

JESUS SAID,
"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD,
WITH ALL YOUR HEART . . .
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.
THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS
DEPEND ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS."

MATTHEW 22:37, 39

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THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

Love your neighbor. It sounds so simple. Yet it is not always easy to accomplish. Many things get in the way of taking this commandment to heart. Sometimes, it is things that get in the way, but more often, we get in the way. We tend to see things through our own perspective, rather than considering the other person's point of view. In our interactions with others, we often fail to truly listen, focusing instead on our next response or point to be made. We say we love our neighbor, right up to the point at which doing so requires some sacrifice of time, attention, or financial support, and then suddenly, a thousand reasons for keeping to ourselves emerge. Jesus knew this when he summed up the great commandments of loving God and neighbor. Notice what he said about this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

LOVE GOD

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). In this greatest and first commandment, Jesus describes deep and intentional love of God. Like the Thessalonians to whom Saint Paul wrote, we are to turn away from anything that could become an idol, anything that takes first place in our lives ahead of God. Loving God so completely calls us to place our lives in the heart of God, assured that when we do, all will be well. When we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we gradually learn to see the world and all people through the eyes of God, who is love.

LOVE NEIGHBOR

When God gave the covenant to Moses, the commandments of loving God and neighbor were clear, including what love of neighbor is all about. For example, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourself in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22:20). In other words, care for the least among you; their struggles are not so different from your own. And remember, they are precious in God's sight, as are you. All are held in love by our good and gracious God. Jesus is the ultimate sign of God's love, and the perfect model of what it means to love God. Jesus teaches that real love requires sacrifice. There are moments when loving our neighbor requires us to put the other person first. No longer is it just nice to help the person who is poor, ill, lonely, in prison, homeless, or grieving. It is necessary. Their need is greater than our own. Failing to meet the person in his or her need is to ignore our very self. To love God is to love our neighbor; to love others is to love God, in whose image all are made.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 22:20–26
Psalm 18:2–4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10
Matthew 22:34–40

THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25, 2020

MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM OUR PASTOR



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

October 25, 2020

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.

The Greatest Commandment

“The most important one is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Notes on the Scripture

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself.

Knowing what love is in 2020 is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love? Here is something to consider - Turn your eyes to that crucifix in our church. The answer was given over two thousand years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see. To love is to give of yourself for the sake of others.

All Saints & All Souls

On the feast of All Saints, (Sunday Nov. 1st), we honored all those great champions of faith who gave us such a wonderful example of how to live and love. Who is your favorite saint? I hope you have one!

On the feast of All Souls, which this year falls on Monday (Nov. 2nd), we will remember all our deceased loved ones. A special All Souls Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am and 7pm. However, keep in mind that we cannot accommodate everybody, so please register online ahead of time or pray with us online as we livestream our liturgies.

Stewardship

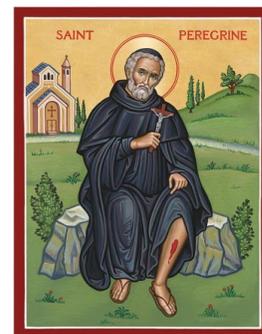
During October we always try to present our Annual Report. Our plan is to mail it next week for you to review. Thanks to your great generosity the numbers look fine, considering the reality of this pandemic. I will share more in the weeks to come, and I am truly grateful for your stewardship and generosity.

Staying Connected

During this time of pandemic we are trying different ways to stay connected. Let us remember we are not alone - we have each other. As a parish, we have been using technology to stay connected with our parish family. Online Masses, Videos, Emails, Phone Calls. I just wanted to share with you that we reached over 1000 subscribers on our Youtube Chanel (which is a big deal) and we have over 200,000 views for our Masses. This is a great success, something to celebrate as we continue with those adjustments and hope to go back to normal.

God Bless,

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



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.

St. Francis of Assisi began offering a novena September 14 to St. Peregrine for those suffering from cancer and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. The novena will be held for nine Mondays, through November 9. All parishioners are welcome to participate. Please remember to wear your mask and social distance.

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

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION



SFA YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello Young Church

I hope you are staying healthy physically and mentally. You are not forgotten by me, your Church, or God. At SFA, Youth Ministry responds to high school students who are in many different places in their lives and faith. While we are currently very limited in gathering together, we are unlimited in being able to reach out to each other. We can have some fun, share our stories, pray together, and for one another. In Youth Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi we count on each other, and journey together to survive, and to thrive because YOU matter.

Youth Alpha

We will be participating with other parishes in the SSYMA including Our Lady of the Woods, Queen of Martyrs, and St. Alexander parishes. We will begin on November 1, @ 7:30 PM sessions will be 60-90 Minutes long. Registration is required, and will start soon.

Service Opportunity

Teens in need of service hours for school please contact Matthew Toohill in the Youth Ministry office at 708-460-0042 or sfyg@sfaorland.org

ATTENTION NEW FAMILIES!!

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED 2020-2021

With restrictions due to COVID still in place, registration forms will be sent via email or fax.

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The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is looking to hire part-time help for their EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM. Hours are between 1:45pm and 6pm. Candidates would start immediately after being background checked. Pay scale from \$10-\$15/hour based on previous experience. Part-time; not benefits eligible. If interested, please email the Director of Extended Day, Mrs. Donna Vimarco at dvimarco@cjbschool.com



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What is 40 Days for Life?

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil is a wonderful 'life saving' opportunity to join with our community and hundreds of other cities around the world in prayer, fasting and keeping a peaceful vigil in front of a place where children are aborted. Through God, and your prayers and fasting, 40 Days for Life has saved more than 17,000 lives from abortion. It has led to the conversion of clinic workers and has seen many abortion facilities close completely.

"We often forget the incredible power of prayer and loving witness, but 40 Days for Life reminds us of the fruits of dialogue with the Lord."

How Can I Help?

- Please sign up to pray for an hour at Access Clinic in Downers Grove, (1700 75th St.).
- Visit www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove and click on "Vigil Schedule".
- 40 Days Vigil runs through Nov. 1st . 7am-7pm
- Reserve your spot today!

Private prayer and fasting are also ways in which you can be a part of 40 days for Life.

Thank you for choosing to protect the most vulnerable of God's creation!

LITURGY COMMISSION

ROSARY

Please join us to pray the Rosary for Life on Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 AM.

We will be in the Eucharistic Chapel at the base of the Bell Tower. Covid restrictions will be followed. We hope to see you there!

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

The **Ministry of Care** is one of the oldest ministries in Christianity. In the early Church, members would often celebrate the Eucharist -the Breaking of Bread – in the homes of the early Christians. If someone was unable to attend the service because of illness, a family member or close friend attending the service would be given a piece of the consecrated bread to bring to him/her, thereby not only bringing the healing power of Jesus but also reaffirming the absent individual as a member of the community.



PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

IMPORTANT NOTE: SATURDAY CONFESSIONS HAVE MOVED TO 9:00 AM ON SATURDAYS

In order to allow for time to sanitize the church before Funerals and Weddings, **effective October 24, 2020**, Individual Confessions will now be heard from 9:00-9:30 AM on Saturdays.



Ministry of Care is an outreach service of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish to those who are unable to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. Ministers of Care bring the Word, prayer, and Eucharist to fellow parishioners.

This ministry allows those who are home-bound to experience the nearness of God and the Christian community through the presence of the Minister of Care and through the reception of the Eucharist at life's most difficult moments.

Home visits are set-up for a mutually agreed upon day, time, and frequency with an assigned Minister of Care. The need may be short- or long-term.

Should you or a loved one have such a need, please call Sr. Gael at the parish office, 460-0042. Our parish coordinator, Barb Basila will follow-up with your request.



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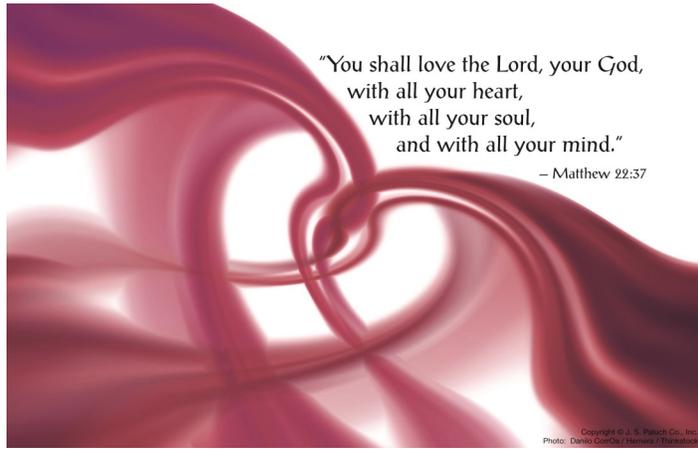
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“You shall love the Lord, your God,
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and with all your mind.”
– Matthew 22:37



We joyfully welcomed the following children
into our Christian Community

OCTOBER 18, 2020

Emma Lynn Faxel
Daughter of Joseph & Erin (Flynn) Faxel

Isabella Christine Weisenbach
Daughter of James & Sandra (Scholz) Weisenbach

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for six weeks. After six weeks, the names are written into our parish book of prayers for continued remembrance. At the request of the family, names will appear in the bulletin for a longer period.

Shirlee Baker	Debra Molinari
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Patrick Kiley	Giovanna Picciolini
Paul Klimek	Beverly Purrenhage
Lorraine Kowalkowski	Paul Ruzella
Cami Letsos	Michael Stevenson
Bernie McErlean	Louis Tassone
Sidney Mitera	Marianne Vancina

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

Saturday, October 24

4:00 PM John J. O'Neill, rq. by O'Neill Family and Matthew Pocerlich, rq. by Diane & Jack Ginley and Jack Crisham, rq. by Crisham Family and Frank Gallico, rq. by John & Sheila Pacholski and Marilyn Viz, rq. by Carmen, Jim & Anna Walsh

6:00 PM John J. O'Neill, rq. by O'Neill Family and The People of St. Francis

Sunday, October 25

8:00 AM Jean & Marguerite Abt and Charles & Madeleine Pelicant and Valentine & Adele Bay, rq. by Emil Skorup

10:00 AM Dennis Niswonger, rq. by Mike & Mary Ann McKeivitt & Family and Richard McCartin, rq. by Gilloley Family and John Brennan, rq. by Jack & Peg Sheehan

12:00 PM Patrick Laughran, rq. by Michael Foley

Monday, October 26

8:30 AM Elvira Macaspac and Msgr. Francis Smith, rq. by Gary & Edith Sarge

Tuesday, October 27

8:30 AM Domenic Tortorici, rq. by Ray & Marian Peregoy and In Thanksgiving for Fr. Sowa, rq. by Jimmy & Lucy Phan

Wednesday, October 28

8:30 AM Thaddeus Grekowicz, rq. by The Grekowicz Family and Thomas Babich, rq. by Jimmy & Lucy Phan

Thursday, October 29

8:30 AM Stephen & Marilyn Viz

Friday, October 30

8:30 AM Helen Capriglione, rq. by SFA Music Ministry

Saturday, October 31

4:00 PM Helen Capriglione, rq. by Linda Martarano & Lori Wydra and Matthew Gembala, rq. by Rich & Linda Misiorowski and Richard Prosser, rq. by Patricia Prosser and Bubbles Sabath and John Brogran rq by Bobbi Mangan

6:00 PM Ray Zielinski, rq. by Rosemary & Stephen and Evelyn & Paul Strobel, rq. by Dick & Mary Roberts and Michele Sarro, rq. by Elena Sarro

Sunday, November 1

8:00 AM Salvatore & Maria Giuliana, rq. by Tony & Frances Zambuto and Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Alice Rozewicki, rq. by Hinsdale PADS Team and Salvatore & Josephine Zambuto, rq. by Tony & Frances Zambuto

10:00 AM John J. Coners, rq. by Family and Dolores Zangri, rq. by Therese Stubitsch

12:00 PM 40th Anniversary of Thomas & Carol Bochenek and Stephen Viz, rq. by Jim, Carmen and Anna Walsh

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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 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Masks are required in the building. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the northeast corner of the Church.

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, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays. Masks are required in the building.

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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 Baptisms can be arranged by appointment. 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 and Saturdays from 4:30pm- 5:30pm for all grade levels 1-8. Saturday class is from 8:30am-9:30am. Remote classes for all grades 1-8 are available for those who are unable to attend in person. Please call the Religious Education office at (708)460-0155 or email religioused@sfaorland.org to register or to obtain 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. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Effective 10/24/2020 Individual Confessions will be heard at 9:00—9:30 AM to allow time for sanitizing the church before Funerals and Weddings.**

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 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.