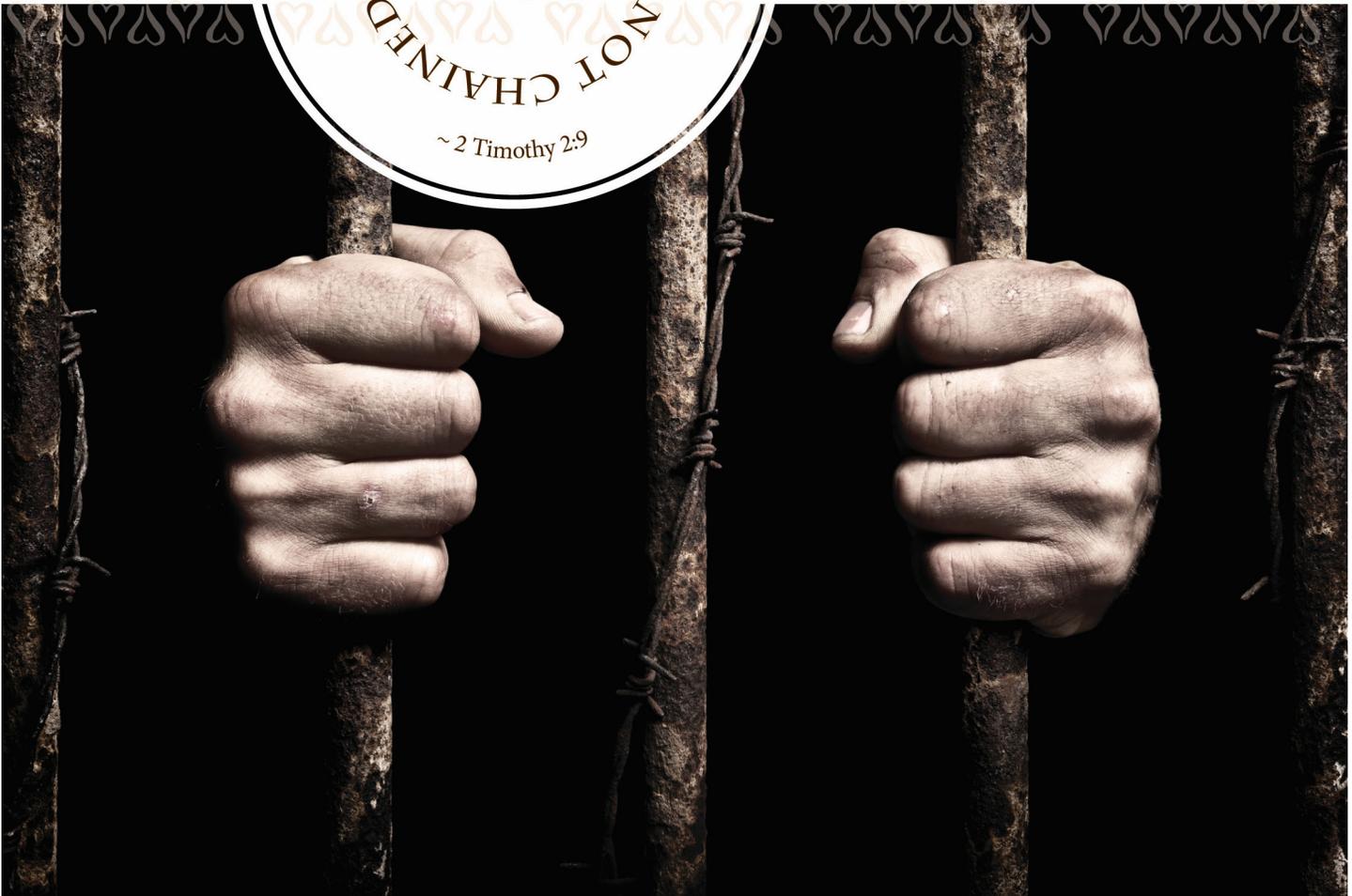


THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT CHAINED.
~ 2 Timothy 2:9

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MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

October 13, 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

It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, 10 men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He knelt at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus said, "Were not 10 healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. Your faith has healed and saved you" (from Luke 17).

Notes on the Scripture

In a somewhat unscientific survey, Jesus noted that nine out of 10 people fail to be grateful even in circumstances of wonderful fortune. We might all take a lesson from A. A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh: "Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." Our small hearts are capable of holding whatever we choose to store there: resentment or forgiveness; past injuries or present opportunities; envy for what others have or appreciation for all that is ours. The ability to be grateful is a sign of mental wellness. Choose thankfulness.

Stewardship

This weekend we celebrate our Stewardship Weekend. A healthy Stewardship spirituality leads us to practice two key virtues: gratitude and generosity. Being grateful helps us to keep God at the center of our lives. Giving thanks to God reminds us that all that we have is God's gift. Generosity flows from gratitude. Gratitude enables us to recognize the blessings of God. In the spirit of stewardship I invite you to consider joining one of many ministries at SFA. If you are able, please, share your gifts and talents with us. Thank you for your support and love for this wonderful community of ours.

Congratulations

The Christifideles Award, which is given to a layperson that demonstrates faithfulness and dedication in ministry at the parish level is presented this year to Mike & Roxanne Zoladz, in recognition for his involvement and dedication. Thank you for your ministry and congratulations!!!

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 – we have over \$50,000 in prizes. This is the last weekend before the drawing on Saturday, October 19th. 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 14 - *Columbus Day*

- ◆ Parish & Religious Ed Offices Closed
- ◆ Mass at 9:00 am
- ◆ Peregrine Novena, 7:00 pm (CH)

Tuesday, October 15

- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Book Club, 1:00 pm (NR)
- ◆ Catechist Meeting - Potluck, 6:30 pm (SFC)

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

- ◆ Minister of Care Training, 9:00 am (GR)
- ◆ Friends of St. Francis, 12:00 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul, 7:00 pm (GR)

Friday, October 18

- ◆ A.A. Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

Saturday, October 19

- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ NCYC Taffy Apple Fundraiser before/after mass (Narthex)
- ◆ Trivia Night, 6:30 pm (UH)

Sunday, October 20

- ◆ NCYC Taffy Apple Fundraiser before/after mass (Narthex)
- ◆ Third Grade Mass Lesson, 9:45 am (UH)
- ◆ Third Grade Demonstration Mass & Coffee And..., 10:30 am (CH, GR)
- ◆ That's Deep (Youth Ministry), 11:30 am (SFR)

Moving?

Stay in touch

**Please give the Parish
Office your new
address...**



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>

SAVE THE DATE!

*CJB Casino Night
Let The Good Times Roll*



Friday March 6th, 2020

DINOLFO'S BANQUETS OF HOMER GLEN

Enjoy an evening of casino games, raffles, auction items, dinner, open bar, dancing, and live entertainment all while raising funds for Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School.

Come and Bet on Education!

Please visit cjbgala20@givesmart.com
for more information on tickets,
raffles, and sponsorships.

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION



**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 Cen-
ter"
(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.



8TH GRADE PARENTS: We need chaperones for 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.

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

RESPECT LIFE

Healing within Marriage from an Abortion

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/healing-in-marriage.

When Susan's* husband, Juan, told her about the abortion he was involved in during college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. The devastation of God's grace can bring true healing. Often, the people who have participated in an abortion are unaware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. It is scary to tell a spouse or fiancé(e) about a past abortion. It requires great trust in that person's love and trust in God. But with the help of an abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges. God's grace can bring true healing to the relationships of those who trust in His infinite mercy.

*Names changed for privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. © 2019, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

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**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Healing within Marriage from an Abortion"
www.respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage**



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!

Caramel Apples/Caramel Corn Fundraiser

October 19 & 20 , and October 26 & 27

After all Masses.

\$5 Each or 5 For \$20



Proceeds go towards funding for the National Catholic Youth Conference. We have Eight Parishioners who will attend the three day pilgrimage to Indianapolis November 21-24

2019 Mission Trip Reflections

By, Maura Kapala

On the week of July 7th, 2019, the youth ministry of St. Francis of Assisi traveled to St. Louis Missouri in order to participate in their Catholic Heart Work Camp. The idea of going on this year's mission trip came upon me by a close friend who spoke only great things from the previous year's camp and how the relationships of everyone with God strengthened as the week progressed.

Going into the Catholic Heart Work Camp I did not expect what was presented to me that week. I was nervous to jump into such a strong and powerful subject such as our religion, but I never felt out of place. You



That's Deep

Join us October 13 & 20,
@ 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.

Lunch is included, bring a friend.

2019 Mission Trip Reflections, cont.

made friends in every group you were assigned into.

My worksite never had a dull day together, we were always working hard, sharing our home life, or cracking many jokes. Being able to befriend so many new people, especially ones from this church alone, was crazy and inspiring to see how welcoming this generation can be when we could potentially only have one thing in common, our strong belief in God. Everyone I met was as supportive, kind-hearted, faithful, and passionate as the next.

Being able to help a city that does not come with much, but holds residents that come together as friends when presented the opportunity to do so. Deepening my faith in God while building relationships with kids my age around me, and helping to make the lives of those who have lost a battle in a chapter of their lives better with a helping hand. At the worksites I realized how God's path for everyone is in all ways different, but we can have many similar obstacles as someone else we meet and that a portion of our life is suppose to be shared with that specific cluster of people at that specific time.

Catholic Heart Work Camp made me strive to grow my faith and brought out the light inside me that I needed in order to help others who weren't able to find their light, find it. This mission trip inspired me to continue this path I have brought home from St. Louis and bring it with me next year wherever we go.

By, Ronn Kolbash

Hello, my name is Ronn Kolbash and my family and I have been parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi for nearly three years. This past year I made an effort to get more involved with our parish and for me that meant wanting to volunteer in the Youth Ministry. The Youth Ministry has meant a lot to our daughters, Cecilia and Olivia, and their mission trip last year made a significant impact upon them that I knew I wanted to attend this year.

This year our youth chose to attend the Catholic Heart Work Camp in St. Louis. I was fortunate to have had a little insight as to what to expect having heard my daughters rave about their experience. That said, actually experiencing the

week for myself was more than I could have imagined. I had the privilege of leading a work group comprised of another youth leader and six teens from around the country. Being able to work alongside my team and help out our assigned resident was a tremendous joy. Our work was all done outdoors and consisted of painting, flattening out a paver patio, installing a new screen door, and clearing



weeds and brush. The group did a tremendous job, had an incredible work ethic and took a lot of pride in their work. While completing our job was satisfying it really could not hold a candle to the joy on our resident's face. He described our efforts as "beautiful" and a "dream". In addition to the yard work we completed we were able to provide our resident a new chair for his porch, a new bird feeder and seed, and a Catholic Heart shirt. The joy in his eyes when he was able to sit outside on his porch (his old chair was rusted and the seat had fallen in), watch the birds and do sudoku was beyond fulfilling. It was also a pleasure for all of us to spend time talking to him, hearing his life stories and just sharing a little bit of each other's lives. At our meetings I often heard our youth talking about being grateful for what they have and finding more joy in giving than receiving and such learnings are no less applicable to me as an adult.

This mission trip also helped to deepen my faith. My faith not only in God but also in the youth of our parish and all the youth present on the mission trip. They helped me to remember that a life filled with laughter, song, happiness (and lots of silliness) and a closeness to Christ don't have to be mutually exclusive and can be shared openly. It is wonderful to see the teens in our parish come together, form strong bonds and give back in such a fulfilling way. I am very excited to see what ideas our teens have to further strengthen our youth ministry at St. Francis. Additionally, it was also wonderful to meet and get to know the other adult leaders on the trip (Bob, Lisa, Betty, Doug and Matt). Forming such bonds has only helped to further strengthen not only my faith but my sense of community at St. Francis.

By, Claire Wills

Hi, my name is Claire Wills and I went on my first mission trip this summer. When I first signed up for the mission trip I just thought of it as a good way to get all my service hours to graduate high school, since I am coming into my senior year. When I first got to the Catholic Heart Work Camp in St. Louis, my whole mindset started to change already. I started getting really excited and kept a positive mindset as I was setting up my stuff for the week.

We got our group assignments and I met my group for the week and I was really looking forward to going to the worksites the next few days. The first house we went to wasn't bad at all and while I was working on it I began to realize how lucky and fortunate I am for what I have today. We did yard work and fixed a door at the first house and more yard work at the second house.



The residents were really nice and told us stories which made me really happy. It made me feel like I was spreading God's light to them because I was doing good deeds. The last two days I painted a whole house and helped another group paint another house because we finished early. The residents were so sweet and gave us popsicles because they were so grateful for what we did for them. They all made me feel so happy because we were helping them and doing great things through God's radiance, and it felt amazing leaving each worksite. The residents I helped on the trip really made my trip great and the people I came with because I was surrounded by so much positive energy and big hearted people.

I experienced God most importantly through this trip when I was helping the residents at their houses, worshiping God at program every night, and most of all going to church every night and praying for what I'm grateful for and that he was with me throughout the whole trip! I am so glad I got to experience this trip because it made me a better person and my relationship with God stronger. I will continue to grow closer to him and praise him because he is so amazing and he loves everyone.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

COAT DRIVE AT ST. FRANCIS THIS WEEKEND!!

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 **THIS WEEKEND!**

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!

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

Adult Faith Formation

AROUND FOR AWHILE, *by Fr. Ed Upton*

On Tuesday, October 1st, I received a call from Barb Gardner. Barb was my administrative assistant for many years until she retired a few years ago. She called to remind me the 1st of October – was her anniversary. 10/1/1990 was her first day at St. Francis. I was embarrassed I had forgotten.

In the house at 13971, this was our first day, “open for business.” If I remember correctly, we had minimal office furniture or equipment. We still had to get a phone number and a phone! Fortunately, we had no business-very few knew our location.

In our recent conversation, I again thanked Barb for all her work, especially starting with nothing. But we also talked about how quickly the years have passed. Next year St. Francis will celebrate 30 years.

In sharing about my trip to Russia, I said I

no longer take pictures when on vacation. I am happy with that decision. However, I regret that I did not take more pictures during those first years, especially to record the changes that have taken place within our boundaries. There has been significant growth.

Thinking back, I assumed most of the vacant land would become housing and the major corners would be locations for commercial business. There has been significant commercial building, but open space still remains. I am surprised how much land still remains vacant after 30 years later.

While I don't have the statistics, I think one of the reasons housing has slowed is the decrease in children's population. We have fewer children in religious education and at Cardinal Bernardin. A similar decline seems to have been experienced in our neighbor-

ing parishes. I don't know what the future will bring, except I do know I will not be here in 2049.

My conversation with Barb, about the rapid passage of years, was not the only such conversation I have had. I recently celebrated a number of funerals for friends I have known for many years. The discussion at the wakes, with friends my age, provided similar reflections. Recalling years past, we all said they have gone ever so quickly. I know and they know, the past can no longer be retrieved. But what I try to do, is not live in the past, but learn from it.

The title of these reflections is accurate **AROUND FOR A WHILE**. Only the Lord knows the time line!

All I know is to enjoy the gifts the Lord has given.

HEALING AND SALVATION, *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.*

The readings today speak of healing and salvation. In Second Kings, Naaman, a commander of the army of the king of Syria, develops leprosy. He goes to a stranger, a prophet from Israel, when no one else can cure his disease.

Much to his surprise, after a simple bath in the river, he is cured. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus cures ten lepers and sends them to the priest. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for his cure and only he hears the words,

"Your faith has saved you." The psalm and Timothy remind us that salvation involves justice, kindness, and faithfulness and forever links us with Jesus. In a world as broken as ours, both healing and salvation are necessary.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

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Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the

community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan's Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always been brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts--first the men, then the

women, then the priests and deacons --to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtle-doves!

BREAKFAST WITH A CUP OF SPIRITUALITY

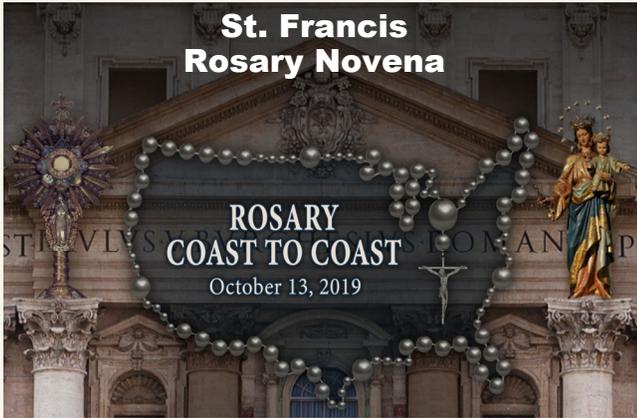
When: Saturday, October 26, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Where: The Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, (Assisi Room) 9201 W. St. Francis Rd, Frankfort.

Presentation: "Understanding, Praying, and Living the Mass." After a brief history of the Mass, we will prayerfully walk through the Mass explaining it as it is celebrated today.

Donation: \$15.00

To make reservations call 815.464.3886 or email:
marilyn.renninger@fssh.net



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 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.rosarycoasttocoast.com.



Date: Monday, October 21

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Center

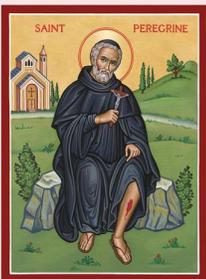
Topic: The use of Narcan in the treatment of an overdose.

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.

Need someone to talk to about Alzheimer's?

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



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.

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. 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.

HELP NEEDED!



Are you available once a month to help with washing and ironing of the purificators used during the Mass?



Contact Sr. Gael - 708-460-0042

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As Sr. Gael was leaving Sacred Heart, Fr. Ray handed her an envelope and it was a card that said:

"To Thank Each One of You

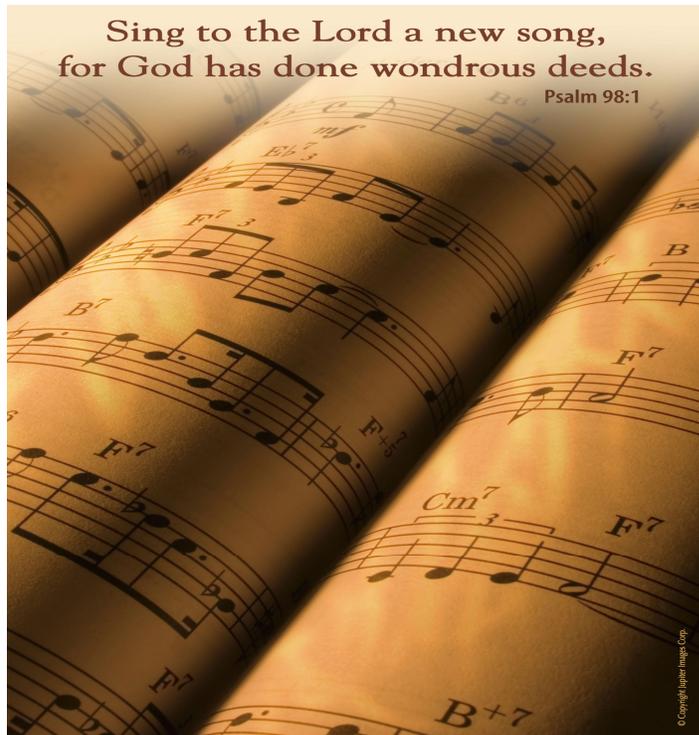
*Dear Friends from St. Francis,
Knowing people nice as you
gives life a brighter touch,
And so, to each and all of you -
Thanks very, very much!!!*

*Thank you so much for your ongoing support
and friendship
to our Sacred Heart Parish Family,*

*Sr. Marybeth and the Community
of Sacred Heart."*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done wondrous deeds.

Psalm 98:1



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

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.



Kevin Matthews—Broken Mary



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.



Welcome

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

Kenneth & Lorna (Cullen) Eick

David & Lisa (Krembuszewski) Schmitt
and children: Layla & Wyatt

Gabriel & Martha (Anaya) Jacquez and children:
Gabriel & Lily

Adam & Carole (Masse) Nemecek and children:
Leo, Gus, and Hal

Bill & Elzbieta (Los) Ragan and child: Bianca

James & Pamela (Groen) Zika and child:
Adrianna

Jeremy Skupien & Courtney Lieberman
and child: Kaylee

Florence (Davis) Karabel and children:
William & Benjamin

Irene Janet (Edgeworth) Cardelli

Phyllis Jasper & Richard Kieras

Matthew & Kelly (Messinger) Hanna and child:
Mitchell

Wesley & Sylvia (Orawiec) Gubala

Mom's Night Out Friday November 8 at 7 p.m. in Upton Hall



Moms, this is an evening for you to enjoy the company of other women in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. Get a babysitter and come to a painting party just for women. This project will include pouring acrylic paint on small canvases. Everyone can do this. It is simple and fun!

Just sign up in the church office: 460-0042.
All supplies and snacks are provided. Bring your beverage of choice. \$7 material fee.



We joyfully welcomed
the following children
into our Christian
community

October 6, 2019

Dean Samuel Krzywinski
Son of Phillip & Ashley (Dresden)
Krzywinski

Quinn Catherine Schmeski
Daughter John & Shauna (Scanlan)
Schmeski

HOLY MATRIMONY

With joy, we announce the marriages of

Jan Krzystyniak & Emily Gut
September 28, 2019

Nicholas Perez & Brooke Spencer
October 4, 2019

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

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



Letters from Heaven



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

Jesus said, "I came so that they might have life and have it ..."



M _____ "

Answer: *more abundant*

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

William Anderson
Jonas Astrauskas
Sister Ellen Mary
Brenner
Maria Eugenia
Fernandez
Joanne
Follenweider
Lynn Gainer
Carol Gervais
Carol Grunow
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 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 Lorretta, Robert & Dan Poetzingler, rq. by Malatia Family and Senan Halpin, rq. by Mary McDermott & family

12:00 PM People of St. Francis

Monday, October 14

9:00 AM Thaddeus Grekowicz, rq. by The Grekowicz Family

Tuesday, October 15

7:45 AM Gary & David Catalanello, rq. by Marilyn Catalanello and Mary Januszyk, rq. by Rosemary & Don Januszyk

Wednesday, October 16

7:45 AM Betty Vaughn, rq. by Bob & Rosemary Odewald and Vickie Gonska, rq. by Darlene Gonska and Jim Mangan, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll

Thursday, October 17

7:45 AM Chester Hoyne, rq. by Frank Margaron and Mary Foley, rq. by Friends of St. Francis

Friday, October 18

7:45 AM Joyce March, rq. by Joseph March and Mark Bennecke, rq. by Deloris Fischer

Saturday, October 19

5:15 PM Daniel S. O'Rourke, rq. by Sally O'Rourke and Jacky Magafas, rq. by Mick & Barb Basila and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Bernie & Diane McErlean

Sunday, October 20

7:30 AM Annie Francis Davern, rq. by Sue & Bernie Flanagan and Mark Bennecke, rq. by SFA Religious Ed Staff and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike & Tom Foley

9:00 AM People of St. Francis

10:30 AM Jozef Szymanski, rq. by Osmelak Family and Wanda Mrozek, rq. by Janet Hickey and Janice Anderson, rq. by Jim & Marian Ward and Paddy Culligan, rq. by Lebert Family and Frank Zito, rq. by Barb Moser

12:00 PM Norb & Lea Retis & Zygmunt Murawski, rq. by Murawski Family and Marvin Piasecki, rq. by The Pajeau Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 -- 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

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 19 5:15 PM (Mass)	October 20 7:30 AM (Mass)	October 20 9:00 AM (Mass)	October 20 10:30 AM (Mass)	October 20 12:00 PM (Mass)
Presider	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Artur Sowa	Fr. Jay Suero	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Ed Upton
Deacon	John Donahue	VOLUNTEER NOW	Michael Pindelski	Michael Pindelski	Mike Kiley
Sacristan	Valerie Piazza	Olga Bartell	Kathleen Biederman	Wendy Freer	Adrienne Wieczorek
Lector	Jerri LaRoche (1) James Walsh (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) VOLUNTEER NOW (2)	Vincent Pryor (1) (sub requested) Casimir (Casey) Pytel (2)	Michelle Whalen (1) John Pacholski (2)	James Massimilian (1) Thomas Glynn (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Robert Carlo Victoria Carlo John Donahue Richard Klein Robert Nerius Katherine Nicholson Peter Piazza Valerie Piazza Rev. Ed Upton Susan Vari John Zubik Sandra Zubik	Olga Bartell Kathleen Boland Michael Doyle Patricia Doyle Daniel Faxel Lisa Freisleben Patricia Grasso Alice Rzeszutko Rev. Artur Sowa VOLUNTEER NOW	Kathleen Biederman Patricia Flynn Joan Giorgetti Rosemary Januszyk Betty Kameron Jocelyn Mangila Marilyn Nelson Michael Pindelski Kim Reid Fr. Jay Suero Carmelita Tangonan David Trzesniewski	Beth Bruozis Susan Campagna Wendy Freer Mary Greenan Linda Higgins Regina Knapp Karen Koehler Robert J. McGuire Sharon Moe Michael Pindelski Fr. Jay Suero Brian Whiteford	Diane Budz Carlene Catalano Mike Kiley Diania Kuffa Robert Long Mary Jo Noreikis Nancy Palacz Rev. Ed Upton Adrienne Wieczorek Thomas Wieczorek
Altar Server	Aaron Vales Ronan Vales Anna Walsh	Patrick Curran Mark Freisleben Nicole Freisleben	Kathleen Johnson Chris Vittori Gabi Vittori	Jeremy Pozen Brendan Siemiawski Jayden Tan	Gianna Elizondo Nicholas Elizondo Michael Szumowicz
Usher	Timothy Harris (HU) Lee Springer Joe Czarny Roxanne Zoladz Mike Zoladz Nancy Sullivan	Dominic Zambuto (HU) Joann O'Dea James Pedersen VOLUNTEER NOW	Keith Nelson (HU) Lori Simard Nancy Celeski Harriet Antkiewicz Peter Walsh Luke Hosty	John Higgins (HU) John Higgins, Jr. James Ward Jeffrey Whalen George Kelley Janice Ota	Jerry Ondrus (HU) Joan Ondrus Laura Tucco VOLUNTEER NOW

Parish Stewardship

	<u>10/06/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 328,720.00
Collected	<u>\$ 24,227.00</u>	<u>\$ 314,310.00</u>
Net	\$ 747.00	(\$ 14,410.00)

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**
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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.

ADMINISTRATION Phone: 460-0042, Fax: 460-0136
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Assistant Director: Anne Madden
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.