

LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST
CONTROL YOUR HEARTS,
THE PEACE INTO WHICH
YOU WERE ALSO CALLED IN ONE BODY.

COLOSSIANS 3:15



THE
HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2019

MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

December 29, 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.

Let the celebration continues

Christmas isn't just one day; in the liturgical calendar of the Church we take more time to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and His manifestation. This Christmas season expands from Christmas Eve, through the feast of the Holy Family and Epiphany, until the Baptism of the Lord, which this year falls on January 12th. Let us keep the spirit of Christmas alive in our hearts and let the celebrations continue! Merry Christmas – We can still say it!

Sunday gospel in everyday English

After the scholars were gone, God's angel showed up again in Joseph's dream and commanded, "Get up. Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt. Stay until further notice. Herod is on the hunt for this child, and wants to kill him."

Joseph obeyed. He got up, took the child and his mother under cover of darkness. They were out of town and well on their way by daylight. They lived in Egypt until Herod's death. This Egyptian exile fulfilled what Hosea had preached: "I called my son out of Egypt."

Later, when Herod died, God's angel appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt: "Up, take the child and his mother and return to Israel. All those out to murder the child are dead."

Joseph obeyed. He got up, took the child and his mother, and reentered Israel. When he heard, though, that Archelaus had succeeded his father, Herod, as king in Judea, he was afraid to go there. But then Joseph was directed in a dream to go to the hills of Galilee. On arrival, he settled in the village of Nazareth. This move was a fulfillment of the prophetic words, "He shall be called a Nazarene" (from Matthew 2).

The Feast of the Holy Family

Do you want to make a difference in the world? Do you want to leave your mark on history? Then be a good father or mother. Study after study shows that children make out better in life when they are raised in a stable home with a loving father and mother. The unconditional love of a mother keeps them emotionally stable throughout life. The discipline of a father gives them the tools to be successful in school and in work. There is no better place than the home for a child to learn the faith. No other institution in society can shape and form children better than families can. When families fail, the community as a whole suffers because of it.

Because the family is the cornerstone of both the church and society, good fathers and mothers provide a tremendous service to our world. No other role is more effective or more meaningful in strengthening our society. There is no other job that is more consequential to the future of humankind than that of a father and mother. Let us keep that in mind as we celebrate today's feast and give thanks to God for our families!!!

Thank you

I hope your Christmas was good. I really think it is the most wonderful time of the year and it was great to celebrate Christmas here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Everything was great and beautiful, but it didn't just happen. It took a lot of people and preparation to make it so nice and I want to take a moment to acknowledge so many people. Many thanks to all the Staff and Volunteers, to Deacons, Ushers, EMs, Lectors, Cantors, Musicians, Choirs, Sacristans and all who helped in any way during Advent and Christmas Day. Thank You Very Much and May God Bless!!!

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

- ◆ Masses, 5:15 pm



**Wednesday, January 02 - Mary, Mother of God
New Year's Day**

- ◆ Parish & Religious Ed Offices Closed
- ◆ Mass, 10:00 am (CH)

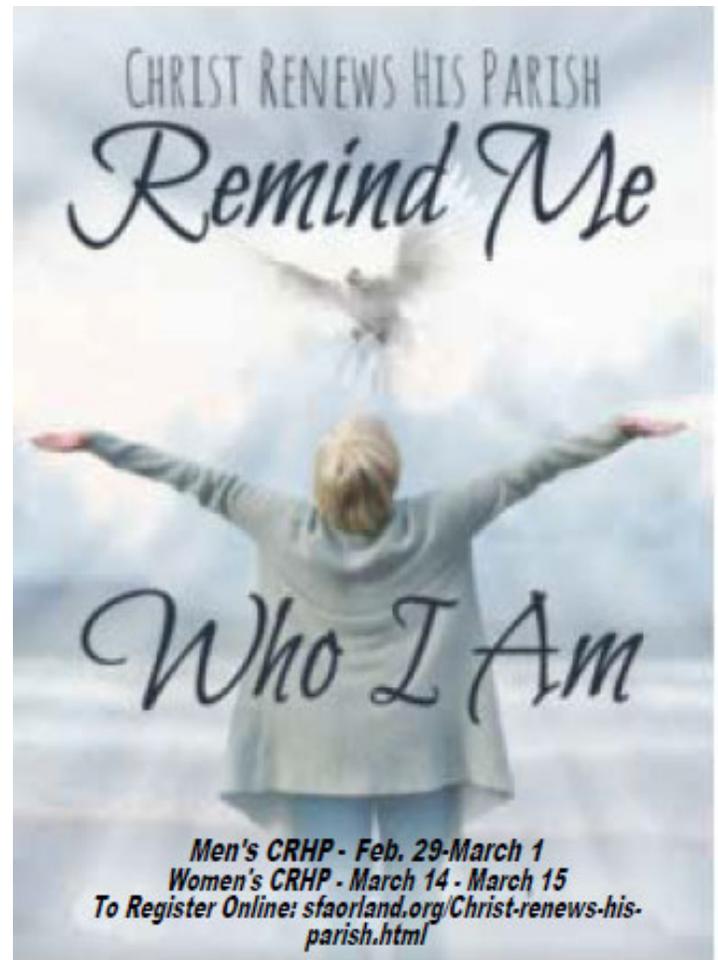
Friday, January 03

- ◆ AA Meeting, 7:30 pm (NR)

Sunday, January 05

- ◆ Youth Ministry Progressive Dinner, 5:00 pm (GR)

SAVE THE DATES

The logo for "March for Life Chicago" is centered, featuring the words "MARCH FOR LIFE" in large, bold letters, with "CHICAGO" and "LOVIN' LIFE IN CHICAGO" below it. The Chicago skyline is visible in the background.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

The largest pro-life event in the Midwest!

MARCH Over 8,000 in 2019!	CONVENTION presented by DIGNIFY
SCHEDULE Rally at 1 pm March follows Rally	FEATURING Youth Rally Exhibitors Banquet

MarchForLifeChicago.com

St. Francis is providing free bus transportation to the March for Life Chicago, on Saturday, January 11th

Bus leaves our parking lot at Noon. We will attend the March for Life Chicago and the Mass for Life at 4:00pm. Depart Chicago at approximately 5:00pm and arrive at St. Francis by 6:00pm or sooner depending on traffic.

We hope to provide some snacks / refreshments on the bus once we have numbers. **Please contact the parish office (708)460-0042 to sign up for the bus.**

Any questions please contact Bette Bailey: e.j.bailey@comcast.net
Your participation can make a difference!

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION



The next meeting of the Helping Hands Committee will be held **Thursday, January 9, 2020** in the St. Francis Room.

Hope to see you there!



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 January 6th.** If you have any questions regarding this group, please call Char Klabacha at 708-602-2019 or Marie Flanagan at 708-687-3351.

Children and Adult's Sock Collection

The Catholic Charities Committee at St. Francis is very excited to announce our **NEW** outreach project:

WARMER FEET

It has come to our attention that St. Blase Child Development Center and Our Lady of the Ridge PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) are in need of SOCKS -- for both children and adults.

In 2020, SFA Catholic Charities Ministry will be collecting **NEW** crew socks for adults and children. Socks will be distributed 4 times a year, starting in February. A basket will be available in the coat room (off the Narthex) where you can place your donations through the entire year.

Questions? Contact Kim Jauregui (mirandakim@hotmail.com).



Grief Support Group gathers at St. Francis of Assisi on the **2nd Thursday of the month.** Next meeting is **January 9th at 7:00 pm.** Each session is independent – and the sessions are open to all. Sessions are held in the Niehaus Room.

The New Normal



The word **CANCER** strikes fear in one's heart!

A cancer support group meets on the **2nd Tuesday of the month, January 14th 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.

Creation Care Corner

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



... the world as God's creation... is not something indifferent, raw material to be utilized simply as we see fit.
— Pope Benedict XVI

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Consecration to the Holy Family

This Sunday, in conjunction with the Feast of the Holy Family, the Knights of Columbus council will invite each family in their parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

We hope this opportunity of the Consecration to the Holy Family will spark a renewed or continued interest in communal prayer within your family. Whether your prayer is adoration, petition, intercession or thanksgiving, a healthy prayer life within the confines of the home can create a strong, loving bond. We have no greater example of a familial unit than the Holy Family.

After each Mass, we invite all attendees of Mass to join the Knights in the Great Room to share in light refreshments and fellowship. The Keep Christ in Christmas posters will be on display as well! Thank you to all who participated in rededicating their families to the Holy Family this weekend.



Interested in joining the Knights?
Contact:
JoinKofC16369@gmail.com

THE ROSARY

Please join us for the Rosary for Life.

We meet the first Saturday of each month.

We meet again on

January 4th at 10:00 AM

in the Eucharistic Chapel
at the base of the Bell Tower.



ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB

The SFA Book Club meets the third Tuesday
of the month at

1:00 pm in the Niehaus Room

The book for January 21, 2020 is
The Whole Town's Talking
by, Fannie Flagg

The book selected for February 18, 2020 is
Becoming
by, Michelle Obama

The SFA Book Club always welcomes
new members.

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel (7740 S. Western Ave. - Chicago, IL 60620) will be celebrating its next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on Thursday, January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Bernie Scianna, O.S.A. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6:00 p.m. Ample, secure parking is available. For more information please contact Josh at (773) 925-6600 or shrine@stritahs.com.

Adult Faith Formation

AROUND FOR AWHILE, *by Fr. Ed Upton*

AS WE WELCOME 2020 – BLESSINGS TO ALL

The end/the beginning: the end of the year is often a time of reflection; the beginning of a New Year is often marked with resolutions. Marketers take advantage of both events as they advertise health clubs; propose weight loss programs; promote unique home delivered food items; praise “in home” exercise equipment; encourage reading books: exercise, weight loss, healthy eating; new equipment; learning new things. The end of December and early January find some of us at least thinking about the past and committing to change. It is understandable that sales people encourage yearlong signups, knowing full well that by the third month the sense of resolution has diminished. I share the thought of early inter-

est followed by intermittent participation and then a return to previous behavior because that has been me.

As I think about the New Year I realize my perspective has changed. When I was in the Seminary, especially the last years at Mundelein, the time seemed to go so slowly. I remember thinking, “when will this end “. I found the confines of the Seminary constrictive and wanted to get involved in ministry. Time seemed so slow.

As I celebrated my 50th Anniversary year, I have said “over and over” where has the time gone”? For a young person, the future seems endless; in age, the limits of life become quite realistic and move rapidly.

Now, in this phase of my life, when the years

move quickly, I think differently. As a young man, I never thought about health. I took good health for granted. Today, as I begin a New Year, I take each day as a gift because I realize that health is fragile. And now, with old eyes, I am accurately aware this will not last forever. Some have asked me “why are you helping at the parish, aren’t you retired.” I try to assist when I am able because there is a shortage of priests, but I want to be of service and exercise my priesthood while I have energy to do so. I appreciate the opportunity to assist, and the welcome at St. Francis.

Secondly, to appreciate friends. At this time of life friends are slowing down; others have gone to the Lord. It is easy to take friendship for granted. I am blessed to have friends from our years togeth-

er in the seminary and then after ordination. (Some of us owned a house together for 40 years) Other friendships have developed from years of ministry. In youth, it is easy to assume friends will always be there. From my current vantage point, I appreciate the

gift and importance of friends.

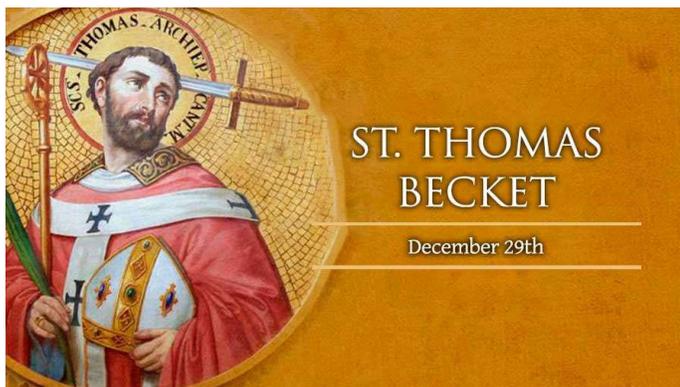
As the New Year begins, it is important to renew and keep an active relationship with the Lord. In a homily a few weeks ago, I made the point of keeping Jesus central. It is easy to get distracted

and lose focus. Life begins to drift. I have been blessed these 76 years.

2020 resolutions: be grateful for health, appreciate friends, and keep Jesus at the Center

SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

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To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier.

As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver

the church to royal control.

But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ.

Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned

into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred.

As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

RESPECT LIFE

“Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“[Living Out Christmas in the New Year](#)”

How do we live out the
message of Christmas
in the New Year?

9DAYS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 21-29, 2020

9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

Art: Gerard van Honthorst, Adoration of the Shepherds, 1622

SAVE THE DATE!

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FAMILIES/NEW STUDENTS

**COME AND VISIT YOUR TWICE-AWARDED
BLUE RIBBON PARISH SCHOOL!
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**Sunday, January 26, 2020
1:00pm -- 3:00pm**

**Kindergarten (full day) Presentation at
1:15pm**

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CJB School Athletic Program Mass January 12

The CJB Cardinal's Athletic Program invites all of you to participate in a Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Athletic Program 10:00 am Liturgy at St Elizabeth Seton Parish (see address below) on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

There will be a section of The St. Elizabeth Seton Church designated for our seating.

This Liturgy will be celebrated In unison with the four supporting Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Parishes, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr. Attendance is greatly encouraged to strengthen Our Faith as One.

The student/athletes attending are encouraged to display their school pride by wearing their Cardinal Joseph Bernardin athletic uniform as well as the parents/guardians and fans by wearing Cardinal Bernardin School colors.

Student/Athlete's parents/guardians, if your son(s) and/or daughter(s) would like to participate in the Mass during the opening precession, greeters, ushers, or Offertory Gift Bearers, please email Tina Bugos, tbugos12@gmail.com or John Sobol, jfsobol@gmail.com by Monday, January 6, 2020.

St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 9300 West 167th Street, Orland Hills, Illinois 60467



SFA Youth Ministry Progressive Dinner

5:30-8:30 PM

January 5, 2020

5:30-8:30 PM

Meet at St. Francis

A progressive dinner changes location with each course of the meal. SFA Youth Ministry will provide transportation to each location. Please RSVP by December 31, if you'd like to join us for this unique dining experience. sfyg@sfaorland.org or call Matthew at 708-460-0042



St. Francis Wolves Volleyball

Starts **Thursday January 9, 2020** and runs **through March**. We play against the other local Churches, and play for fun. All are welcome Registration consent form can be found on our website. <https://www.sfaorland.org/xtreme-youth-social.html>



Over all other virtues put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

- Colossians 3:14

College Students/ Young Adults Dinner

Thursday
January 2, 2020
6:00 PM



**Come Connect, Feast, and have fun.
Bring friends.**

*Actual College attendance or
previous participation in Youth
Ministry not required
RSVP to sfyg@sfaorland.org
to receive the
location of dinner.*



REFLECTION FROM NCYC 2019

By, Mary Margaret (Nana) Kolbash,
Chaperone 2019

NCYC left me with, most reverently, one huge "Jesus High!". "Christ Is Alive (¡Viva Cristo Rey!) and was present at the 2019 NCYC."

Let me explain.

My attendance at the 2019 NCYC began with a text message from my Granddaughter asking if I would like to attend NCYC as a chaperone. I had no prior knowledge of NCYC (or even what it stood

for), however I said, "yes" after asking my son, "what am I getting myself into?"

I live in North Carolina, am retired, and due to the "commute" was unable to attend any of the St. Francis Youth planning sessions, fund raisers, etc. I was told to wear warm clothing and comfortable shoes because it would be cold in Indianapolis and there would be a lot of walking. (No kidding 18,000+ steps in one day).

From the moment I arrived at St. Francis to begin my NCYC experience I knew NCYC would be nothing like any "Conference" I had ever attended.

"We are so glad you are here". Those were the first welcoming words from the St. Francis "group" and I would hear those exact words over and over again for the next three days. Police, Firemen, people on the street, fellow NCYC attendees from all parts of the nation, the Keynote speakers, the breakout session presenters, even the hotel and restaurant staff.

That was the beginning of the "Jesus High", however there were so many other moments, activities, interactions, etc that continued to feed the "High".

To name a few:

- Opening Session Thursday evening: the amazing music from the "House Band" and 20,000 youth singing along, and the Message from Pope Francis provided a glimpse of what was to come.
- Adoration Friday evening: never have I seen Jesus in a more beautiful Monstrance and shown on a BIG Screen in a stadium nor have I seen so many Youth with tears streaming down their faces and leaving their seats to kneel on the floor as close as possible to the altar. No words can capture the feeling that night.
- Breakout Session: there were so many from which to choose, for Youth, Parents, Young Adults, etc. One of the sessions I attended was titled, "Discipline: What the Seals and Saints can Teach Us." Retired Navy Seal, Captain John DooLittle and Fr. Paul Kostka were the presenters. When Captain John DooLittle was introduced he received a Standing Ovation that lasted a long time. What a moment, what respect, it brought tears to my eyes because I remember when military personnel did not even want to acknowledge they were veterans (1970's).
- The respect these young people showed all mil-



itary personnel was truly moving. There were some retired military in the audience and when they spoke the audience responded. Amazing, times have changed for the better. “Christ Is Alive (¡Viva Cristo Rey!)”

- Closing Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Thompson of Indianapolis. Beautiful, moving and communion to 20,000 without a hitch! - some churches/ushers could take lessons! No one wanted it to end. The Archbishop tried several times to give his last blessing but the entire stadium just kept clapping, NO ONE WANTED the NIGHT or the CONFERENCE to END!! Finally, the Archbishop announced it was past his bedtime and we needed to go. “Christ Is Alive (¡Viva Cristo Rey!)”

One last observation I would like to share, from the Opening Session through the Closing Session I heard presenters quoting scripture and expressing the importance of reading the Bible. Growing up the only time I heard people quoting scripture was on a street corner or the non-Catholic clergy in town trying to convert us Catholics. (Families only had one car so if you were male and played sports most times you hitched-hiked to get home and the non-Catholic ministers sometimes provided the ride.) As for reading the Bible, not in my home. We had a Bible, however it sat on a shelf somewhere. I am certain I have a Bible somewhere, but as of this writing I know not where. I will find it and I will begin to read it, that is my promise to myself. I will not lose my “Jesus High”.

When I began my NCYC experience I felt like someone on the outside looking in a window. After NCYC I am inside (looking for my Bible!).

If you are ever fortunate enough to receive a text asking if you would like to attend the NCYC just say “YES”. It will change you!

“Christ Is Alive (¡Viva Cristo Rey!)”

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today’s feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew’s Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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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.

Joseph took Jesus and his mother and dwelt in Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be ...”

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Answer: *called a Nazorean*

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for 6 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.

Jonas Astrauskas
Mariola Baron
Sister Ellen Mary
Brenner
John Brogan
Mary Calhoun
Maria Eugenia
Fernandez
Lynn Gainer
Beverly Kurth
Debbie Lipien
Sylvia Lukas
Sr. Bernard Lynch
Marge McFadden
Rosemary Odewald
Giovanna Picciolini
Annette Popernik
Mikaela Rix
Marge Stevens
Chuck Springer
Louis Tassone
Denise Umporowicz

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28

5:15 PM Estelle K& Leon Czub, rq. by Family and Michael Weber, rq. by Maria Weber and William Arzbaecher, rq. by Family and Susan Grigola, rq. by Springer Family and Helen Capriglione, rq. by Ann, debi & Karen Ross

Sunday, December 29

7:30 AM Mary Foley, rq. by Bernie & Sue Flanagan and Helen Capriglione, rq. by Jan Ota and Anrita & Bill Owens, rq. by Dave & Mary Burns

9:00 AM People of St. Francis

10:30 AM Frank Zito, rq. by Barb Moser and Edward Lee Moore and Elaine West Fruecht, rq. by Tom Kilmartin

12:00 PM Dorothy Cieczczak Family - for gratitude of continuous blessings and Robert Dlotkowski, rq. by Mr. & Mrs. James Cuci

Monday, December 30

7:45 AM Mariola Baran (sick), rq. by Mother and Ursula L. Garcia, rq. by Gregorio Silang & Family

Tuesday, December 31 — New Year's Eve

7:45 AM People of St. Francis

5:15 PM Jim Mangan, rq. by Ray & Marian Peregoy and Isabelita Sison, rq. by Family

Wednesday, January 01 — New Year's Day

7:45 AM John & Mary B. & Mary T. Foley, rq. by Family

Thursday, January 02

7:45 AM Tom Murphy, rq. by Cecilia Murphy

Friday, January 03

7:45 AM Mary T. Foley, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos

Saturday, January 04

5:15 PM Denzel Full, rq. by Trisha Goldberg and John & Katherine Marchi, rq. by Daughter and Susan Grigola, rq. by Springer Family and Dennis Niswonger, rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz and Helen Capriglione, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos

Sunday, January 05

7:30 AM Jean, Marguerite & Robert Abt and Valentine & Adele Bay and Laura Desimpel and Frances Umporowicz, rq. by Emil Skorup and Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike & Tom Foley

9:00 AM Mary LaValley, rq. by Bernie & Sue Flanagan and Sharon Hajik, rq. by St. Francis Helping Hands Committee

10:30 AM Helen Capriglione, rq. by SFA Choir and Helen Flood, rq. by Tom Kilmartin and Thomas Gallagher, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll

12:00 PM People of St. Francis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

	January 4 5:15 PM (Mass)	January 5 7:30 AM (Mass)	January 5 9:00 AM (Mass)	January 5 10:30 AM (Mass)	January 5 12:00 PM (Mass)
Presider	Fr. Jay Suero	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Rich Young	Fr. Jay Suero
Deacon	Michael Pindelski	VOLUNTEER NOW	Mike Kiley	Daniel Carroll	John Donahue
Sacristan	Valerie Piazza	Dolores Grekowicz	Kathleen Biederman	Marjorie Curran	Jean Nielsen
Lector	William Farrell (1) James Walsh (2)	Alice Rzeszutko (1) Richard Klein (2)	Casimir (Casey) Pytel (1) Kim Reid (2)	Brian Whiteford (1) George Kaminski (2)	Diania Kufra (1) Nancy Palacz (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Robert Carlo Victoria Carlo Carol Funk Robert Nerius Cynthia Patrick Valerie Piazza Michael Pindelski Fr. Jay Suero Martin Terpstra Pat Trebe John Zubik Sandra Zubik	Kathleen Boland Bernard Flanagan Gael Gensler Dolores Grekowicz Lorraine Martenson Maureen Niswonger James Pedersen Richard Rzeszutko Fr. Jay Suero VOLUNTEER NOW	Kathleen Biederman Kathleen Cech Thomas Cech Pat Depcik Betty Devine John Gaskill Diane Heatter Kathleen Johnson Mike Kiley Sheila Ramsey Carmelita Tangonan Rev. Rich Young	Rita Beckwith Beth Bruozis Deborah Burzinski Daniel Carroll Michael Curran Gregory Fifer Patricia Flynn Joan Giorgetti Karen Koehler Jocelyn Mangila David Trzesniewski Rev. Rich Young	Diane Budz John Donahue Cathy Kara Robert Long Jean Nielsen Mary Jo Noreikis Marilyn O'Sullivan Sheila Pacholski Vince Saavedra Fr. Jay Suero
Altar Server	Aaron Vales Ronan Vales Anna Walsh	Alexander Lubinski Andrew Lubinski Julia Malysz	Amanda Mackowiak Jeremy Pozen Ryan Reid	Jimmy Piko Brendan Siemiawski Gabi Vittori	Patrick Curran Taylor Healy Jayden Tan
Usher	Renee Farrell (HU) Mike Zoladz Roxanne Zoladz Jim Arzbaecher Cathy Arzbaecher Teri Sankey	Martin Powers (HU) (sub requested) Dominic Zambuto Bud Wyman Mary Ann Wyman	Kenneth Heatter (HU) Diane Mackowiak Ann Carroll Brian Barrett Nancy Sullivan Richard Wysocki	Wade Walder (HU) James Ward Janice Ota George Kelley Kelly Struck Jay Modelski	Jerry Ondrus (HU) Joan Ondrus Laura Tucco Luke Hosty

Parish Stewardship

	<u>12/15/2019</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted	\$ 23,480.00	\$ 563,520.00
Collected	<u>\$ 22,206.00</u>	<u>\$ 556,910.00</u>
Net	(\$ 1,274.00)	(\$ 6,610.00)

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)

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The Parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. Hours 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the north-east corner of the Church.

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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
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Interim Principal: James P. Antos
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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 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.