey Eileen McCarthy James Pedersen Richard Rzeszutko Rev. Ed Upton Dominic Zambuto	Steve Alessi Harriet Antkiewicz Kathleen Biederman Daniel Carroll Joan Giorgetti Rosemary Januszzyk Jocelyn Mangila Cheryl Pryor Kim Reid Carmelita Tangonan David Trzesniewski Rev. Rich Young	Mark Behncke Michael Curran Gregory Fifer Janet Fifer Linda Higgins Mike Kiley Regina Knapp Robert J. McGuire Sharon Moe Sheila Ramsey Rev. Artur Sowa Brian Whiteford	Diane Budz Carlene Catalano Mike Kiley Robert Long Linda McCormick Timothy McCormick Jean Nielsen Marcia Pavela Margaret Sabadosa Thomas Wieczorek
Altar Server	Jack Tobin Aaron Vales (sub requested) Ronan Vales (sub requested)	Moira Conway Jack Strolia Mia Strolia	Amanda Mackowiak Ryan Reid Jayden Tan	Gianna Elizondo Nicholas Elizondo Jimmy Piko	Julia Malysz Beck Stukel Michael Szumowicz
Usher	Jim Arzbaecher (HU) Cathy Arzbaecher Renee Farrell Timothy Harris Joe Czarny Lee Springer	Jeffrey Belski (HU) Paula Belski Bud Wyman Mary Ann Wyman	Diane Mackowiak (HU) Lori Simard Brian Barrett Peter Walsh Oriano Pagnucci Richard Wysocki	John Higgins (HU) John Higgins, Jr. Lynn Pajon Jay Modelski George Kelley Janice Ota	Don (David) Hodson (HU) Rosalie Hodson Jerry Ondrus Joan Ondrus

Parish Stewardship

	<u>09/01/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 234,800.00
Collected	<u>\$ 22,018.00</u>	<u>\$ 225,493.00</u>
Net	(\$ 1,462.00)	(\$ 9,307.00)

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)

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(dcarroll@sfaorland.org)

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(mkiley@sfaorland.org)

DEACON MICHAEL PINDELSKI, **Permanent Deacon**
(mpindelski@sfaorland.org)

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

ADMINISTRATION Phone: 460-0042, Fax: 460-0136
Office Manager: Paula Belski (pbelski@sfaorland.org)
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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.