



# REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED

## All Souls Mass

November 2

10:00 am

Robert Aitchison  
Phyllis Babich  
Johanne Beninato  
Mark Bennecke  
Steward Braun  
Mary Budz  
Joseph Carone  
Raymond Castrogiovanni  
Tony Ciarrocchi  
William Cody  
Kevin Connolly  
John Coyle  
Richard Czerniak

Thomas Darcy  
Edward Devine  
James Dillon, Sr.  
Ramona Figueroa  
Mary Therese Foley  
Elizabeth Ann Gay  
Nancy Gaynor  
William Gaynor  
Pamela Giusti  
German Gomez  
Elaine Graff  
Deborah Green  
Thomas Hallissey  
Nenita Harris  
Joseph Havelka  
Thomas Heiy  
Kenneth Holm  
Barbara Horvath  
Chester Hoyne  
Marian Juniga  
Lorraine Kopp  
Richard Kozarewicz  
Anna Kubicz  
Madelon Lorden  
William Lorden  
Jacqueline Magafas  
Michelina Malfeo  
John Matthews  
Loretta Mayer

Catherine Meskill-Murphy  
James Mitchell  
Brian Neville  
Dorothy Nicholson  
Edward Olbrecht  
William Osten  
Carole Ouradnik  
Robert Paluch  
Michael Peck  
Daniel Poetzing  
Charles Prochaska  
Clement Sarge  
Michele Sarro  
Afifeh Sayegh  
William Simon  
Edward Siwek  
Robert Skvarla  
Rudolph Slovick  
Diane Smith  
Alice Sodora  
Jeffrey Spratt  
Mary Stacknik  
Thomas Storcz  
Mary Ellen Sullivan  
Thomas Tupa  
Collette Vergados  
Barbara Wail  
Mary Janet Winter  
Frank Zito

## MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR



*Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor*

*November 03, 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***

Then Jesus entered and walked through Jericho. There was a man there, his name Zacchaeus, the head tax man and quite rich. He wanted desperately to see Jesus, but the crowd was in his way—he was a short man and couldn't see over the crowd. So he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus when he came by. When Jesus got to the tree, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. Today is my day to be a guest in your home." Zacchaeus scrambled out of the tree, hardly believing his good luck, delighted to take Jesus home with him. Everyone who saw the incident was indignant and grumped, "What business does he have getting cozy with this crook?" Zacchaeus just stood there, a little stunned. He stammered apologetically, "Master, I give away half my income to the poor—and if I'm caught cheating, I pay four times the damages." Jesus said, "Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost" (from Luke 19).

### ***Notes on the Scripture***

Does the fate of a greedy little man in first-century Jericho matter that much in the grand scheme of things? When you think about it, or measure the objective achievements of Jesus' entire ministry, there is little to show for it all. A few hundred were healed altogether, perhaps—out of the half million Jews in Israel at the time of Jesus, that figure certainly didn't empty the sickrooms. On his best day, 5,000 came out to hear Jesus preach—and those kind of crowds were nowhere in evidence at a later hour when there might have been strength in numbers. A handful of people seemed to experience a vital conversion through encountering Jesus, like Zacchaeus. And once in a while, a leper remembered to give thanks. If an accountant were keeping the books on this ministry, he might recommend that Jesus diversify.

The big picture from the Book of Wisdom is that we're wrong to use human yardsticks to measure the work of the divine. In God's hands, the universe is a grain of wheat or a drop of dew. Nothing is too small not to count, including the lilies of the field, the humble sparrows, and the hair on our heads, such as it may be. Zacchaeus reminds us that, in God's eyes, there are no small or insignificant people either. We are all invited to receive salvation today.

### ***Pasta Night***

Please mark your calendars and join us for a great Pasta Night Dinner on November 9th (from 4-8pm) The Knights of Columbus are hosting and I know it is going to be a wonderful event. Check the bulletin for more info or buy a ticket at the table in the narthex.

### ***Thank you & Congratulations***

I want to take the opportunity to express my gratitude for supporting our Grand Raffle. This is the only fundraiser we have at the parish and I am grateful for your generosity. Thank you for buying tickets and being part of it.

I also want to congratulate our winners – here are the happy people this year: Rich & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Mike & George Ann Pindelski, Paul O'Grady, Rich Modelski, Katherine Russo, Jennifer Consolino, John Kunka, Nanette Gormley, Thomas Molyneaux, and Gwen Norvilas.

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

### Monday, November 04

- ◆ Caregiver Support Group, 1:00 pm (NR)
- ◆ Adult Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm (SFR)
- ◆ Peregrine Novena, 7:00 pm (CH, GR)

### Tuesday, November 05 - Election Day

- ◆ Corinthians / Book of James, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 1-8, 4:30 pm (SFC)
- ◆ Religious Ed, Grades 5-8, 7:00 pm (SFC)

### Wednesday, November 06

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

### Thursday, November 07

- ◆ Helping Hands Committee, 7:00 pm (GR)

### Friday, November 08

- ◆ Mom's Night Out Art Night, 7:00 pm (UH)
- ◆ AA 7:30 pm (NR)

### Saturday, November 09

- ◆ Catechist Certificate Ministerial Formation, 8:30 am (SFC)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner, 4:00 pm (UH)

### Sunday, November 10

- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Re Commitment, 9:00 am (CH)
- ◆ CJB Athletic program participation mass, 10:30 am (CH)
- ◆ That's Deep (Youth Ministry), 11:30 am (SFR)



Men - Feb. 29 & March 1, 2020  
Women - March 14 & 15, 2020  
Register online: <http://www.staorland.org/Christ-renews-his-parish.html>

## SAVE THE DATES

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**PASTA**  
Night Dinner  
Fundraiser

Enjoy an Italian Dinner with  
Pasta, Meatballs, Salad & Dessert

**Saturday, November 9th**  
4pm to 8pm  
Upton Hall

*Only* **\$10 per Adult (\$12 at door)**  
**\$6 kids 4-12 (under 4 FREE)**  
Drinks available for purchase

Proceeds to help Sacred Heart Parish  
and St Francis of Assisi Youth Group.

**Special Thanks To:**  
Papa Joe's - Orland Park  
Kenwood Liquors - Homer Glen

## 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](mailto:cjbgala20@givesmart.com)  
for more information on tickets,  
raffles, and sponsorships.

## RESPECT LIFE

“God never stops offering each of us his mercy, ‘a concrete reality with which he reveals his love’ (MV 6).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Reflection: Moved by Mercy  
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## November Extravaganza

11/3/19 at 7:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Youth Room  
Faith Friends Fun Food

## That's Deep

Teen Sharing

November 10 & 17

11:30-1:30



## National Catholic Youth Conference

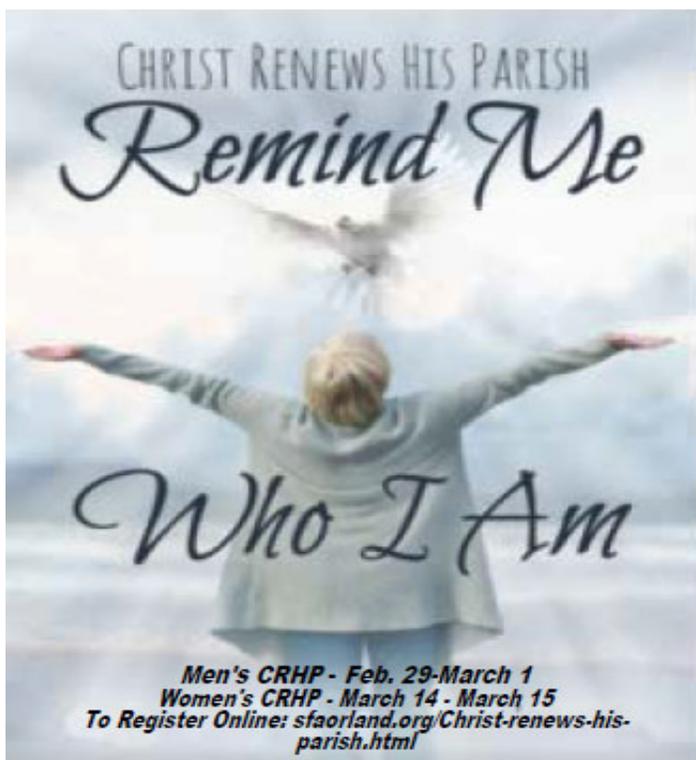
November 21-23

Indianapolis, IN

Pray for us

Tess Deneen	Hailey Dwyer
Cecilia Kolbash	Peg Kolbash
Dcn. Mike Pindelski	Charlotte Reynolds
Fr. Jay Suero	Matthew Toohill
Jim Winters	

Thank You to everyone who supported our NCYC pilgrimage through purchases at our Taffy Apple/Caramel Corn Fundraiser, and other donations.



My name is Lynne Sparks and I experienced CRHP 23 during the weekend of March 1 and 2. The women who were on the giving team were phenomenal. It was a deeply spiritual experience for me. It was a chance for me to meet and get to know other women in my Parish. I have decided to continue and become a member of the giving team for CRHP 24 because I feel everybody should have an opportunity to experience the weekend. I highly recommend it! I loved it! Please come and join us!

# PADS

Friday November 29, 2019  
Preparing and Serving Dinner at PADS  
homeless shelter in Hinsdale.

## 2019 Mission Trip Reflection, by, Cecilia Kolbash



In 2018, I attended my first mission trip with the youth ministry, and we went to Knoxville, Tennessee. I won't lie, I did not want to go and I was extremely shy and totally against the fact that I was going to be with so many people I didn't know

from a completely different school for a week. But, after that week in Knoxville I didn't want to come home. I had the best experience of my life and decided I had to come back next year and do another one.

I actively participated in all the Youth Ministry events that I could attend that lead up to the 2019 mission trip. I even became a Youth Leader for Saint Francis along the way. Then came the time to go to Saint Louis for the 2019 mission trip. I brought 8 other people that I am friends with because I had such an amazing time the year before. The mission trip is such a spiritual awakening that is most definitely needed once a year. It allows you to become closer to God, other people in your church, and so many other people from different churches around the United States.

On this year's mission trip I got to bond with so many new people from inside and outside my church who made such an impact on my life. This year's mission trip "theme" revolved around spreading God's light and having God's light spread to you from other people. This theme somehow fit into my life perfectly at the time, because I was at a stage where I wanted to impact people and spread God's word but I didn't know how. The mission trip really put into reality what I needed to do in my life to make what I wanted to do actually happen.

But, also on the mission trip, I really opened my eyes to see how other people's lives impact me. All the residents I worked with were some of the happiest people I have ever met.

One specific resident, I worked with especially made a huge impact on my life. Her name was Sharon. She made such a big impact on my life because her husband had just recently died, and the entire upper floor of her house had collapsed and some of it completely damaged her kitchen also. We worked at her house for two days, and it was minor work such as weeding, and some simple cleaning and organizing, but she was so grateful for every single thing that we did. She even gave us gifts at the end and bought us lunch on the last day.

But what really made an impact on me was how on the last day she spent so much time talking with us and getting to know each and every person in our group. She showed us how to do laughter yoga (which is super fun), and she asked us so many questions and was very eager to listen and learn about us. This showed me God's light because we were supposed to be serving her, but in a huge way she also served us and bonded with us. Which is something Jesus would do, no doubt. The mission trip allows me to deepen my faith and help others deepen their faith also. Especially, during four corners and worship. Those are times where you can really deepen your faith and spend time with just you and God.

I never thought going on a mission trip would be my thing until I went on one and then another one! They have changed my faith completely. They allow me to deepen my faith and be more confident in spreading God's word to others. And most importantly they allow me to become more active with my church and my faith, and play a bigger role in the community.



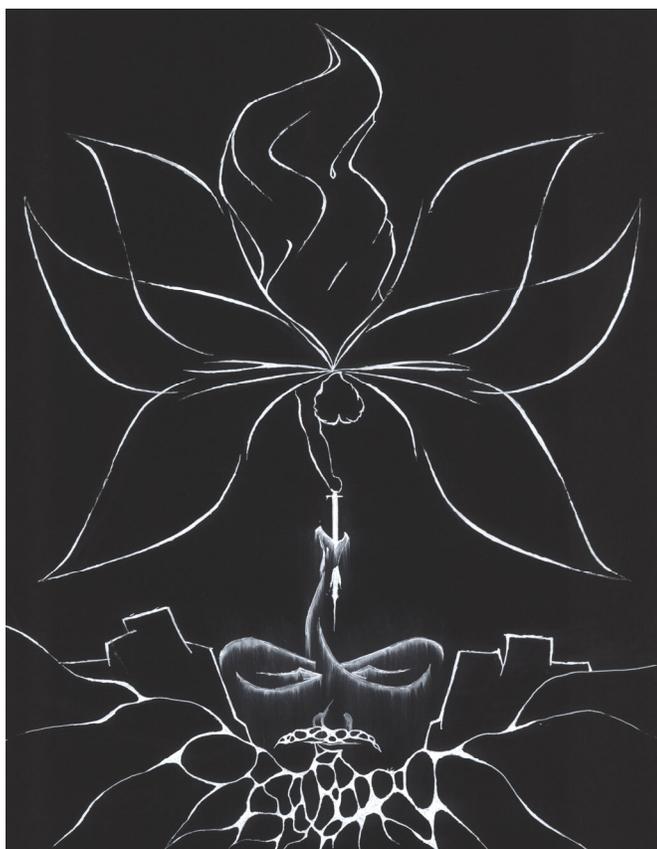
## ART & THEOLOGY: My Ruminations on the Good, the True, and the Beautiful

By, Rev. Jay Suero

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.



### A Meditation on Nature

In this drawing, I wanted to take a different approach to the typical imagery St. Michael the Archangel. He is often depicted in battle armor wielding a sword and slaying Satan in reference to Revelations 12:7-9, "Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."

St. Michael is referred to as an archangel because he is the chief of all angels and of the army of God. Archangel is also a name for one of the nine ranking choirs of Angels. In this sense, some tradition, such as from the writings of St. Bonaventure or St. Basil, refer to St. Michael as the prince of the Seraphim, the highest rank of Angels. Seraphim are described in scripture as having "six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew." (Isaiah 6:2) I used to this seraphic interpretation as a different approach to St. Michael.

Another source of inspiration was the image of the Leviathan from scripture particularly Isaiah 26:1, "In that day the Lord with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea." The Leviathan here can be a symbol of evil, a demon, or even Satan. The sea in the Old Testament is also often a symbol of chaos and disorder such as the formless water at the beginning of creation as described in Gen 1. More personally, I thought of the Leviathan because the deep sea brings me a sense of dread because of the isolation and helplessness amidst the mysterious creatures around you.

Bringing these elements together I've put together a few double images in this drawing. From a distance it is meant to resemble a lotus flower, but upon closer look it is St. Michael coming down with his sword upon Satan or the Leviathan coming out of the water. Taking another inspection, the twisting body of the dragon forms an image of closed eyes and a nose and from the foams of the water forms a flowing beard constructing the image of a face in meditation. These images to us tell a story of one meditating on their fears as represented by the water. These fears can often have our mind and spirit wrapped up and constricted as represented by the serpent who appears to be clouding the mind. However, in meditation and surrender to God these fears are abated as illustrated by St. Michael slaying the dragon. This in turn leads to a purification of the mind and back to where we began with the image of the lotus flower which can be a symbol of purity.

## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION



**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 November 4.** If you have any questions regarding this group, please call Char Klabacha at 708-602-2019 or Marie Flanagan at 708-687-3351.

### *The New Normal*



**The word CANCER strikes fear in one's heart!** A cancer support group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, **November 12 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. Sessions are held in the Niehaus Room.

**Grief Support Group** gathers at St. Francis of Assisi on the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Thursday of the month.** Our next meeting is **November 14 at 7:00 pm.** Each session is independent – and the sessions are open to all. Sessions are held in the Niehaus Room.



# SFA Parent lifelines

**Date: Monday, November 18**  
**Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Location: St. Francis of Assisi  
Religious Education Center**

Parental Influences in the Life of a Teen

Fr. Bill will explore healthy boundary issues for adults (parents and other significant adults) who are responsible for teens. Come with your concerns and questions for a lively discussion.



### Children's Book Collection

The Catholic Charities Committee at St Francis was asked by the St.

Blasé Child Development Center & St. Anne's Early Childhood Day Care for new or gently used CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

We plan to distribute these within our Christmas Stocking Project to the children there. Your donations of new or gently used CHILDREN'S BOOKS is greatly appreciated.

We will have a basket available in the narthex coat room throughout November where you can place your donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Klouda (vikingshockey9@comcast.net) or Mary Pat Osoba ( mposoba@gmail.com)

Your generosity is warmly appreciated.

# Adult Faith Formation

## **AROUND FOR AWHILE**, *by Fr. Ed Upton*

In the last few weeks, I received some intriguing information. Like many things that arrive on line, I have not completely verified the material. However, the information makes sense to me and might provide some insight into the challenges churches currently face.

The first bit of information was sent from a friend, titled "tomorrow is here." It describes changes in well-known products/services we have used for years. The changes described are dramatic. The impact doesn't always register until the change is completed. These cultural changes have impacted communities as well as individuals.

"In 1998 Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper. Within a few years, this model disappeared, and they went bankrupt. What happened to Kodak and Polaroid will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5-10 years.

Uber is just a software tool. They don't own any cars and are now the biggest taxi company.

Ask any taxi driver if they saw this coming.

Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world. And they don't own properties. Ask Hilton Hotels if they saw this coming."

There were many other examples given in the email, but these provide a real but limited view of change that is rapidly taking place. The new can put the old out of business. The rapidity and impact of change alters our actions and ways of thinking. They change us, including our faith understandings.

A second piece of information came from Pew Research.

This is a nonpartisan fact tank that informs the public about issues, attitudes, and trends shaping the world. It conducts public opinion polls, demographic research, media contact analysis, and other empirical social science research. They write:

"The US is steadily becoming less Christian and the number of people with no religion is rising. The rapid shift is

about generational replacement. The most religious folk are the ones who are dying and the least religious folks are the ones coming in.

To put it most graphically, 84% of the silent generation, (born between 1928-1945), identify as Christian, compared with 49% of the millennial generation (born between 1981 -1996).

Scott Thuma (a sociologist of religion at Hartford Seminary) says a number of cultural reasons may be speeding up the generational shift, including less social pressure to go to church; the clergy sexual abuse scandal especially in the Catholic Church and shifting attitudes toward sexuality and gender that clash with traditional Christian teachings."

The point of my reflection, in some ways, states the obvious. Our world, with rapid communication and sophisticated and ever-present technology, is rapidly changing. What is not as obvious is how this contemporary world affects religious participation. I am not sure if I can point

to a direct relationship and positively claim the current decline in religious participation (especially among young adults) is the result of our

changing culture.

All I have done is outline some current data. What motivates people is not clear. I hope it encour-

ages those participating to continue to be faithful and welcoming. Together we pray.

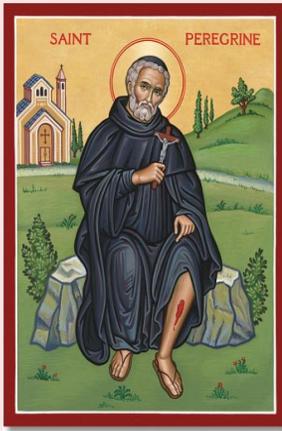
## **KEY FINDINGS FROM PARISH SURVEY, *Fr. Artur Sowa***

Thank you again for those who provided feedback in our online parish-wide survey that was conducted in the Spring. The purpose of the survey was to determine how well St. Francis of Assisi is 'living' its mission and helping parishioners enrich their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. A total of 645 parishioners gave their input which we are truly grateful for.

We have been busy analyzing the results over the past several months. Overall, the results of the survey were very positive, and it is more about fine-tuning a few things. Here's a summary of a few key findings:

1. While half of parishioners feel the parish has been completely successful in living our mission, four in ten think there is room for improvement.
2. Eight in ten agree that the parish inspires them to grow closer to God and to actively live out their faith.
3. When asked how 'connected' they feel with the parish on a scale of 1-5, parishioners, on average, rated their connection a 3.98. Connection levels increase significantly with age and are least strong among young parents.
4. The word most parishioners use to describe how the parish makes them feel is 'welcomed.' This is followed by 'inspired' and 'respected.'
5. While the vast majority (88%) of parishioners say they 'definitely will' remain a member at St. Francis, that leaves 12% who are not so sure.
6. The parish is doing an excellent job at providing a wide variety of service and activity opportunities to parishioners. The parish also is welcoming, and Mass inspires attendees to actively participate. And, our music ministry is top-notch! However, just about half agree that they feel fully engaged with their involvement at church or that they have made close friends. These two elements are key factors leading to that feeling of connection to the parish.
7. Importantly, 20% of parishioners feel the issues facing the Church as a whole are negatively impacting how they practice and share their faith outside of the parish.
8. Sunday Mass attendance increases significantly with age. Also, men are significantly more likely to attend Sunday Mass every week than women as are those with no children.
9. When we look at key activities at the parish, just over half (54%) of parishioners report participating in Holy Week Services. And, just four in ten (43%) participate in Reconciliation Services.
10. Out of 47 activities and programs measured in the survey, the top-5 most popular activities include: Helping Hands, Catholic Charities at SFA, Social Committee, Women's Day of Reflection, and Bible Study.
11. The bulletin remains the most effective way to communicate activities to most parishioners and this is followed by email and announcements at Mass. Younger parishioners are more likely to go to the website and use the app and even follow the parish on Facebook.

Various committees are already working on a plan to address these items. I am happy to discuss any questions or talk about any ideas that you may have. Thanks again for your help to continue to make St. Francis of Assisi a special place to worship with your family and friends.



**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.

# Sacred Art

*A blueprint for saving lives*

**Tues. Nov. 12th 2019 7:00pm**

*Presenter:*  
Fr. Thomas J. Loya

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church  
14610 Will-Cook Rd.  
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Sponsored by the multi-parish Respect Life ministries of  
St. Bernard's - St. Francis of Assisi - Our Lady of the Woods - St. Michael  
Our Mother of Good Counsel - Annunciation Byzantine Catholic

## Creation Care Corner

*Taking action to protect God's great gift to us, Mother Earth*



*"...the future of the human family depends also on how we safeguard –both prudently and compassionately...the gift of creation ..."*  
– Pope Francis

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION**  
**Connecting The Dots.**

From time to time, questions arise about what the connection is between the Catholic faith and the environmental sustainability recommendations presented in this column. Care for God's Creation is one of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops links stewardship efforts to our faith when saying: "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation." Care for Creation is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. The Bishop's tell us, "The environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored."

## HELPING HANDS MEETING

The Helping Hands Committee is meeting on **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Great Room.** If you are new to the parish, we encourage you to join us!

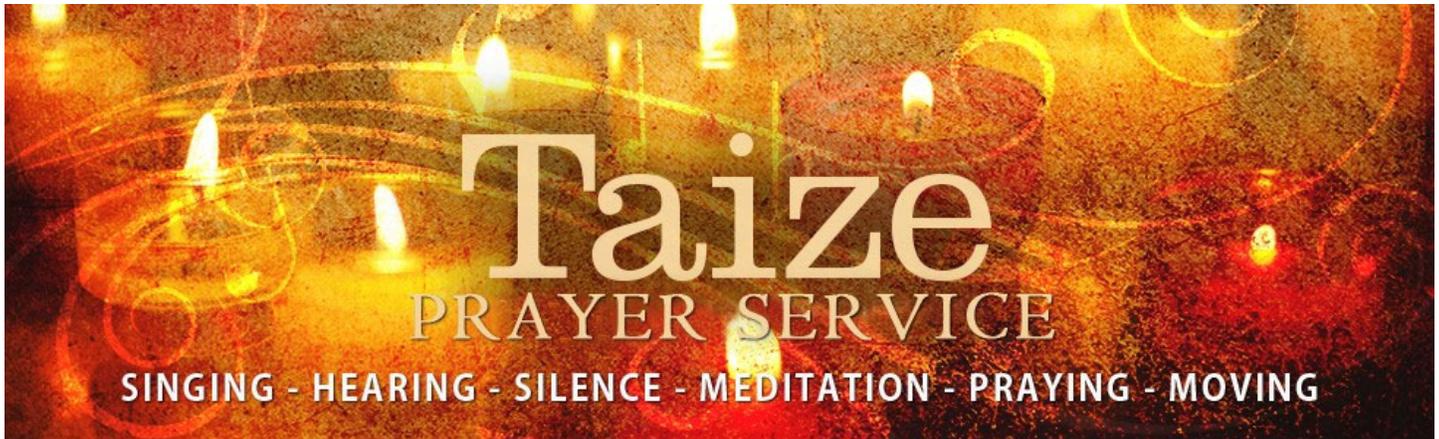
## The Son of Man seeks out those who are lost

## Need someone to talk to about Alzheimer's?

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

## LITURGY COMMISSION

**Books for your spiritual enrichment will be available in the narthex the weekend of November 16/17.**



**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** St. Francis of Assisi

**WHAT:** A one-hour prayer service using songs from Taizé is the experience of singing of refrains, hearing Scripture, praying, and being silent for short periods of time. This prayer is for people of all ages, it is very meditative and moving.

We invite you to come and experience God's presence in our lives. In this busy world, we need to nourish ourselves more and more through prayer, silence, song and on Christ Himself, who is the source of all grace and wisdom.

## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION



The Social Committee at St. Francis invites you to Pizza and a Movie.

The feature movie is The STAR!

**When:** November 30, 2019 after 5:15pm mass

**Where:** Downstairs in Upton Hall

All children are invited to come in their Pajamas or just bring a blanket to sit on. This event is free.

You must sign up to attend. Please sign up at one of the masses below.

We are having sign ups on the weekends of November 16th/17th and 23rd/24th.

Price includes pizza, popcorn, pop, and ice cream.  
Questions please call: Laurie Arredondo, 708.601.7113

**Moving?**

**Stay in touch**

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



## CJB Athletic Program Mass on Nov. 10

The Athletic Program of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School is inviting all to participate in the communal 10:30 am Liturgy at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Sunday, November 10, 2019.

This will be the first of four Liturgies, one at each supporting Parish for the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin 2019-20 school year, where we can unify as one athletic program celebrating The Source and Summit of Christian Life and The Liturgy, The Eucharist.

There will be a section of The St. Francis of Assisi Church designated for our seating. Attendance is greatly encouraged to strengthen Our Faith as One, but not mandatory.

The student/athletes attending are encouraged to display their school pride by wearing your Cardinal Joseph Bernardin athletic uniform as well as the parents/guardians, coaches, and staff. There will also be some student/athletes participating in the Liturgy, i.e. Offertory Gift Bearers, at each Parish's Liturgy.

## PAINTING HOPE

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. in Upton Hall, lower level of St. Francis of Assisi

Let's have some fun in a painting party which is a fund raiser for Zelda's Kitchen Witches! Join us as we create canvases with imagery of hope. This is an easy project that everyone can do.

Zelda's Kitchen Witches provides new kitchen items to women fleeing domestic violence and women who are homeless. The women are moving into transitional housing seeking an independent life. All proceeds from this event are donated to this worthy organization.

All painting materials and refresh will be provided. Donation: \$25. Call the office to register: 708-460-0042



## Sharing Food and Faith

~ Open Dialogue ~

### Interfaith Dinner

Christian, Muslim and Jewish Perspectives

**DATE:** Sunday, November 10, 2019  
**TIME:** 5:30pm - Registration / 6:00 - 8:00pm - Program  
**PLACE:** Zion Lutheran Church - Tinley Park, IL

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

*Don't miss this unique & exciting Interfaith experience!*

**PRE-REGISTRATION & TICKETS REQUIRED!**

**Tickets on sale until Nov 8th - \$20 per person**

*Tickets not sold at the door.*

*Must be purchased through your Place of Worship.*

*Seats are limited so get your tickets right away!*

For Tickets,  
contact:

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~ **FOOD DRIVE** ~

**Bring along non-perishable food items to donate to Respond Now**

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

For information on SWIFT:

[www.SWIFTinterfaith.org](http://www.SWIFTinterfaith.org) (708) 253-2834  
[info@SWIFTinterfaith.org](mailto:info@SWIFTinterfaith.org)



"SWIFT South West Interfaith Team"

## 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.

## KNIGHT'S CORNER

### Introduction

We, the Knights of Columbus Council 16369, wanted to share information with the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi. Most, if not all, of the Knights of this council are members of the St. Francis parish community. With the encouragement of Fr. Artur, we hope to take this section of the bulletin to share a bi-weekly article about the Knights of Columbus. We envision this to be a combination of upcoming events, recapping past events, sharing a little of our history as a global organization and our local impact. We were inspired by Fr. Upton's "Around for a While" articles detailing the history of the parish and of his informative examinations of various topics. We hope you enjoy these articles and please feel free to provide any feedback to us at [Royston.Connors@gmail.com](mailto:Royston.Connors@gmail.com).



Interested in joining the Knights?

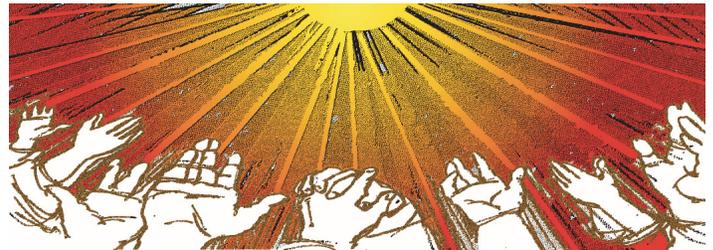
Contact:  
[JoinKofC16369@gmail.com](mailto:JoinKofC16369@gmail.com)

## HELP WANTED AT ST. GEORGE PARISH

Looking for a part-time job working three days a week?

St. George Parish in Tinley Park is looking for someone who can prepare our weekly parish bulletin. Skills needed include knowledge of the Publisher program and the ability to create a bulletin that is eye catching, appealing and an engaging read for our parishioners.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Darlene Georges at 708.532.2243 Ext. 507



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## Pigeon Forge and Smokey Mountain Show Trip

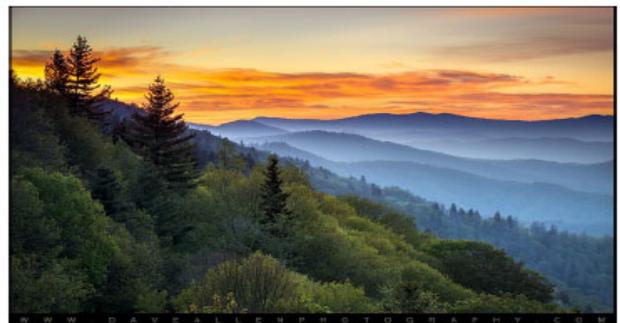
June 1-6, 2020

### The incredible price of \$565 per person includes:

- Motor coach transportation
- 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in the Smokies
- 8 meals, 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Admission to Titanic: The World's Largest Museum Attraction
- 2 Dinner shows: SOUL OF MOTOWN and AMERICA'S HIT PARADE: 2 evening shows: WONDERS OF MAGIC and COUNTRY TONITE and the SMITH MORNING VARIETY SHOW.
- Free time in historic downtown Gatlinburg
- Guided tour of the Great Smokie Mountains

Please add \$189 for single occupancy. Final payment is due on March 25. To add peace of mind, Travel Protection Plan is available for an additional \$45 per person. These checks should be made payable to Travel Insured International.

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. For information on how to join in the fun contact Barbara Walder at [barbwalder@yahoo.com](mailto:barbwalder@yahoo.com) or 708-351-8994.





**Thank you to everyone who came out  
and made the 2019 Trivia Night a Huge success.**

**It was a great evening of fun and fellowship.**

**Special Thanks to Gina Loizzo, Maureen Krzyminski,  
Allison Domenick and Jim Draudt.**

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

Krzysztof & Paulina  
(Bartlomiejczuk) Wojcik  
and children: Nicole &  
Anthony

Andrew & Justine (Gut)  
Bauer  
and children: Wesley &  
Aleksander

Jerome & Beverly  
(Bieniek) Baldwin

Brandon & Rebeca  
(Barros) Hovey  
and children:  
Jack & Mark

Pietro & Jade (Stewart)  
Pellerito

Mitchell & Brittany  
(Bartos) Tews  
and son: Mason

Janusz & Katarzyna  
(Feret) Galdyn  
and children: Michal,  
Julia, and Christian



"Ladies Night Out" Over 40 Vendors!  
November 7, 2019 , 6:30 -9:30  
\$5.00 Admissions includes Raffle ticket and  
Desserts  
St. Rita High School Dining Hall  
7740 S, Western Ave.  
Cash Bar Available - 21 & Older Event!

### LIVING WITH INTENTION

**Date:** Monday, November 11  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – Noon **Fee:** \$25



Everyday tasks and routine can be an opportunity for mindfulness and deepening our spirituality and sense of peace. Learn and practice setting intention as part of your daily routine and fill your self-

care tool bag with “tools” to help you along the way. Guided meditations and relaxing moments during this program will help set the stage for incorporating these ideas into your daily life.

**Facilitator: Amanda Clark Reed**

Mother McAuley Holiday  
Market

Friday, November 15  
6 pm to 9 pm  
3737 W. 99th Street in  
Chicago



Featuring artisans, appetizers and holiday cheer, the Holiday Market is the perfect opportunity to shop for gifts for family and friends, home décor and goods, festive decorations, decadent food creations and other unique items.

The entry fee is \$8 per person. Complimentary appetizers will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

Visit [mothermcauley.org](http://mothermcauley.org) to for more information

Before the Lord  
the whole  
universe  
is as a grain  
from a balance  
or a  
drop of dew  
come down  
upon the earth.

Wisdom 11:22

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Phyllis Gubbins

Ann Kazmer

Joseph Kress

## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

William Anderson  
Jonas Astrauskas  
Sister Ellen Mary

Brenner

Maria Eugenia

Fernandez

Joanne

Follenweider

Lynn Gainer

Carol Gervais

Carol Grunow

Jack Killoren

Debbie Lipien

Sr. Bernard Lynch

Marge McFadden

Vince McNulty

Bill O'Neil

Giovanna Picciolini

Annette Popernik

Mikaela Rix

Jim Slattery

Debra Sovich

Chuck Springer

Louis Tassone

Joe Tumpich

Marianne Vancina

Christina

Valentinas

Marjane Warren

Dorothy Weber

Jack Weber

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 02

10:00 AM All Souls Mass

5:15 PM John & Mary B. Foley, rq. by Family and Ernie Horvath, rq. by Barbara Horvath and Christina Bonato, rq. by Tina Bonato and Michael Weber, rq. by Maria Weber and Rose & John Lopez, rq. by Maria Weber

### Sunday, November 03

7:30 AM Helen & Walter Gliwa, rq. by The Grekowicz Family and Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Annie Frances Davern, rq. by Kay Flanagan and Mark Bennecke, rq. by Fred & Virginia Pesek

9:00 AM Ray Zielinski, rq. by Rosemary & Stephen and Evelyn & Paul Strobel, rq. by Dick & Mary Roberts and Clement Sarge, rq. by Family and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Kay & Jerry Saletta

10:30 AM Yasmeen Shaheen, rq. by Nick & Barb Radice and Terrance Glynn, rq. by Tom Kil-martin and Frank Zito, rq. by Barb Moser and Jack Lebert, rq. by Anne & Paul Lebert

12:00 PM People of St. Francis

### Monday, November 04

7:45 AM Sharon & Brad Sharp, rq. by Stepien family (Prayers for a new marriage) and Tony Ciarrocchi, rq. by Family and William F. Hickey, rq. by Janet Hickey and Luke Minh Phan, rq. by Jimmy & Lucy

### Tuesday, November 05

7:45 AM David Goldberg, rq. by Trisha Goldberg and Jeff Taylor, rq. by Mike & Teri Stephens and Joseph Ham Phan and Maria Nhi Duong, rq. by Jimmy & Lucy

### Wednesday, November 06

7:45 AM Scott Whisson, rq. by Whisson Family and Barbara Boscarino, rq. by Family and John & Jeanette Bomba, rq. by Family and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Joseph March and Jeanne James, rq. by Joseph March (Prayers for good health)

### Thursday, November 07

7:45 AM James Rendell, rq. by Mark & Cindy Bennecke and Daniel S. O'Rourke, rq. by Sally O'Rourke

### Friday, November 08

7:45 AM Susan Cava, rq. by Joe March and Mary T. Foley, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos and Kathy Stortz, rq. by Dad

### Saturday, November 09

5:15 PM Robert A. Carlo, rq. by Carlo Family and Frances V. Marzalek, rq. by Hadley Teachers 10 and Rich Petrarca, rq. by Jo Lee and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Fred & Virginia Pesek and Robert Finucane, rq. by Thies Family

### Sunday, November 10

7:30 AM People of St. Francis

9:00 AM Schweiger & Norris Families, rq. by Family and James & Alice Murphy, rq. by Family and Helen Januszyk, rq. by Rosemary & Don Januszyk

10:30 AM Raymond Branchaw, rq. by Romana Branchaw and Charles Peregoy, rq. by Roy & Marian Peregoy and Evelyn Szczypka and Bob Kury, rq. by Mike & Lisa Pindelski

12:00 PM 50th Wedding Anniversary, Conrad & Maria E. Samayoa and Stefan Nowak, rq. by Family and Antonino DiGerlando, rq. by Mr. & Mrs. James Cuci

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

	<b>November 9 5:15 PM (Mass)</b>	<b>November 10 7:30 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>November 10 9:00 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>November 10 10:30 AM (Mass)</b>	<b>November 10 12:00 PM (Mass)</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Ed Upton
<b>Deacon</b>	Michael Pindelski	John Donahue	VOLUNTEER NOW	Mike Kiley	Michael Pindelski
<b>Sacristan</b>	Elaine Erdman	Olga Bartell	Barbara Basila	Wendy Freer	Jean Nielsen
<b>Lector</b>	Cynthia Patrick (1) Alice Rzeszutko (2)	Jerri LaRoche (1) VOLUNTEER NOW (2)	Kim Reid (1) Vincent Pryor (2)	Rachel Weber (1) Greg Moe (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) Warren Winker (2)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Beth Bruozis Elaine Erdman Elizabeth Giron H. Paul Harms Richard Klein Lorraine Martenson Katherine Nicholson Michael Pindelski Richard Rzeszutko Rev. Artur Sowa Martin Terpstra Tricia Vidinich	Steve Alessi Olga Bartell Kathleen Boland David Burns John Donahue Lisa Freisleben Patricia Goldberg Rev. Artur Sowa Lynne Sparks Dominic Zambuto	Barbara Basila Kathleen Biederman Nancy Biggio Thomas Cech Thomas Cech Pat Depcik Patricia Flynn Marilyn Nelson Cheryl Pryor Sheila Ramsey Terry Reger Rev. Artur Sowa Judee Tan	Susan Campagna Wendy Freer Mary Greenan Mike Kiley Karen Koehler Robert J. McGuire Janet Modelski Sharon Moe Peter Piazza Vince Saavedra Mary Ann Schillaci Rev. Rich Young	Cathy Kara Linda McCormick Timothy McCormick Jean Nielsen Marilyn O'Sullivan Nancy Palacz Marcia Pavela Michael Pindelski Rev. Ed Upton Jeannine Witowski
<b>Altar Server</b>	Gianna Elizondo Nicholas Elizondo Jack Tobin	Mark Freisleben Nicole Freisleben Jayden Tan	Jimmy Piko Jeremy Pozen Ryan Reid	Alexander Lubinski Andrew Lubinski Michael Szumowicz	Patrick Curran (sub requested) Julia Malysz Beck Stukel
<b>Usher</b>	Lawrence McGrenera (HU) Nancy Sullivan Teri Sankey Roxanne Zoladz Mike Zoladz Renee Farrell	Bud Wyman (HU) Mary Ann Wyman James Pedersen Linda Malinowski (sub requested)	Richard Wysocki (HU) Keith Nelson Peter Walsh Oriano Pagnucci Roger Malinowski Brian Barrett	Lynn Pajon (HU) Jay Modelski Gregory Fifer George Kelley Wade Walder Janice Ota	Luke Hosty (HU) Don (David) Hodson Rosalie Hodson VOLUNTEER NOW

## Parish Stewardship

	<b><u>10/27/2019</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
Budgeted	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 399,160.00
Collected	<u>\$ 23,520.00</u>	<u>\$ 386,251.00</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>	<b>(\$ 12,909.00)</b>

**Please consider signing up for electronic giving.**

Go to our website, [www.sfaorland.org](http://www.sfaorland.org) and press the "Donate Now" button.

You can also use the yellow form in your envelope packet or call the office to sign up: 708-460-0042

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community

15050 South Wolf Road, Orland Park, Illinois 60467-3028

Website: <http://www.sfaorland.org> Parish office e-mail: parishoffice@sfaorland.org Parish phone: 708-460-0042

**MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 5:15 PM; Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM and Monday-Friday at 7:45 AM**

REV. ARTUR SOWA, **Pastor**  
(asowa@sfaorland.org)

REV. JAY SUERO, **Associate Pastor**  
(jsuero@sfaorland.org)

REV. EDWARD F. UPTON, **Pastor Emeritus**  
(edfupton@aol.com)

SR. GAEL GENSLER, OSF, **Pastoral Associate**  
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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**  
**Office Manager:** Paula Belski (pbelski@sfaorland.org)  
**Director of Facilities & Operations:** Jim Hahn (jhahn@...)  
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**MUSIC Phone: 708-460-9831**  
**Director:** Leanne Stoterau (music@sfaorland.org)  
**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)  
**Coordinator:** Jackie O'Malley, ext. 242 (jomalley@...)  
**Office Manager:** Maureen Krzyminski, ext. 244 (mkrzyminski@...)

**CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN (CJB) SCHOOL**  
**9250 W.167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487**  
**Phone:** 708-403-6525  
**Interim Principal:** James P. Antos  
**Web page:** [www.cjbschool.org](http://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.