

September

22

2019

God wills everyone
to be saved and to
come to knowledge
of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR

September 22, 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

Jesus went on to make these comments:

If you're honest in small things,

you'll be honest in big things;

If you're a crook in small things,

you'll be a crook in big things.

If you're not honest in small jobs,

who will put you in charge of the store?

No worker can serve two bosses:

He'll either hate the first and love the second

Or adore the first and despise the second.

You can't serve both God and the Bank (from Luke 16).

Notes on the Scripture

We must pray, but we must also lead by our example and practice our faith. The prophets always challenge us to see as God sees. It is as important to put as much time and effort into the matters of God as it is into matters of self-interest and personal affairs. We cannot serve two masters and when we choose to serve God we also let go of other things.

Every journey towards something is a journey away from something!!!!

Religious Education

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

Volunteer Thank You

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Monday, September 23

- ◆ Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting, 7:00 pm (NR)
- ◆ Peregrine Novena, 7:00 pm (CH)

Tuesday, September 24

- ◆ Bible Timeline, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Needles & Things, 12:30 pm (SFR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Bible Timeline, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 5-8, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Social Meeting, 7:30 pm (GR)

Wednesday, September 25

- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed (B) Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Companions on the Journey, 7:00 pm (GR)
- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 7:00 pm (SFC)

Thursday, September 26

- ◆ First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm (CH)
- ◆ Women's Event Planning Meeting, 7:00 pm (NR)

Friday, September 27

- ◆ A.A. Meeting, 7:30pm (NR)

Saturday, September 28

- ◆ First Eucharist Candidate Mass Lesson, 4:30 pm (UH)
- ◆ First Eucharist Candidate Enrollment Mass & Coffee And..., 5:15 pm (CH, GR)

Sunday, September 29

- ◆ First Eucharist Candidate Mass Lesson, 9:45 am (UH)
- ◆ First Eucharist Candidate Enrollment Mass & Coffee And..., 10:30 am (CH, GR)
- ◆ That's Deep (Youth Ministry), 11:30 am (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!



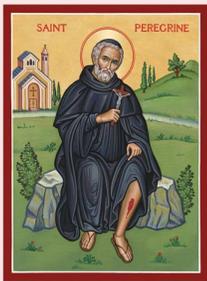
Christ Renews His Parish

Men - Feb. 29 & March 1, 2020

Women - March 14 & 15, 2020

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

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION



St. Peregrine Novena through November 4

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

Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church.

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

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

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"

Creation Care Corner



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue."

— Pope Francis

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

“Emily’s Heart”

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



INSPIRING STORY OF A CHILD WITH DOWN SYNDROME & CHD

By
Laurie Cepkauskas

Mother, Advocate & Parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi

October 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
St. Francis of Assisi Center,
15050 S. Wolf Rd., Orland Park, IL

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Michael Our Mother of Good Counsel, Annunciation Byzantine
Catholic Parish



**LIVE
VIDEOCONFERENCE
PRESENTATION AND
CONVERSATION
with
FATHER RICHARD
ROHR, OFM**

Sunday, October 13, 2019 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$20
Portiuncula Center for Prayer
St. Francis Woods Campus

Father Richard Rohr will join us live by videoconference for an afternoon of teaching and conversation. He will speak for the first portion of the program followed by a Q & A session. The afternoon will also include music, light refreshments, and conversation.

Father Rohr is a Franciscan priest, founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, and academic Dean of the Living School for Action and Contemplation. The mission of the Living School is to produce compassionate and powerfully learned individuals who will work for positive change in the world, based on awareness of our common union with God and all beings. Fr. Richard is a prolific author. A few of his books are: Falling Upward, Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi, and The Universal Christ.

Location: Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart
Auditorium
9201 West St. Francis Road Frankfort, IL 60423
Registration: Phone: 815.464.3880
Email: info@portforprayer.org

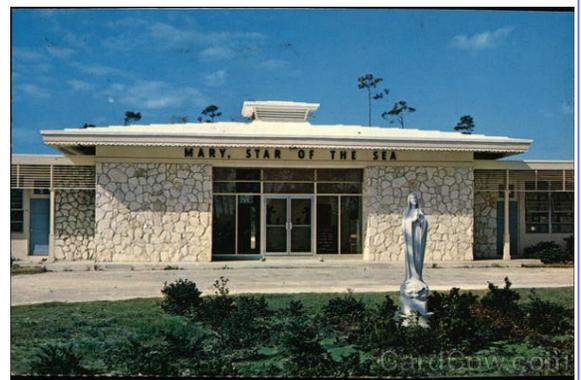
Will you help us rebuild the school of Mary, Star of the Sea, Freeport, Grand Bahama?

The Clinton Franciscans opened the first Catholic school on the island of Grand Bahama in August of 1960 at a small house on Amusden Lane. When it opened it had 20 pupils and three teaching sisters. The school grew to its present enrollment of 600 students and now...



**Mary Star of the Sea
has been completely
under water after
Hurricane Dorian.**

A special collection
will be taken up on the
weekend of Sept. 28/29
and sent directly to
Fr. David Cooper, pastor.



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

Consider joining us in our Christmas Outreach SCARF Project!

As part of our annual holiday outreach, the Prayer Shawl Ministry crochets warm winter scarves for those in need. The majority are distributed by Catholic Charities at SFA as part of the holiday gift packages from our parish to men served at Catholic Charities' Supplemental Suppers. Over the years, our outreach has grown to include other groups in need, whether men, women, children or

teens. Recipients appreciate the scarves not only for their warmth, but also for the fact that the scarves have been handmade especially for them.

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

Our members have found creating scarves to be a wonderful way to share our Spirit-given talents and express our care and concern for those less fortunate. During our

frigid Chicago winter weather, having such a simple thing as 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

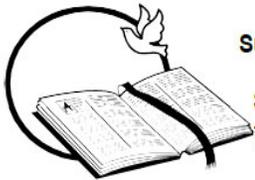
and provide the yarn and easy patterns – all we ask is a little of your time. Making a scarf is an easy way to brush up your skills or to learn to crochet, if you are new to the craft. We have members who are eager to help!

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.

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. 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 perezzeraci@gmail.com or register online at <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/>

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

St. Francis Rosary Novena

In conjunction with parishes and groups across the country!

Join us for a very special Novena asking our Blessed Mother to bring healing to our country and return it to holiness. Pray for the needs of our nation and church, the sanctity of human life and marriage, and an end to violence. The St. Francis Novena schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, 10/5 at 10:00 AM in Eucharistic Chapel
- Sunday, 10/6 after the 9:00 AM Mass in Eucharistic Chapel
- Monday to Friday, 10/7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 after 7:45 AM Mass in Church
- Saturday, 10/12, 10:00 AM in Eucharistic Chapel
- Sunday, 10/13, at 3:00 PM Central Time in Church

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



Plan to join together across the country in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary simultaneously at 3:00 PM Central Time. The National Rosary Rally will take place in Washington D.C. at St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill.

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

For more information, the web site is www.rosarycoasttocoast.com.

thank you

Thank you so much!

To the kind soul who
took the time to pick up
and turn in my lost keys
at the 5:15 Mass on
9/14.

We are most grateful!
Bless you.

Adult Faith Formation

AROUND FOR AWHILE, *by Fr. Ed Upton*

Final recollections of Russia.

SAFETY

I was surprised upon my return that a few people asked if I was aware of being under any type of surveillance. Since I was not looking for surveillance cameras or other monitoring devices, I was never aware if “big brother” was watching. Central Moscow, on a Sunday afternoon, was filled with tourists and residents. There was no presence that I observed, of armed military.

In some visits to museums, we did go through security, but we moved through quickly; it appeared to be a more casual check rather than a search for dangerous weapons. A few years ago an individual slashed some paintings, so the search seemed designed to protect the art. They

did not appear to be concerned about random shooters as is the concern in the USA. The only detailed check was a special entrance for anyone with a pace maker.

For the “off the boat” excursions: visits to museums, churches, folk dances and concerts, we traveled as a group with the presence of a bi-lingual guide. So, we were always together.

Prior to some visits, we were warned about pickpockets, but no one of our group was a victim. I never felt uneasy in any of the cities we visited. After the guided tours, time was allotted for individual walking and sight-seeing. Again, I felt safe.

RELIGION/ CHURCHES/MUSEUMS

During the time of Stalin, many of the churches were con-

verted to museums. Religious practice continued, but to what extent was not made clear. But the beautiful artwork, especially the icons survived, but many in a secular rather than a religious setting.

We visited many church and museums.

The churches are beautiful. In the churches, Icons, which are the religious images, cover the walls – top to bottom. A challenge during these visits were crowds. In the museums but also in the churches, we were asked to keep moving. Consequently, it was difficult to stop and appreciate these works of art. And after a while, the experience of looking at so many icons, became somewhat overwhelming and so difficult to appreciate them.

A unique experience occurred a few times during a church visit. While there were tourists walking and talking in church, a priest was celebrating a bap-

tism or leading pilgrims in devotional prayer. The noise of the visitors did not seem to stop the priest. The Russian Orthodox Church is operative; it

was not clear if participation matches other parts of Western Europe. It was a great visit.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Companions of the 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 companion 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 ggenler@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.

Additional opportunities to with Spiritual Growth

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

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

Marian Prayer Group

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is the gathering place for our local Schoenstatt's Women's



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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.



Children's Rosary

Sponsored by St. Francis Mom's Group

Saturday October 12, 2019 at 10AM

In the Chapel

Contact Alana Mitrovich at ammitrovich@gmail.com
with questions

Babies and children of all ages are welcome.

Children who can read are welcome to lead a decade.

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

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER
22**

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



"SWIFT South West Interfaith Team"

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.

Save the Date!



Thursday
OCTOBER 17, 2019
7:00 PM

Broken Mary

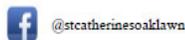
Is Coming To
St. Catherine Of Alexandria Church
10621 S. Kedvale
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-425-2850

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.



Need someone to talk to about Alzheimers?

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By, James Field, Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.

Although June is the month most associated with weddings in the United States, September has become more popular in recent years. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. At the wedding feast at Cana, the mother of Jesus was recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arose, she did what she could to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate their anniversaries well, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

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.





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.

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.



RESPECT LIFE

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Every Suicide is Tragic”*

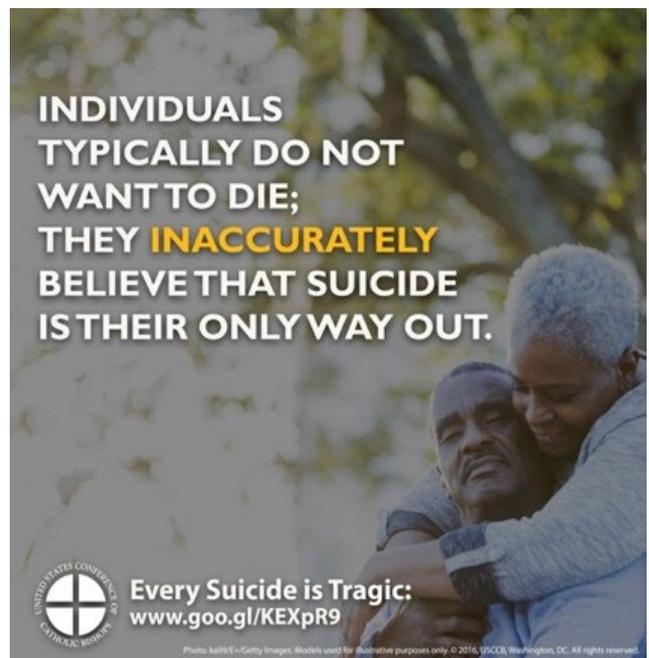


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That's Deep

Developed by teens for teens.

11:30-1:00 and/or

1:00-2:00 PM

In the Youth room

September 22

- Lunch
- Share
- Be heard
- Seek
- All Are Welcome
- Bring a Friend



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, Candace Heitner & Nora



Candace Heitner

In the fall of 2018, I decided to go on this year's mission trip. I liked the idea of getting a lot of service hours, and I had heard good things about the experience from my friends. Going into the trip, I was very excited, but I felt some doubt that my experience would live up to what I had

heard. However, I quickly realized I was about to have an experience like nothing else.

Our week began by getting our teams and assignments. I met people from all different states who became my good friends by the end of the trip. It was also valuable to meet the residents of St. Louis that we helped. With all of these new and different people, I saw God's plan in bringing us together to accomplish great things.

Through our work, I learned skills I might not have gotten otherwise. I gained experience in painting and yard work. Though it was difficult to do our work during the long days, every minute of effort was worth it. It was very rewarding and empowering to see what we could accomplish through determination and teamwork.

On the hottest day of the week, one of our adult leaders shared the words of a woman from her parish. She said that while we worked through the heat and humidity, we should offer our sacrifice to the Lord in the name of those who are suffering. At camp, I grew in my relationships with the friends I had come with and made new friends with the rest of the people from my parish. With the people in my parish, I enjoyed having fun with making up dances and playing games, as well as connecting deeply through sharing our experiences and feelings about our week.

In program and mass, I learned a lot about my faith and felt God give me the answers to questions I had. Participating in the trip gave me a sense of purpose and place in God's plan for the world. Throughout the week, the message to be radiant in God's love grew in importance to me. I want to work towards being an example of God's love by showing love to others. Catholic Heart Workcamp showed me that I can shine my light on others to glorify the Lord. From now until next year, I hope to grow in my faith and purpose.



My name is Nora and I traveled to St. Louis with St. Francis teens as part of a Catholic Heart youth group. The reason I went on the mission trip was because I wanted to grow closer to my faith, learn how to help my community in different ways, and just have a good time with friends. Right away the adult that volunteers made you feel welcomed. They had great positive attitude that made you feel happy and feel like you were meant to be there.



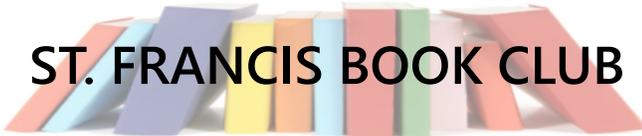
Nora

Everyday we had mass and nightly programs where we would watch skits about our faith, laugh, sing, dance, and grow closer to God. In the beginning of the trip, I didn't really know many of the teens but by day two we were having conversations that lasted for hours and created some lasting bonds.

The first day all of the youth groups were separated into teams and my team was placed at a senior living home. At first I didn't know the people on my team. We all came from different states and had very different attitudes. By the middle of the week it was getting very hot and we all had to work together to get the job done fast. So while painting or gardening, we would have conversations about where we were from, our schools and our experiences at Catholic Heart. This helped us form a bond that lasted the whole week.

While I was working, I got to know the senior citizens and they were the sweetest people I have ever met. All of the seniors always had a smile on their face and they loved having conversations with us. On the last day at our work site, my team served food, played games and had conversations with seniors at their annual summer barbeque. At the end of the week, I realized how much I was going to miss this experience. Everyday I was learning new things about myself and my faith.

The last day in St. Louis was fun going to the Arch, caves and a Cardinals game. Going on this mission trip was the highlight of my summer. I made many new friendships, learned new ways to help my community, and grew closer to God through prayer and daily mass. I learned how to express my faith in different ways I never thought of. I hope to share my experience with other teens at St. Francis and encourage them to join us on our next mission trip!



ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

The book selected for **October 15** is

"Woman Last Seen in Her Thirties"
by Camille Pagan

1:00 pm in the Niehaus Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

AROUND TOWN

October Novena to St. Rita of Cascia

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel (7740 S. Western Ave. - Chicago, IL 60620) will be celebrating its next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on Thursday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Bradley Zamora. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6:00 p.m. Ample, secure parking is available. For more information please contact Josh at (773) 925-6600 or shrine@stritahs.com.



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Bourbon Street Blues – October 10

Catholic Charities South and Southwest Regions invite you to Bourbon Street Blues on Thursday October 10, 2019 from 6 to 9 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street, Merrionette Park. Enjoy a buffet and open beer and wine bar while enjoying some of the best blues music in Chicago. The night features music by the Wind Gypsies. \$35 per person, \$40 at the door.

Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities food pantries and emergency services for our neighbors most in need in the South and Southwest Regions. For more information and to register, visit www.catholiccharities.net/blues or contact (708) 333-9239.

Welcome!

All widowed men & women looking to ease their sense of loss and move into a more joyful part of life are invited to attend a Joyful Again! retreat/workshop

Fall 2019 Schedule

October 12 & 13- (No overnight)
St. Hubert's, Hoffman Estates

Nov 2 & 3- (Overnight only)
Nazareth Retreat Hse, Batavia

Nov 16 & 17- (Overnight only)

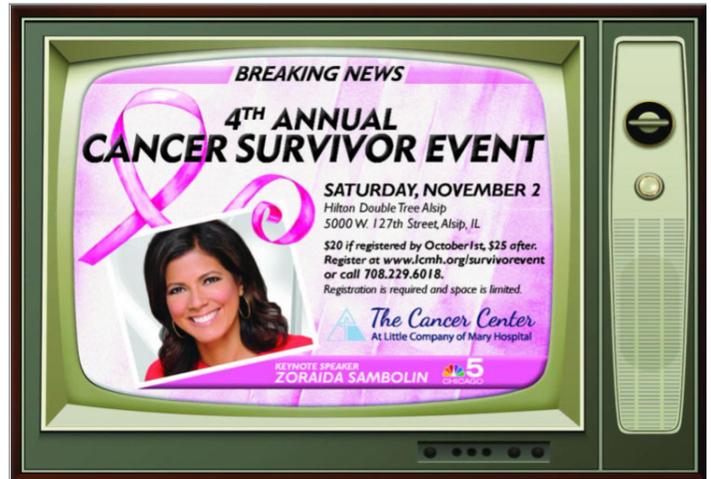
Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont
To register call: 708-354-7211.
e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video)

Sisters of Providence host Come and See Retreat

Are you a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 and 42? Might God be calling you to something more? The Sisters of Providence invite you to beautiful, spirit-filled Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for a **Come and See Weekend retreat on Oct. 11-13**. Learn more about and experience different forms of prayer while spending time with the sisters. Seek your answers to where God might be calling you through prayer and community. The retreat is free. Learn more or register at ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org or by contacting Sister Editha Ben at 812-230-4771.

About the Sisters of Providence

The Sisters of Providence, a Congregation of nearly 275 women religious, with more than 200 Providence Associates, exist to further God's loving plans by devoting themselves to serving others through works of love, mercy and justice. The Sisters of Providence have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located just northwest of downtown Terre Haute, Ind. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 17 states, the District of Columbia and Asia. More information about the Sisters of Providence and their ministries may be found at www.SistersofProvidence.org.



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



We joyfully welcomed
the following children
into our Christian
community

September 15, 2019

Giovanni Alfonso Caprio
Son of Anthony & Caitlin (Buerger) Caprio

Nora Marie Cowhey
Daughter of Ryan & Dana (Aspari) Cowhey

Ally Sasha Ward
Daughter William Ward & Katherine Niemczura

Zoey Katherine Ward
Daughter William Ward & Katherine Niemczura

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



Mary T. Foley

Daniel
Poetzing

Frank Zito

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 23

9:00 AM Philip Buyan, rq. by Ray & Barb Perisin and 30th Wedding Anniversary of Greg & Gazyna Zibel, by George Lopuszynski

Tuesday, September 24

7:45 AM Helen Foley, rq. by Jim Foley

Wednesday, September 25

7:45 AM Thaddeus & Emily Dybala, rq. by Don & Mark Dybala and Jim Mangan, rq. by Mike & Mary Foley

Thursday, September 26

7:45 AM James J. Dillon, rq. by Diane Low

Friday, September 27

7:45 AM Tom Touhy, rq. by Family and Mary Hellmann, rq. by Daughters and Yvonne Maxfield, rq. by Hanley Family and Robert Paluch, rq. by Lois Paluch and Steve & Victoria Krasinski, rq. by Mark & Lorraine Kowalkowski

Saturday, September 28

5:15 PM People of St. Francis

Sunday, September 29

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

9:00 AM People of St. Francis

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

12:00 PM Nancy Gaynor, rq. by Sherry Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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 28 5:15 PM (Mass)	September 29 7:30 AM (Mass)	September 29 9:00 AM (Mass)	September 29 10:30 AM (Mass)	September 29 12:00 PM (Mass)
Presider	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Ed Upton	Fr. Jay Suero
Deacon	Mike Kiley	VOLUNTEER NOW	John Donahue	Michael Pindelski	VOLUNTEER NOW
Sacristan	Elaine Erdman	Olga Bartell	Barbara Basila	Wendy Freer (sub requested)	Laureen Pietranczyk
Lector	Richard Klein (1) Martin Terpstra (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) Jerri LaRoche (2)	Casimir (Casey) Pytel (1) Betty Kameron (2) (sub requested)	Lynn Pajon (1) Michelle Whalen (2)	Nancy Palacz (1) Diania Kufta (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Burmeister Elaine Erdman Elizabeth Giron H. Paul Harms Mike Kiley Lorraine Martenson Diane McErlean Peter Piazza Alice Rzeszutko Richard Rzeszutko Nancy Sullivan Susan Vari	Olga Bartell Paula Belski David Burns Patricia Goldberg James Pedersen Vince Saavedra Lynne Sparks Rev. Rich Young Dominic Zambuto VOLUNTEER NOW	Barbara Basila Nancy Biggio Nancy Celeski Betty Devine John Donahue John Gaskill Kim Reid Joseph Schweiger Judy Schweiger Rev. Artur Sowa Judee Tan Mary Vaas	Mark Behncke Susan Campagna Wendy Freer (sub requested) Mary Greenan George Kaminski Karen Koehler Janet Modelski Janice Ota Michael Pindelski Mary Ann Schillaci Rev. Ed Upton Jeffrey Whalen	Cathy Kara Robert Long Sharon Moe Mary Jo Noreikis Joan Ondrus (sub requested) Marcia Pavela Laureen Pietranczyk Margaret Sabadosa Fr. Jay Suero Jeannine Witowski
Altar Server	Taylor Healy Jack Tobin Anna Walsh	Moira Conway Alexander Lubinski Andrew Lubinski	Jayden Tan Chris Vittori Gabi Vittori	Anna Bianco (sub requested) Patrick Curran Jeremy Pozen	Julia Malysz Brendan Siemiawski Michael Szumowicz
Usher	Luke Hosty (HU) Teri Sankey (sub requested) Jim Arzbaecher Cathy Arzbaecher Renee Farrell VOLUNTEER NOW	Joann O'Dea (HU) Cynthia Bennecke Jeffrey Belski VOLUNTEER NOW	Richard Wysocki (HU) Marianne Laff Wayne Kameron (sub requested) Oriano Pagnucci Peter Walsh VOLUNTEER NOW	John Glass (HU) Jay Modelski George Kelley James Winters James Ward Gregory Fifer	Laura Tucco (HU) Don (David) Hodson Rosalie Hodson VOLUNTEER NOW

Parish Stewardship

	<u>09/15/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 258,280.00
Collected	<u>\$ 21,071.00</u>	<u>\$ 246,564.00</u>
Net	(\$ 2,409.00)	(\$ 11,716.00)

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

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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**
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REV. JAY SUERO, **Associate Pastor**
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REV. EDWARD F. UPTON, **Pastor Emeritus**
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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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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@...)

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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.