

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER

6

2019

**If you have faith the size
of a mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
“Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,”
and it would obey you.**

Luke 17:6

MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

October 06, 2019

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

The apostles came up and said to the Master, "Give us more faith. "But the Master said, "You don't need more faith. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Go jump in the lake,' and it would do it.

"Suppose one of you has a servant who comes in from plowing the field or tending the sheep. Would you take his coat, set the table, and say, 'Sit down and eat'? Wouldn't you be more likely to say, 'Prepare dinner; change your clothes and wait table for me until I've finished my coffee; then go to the kitchen and have your supper'? Does the servant get special thanks for doing what's expected of him? It's the same with you. When you've done everything expected of you, be matter-of-fact and say, 'The work is done. What we were told to do, we did' " (from Luke 17).

Notes on the Scripture

The apostles ask Jesus for a favor that seems pious and fitting. Jesus has been exhorting them with teachings about what is expected of disciples—the renunciation of material wealth, unconditional forgiveness, mindfulness of the poor—and we can imagine these demands weigh heavily on those still quite attached to the world and its value system. So they make a request for more faith to help them embrace these obligations. Jesus explains that one seed is all we're given and one seed is enough. Any gardener knows that a seed that is not planted will not produce anything. That's why the church encourages us to make an act of faith, a choice for faith, a deliberate bow of the will to God. After that, you might want to duck. Flying trees can be a hazard, and you never know where they'll end up.

October

It is always a busy time at the parish, as we begin many different programs and ministries. We start the month with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, then we celebrate Stewardship and later, towards the end of the month, we give Financial Report. This is also Rosary Month and now officially Respect Life Month. Let us be open to all those opportunities and grow spiritually as we journey together. Happy October!!!

St. Francis of Assisi Award

Every year, on October 4th, we celebrate the feast of our patron: St. Francis of Assisi. We honor a man who reformed the Church, who made a difference by caring for the poor and the needy. As we celebrate this feast, we also want to acknowledge people of our parish who live in that spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you to all volunteers for sharing your time, gifts and talents with all of us. I am also proud to announce that, this year, the recipients of the St. Francis of Assisi Award are Ann and William Carroll. Congratulations and Many Blessing to them and their family. Happy St. Francis Feast!

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.

To Teach Who Christ Is Update

I am truly grateful for all your generous gifts to TTWCI. We have accomplished many different projects within last few years. Things like: sound system, church roof, air condition, parking lot repairs, church lighting system and carline system were possible because of the success of the campaign. As we enter into our last year of the campaign we are hoping to do few more maintenance projects that were not included in the original plan. Once again, thank you for your generosity!

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Monday, October 07

- ◆ Caregiver Support Group, 1:00 pm (NR)
- ◆ Adult Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm (SFR)
- ◆ Knowledge & Prayer Series featuring Laurie Cepkauskas, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Peregrine Novena, 7:00 pm (CH)

Tuesday, October 08

- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Cancer Support Group, 10:00 am (NR)
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Group, 12:30 pm (SFR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting, 6:30 pm (NR)
- ◆ Adult Faith Formation Committee, 7:00 pm (SFR)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 5-8, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Business Meeting, 7:30 pm (GR)

Wednesday, October 09

- ◆ OA Meeting, 9:30 am (GR)
- ◆ Religious Ed (B), Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Bible Timeline, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 7:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Wedding Workshop, 7:00 pm (CH)

Thursday, October 10

- ◆ Minister of Care Training, 9:00 am (GR)
- ◆ Bereavement Support Group, 7:00 pm (NR)

Friday, October 11

- ◆ Paint Night / Vision Board Collage, 7:00 pm (UH)
- ◆ A.A., 7:30 pm (NR)

Saturday, October 12

- ◆ Helping Hands Coat Drive (Parking Lot)
- ◆ Stewardship Weekend
- ◆ Children's Rosary, 10:00 am (Chapel)

Sunday, October 13

- ◆ Helping Hands Coat Drive (Parking Lot)
- ◆ Stewardship Weekend
- ◆ Orland Township Flu Shots, 8:00 am (GR)
- ◆ Rosary Novena, 3:00 pm (CH)

SAVE THE DATES

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>

A graphic with a background of three crosses on a grassy hill. The sky is bright and hazy, with rays of light. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Respect Life
Sunday

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a baby's hand. The baby's hand is small and wrapped in a white cloth. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a person's face in profile.

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PARISH LIFE COMMISSION



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.

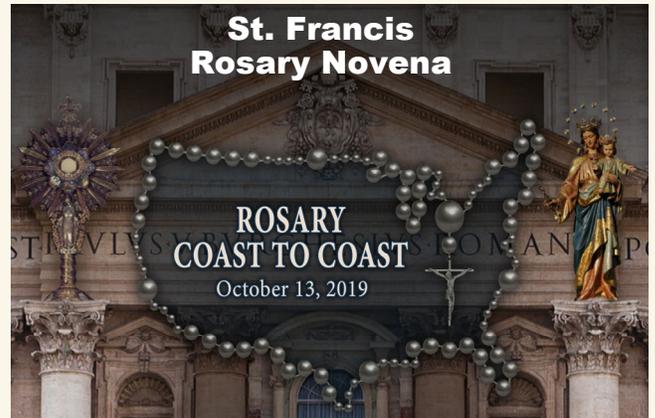
**Children who can read are welcome to
lead a decade.**

CARDINAL BERNARDIN SCHOOL JOB POSTING

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is looking to hire **part-time MAINTENANCE** help.

The 25-hour-a week position is non-benefits eligible; salary is \$15.00/hour. Applicant would work Monday through Friday from 5pm until 10:30pm and must be at least 18 years of age. Interested candidates must pass a full background investigation through the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Responsibilities include general cleaning; moving and/or setting up furniture; vacuuming and cleaning carpets; sweeping, mopping and waxing floors; gathering and disposing of refuse inside and outside of the school; cleaning and supplying restrooms. If interested, email Mr. Ray Yanowsky at rayyanowsky@steseton.com



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, visit:

www.rosarycoastto.coast.com.

Join us for Trivia Night

Saturday, October 19th

6:30 pm – Upton Hall

\$15.00 per person – Cash Bar

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

Bear your share
of hardship for the gospel
with the strength
that comes
from God.
2 Timothy 1:8



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.

Trunk or Treat

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus and Mom's Group

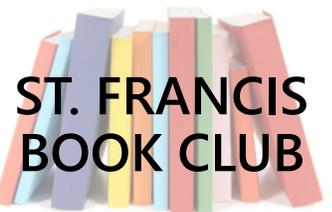
Sunday October 27

Decorating at 2PM and the fun begins at 2:30

Prizes for best decorated car, family costume and individual costume.

Bring candy to share!

Contact Alana Mitrovich at ammitrovich@gmail.com for more info



ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

The book selected for
October 15 is
**"Woman Last Seen
in Her Thirties"**
by Camille Pagan

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

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

COMING NEXT:
November 19th
"Sold on a
Monday"
By, Kristina
McMorris

There will be
no meeting in
December.



To Our Friends at St. Francis of Assisi,

A month ago, Pam and I bid a fond farewell to a parish we had belonged to for 26 years. The parting was bittersweet at best. St. Francis was our second home. We became involved in parish life almost overnight. Pam became involved in CRHP and was an RCIA sponsor. She was also a sacristan and Eucharistic minister for many years. Pam thoroughly enjoyed being a minister of care to the home bound.

For my part, being an usher at 9am Mass on Sunday became one of the highlights of my week. I would be remiss if I failed to mention the 15 mission trips I made with the youth of the parish. What an experience to watch these children mature into responsible adults. Yes, many of them have kept in touch with me and Mrs. G over the years.

We would like to say thank you to one and all for making our time at St. Francis a richly rewarding experience. Although we are planting new roots in the desert Southwest, we will never forget the years we were rooted at SFA in the soggy Midwest. God Bless all of you !!

Greg & Pam Gervais

P.S. Should anyone like to keep in touch, Paula Belski has our info in the office.

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

CJB SCHOOL NEWS

The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School proudly welcomed her 2019-2020 National Junior Honor Society Inductees with a special Mass and Ceremony. Our Celebrant, Father Tom Bernas, addressed the student body, school staff, and families present, reminding us that we all are blessed with special gifts. Some are called to step forward to take the lead. Others are called to power those leaders with assistance. We are all called to work together, centered in Christ, and to make decisions rooted in faith and based on Gospel virtues.

Pictured are Father Tom Bernas (St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr Parish), Interim Principal Mr. Jim Antos, and NJHS Moderator Ms. Barb Kristin, along with NJHS Inductees (in alphabetical order):

Paloma Alvarez
Luke Becker
Aidan Cech
Gia Christiano
Emily Conneely
Jacob Ferguson
Geirard Fernandez
Joshua Livsey
Joshua Montalvo
Teresa Niles
Maya Rihani
Margaux Santos



**PARENTS – YOUR PARISH SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO:
*INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT***

**TUESDAY, October 22
6:30pm-8:30pm**

**CARDINAL JOSEPH
BERNARDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
in the “McBrady Center”
(9250 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills)**

Detective Richard Wistocki, a nationally recognized High Technology Child Crimes Specialist, will be at Cardinal Bernardin School (in the McBrady Center) the evening of October 22nd to present proactive strategies, expert insight, and invaluable resources designed to empower your family to combat online predators.

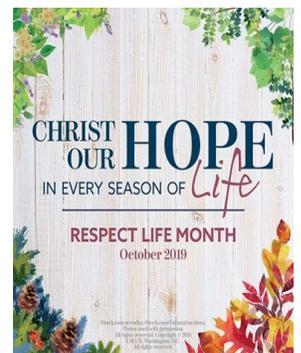
Internet Safety is more important than ever!! Please join us for a special presentation about how to protect your children from online danger!

Please note that this presentation is for adults only; some of the content may not be suitable for school-age children.

RESPECT LIFE

“When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2019-20 Respect Life Reflection
www.respectlife.org/reflection



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

October 6, 2019

Extravaganza

Psyche Escape Room

Arrive at SFA @ 7:00 PM

Return to SFA @ 9:00 PM

\$29.00

Consent form Needed



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

Contact Matthew Toohill

sfyg@sfaorland.org 708-460-0042

That's Deep

Join us October 13, @ 11:30 in the Youth Room, for our next session of That's Deep. It's a teen led discussion about school, faith, and other things in life.

Mission Trip Reflection: Jack Wills

Last year my friends went on the mission trip and they came home and told us all about it. They had a lot of fun, made many new friends, more involved with their faith, and they couldn't stop talking about it. I decided to go this year because I wanted to try it out. I never went on a mission trip before and I heard all these great things about it



so I decided to go.

When I first got to the work site it was what I was expecting. It was run down and had a lot of work to do. It was really cool to see how we can do such little things but also make such a big difference in someone's life. The residents we helped really made us happy when they saw the difference. They really made our trip fun because this is what we came for and they are amazed by the work we have done. Also, the people and the new friends I made really did make the trip fun because it was so much fun working with them and we are all from all around the world so it was cool talking about things and hobbies they do back at home.

My group still talks daily and we have become great friends. Throughout the trip I saw god in every resident we helped. They were all going through tough times but yet they were still happy and kept a positive attitude. They all shined a light on us and it was great seeing the joy that we brought to all of them. Now getting into the residents, the first day I helped a woman and her house was really run down and the bushes were really overgrown to the point where she couldn't even go up the ramp. She needed our help because she had just gotten her house back because her uncle had passed away. When she got the house back her mom got diagnosed with cancer and she was always with her so she hasn't had time to go do things around the house so we were there to help her clean up and help her keep her house.

The second day, I helped a man that needed a lot of exterior painting to be done and he wasn't able to climb up the ladder by himself so we painted the second level windows and the front doors. The third resident we helped the last two days and we had to do a lot of organizing in the basement and cleaning upstairs and they were all so joyful and happy afterwards. I am looking forward to coming next year.

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

By, Rev. Jay Suero

Art and Theology: My Ruminations on the Good, the True, and the Beautiful

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.

St. Teresa's Loving Exchange

This drawing is based on St. Teresa of Avila's mystical encounter from The Book of Her Life, Chapter 29: "I saw an angel near me, on the left side, in bodily form.... He was not tall, but short, marvelously beautiful, with a face which shone as though he were one of the highest of the angels, who seem to be all of fire: they must be those whom we call Seraphim.... I saw in his hands a long golden spear, and at the point of the iron there seemed to be a little fire. This I thought that he thrust several times into my heart, and that it penetrated to my entrails. When he drew out the spear he seemed to be drawing them with it, leaving me all on fire with a wondrous love for God. The pain was so great.... and yet so exceeding sweet is this greatest of pains that it is impossible to desire to be rid of it, or for the soul to be content with less than God."



I also wanted to use as a reference the sculptor, Gian Lorenzo Bernini's masterpiece, The Ecstasy of Teresa, which was based also on the same excerpt from Teresa's life. Using his statue I drew her in ink to show the outer physical reality of her experience. On the other side in colored pencil, I wanted to draw the inner spiritual reality of that same experience of the angel with its face aflame piercing her heart with a golden dart. In drawing the anatomical heart I wanted to portray the visceral nature but also to show how the spiritual reality was so intense that it penetrated into her physical reality. This is actually what happened. What sparked Bernini's interest in the first place was the fact that after Teresa's death her heart remained incorrupt with a wound in it reflecting the mystical encounter with the dart piercing her heart. This encounter is called the "transverberation of the heart".

What drew me to Teresa's encounter was how this mystical exchange describes a genuine experience of love. What I mean is that it dismisses the idea that love is simply a lovely feeling we have toward another person but it is a self-sacrificial love that draws us through suffering for the sake of the other. It is not that she is taking pleasure in the painful experience itself but rather that she is overjoyed by Christ allowing her to participate in his suffering act of salvation on the cross. The joy of her experience is God Himself as indicated by the last line described in her experience. To love is to allow the divine life to enter into you and flow through you. That was precisely what happened when that angel pierced her heart over and over again.

St. Teresa has also been acknowledged as a Doctor of the Church because of her important contributions to prayer and mysticism. This does not mean she spent her whole life locked up in a room seeking mystical encounters. Encounters such as this were gifts given to her by God. She herself said, "it is not length of time spent in prayer that brings the soul benefit: when we spend our time in good works, it is a great help to us and a better and quicker preparation for the enkindling of our love than many hours of meditation." We can see the mark of her enkindled love and pierced heart not only through her important and insightful contribution to mystical theology but also through the great reform she had established in the Carmelite order, the Discalced Carmelites she had co-founded, and the many convents she worked to erect as well.

Adult Faith Formation

AROUND FOR AWHILE, by Fr. Ed Upton

Last week I wrote about the selection of Cardinals. I realize this is a distant event for most Catholics unless it involves their local Archdiocese, it is not something given much attention. Even though naming Cardinals is not at the top of our interest list, I thought some additional historical background might have some interest.

Compared to Archdioceses in other parts of the church world, we are new in having a Cardinal as Archbishop – Cardinal Mundelein was named in 1924. Cardinal Cupich is only the seventh Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago.

Previously, at the ceremony when a Bishop was named Cardinal, he was given a large red hat, called a gallero, It was too large to be worn, but was placed over his head as a symbol of his new office. Upon his death it was hung in the cathedral. A fable surrounds the hanging of the gallero – it was claimed the cardinal

would remain in purgatory until the gallero disintegrated.

Around the time of Cardinal Bernardin, the giving of the gallero was replaced by giving a much smaller red biretta. However, the priests of Chicago, now give a gallero as a gift to the new cardinal. It is to be hung in Holy Name Cathedral after his death. If you ever visit the Cathedral, you will see the galleros hanging. (Don't know how the Cardinals feel about such a specific reminder of their death.)

(As an aside, the Cathedral is located on State Street between Chicago Ave. and Superior St. It is worth a visit. Currently construction is taking place in what was the parking lot, so nearby parking is limited.)

Last week, when I wrote about the new Cardinals to be made by Pope Francis, I indicated that with this new group he has named the majority of future electors. I hinted

that he was “stacking the deck” as if that was unusual.

I haven't direct information on each Cardinal named, but popes name Cardinals who currently carry out a mission they agree with and I presume want to see continued. They know they are naming their successors.

But not too long ago, at the election of Pope St. Pius X, his election was marked by what is unheard of today. Franz Joseph the Emperor of Austria asked the prince-bishop of Krakow Jan Puzyna do Kosielko to exercise the right of the emperor: to veto one candidate. He vetoed Cardinal Rampulla because he was not acceptable to the emperor. At the time of the intervention, was the leading candidate. (Wikipedia)

Cardinal Sarto was ultimately elected, taking the name Pius X. His first decree after his election and installation was to end the

practice of the emperor or king having a right a right of intervention.

The next election of the Pope, by Cardinals under the age of 80,

will be undertaken by cardinals from around the world. I assume they have a shared view of church teaching. What is different is the environment in which they live. If their

country has significant poverty; experience persecution; many leaving the church – these factors will influence their perspective on what needs attention.

A LITTLE FAITH

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Today our readings are about faith, frustration, and how much is enough. Habakkuk is a complainer having an argument with God.

Timothy is encouraging a community challenged by cowardice and the apostles want more faith than they have. Things aren't

happening fast enough for any of them or for us. All of them and we want God to do something sooner rather than later and we want

God to give us a reason to believe that it will all work out. What does God do? God puts it back on them--and us--telling Habak-

kuk to describe the world he wants; telling the apostles to do more than the expected.

Doing more with less is a familiar phrase today and a reminder that a little faith may be enough even for the most difficult times.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

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Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing

to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the com-

munity's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit.



Congratulations to our 1st Communicants and Families! We formally began our preparation to receive the Eucharist for the first time this morning with a Mass lesson in Upton Hall. Then we received a blessing from the community and our 1st Eucharist pins! We finished with a great Coffee And...nothing was left! Please say a prayer for all of our parish children preparing for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation this year.



8TH GRADE PARENTS: We need chaperones for October 8th and October 30th for the Feed My Starving Children project. Please give the RE office a call if you can help us out. (708) 460-0155.

Parish Families please buy a raffle ticket - you will help in the repair of our Religious Education Center elevator. Part of the proceeds from the Grand Raffle will help to repair our elevator.

Ask your friends and relatives to purchase one or go all in together!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if you bought the winning ticket and helped us to repair the elevator at the same time?!

The Grand Prize drawing is on October 19th at Trivia night at 7:00pm.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

COAT DRIVE AT ST. FRANCIS OCTOBER 12/13

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



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

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

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

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

THANK YOU!



**BEHIND
CLOSED
DOORS**

Caregiver Support
Group

A Caregiver Support Group meets monthly at St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 S. The meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Niehaus Room (enter through the front doors of the church and turn to the right).

Our next meeting is October 7. If you have any questions regarding this group, please call Char Klabacha at 708-602-2019 or Marie Flanagan at 708-687-3351 or talk to Sister Gael at ggensler@sfaorland.org

The New Normal



The word CANCER strikes fear in one's heart!

A cancer support group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month: **October 8 at 10:00 am**. If you or a family member lives with cancer or recovering from cancer, you are encouraged and welcome to participate in our support group. Each session is independent – and the sessions are open to all. These sessions are held in the Niehaus Room.

Grief Support Group gathers at St. Francis of Assisi on the **2nd Thursday of the month**. Next meeting is **October 10 at 7:00 pm**. Enter through the main doors of the Church. Each session is independent – and the sessions are open to all. These sessions are held in the Niehaus Room.



Date: Monday, October 21

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Center

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

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

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

“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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Moving?

Stay in touch

Please give the Parish Office your new address...





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.

BEYOND DIVORCE

Divorced and Hurting?

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

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

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

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

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



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. Our outreach includes homeless individuals served at Catholic Charities' Supplemental Suppers, as well as 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! 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.

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.

Creation Care Corner



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



It's YOUR Time to Make a Difference!

Event: Pop-Up Boutique & Information Session

Location: St. George Church Mtg. Rooms 1 - 3
6707 W. 175th St. - Tinley Park

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm (After the 4:00 pm mass)
Refreshments provided

JOIN US TO...

LEARN about domestic and global human trafficking and the risks women are facing today. **CREATE** circles of protection around women and children. **SHOP** beautiful jewelry and other hand-made gifts crafted by rescued and at-risk women. **RESTORE** women and children to lives of dignity and worth.

Every \$300 in Sales Supports A Woman in a Safehouse for One Month!



Announcing the 2019

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

The world is at a historic crossroad. America needs prayers. God will hear us if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by *America Needs Fatima*, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place at the same time across the United States.

Please join us to show God and His Blessed Mother our love and veneration.

When: Sat, October 12th, 12pm|

Where: The sidewalk north of 151st St,
east of LaGrange, Orland Pk

Parking: Toys 'R Us parking lot

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Clemie Hanrahan: 708-829-2002
Barb Pringle: 708-203-4108



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, Orland Park, IL**
- **March 14 & 21 from 9 am to 2:30 pm at St. Patricia, Hickory Hills, IL**

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/>



SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

William Anderson
Maria Eugenia
Fernandez
Joanne
Follenweider
Lynn Gainer
Carol Gervais
Jack Killoren
Jerry Kurth
Debbie Lipien
Sr. Bernard Lynch
Marge McFadden
Vince McNulty
Bill O'Neil
Giovanna Picciolini
Annette Popernik
Mikaela Rix
Ann Ross & baby
Jim Slattery
Debra Sovich
Louis Tassone
Joe Tumpich
Marianne Vancina
Christina
Valentinas
Marjane Warren
Dorothy Weber
Jack Weber

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 05

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

Sunday, October 06

7:30 AM People of St. Francis

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

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

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

Monday, October 07

9:00 AM Diane Smith, rq. by McKeivitt Family and Mary Foley, rq. by William Callaghan Family and Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 08

7:45 AM Denise Klovens, rq. by Mike & Maryann McKeivitt & family and Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, October 09

7:45 AM Susan Cava, rq. by Joe March and Bill Callaghan, rq. by Tuesday Friends and Jim Mangan, rq. by Gerry Gray and Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 10

7:45 AM Albert & Maria Gawlik, rq. by John & Linda Pietrzyk and Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 11

7:45 AM Ceil & Norm Borucke, rq. by Dolores Grekowicz and Kevin Connolly, rq. by Connolly Family and Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 12

5:15 PM Bud Zito, rq. by Teri Sankey

Sunday, October 13

7:30 AM Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Mark Bennecke, rq. by Mike & Mary Foley and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike & Tom Foley

9:00 AM Schweiger & Norris Familys, rq. by Family and James & Alice Murphy, rq. by Family

10:30 AM Cecilia & Earl Hartwig, rq. by Family and George Hellmann, rq. by Family and Loretta, Robert & Dan Poetzinger, rq. by Malatia Family and Senan Halpin, rq. by Mary McDermott & family

12:00 PM People of St. Francis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

	October 12 5:15 PM (Mass)	October 13 7:30 AM (Mass)	October 13 9:00 AM (Mass)	October 13 10:30 AM (Mass)	October 13 12:00 PM (Mass)
Presider	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Rich Young	Fr. Jay Suero	Fr. Jay Suero
Deacon	VOLUNTEER NOW	Michael Pindelski	Michael Pindelski	Mike Kiley	John Donahue
Sacristan	Ann Czarny	Cynthia Bennecke	Barbara Basila	Cindy Lucio	Laureen Pietranczyk
Lector	Warren Winker (1) Robert Thies (2)	Patricia Flynn (1) Gerald Saletta (2)	Betty Kameron (1) (sub requested) Alana Mitrovich (2) (sub requested)	Rachel Weber (1) John Pacholski (2)	Nancy Palacz (1) Thomas Glynn (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Dolores Blahaus Mary Burmeister Ann Czarny Carol Funk Lorraine Martenson Mary McNaughton Robert Nerius Maureen Niswonger Peter Piazza Valerie Piazza Martin Terpstra Rev. Ed Upton	Steve Alessi David Burns Patricia Goldberg Richard Klein Eileen McCarthy Michael Pindelski Vince Saavedra Rev. Artur Sowa Lynne Sparks Dominic Zambuto	Barbara Basila Thomas Cech Pat Depcik Diane Ostrowski Kathleen Ostrowski Michael Pindelski Casimir (Casey) Pytel Sheila Ramsey Terry Reger Judee Tan Rev. Rich Young Rosemary Zielinski	Kathleen Biederman Susan Campagna Betty Devine Mary Greenan Mike Kiley Karen Koehler Cindy Lucio Janet Modelski Sheila Pacholski Mary Ann Schillaci Fr. Jay Suero Brian Whiteford	Diane Budz John Donahue Cathy Kara Robert Long Jocelyn Mangila Marcia Pavela Laureen Pietranczyk Margaret Sabadosa Fr. Jay Suero Jeannine Witowski
Altar Server	Gianna Elizondo Nicholas Elizondo Jack Tobin	Taylor Healy Jack Strolia Mia Strolia	Jeremy Pozen Ryan Reid (sub requested) Jayden Tan	Anna Bianco (sub requested) Jimmy Piko Beck Stukel	Julia Malysz Michael Szumowicz VOLUNTEER NOW
Usher	Jim Arzbaecher (HU) Cathy Arzbaecher Joe Czarny (sub requested) Teri Sankey Nancy Sullivan Mike Zoladz	Bud Wyman (HU) Mary Ann Wyman Cynthia Bennecke James Pedersen	Peter Walsh (HU) Luke Hosty Oriano Pagnucci Wayne Kameron (sub requested) Lori Simard VOLUNTEER NOW	James Winters (HU) (sub requested) Gregory Fifer Janet Fifer (sub requested) Kelly Struck Janice Ota John Glass	Don (David) Hodson (HU) Rosalie Hodson Jerry Ondrus Joan Ondrus

Parish Stewardship

	<u>09/29/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 305,240.00
Collected	<u>\$ 22,432.00</u>	<u>\$ 290,083.00</u>
Net	(\$ 1048.00)	(\$ 15,157.00)

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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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 Co-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 ar Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
15010 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, IL 60467
Phone: 708-460-0155; **FAX:** 708-460-5086
Dir: Mary Kay Burberry, ext. 240 (mkburberry@sfaorland.org)
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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.