

*St Francis of Assisi Parish*

*February 22, 2026*

FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**





REV. GEOFFREY ANDAMA

**February 22, 2026**

***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.***

Dear friends in Christ, as we begin this Lenten season, we received ashes on our foreheads this Ash Wednesday as a spiritual reminder of who we are before God in this Lenten spiritual journey. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from blessed palm branches used last year on Palm Sunday. The palms that welcomed Jesus as King of the universe, become ashes that call us to repentance, and it reminds us that true praise must lead to conversion, not just celebration. There are several reasons why Catholics cherish receiving ashes on their foreheads.

First, the ashes remind us of our humanity. As the presider says, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes challenge us with the truth we often forget; we are fragile, finite, and dependent on God. They humble us. They place us back in our proper place—not as masters of life, but as stewards of God's gift. Second, the ashes are a call to renewal and conversion. The second formula says, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." The ashes are not just about death; they are about spiritual renewal. They mark the beginning of Lent as a journey of turning away from sin and turning back to God—with our hearts, not just our habits. I normally say; when things don't add up, it's time to subtract, habits, characters, behaviors attitudes that are not in line with God's will. What do you think needs transformation in your life.

Third, the ashes are a public confession of faith. We wear them openly, on our foreheads, not to show off holiness, but to admit need for forgiveness. We stand before the world and quietly say: I am a sinner in need of mercy. In a culture that prizes perfection and image, ashes declare honesty and dependence on God's grace.

Fourth, the ashes unite us with Christ. Ashes come from palms once raised in joyful praise on Palm Sunday. What was once a sign of triumph becomes a sign of surrender. This mirrors the path of Jesus—from glory to the Cross—reminding us that true life comes through self-giving love. Finally, the ashes point beyond themselves. They are temporary. We wash them off. But what must remain is a changed heart—a heart more prayerful, more compassionate, more just, more faithful. During this Lenten season, let us acknowledge that despite our human weakness, God's grace will strengthen us in these forty days. I wish you a blessed Lenten Season. I will see you when you see me.  
Fr. Geoffrey



At the 10:00 am Mass this weekend we celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion for our 10 candidates. Continue to keep them in prayer as we walk together to the Easter Vigil and sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion.

Front row Gabriel, Kylie, Jordan, Bianca  
Back row Kyle, Karleigh, Andrew, Dee, Christopher, Mark

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend (Please visit the Ministry Scheduler for the most up to date schedule or to volunteer)

	<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM February 28</b>	<b>Sunday, 8:00 AM March 1</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM March 1</b>	<b>Sunday, 12:00 PM March 1</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Geoffrey Andama	Rev. Mike Schaab	Rev. Mike Schaab	Bishop Robert Fedek
<b>Deacon</b>	John Donahue	Michael Pindelski	Mike Kiley	Deacon TBA
<b>Sacristan</b>	Ann Czaryn	Barbara Basila	Marjorie Curran	Marilyn O'Sullivan
<b>Lector</b>	Casimir (Casey) Pytel (1) Kim Reid (2)	Richard Klein (1) Martha Jaquez (2)	John Pacholski (1) Diane Ostrowski (2)	Nancy Palacz (1) John Ouradnik (2)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Geoffrey Andama Mary Burmeister James Calcagno Victoria Carlo Ann Czaryn John Donahue Lorraine Martenson Cynthia Patrick	Barbara Basila Michael Basila Michael Freisleben Lisa Freisleben Ray Narbone Michael Pindelski Rev. Mike Schaab Pat Trebe	Michael Curran Mary Greenan Mike Kiley Rose Leitelt Andy Leitelt Marilyn Nelson Sheila Pacholski Rev. Mike Schaab	Cathy Embach Bishop Robert Fedek Robert Long Jocelyn Mangila Marilyn O'Sullivan Mary Ann Schillaci Denise Sorpassa Deacon TBA
<b>Altar Server</b>	Maeve Chester (sub req.) Caroline McAdams Avery McAdams	Emily Selof (sub req.) Claire Selof (sub req.) <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Brian Curran (sub req.) Grace Geghen Jayden Tan	Lucas Dawczak Brigid Haran Mia Lanham
<b>Usher</b>	Alice Rzeszutko (HU) Richard Rzeszutko Lawrence McGrenera	Bud Wyman (HU) James Pedersen George Kelley	Gregory Fifer (HU) Keith Nelson Wayne Kameron	Mary Jo Noreikis (HU) Laura Tucco Robert Long, Jr.
<b>Greeter</b>	Cathy Arzbaecher Jim Arzbaecher	Fran Lavigne Lynne Sparks	Char Oliver James Winters	Gabby Bach Denise Sorpassa

**This Week at St Francis**

**Sunday February 22**

CRHP Speakers	All Masses
OCIA	10:00 AM NR
CCO	1:00 PM NR
HS Youth Ministry Mtg	5:30 PM SFR (Lower Level)

**Monday February 23**

Gen to Gen Kick off	10:30 AM GR
PPC Mtg	7:00 PM GR

**Tuesday February 24**

Book of Galatians - Adult Bible Study	9:15 AM SFC-MP
Needles & Things	12:30 PM SFR (Lower Level)
Tues RE Grades 1 - 8	4:30 PM SFC-FR
Knights of Columbus	7:30 PM UH

**Wednesday February 25**

OA Mtg	9:30 AM GR
Wed [B] RE Grades 1-8	4:30 PM SFC-FR
Book of Galatians - Adult Bible Study	7:00 PM SFC-MP

**Thursday February 26**

Living Like Francis	9:15 AM GR
Living Like Francis	6:30 PM SFR (Lower Level)
Lectio Divina	7:00 PM GR

**Friday February 27**

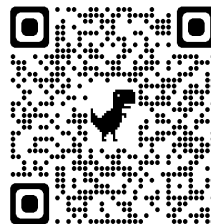
Stations of the Cross	3:00PM & 7:00PM
Men's CRHP Setup	5:00 PM SFC
AA Mtg	7:00 PM NR

**Saturday February 28**

Men's CRHP	
OCIA	3:00 PM GR
Pray in Color	3:00 PM SFR (Lower Level)

**Parish Stewardship  
Month of January 2026**

Electronic Giving	\$42,436.00
Envelopes & Loose	\$33,850.00
<b>Total for January 2026</b>	<b>\$76,286.00</b>



We would ask that you consider electronic giving to St. Francis of Assisi.

It is safe, flexible, convenient and consistent. Simply scan the QR code or complete the yellow sheet in your monthly envelope packet or call the parish office.

**We thank you for your continued support.**

**We are now accepting Mass Intentions for the 2027 calendar year. To schedule a Mass, please visit or call the Parish Office during normal business hours.**

## The Cross of San Damiano

As we again embark on our Lenten journey, we gaze upon the cross, this very cross.

**This Lent, let us focus on the beauty and significance of the San Damiano Cross.**

This is the very cross that inspired Saint Francis in the chapel at San Damiano, when God spoke to him and told him to 'rebuild my church'.

Each evening, at or near 7:00 pm, we ask that you enter into some time of prayer and like Francis, pray before the Cross of San Damiano. On one side of the Lenten key tag given out on Ash Wednesday, we ask that you pray the Prayer before the Crucifix, The Cross of San Damiano.

We ask that you pray these very words that Francis prayed when he heard the voice of God.

*May we, like Francis, hear the voice of God in our lives.*

*May we follow Christ our Lord, and Francis our patron during these 40 days.*

*Through our acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let us work to rebuild his church and bring forth the kingdom here on earth.*

Read more about the Cross of San Damiano at:

<https://franciscanmissionservice.org/2012/10/san-damiano-cross-telling-the-history-of-christs-passion/>

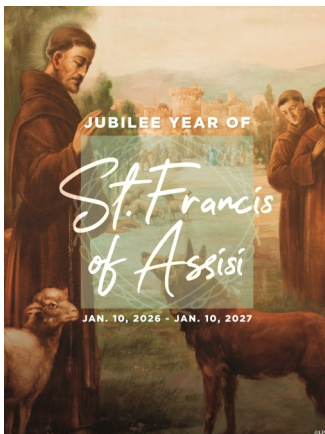


*Prayer before the Crucifix*

### The Cross of San Damiano

O Most High and glorious God,  
Cast your light into the darkness of my heart.  
Give me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity  
and profound humility, with wisdom  
and perception, O Lord, so that  
I may do what is truly your holy will.  
Amen.

## FRANCIS CORNER



“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips,  
be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”  
— St. Francis of Assisi



## Living like Francis Today

WHAT: Join a small discussion group

WHEN: Available for your Lenten experience

HOW: LIVING LIKE FRANCIS TODAY:  
A self directed program of 6 sessions.  
Easy, Easy, Easy!!!!

CONSIDER: Become part of a group of 5 – 10 and host it in your home. You set the schedule based on your already busy schedule. Invite a few friends and/or neighbors and/or parents you see at your children's events. Together you connect at a faith level that you are comfortable doing.

Or

Join the discussion group at the parish starting on Thursday, Feb. 19 – two choices 9:15 am in the Great Room or 6:30 pm in the St. Francis Room (lower level)

Questions or to register contact Sr Gael  
708-460-0042 or  
ggensler@sfaorland.org

## LENT IDEAS

Pray St. Francis Prayer before the Crucifix every day either at 7 am or 7 pm

Attend a CRHP experience – Men Feb. 28/March 1; Women March 21/22

Sign up for the Living Like Francis Today discussion groups – Thursday Morning or Thursday evening  
(starting Feb. 19)

ON LINE Resources

Best Lent Ever [www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent)

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/prayer-spirituality-resources/praying-lent>

Bishop Robert Barron – Word on Fire Lenten Reflections [DailyCatholicGospel.com](http://DailyCatholicGospel.com).

Fr. Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations [cac.org/daily-meditations](http://cac.org/daily-meditations)

Daily Lenten Reflections by <https://oblates.ie/daily-lenten-reflections-written-fr-ron-rolheiser-omi-2>

St. Therese's Daily Reflections – Society of the Little Flower [littleflower.org](http://littleflower.org)

Lent 2026 – Online Lenten Teachings

Choose a book from our Lenten table – Feb. 14/15 & 21/22

Do something each week of Lent

Week of Ash Wednesday – Decide how you want to keep Lent as a time PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

Week 1 – send a card/letter to a friend or family member

Week 2 – Spend Sunday as a family day – no video gaming

Week 3 – Attend the Passion of Christ Plan on Saturday at 6 pm in the Church

Week 4 – Friday is a meatless day so have a 2nd meatless day this week

Week 5 – if possible come of the Stations on Friday at 3 or 7 – if you can't, pray the stations at home

Week 6 – if possible come to one of the Holy Week Services – Holy Thursday or Good Friday

*thank you*

### THE COURAGE PROGRAM

Dear Fr. Fedek and Parishioners:

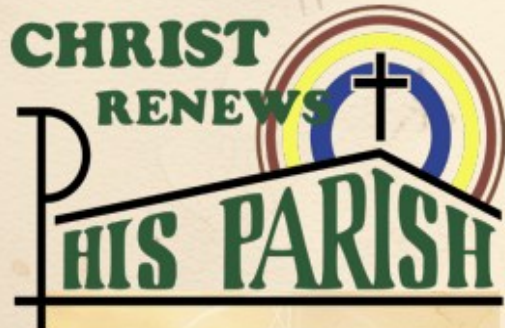
On behalf of the women and children whom we serve, I would like to thank you for having a baby shower for The COURAGE Program. All of the items that your parish collected will be of great use to our members. Your continuous generosity and support is deeply appreciated. It is because of the support of so many parishes, organizations and individuals that COURAGE is able to continue this one-of-a-kind ministry. Please know that your kindness really does make a difference and that you will be remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely,  
Molly O'Grady  
Director, The COURAGE Program

When you  
have the  
opportunity  
to **do good**,  
do not  
let it go by.

St. Polycarp

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*Men's Weekend*  
February 28 - March 1, 2026

*Women's Weekend*  
March 21 - 22, 2026

**Check the website to learn more**

**Register Online:**

[www.sfaorland.org/Christ-Renews-His-Parish.html](http://www.sfaorland.org/Christ-Renews-His-Parish.html)



**SCAN QR CODE**

to go directly to CRHP Page.



We joyfully welcomed the following children into our Christian Community on February 15, 2026

**Jaxon Timothy McGowan**

Son of Liam & Katherine (Maurer) McGowan

**Quinn Katherine McGowan**

Daughter of John & Kathryn (Clausing) McGowan

**Belle Diane Murphy**

Daughter of Patrick & Tiffany (Rehak) Murphy

**Jonathon Ricardo Perez**

Son of Jonathon & Stephanie (Peterson) Perez



**TEEN BIBLE STUDY**

Starting February 24 @ 6:30pm at the

St. Francis Center all teens are welcome

to attend. Whether you are an incoming

freshman or an outgoing senior, come and

study the Word of God. Find out how to

live with God in this world! Oh - and bring

your bibles and your friends!

Call Mary Kay @ (708)460-0155 for more info.

The St. Francis Helping Hands Committee would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to all those who contributed to this year's COURAGE BABY SHOWER. We collected over \$2500.00 and contributed numerous new baby items to help mothers in need. A special thank you to all who volunteered: Ann Carroll, Corinna & Casey Pytel, Tami Klein, Sheila Pacholski, Christina Banyon, Jeannine & Ken Witkowski And Everett & Bennett Obler.



### Saint Francis of Adult Choir

**Welcomes new singers**  
**All that is required is a pleasing voice and an openness to sing a variety of choral music.**  
**Opera singers need not apply.**  
**Additional information found on the parish website or**  
**Email Leanne Hahn, Director of Music Ministry.**



### Lectio Divina

The Lectio Divina group will re-convene on the last Thursday of each month January through June

Next: February 26, 2026  
 7:00-8:30 pm  
 in the Great Room

All are welcome to participate as we break open the Sunday readings and explore how they apply to our lives.

The January session will include creating a group poem in response to the Beatitudes.

For more information contact  
 Elizabeth-Anne Stewart  
 E.a.stewart@sbcglobal.net



### Fasting

Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59. ©LPi

St Francis of Assisi



Knights of Columbus

BOURBON



Tasting February 25th

HILLGROVE TAP

9501 W. 171st Street • Tinley Park, IL 60487

Wed., Feb 25th • 6:30 to 7:30pm

Doors open at 6:00pm

Tickets: \$25 Includes tasting, snacks & more!  
Only 60 tickets available.

Purchase at Hillgrove Tap or St Francis of Assisi office

Proceeds to benefit  
Newman Catholic Student Center

For additional information, email [johnfranklin48@gmail.com](mailto:johnfranklin48@gmail.com)

SACRED HEART MISSION  
HOPKINS PARK, IL



Join us for noon Mass at the Mission on  
Sunday March 8, 2026.

We are collecting items to stock  
the mission's pantry.  
**NEEDED:**

Paper products and personal hygiene items. These  
items can be dropped off at the parish office during  
normal hours (8:30am – 4:30pm) and/or in the Nar-  
thex before  
regularly scheduled masses.

Please mark the items as  
"Sacred Heart Mission Donation."

We leave from Upton Hall (lower exterior doors adja-  
cent to the  
parking lot) at 10:15 am. We will be serving a lite  
fellowship meal after mass. We are looking for des-  
sert and salad donations.  
If interested, please contact

Tim McCormick at  
(847)254-6816 or  
[timothyjmcormick@comcast.net](mailto:timothyjmcormick@comcast.net)

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# ADULT CONFIRMATION

## Spring 2026

The Adult Confirmation Process of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a pre-sacramental program for adults (18 and older) who have already received the Catholic sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion and are seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Adults who have not received the Catholic sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion should contact their local parish to join the OCIA process.

The Adult Confirmation sessions are offered on Zoom in English and Spanish (Flyer).

### Preparation Class Dates

Wednesdays: March 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 20. | 7 – 9 p.m.

### English Adult Confirmation Mass

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | 7 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish  
8245 West 11th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465

### Registration Process

1. Registration opens on January 20, 2026
2. Register here or by scanning the QR code
3. Pay \$125 fee (due at the time of registration)
4. Registration closes February 18, 2026 at 6 p.m. (or when capacity is reached)
5. You will receive the Zoom meeting link the week classes start.

For more information, please visit our website.

For questions, please email

[adultconfirmation@archchicago.org](mailto:adultconfirmation@archchicago.org), or call 312.534.8351.



# The Passion of Christ

## St. Ferdinand

5900 W Barry Ave. Chicago, IL 60634

February 18

8:00pm Po Polaku

## St. Francis Borgia

8033 W Addison St. Chicago, IL 60634

February 21

5:00pm In English  
7:30pm Po Polaku



## Corpus Christi

1413 W Liss Rd. Carol Stream, IL 60188

February 22

6:30pm In English

## St. Ladislaus

5345 W Roscoe St. Chicago, IL 60641

February 27

7:30pm Po Polaku

## St Philip the Apostle

1233 N Holtz Ave. Addison, IL 60101

February 28

6:00pm In English

## St Peter the Apostle

551 N Rush St. Itasca, IL 60143

March 1

3:00pm In English

## Divine Mercy

219411 Sunset Ave. Lombard, IL 60148

March 6

7:00pm Po Polaku

## St. Matthew

1555 Glen Ellyn Rd. Glendale Heights, IL 60139

March 7

6:00pm In English

## St. John Evangelist

502 S Park Blvd. Streamwood, IL 60107

March 8

2:00pm Po Polaku  
7:00pm In English

## St. William

2600 N Sayre Ave. Chicago, IL 60707

March 13

7:00pm In English

## St. Francis Assisi

15050 Wolf Rd. Orland Park, IL 60467

March 14

6:00pm In English

## Carmelite Fathers

1628 Ridge Rd. Munster, IL 60321

March 15

1:00pm Po Polaku  
4:30pm In English

# CHILDREN'S MASS



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**St. Francis of Assisi Preschool Mass**

**First Sunday of each Month**

**9:30 am**

**Next Mass : March 1, 2026**

**St. Francis Room**

## Don't Grieve Alone



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Monday, March 9  
3:30-5pm

Life After Loss

What is the most challenging "time" of day since you lost your loved one? The response is often that the whole day is challenging, but if you pause to consider the question, is it really the whole day? Join other grieving hearts to ponder this question mindfully and learn ways to identify and cope with the most challenging times of the day, as well as moments of peace.

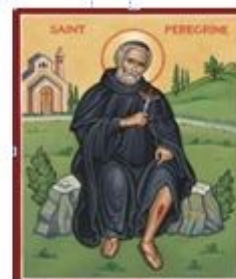
It is possible.

Facilitated by Valerie Piazza LCPC

Join us for  
Rosary for Life  
March 7, 2026

10:00 am

We will be in The Eucharistic Chapel  
at the base of the Bell tower



St. Peregrine is the **patron saint** for persons suffering from illnesses of all types in particular cancer. Any family member or extended family members facing the challenge of serious illness is encouraged to come and join the community in prayers for healing

**Have you ever considered the call to be a Deacon of the Catholic Church?**  
**Join us at one of the next Inquiry Evenings.**

St Francis de Sales, 135 Buesching Road, Lake Zurich, IL

March 9, 2026

7 pm

St. John the Evangelist, 502 S. Park Blvd, Streamwood, IL

April 13, 2026

7 :30 pm

St. Alexander Parish, 7025 W 126th St. Palos Heights, IL

May 18, 2026

7 pm . Online (via zoom)

The session will provide an overview of the Deacon Formation Program, the application process and information on the ministry of deacon. Men, single and married are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands to the meeting. For information and to register for sessions. Contact the Office of the Diaconate at 708-366-8900.

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On Monday, March 9th at 7:00 pm in the church, St. Francis of Assisi will begin offering a novena to St. Peregrine for those suffering from cancer and other illnesses. We will meet for 9 Mondays March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 2, 11. Come to all or as many as you can. We will be here. On Monday, March 9th at 7:00 pm in the church, St. Francis of Assisi will begin offering a novena to St. Peregrine for those suffering from cancer and other illnesses. We will meet for 9 Mondays March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 2, 11. Come to all or as many as you can. We will be here.

JUNIOR  
HIGH

Youth Ministry  
Schedule 2026



SCAN HERE TO JOIN THE JR. HIGH GROUPME WHERE I WILL SHARE MORE UP TO DATE UPDATES AND REMINDERS FOR EVENTS!



### Easter Baskets For Parish Shut-ins

The Helping Hands Committee is hoping to bring a smile to the faces of our parish shut-ins this Easter with baskets donated by our parishioners. The baskets will be delivered to our parish shut-ins by their ministers of care during Easter week.

Some suggestions to fill the baskets:

- Shampoo and conditioners
- Hand cream, combs, nail polish, and brushes
- Deodorant, toothpaste or dusting powder
- Note cards, magazines, or puzzle books
- Travel Kleenex packs
- Pretzels, cheese and crackers, and snacks
- Playing cards
- "Homemade" Easter Cards from your little ones

Use your imagination, be creative!

Mark your calendars - Baskets can be returned the weekend of March 13th and 14th - Please mark your basket "Male" or "Female" or "Couple"

Questions? Contact St. Francis office 708-460-0042.

Thank you from the Helping Hands Committee!



### Our Lady of Fatima

Traveling Mary Statue

Start a new family tradition and host Our Lady of Fatima in your home for 1 week! After finding a special place in your home for her, you will pray a rosary for peace every day. This is a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother and there is nothing more needed than prayers for peace.

Maybe you want to pick the week of a birthday or anniversary... or maybe you want to pick a certain week for no particular reason.

We have dates available through the end of the year.  
**Sign up using the QR code.**

We have many great resources if you need help getting started with the rosary.

If you have any questions or need assistance picking a date or using the Sign-up, please email Lauren at [LaurenMFaxel@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenMFaxel@gmail.com) or Bob at [rpmonroe11@att.net](mailto:rpmonroe11@att.net)



## DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE

Chaplet of Divine Mercy • Readings • Music & Prayer



Offered by members of Saint Francis of Assisi Music Ministry with a Commissioned work, CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY by composer Trevor Casterline

Sunday, April 12, 2026  
3:00 PM

Saint Francis of Assisi Church  
15050 Wolf Road • Orland Park, Illinois

"Jesus, I trust in You."



## SAVE THE DATE

25<sup>th</sup>  
*Silver & Shine*  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION  
& FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026  
6:00 PM

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN SCHOOL  
9250 WEST 167<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
ORLAND HILLS, IL 60487



*Honoring the Past,  
Inspiring the Future*



## Mission Trip 2026 Nashville TN

This summer St. Francis of Assisi's youth ministry is heading to Nashville TN from June 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> to serve the local community!

We have limited spots available for teens currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school as well as chaperones!

The mission trip cost is \$300 which includes food, lodging, and transportation! Plus you get 40 hours of community service for it!



Scan the QR Code to register

If you have any questions please email Claire at [sfyg@sfaorland.org](mailto:sfyg@sfaorland.org)

Our first information meeting will be in January but spots will fill before then! It is best to register now!

Sign-up today for this once in a lifetime opportunity!



# Knights of Columbus®

### Why should you become a Knight

If interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, and making **real friends**, then Knights of Columbus is for you!



Scan the QR code to learn more!

Interested in learning more? Come meet the guys (with no obligations) the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM in Upton Hall and / or call Joe 708-670-1743

### SPRED

Volunteers Needed !



SPRED (Special Religious Education) is a parish ministry serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Join us in creating a welcoming parish where everyone belongs!

No experience needed—just a caring heart.

Interested?

Call Kathleen Ericksen at (708) 361-9435 or [kericksen@ourladyofthewoods.org](mailto:kericksen@ourladyofthewoods.org)

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Let Us Build A House

Where Love Can Dwell

Working with Crossroads Mission and Habitat for Humanity to Build Houses

June 12 & 13, 2026

Build will happen at St. Michael's Church

Watch here for future updates!



St. Francis Youth Ministry

COME JOIN OUR

# VOLLEYBALL TEAM

St. Francis

VS

Local Catholic parishes

EVERY THURSDAY

7:30 PM

Most games will be at Our Lady of the Woods gym! Once we have a schedule I will update locations Open to 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high schoolers!

First Game January 8th!

Email Claire [sfyg@sfaorland.org](mailto:sfyg@sfaorland.org) to sign up and join our team! All skill levels welcome! You do not have to come to every game!



**TEKTON MINISTRIES**  
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



# experience the peace of christ

Fr. Geoffrey Andamain invites you on a pilgrimage to

## MEDJUGORJE

May 14-23, 2026

with your guide, Cindy Wendt  
<https://www.tektonministries.org>



price per person	
Double occupancy with base airfare	\$2,560.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges	\$549.93
(subject to change until final ticketing)	
estimated total cost	\$2,909.9
Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff (estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)	\$135.00



Save the Date  
The Rat Pack is coming to St. Francis  
June 6, 2026.  
Please mark your calendars.



DEAN MARTIN SAMMY DAVIS JR FRANK SINATRA  
Tony Ocean Elliot Wimbush Bill Serritella

Ocean's  
**RAT PACK**

### Early-Stage Memory Loss Support Group 8-Week Session Begins April 16th



When your loved one is beginning to experience memory loss, you will need help, support and education to make this journey. Pathlights is here for you.

Join us at the Orland Park Public Library for an eight-week **Support Group** for those living with early-stage dementia or MCI (mild cognitive impairment) and their care partners, beginning April 16th.

You'll receive dementia-related education, emotional support and connections with resources.

Participants must to pre-screened and registered by April 15th, please contact Lily at 708.361.0219 or [lbecker@Pathlights.org](mailto:lbecker@Pathlights.org).

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## Saint Francis of Assisi Children's & Youth Choirs

### NEW YORK CITY TOUR 2026



Tour Dates: June 15-19, 2026  
Destination: New York City  
Travel Partner: WorldStrides Travel Tours

Student/Singer Tour Price: \$1295.00 Adult Tour Price: \$1595.00

Your package includes: All NYC attraction prices, incl. tickets to a Broadway musical (tbd), all breakfasts & dinners.

#### Basic Itinerary

**Monday:** Arrival and check-in to Westin-Harrison, Newark; Meet with Guide/Tour Director. Overview of ticketing and reservation logistics. enjoy free time at hotel.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast, travel to Manhattan, Central Park, Museum of Broadway, Times Square, Dinner @ Gayle's Broadway Rose

**Wednesday:** Breakfast, Statue Cruise/Ferry to Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island w/Pedestal Admission, Battery Park, One World Observatory, 911 Museum and Memorial, Group photo, Dinner @ Bill's Bar & Burger, Rockefeller Center, tickets to Broadway performance,

**Thursday:** Breakfast, tour of Saint Patrick Cathedral and possible performance, Tours of Chinatown, Little Italy, Soho, Dinner near Broadway

**Friday:** Depart for home

For details, email [Leanne Stoterou Hahn](mailto:Leanne.Stoterou.Hahn@sfloorland.org), Director of Music Ministry, at [music@sfaorland.org](mailto:music@sfaorland.org).

**ST. MICHAEL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY PRAYER GATHERING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL**

For more information on our ministry, please visit <https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/>  
[StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com](mailto:StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com)



St. Dymphna  
Patron Saint for those with Mental Afflictions  
Pray for Us

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Baby Sarah Jane	Danny Martinez
Leslie Bartosz	Emily Mallon-Brock
Al Becker	Emmett McEldowney
Genny Bloudzis	Claudia McLaren
Frances Bonaguro	Doreen Miller
Dorothy Brick	Jennifer Mitchell
Ethan Patrick Burns	John Moritti
Lourdes Gomez Carlos	Sheila O'Brien
Robert Carlson	Judy Vittori Ochoa
Juan Centeno	Alison Odak
Baby Chase	Joann O'Dea
Felicitas Cortez	Bill Okleshen
Lynn Dacosse	Margaret Olson
Bridget Deady	Elzibeta Osmelak
Carrie Dilger	Jerry Ossowski
Karen DiOrio	Wlasyaslav Pawlikowski
Robert Dolph	Marian Peregoy
Leslie Drew	Fred Pesek
Brian Dunleavy	Thomas & Jane Quinn
Mary Jean Durnik	McElena Ramirez
Richard Egan	Diane Richards
Michael Farley	Lissa Rudolph
Rich Finn	Anthony Sabtia
Francisco Garcet	Jennifer Savini
Tim Gerstner	Len Schillaci, Jr.
Patricia Gillam	Noreen Sebastian
Linda Godliski	Frank Solatka
Luis Emilio Gonzalez	Patricia Staab
Terry Griner	Dorothy Stanis
Donald Hayes	Scott Sterkowitz
Randy Jennings	Carol Suich
Linda Katsiubas	Mary Thompson
Geraldine Kelley	Richard Tittle
Sarah Kraling	Kristian Tovar
Terri Larsen	Kimberly Trochuck
Elizabeth Lemonowski	Peter Turney
Lily Lopez	Bill & Verne Tuttle
Lucyna Lujarska	Jerry Vancina
Emily Mallon	Joan Vins
Renata Malysz	Kamilla Welke
Dylan Manning	Mary Whiteford
Joe March	Valerie Wurst

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Kay Flanagan  
Joan Hahn

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

5:00PM Estelle Czub rq. By family, Josephine Lee rq. by Linda & Rich Misiorowski, Sr Dolores Blahaus rq. by The Murawski Family, Walter Norton Jr. rq by Rosemary Zielinski, Jerry Kurth rq. by Pat Grasso

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00AM The People of St. Francis

10:00AM John Polaski rq. by The Polaski Family, Ken Stack rq. by Karen & debi Ross, Edna Klein rq. by family, Donna Satala rq. by family, Susan Neubauer rq. by Anita Hickey

12:00PM Edda D'Amico rq. by Mary Therese & Richard Munaretto, Anthony Catalano Sr. rq. by Carlene Catalano & sons, Charles Vins Jr. rq. by Carlene Catalano & sons, Afifeh (Fay) Sayegh rq by family, Judith Dargis rq. by The Noreikis Family, Delores Penkava rq. by family

**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30AM Lucy & Hieu Phan (healing) rq. by family, Sebastian & Anna Fischer rq. by Deloris Fischer, Kevin McKeon rq. by Mike Foley

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM Kristina Kaczmark rq. by The Kaczmark Family, Betty Nowak rq. by The Klimek-Downs Family

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM The People of St. Francis

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM The People of St. Francis

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM Denise Huguelet rq. by Mary Therese & Richard Munaretto, Carmen Arroyo rq by The Walsh Family, Helen Knapp rq. by Regina Knapp

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:00PM Walter Norton Jr. rq. by Bobbi Mangan, Fr. Rich Young OSA rq. by Eva Lopuszynski, Vera Crowley rq. By Maria Weber, Leon Helinski rq. by family, Robert Smith rq. by Rich & Linda Misiorowski, Barbara Piscitello rq. by Sharon Smith

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00AM The People of St. Francis

10:00AM Stanley Komperda rq. by family, Alice Nowak rq. by family, Michael Cwirla rq. by Therese & Steve McClowry, Joseph Phan & Maria Duong rq. by Jimmy & Lucy, Peter Phan & Luke Phan rq. by Jimmy & Lucy

12:00PM Diane Fauser rq. by Elaine Kucharski, Stephen Gishaber rq. by John & Sheila Pacholski, Judita Dargis rq. by Mario & Pam Marr, Leon Witkowski rq. by Mark & Sandy Tonai, Don Hodson rq. by Tom & Adrienne Wieczorek

## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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

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

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 5:00 PM; Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**  
**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM**

**MOST REVEREND. ROBERT FEDEK Pastor**  
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The Parish offices are located in the lower level of the church.  
Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building.  
Hours 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday.  
Evenings and weekends are by appointment.  
The Chapel is located at the northeast corner of the Church.

**ADMINISTRATION Phone: 460-0042, Fax: 460-0136**  
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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 are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.  
The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays.

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

Our elementary Catholic Regional school is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th & 94th Ave.

**Bulletin Submission:** [Bulletin@sfaorland.org](mailto:Bulletin@sfaorland.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** Baptisms can be arranged by appointment. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 8:30 AM 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. Anointing will also be offered on the first Monday of the month after Morning Mass.