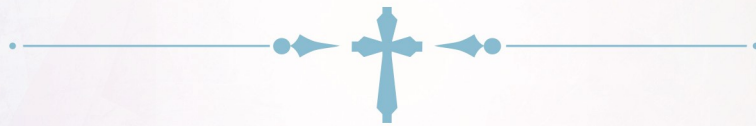


St Francis of Assisi Parish

March 8, 2026

GIFT



“If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

JOHN 4:10



Most Reverend Robert Fedek

March 8, 2026

Dear Parish Family,

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you a new assignment I have been asked to take on as Episcopal Liaison to Polonia Ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Beginning July 1, I will step away from leading Saint Francis of Assisi Parish as I transition to pastoring the Polish community across Chicagoland while maintaining all of my other duties as Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate V.

As such, St. Francis will receive a new pastor who will begin his ministry on July 1. As the process for matching the right pastor for our faith community progresses over the coming months, I encourage all of us to pray with open minds and hearts that the Holy Spirit will lead the way forward.

I am thoroughly grateful for the time I have been given to be a part of this incredible community. As pastor and fellow disciple, I have certainly received more than I have given. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your prayers, support and encouragement. Even though I am stepping away from the position of your pastor, I will continue to offer my weekend assistance at St. Francis as time allows. My plans are to reside in Orland Park since the Vicariate V Office is located on the campus of our parish. I humbly ask you to please keep me in your prayers as I go through this transition. You can certainly count on my prayers for all of you.

+Robert

The St. Francis of Assisi Community Is a welcoming Christian family.

We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.

We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.

The Passion of Christ

SCREENPLAY & DIRECTOR: CECYLIA JABLONSKA

St. Ferdinand

5900 W Barry Ave. Chicago, IL 60634

February 18
8:00pm *Po Polsku*

St. Francis Borgia

8033 W Addison St. Chicago, IL 60634

February 21
5:00pm In English
7:30pm *Po Polsku*



Corpus Christi

1415 W Lies 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 Polsku*

St Philip the Apostle

1233 W 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

239411 Sunset Ave. Lombard, IL 60148

March 6
7:00pm *Po Polsku*

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 Polsku*
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 46321

March 15
1:00pm *Po Polsku*
4:30pm In English



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

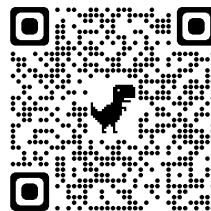
	Saturday, 5:00 PM March 14	Sunday, 8:00 AM March 15	Sunday, 10:00 AM March 15	Sunday, 12:00 PM March 15
Presider	Bishop Robert Fedek	Rev. Ed Mikolajczyk	Fr. Louis Mboe	Rev. Mike Schaab
Deacon	Mike Kiley	Timothy McCormick	Michael Pindelski	John Donahue
Sacristan	Ann Czaryn	Sharon McCaffrey	Cindy Lucio	Kathleen Biederman
Lector	Casimir (Casey) Pytel (1) Alice Rzeszutko (2)	Vincent Pryor (1) Pat Trebe (2)	John Pacholski (1) Rich Becker (2)	Warren Winker (1) Thomas Glynn (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Burmeister Bishop Robert Fedek Mike Kiley Lorraine Martenson Richard Rzeszutko Mary Ann Smith Elizabeth Stewart Martin Terpstra	Victoria Carlo Michael Freisleben Lisa Freisleben Jan Lask Sharon McCaffrey Timothy McCormick Rev. Ed Mikolajczyk Cheryl Pryor	Mary Greenan Regina Knapp Rose Leitelt Cindy Lucio Fr. Louis Mboe Janice Ota Sheila Pacholski Michael Pindelski	Christina Banyon Kathleen Biederman John Donahue Laura Johnson Robert Long Rev. Mike Schaab Mary Ann Schillaci Denise Sorpassa
Altar Server	Raphael Angelo Santos Maeve Chester Sabrina Geerdes	Francesca Carroll Lilly Loizzo Aaron Lubinski	Mia Lanham Amanda Mackowiak Jayden Tan	Brian Curran Lucas Dawczak Brigid Haran
Usher	Mike Zoladz (HU) Richard Roberts NOT FILLED	Bud Wyman (HU) James Pedersen Roger Malinowski	Diane Mackowiak (HU) John Higgins Keith Nelson	Laura Tucco (HU) Mary Jo Noreikis George Kelley
Greeter	Renee Farrell Roxanne Zoladz	Nancy Biggio Fran Lavigne	Gabby Bach Gregory Fifer	Robert Long, Jr. Denise Sorpassa

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday March 8	
OCIA	10:00 AM NR
Baptisms	1:30 PM
HS Youth Ministry Mtg	5:30 PM SFR (Lower Level)
Monday March 9	
Grief Support	3:30 PM GR
Peregrine Novena	7:00 PM CH
Tuesday March 10	
RE Grades 2 & 4 Reconciliation Service	SFC-CH
Book of Galatians - Adult Bible Study	9:15 AM SFC-MP
Vicariate V Meeting	11:15 AM SFC - MP & CH
Prayer Shawl Mtg	12:30 PM SFR (Lower Level)
Tues RE Grades 1 - 7	4:30 PM SFC-FR
Men's Evening of Discipleship	7:00 PM GR
Knight of Columbus	7:30 PM UH
Wednesday March 11	
RE Grades 2 & 4 Reconciliation Service	SFC-CH
OA Mtg	9:30 AM GR
Wed [B] RE Grades 1-7	4:30 PM SFC-FR
Medjugorje Pilgrimage Mtg	6:30 PM GR
Book of Galatians - Adult Bible Study	7:00 PM SFC-MP
Thursday March 12	
Living Like Francis	9:15 AM GR
Living Like Francis	6:30 PM SFR (Lower Level)
Friday March 13	
Stations of the Cross	3:00PM & 7:00PM
AA Mtg	7:00 PM NR
Saturday March 14	
Helping Hands Easter Basket Project	
Sat RE Grades 1-7	8:30 AM SFC-FR
OCIA	3:00 PM NR
The Passion of Christ Play	6:00 PM CH

Parish Stewardship
Month of January 2026

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



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.

Friday 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

JOIN US

FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT OUR PARISH

“

**TOTALLY LOVE
HIM, WHO GAVE
HIMSELF TOTALLY
FOR YOUR LOVE.**

”

- ST. CLARE OF ASSISI



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JUBILEE YEAR OF

St. Francis of Assisi

JAN 10, 2026 – JAN 10, 2027



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“Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in His sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing you have received, but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.”

— St. Francis of Assisi

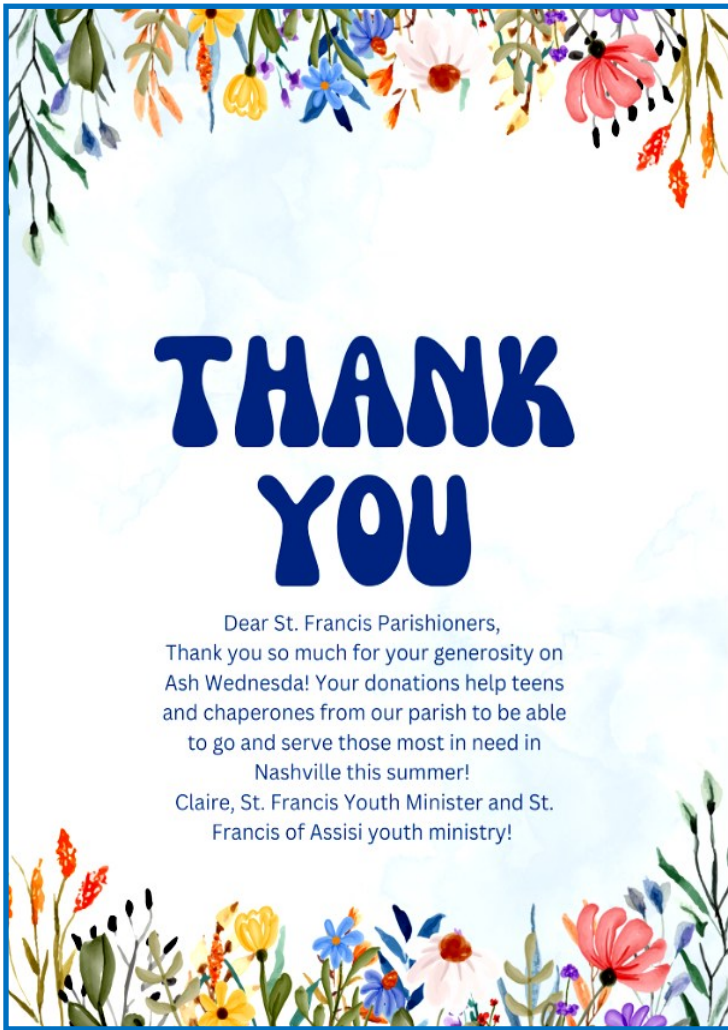
St. Clare of Assisi, (1194-1253), was born into a wealthy, politically influential, Catholic family in Assisi, Italy. When she was 12, her family decided she should marry. She begged them to allow her to wait until she was 18 and they eventually agreed.

As a teen, Clare learned of a priest named Francis (St. Francis of Assisi). After hearing him preach, she decided that her calling was to “live for the Gospel.” She admired how Francis lived — in poverty, community, and service to the poor. After receiving permission from the bishop of Assisi, she left her family to join Francis and his followers. Once with them, Clare left her fancy life behind, donning a plain robe, simple veil, and cutting her hair short, a symbol of her desire to reject marriage and live a religious life.

Studying early on with the Benedictines, she was joined by her sister. Fearing for their safety from Clare's family who were determined that the daughters return, Francis and his followers built a home for them next to a church they restored, San Damiano, for their protection. While there, Clare and Francis established the Order of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano.

Daily Mass, adoration, and the Eucharist were integral to the lives of Clare's Poor Ladies. The growing community's radical devotion to strict poverty set them apart from other congregations. Following her order's eventual approval by the Pope, she wrote the order's Rule of Life based on the teachings of St. Francis — the first monastic rule known to be written by a woman.

After St. Clare died, the Poor Ladies were renamed the Order of St. Clare or, the Poor Clares, in her honor. She passed away at the age of 59, one day after her Rule was approved. St. Clare, pray for us!



THANK YOU

Dear St. Francis Parishioners,
Thank you so much for your generosity on Ash Wednesday! Your donations help teens and chaperones from our parish to be able to go and serve those most in need in Nashville this summer!
Claire, St. Francis Youth Minister and St. Francis of Assisi youth ministry!



Easter Baskets For Parish Home Bound

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!

Christ Renews His Parish 2026

This past weekend, the men of St Francis of Assisi Parish's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) ministry, welcomed six parishioners to share in the weekend experience of faith sharing and faith building. Nine members from our 2025 CRHP weekend led the group through a faithful reflection on the importance of faith in each of our lives. This was a wonderful, thought provoking experience for all who participated. Thanks to all the different SFA ministry groups who supported this program and special thanks to Sr. Gael for her direction and spiritual guidance!! Please consider participating in next year's CRHP. Information will be posted in future SFA bulletins.



Welcome

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

We warmly welcome our new parishioners (February 2026) to St. Francis of Assisi:

Justin & Cali (Arundel) Halm and son, Wells

Jean Krapec

Donna Feigel

Christopher & Jordan (Steyskal) LeClair
and daughter, Reese

Hannah Krydynski

Pamela Kringstad and son, Stephen



The Social Committee of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes all to a Pasta Dinner.

This event is March 27th from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in Upton Hall.

The main entrée (vegetable lasagna and 3 jumbo raviolis) will be catered from RoccoVino's.

Salad, bread, butter, coffee, pop and dessert are also included. **Feel free to BYOB!**

Tickets: \$13.00

There will be **NO** tickets sold at the door.

Tickets can only be purchased on the weekends

of March 14, 15 and 21, 22.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Any questions, please call the church office.

Laurie Arredondo, Social Committee Chair



We joyfully welcomed the following children
into our Christian Community

March 1, 2026

Coda Jack Casterline

Son of Trevor & Jennifer (Reusz) Casterline

Wells James Halm

Son of Justin & Cali (Arundel) Halm

Parishioners, Alumni and Friends -

We hope you are enjoying these little breaks in the cold weather. Please find attached our March newsletter. Easter is just around the corner so make note of the calendar updates. We will hold one last Friday morning Cash & Carry sale right before our Easter break.

Thank you for your support of our program.
Stay safe and God Bless.
Corinna and Lori



SHOPPING & GIFTING MADE EASY

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Our Spiritual Journey has Begun

March 2026

Our spiritual journey of Lent is now in full swing. Our other Spring holidays: St. Patrick's Day, St. Joseph's Day, and Easter are on the horizon. We need meatless Fridays, extra meals, filling baskets with goodies, and yummy desserts. Scrip has many options like Barracos, Beggars, Bonefish Grill, Culvers, Ed & Joe's, Nancy's Pizza, Palermo's and Seasons 52 to help with cheese & veggie pizza or meat free dinners during Lent. Don't forget to use Creative Cakes, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Orland Bakery for your spring holiday sweets!



Calendar Notes

Friday, March 27th - Special Cash & Carry 7:30-8:15 am will be held! Last day to purchase gift cards before Easter break.

Monday March 30th to Monday, April 6th - Easter Break

School resumes on **Wednesday, April 8th**



Upcoming RaiseRight Bonuses

Raise Days will run from March 6th - March 9th. There will be bonus rebates on 125+ e-gift cards, reloading cards and online shopping. This is a great opportunity to earn more cash back. Download the app and get started today!

Are You Using the App?

The RaiseRight app is so easy to use. It gives you the ability to purchase e-gift cards 24/7 whenever you need them. It's very helpful if:

- + You can't come to CJB to buy physical cards.
- + You have an unexpected purchase.
- + You need a card that is only available electronically.
- + You want to take advantage of online bonuses to earn higher rebates.
- + We are out of the physical card you need.
- + Scrip is closed for holidays like Easter break.

Contact a Scrip team member for more details and the school enrollment code.



"During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference."

Pope Francis

Corinna Pytel - cpytel@cjbsschool.org, Lori Dorigan - ldorigan@cjbsschool.org

Informational Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, March 11
at 6:30 pm (room TBD)

To learn more about this pilgrimage with

Fr. Geofrey Andama

to

MEDJUGORJE

May 14-23, 2026

<https://www.tektonministries.org>



price per person	
Double occupancy with base airfare	\$2,360.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges	\$549.93
<small>(subject to change until final ticketing)</small>	
estimated total cost	\$2,909.93
Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff	\$135.00
<small>(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)</small>	

Children's Mass

St. Francis of Assisi
Preschool Mass

First Sunday of each
Month

9:30 am

Next Mass
May 3, 2026

St. Francis Room



Join us for
Rosary for Life

May 2, 2026

10:00 am

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

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



Women's Weekend

March 21 - 22, 2026

Check the website to learn more

Register Online:

www.sfaorland.org/Christ-Renews-His-Parish.html



SCAN QR CODE

to go directly to CRHP Page.



Travel. Sing. Pray. Experience New York City!

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

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

Friday: depart for home

For details, email Leanne Stoterau Hahn, Director of Music Ministry at music@sfaorland.org

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.”

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God’s mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed using an ordinary five-decade Rosary. To begin, make the Sign of the Cross, then pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles’ Creed. On each of the large beads (where the Our Father is said), pray: “Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.” On each of the 10 smaller beads (used for the Hail Mary), pray: “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” This pattern is repeated for all five decades of the Rosary. To conclude the chaplet, pray three times: “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” ©LPi

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish,

Grace and peace to you in Christ.

As a parish community that deeply values the beauty and power of sacred music in our liturgical life, we are honored to announce the commissioning of a profound new musical work for the Feast of Divine Mercy: a sung setting of the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** composed by Mr. Trevor Casterline.

This extraordinary composition is far more than a concert piece—it is a prayer. The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is presented as a sung prayer service featuring the chanted diary reflections of Saint Faustina and is offered in Polish, Latin, and English. Written for choir and small orchestral ensemble, the setting also invites the full participation of the assembly through sung responses, allowing the entire parish to enter into the prayer for Christ’s mercy upon our world.

The music is deeply moving—reverent, powerful, and contemplative. It seeks to draw hearts more fully into the mystery of Divine Mercy and to provide our parish with a lasting spiritual and artistic gift that can be prayed for years to come. As we continue to invest in the liturgical and spiritual life of our parish, works such as this reflect our commitment to beauty, reverence, and excellence in worship.

We prayerfully invite you to consider becoming a sponsor of this sacred work or contributing toward its commissioning and premiere. Your generosity will help support orchestration, musicians, printing, and the continued cultivation of meaningful sacred music within our parish community.

You are, of course, warmly invited to attend the premiere of this beautiful and prayerful composition on:

Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 pm

in Church at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Together, we will pray for the mercy of Christ in our world through word and song.

Thank you for your continued support of the sacred music ministry of our parish. May the Lord richly bless you for your generosity and faith! For additional information, or to help sponsor this important work and performance, please contact **Leanne Stoterau Hahn** in the SFA Music Office at: music@sfaorland.org.

Thank you for your continued support of the sacred music ministry of our parish. May the Lord richly bless you for your generosity and faith.

In Christ’s Mercy,

Leanne Stoterau Hahn
Director of Music Ministry
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Orland Park



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28th

10:30 am-12pm

Egg Hunts at 11 & 11:30am



St. Francis of Assisi Upton Hall
for Indoor Activities and Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone is invited to attend this free Parish event for children of all ages, plenty of fun indoor activities, games, coloring, bingo and more!

Plus, have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!



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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI GOLF LEAGUE

PLAY (9 holes) AT ROLLING HILL (Silver Lake CC)

MONDAY MORNINGS - MAY 11 until AUGUST 31
(excluding Memorial Day (May 25))

GREEN FEES: \$20 WALKING; \$35 RIDING per week
TO REGISTER: On line – or at the Office

LEAGUE FEE: \$45 FOR THE SEASON –
INCLUDES ENDING BANQUET (SEPT. 22) AND PRIZES
League Fee due at time of registration
Check or credit card or cash

Check payable to St. Francis of Assisi Golf League

Contact Sr. Gael at ggenkler@sfaorland.org or 708-460-0042
or Mary Greenan, 708-717-2378 or kookie11830@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE

for a delightful afternoon

Women's Tea Party

Sunday, April 26

2:30 – 4:30 PM

An afternoon of tea, treats,
and treasured conversation.

All ages welcome.
Guests are encouraged.



Discover more about God's eternal mercy and love in

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Mark your calendars and join us in group discussion to visit the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation.

WEDNESDAYS

April 15 to June 10

6:00 P.M.

S.F.A. Parish, The Great Room

(No obligation to attend all sessions)

ALL ARE WELCOME



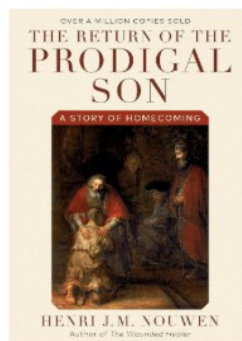
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The renowned international author, Henri Nouwen, Catholic priest, professor, and pastor, 'shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell.'

For all of us who have known dejection, loneliness, jealousy, anger, hurt...Henri Nouwen presents us with the ..."challenge to love as God loves and to be loved as God's beloved."

*** This book may be individually purchased from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), or contact Rosalie to purchase a book now; limited copies available for \$8 - first come, first serve.

More info: Rosalie rose.leitelt@gmail.com
Sr. Gael ggenkler@sfaorland.org





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.**

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHILDREN'S CHOIR

It's Not Too Late to
Join Children's and
Youth Choirs



Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 4:30–5:45
in the lower level Music Room.
Youth Chorale (Grades 6 through 12) rehearses
from 5:45–6:30 on Tuesdays, following the
Children's choir for details.

See the website or email Leanne in the Music Office at music@sfaorland.org for details.

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

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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Don't Grieve Alone

Grief Support Group

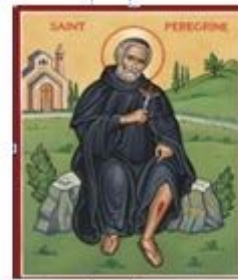
Monday, April 13, 3:30-5pm

Topic: Grieving and Post-traumatic growth.
Can they co-exist?

Consider joining other Grieving Hearts to explore the sixth stage of grief, Post traumatic growth. There is no specific timeline as you work through the difficult stages of grief. However, research shows that moving toward "finding meaning" through the life of our loved one, can lead to healing and personal growth.

You are not alone.

Facilitated by Valerie Piazza LCPC



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

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 4, 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.

Lectio Divina

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

Next: March 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

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!

All youth group meetings are open to teens in 6-8th grade friends/family in 4th and 5th grade are invited to attend with their junior high family member/friend!

MARCH

Youth Group: NEW DATE: March 22nd
1:00-2:30 PM

APRIL

Youth Group: April 12th, 1 2:30 PM

MAY

Youth Group: May 17th, 1 2:30 PM

Contact Claire via email: sfyg@sfaorland.org



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 or Bob at rpmonroe11@att.net

Filing your 2025 income tax returns?
Frustrated with the amount of tax you paid?

Looking for a way to reduce your future income taxes and Medicare premiums?

Well for those of you who are subject to the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) rules from your IRA or retirement plan, we have great news for you!

You can use your RMD's to make Qualified Charitable Distributions QCD's. A QCD is a direct payment or distribution from your IRA or retirement plan to St. Francis of Assisi Church or any of your other favorite charities. By making a QCD, the amounts paid out are excluded from your income, up to \$108,000 per person for 2026. This excluded income not only can reduce your federal income taxes but may also reduce your Medicare premiums.

What a great benefit for both you and your charities!
Confused as to what to do?

You can reach out to your tax preparer or call Dave Kobza, (708) 204-5919, a member of our SFA Finance Committee, for more information.

May God continue to bless you and your family!

P.S. Look for further tax saving articles in upcoming bulletins!



SAVE THE DATE

25th
Silver & Shine

ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
& FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026
6:00 PM

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN SCHOOL

9250 WEST 167TH STREET
ORLAND HILLS, IL 60487



*Honoring the Past,
Inspiring the Future*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Don Patrick Oberg

Loretta Zito

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

Saturday, March 7th

5:00PM Josph Herman rq. by family, Robert Carmody rq. by Tom & Joan Gergits, Josephine Lee rq. by Rosalie & Andy Leitelt, Jerry Kurth rq. by Mary Sue McWilliams, Fr Rich Young OSA rq. by The Murawski Family

Sunday, March 8th

8:00AM The People of St. Francis

10:00AM Emily S. Wic rq. by family, Sophie & Walter Liptak rq. by Dianna Liptak, Felicity Saba rq. by friends, Eugene Mudgett rq. by The Moriarity Family, John Lemonn rq. by Deloris Fischer

12:00PM James Kozeluh rq. by Mary Ellen Kozeluh & family, Kristina Kaczmark rq. by The Kaczmark Family, Mary Hellmann rq. by daughters, Marion Kielbowicz rq. by family, Wayne Kaleciak rq. by Pete & Terri Bianco

Monday, March 9th

8:30AM The Saba Family (good health) rq. by friends

Tuesday, March 10th

8:30AM The Schweiger & Norris Families rq. by family, Maybelle McCann rq. by The Januszyk Family, Robert Smith rq. by Jimmy & Lucy

Wednesday, March 11th

8:30AM William Rafferty rq. by family, Mary Ann McConnell rq. by Mary Ellen Kozeluh, Lucy & Hieu Phan (healing) rq. by family

Thursday, March 12th

8:30AM Richard F. Chansy rq. by The Carlo Family

Friday, March 13th

8:30AM Andrea Smith-Glynn rq. by The Barbaro Family, Harold A. Van Drie rq. by Bev Conterio, Marta Bednarz rq. by family

Saturday, March 14th

5:00PM Jerome Kurth rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll, Walter Norton Jr. rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz, Cliff Alsager rq. by family, Mary Piekarz rq. by Mike & Virginia Lesnet, Virginia Tavoletti rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz, Mary Jane Oleszkiewicz rq. by The Carlo Family

Sunday, March 15th

8:00AM The People of St. Francis

10:00AM Christine Becker rq. by Tricia Vidinich, Ernesto Javier rq. by Diane McErlean & Arlene LaBuda, Dr. Paul Signorino rq. by The Sulit-Rheingans Families, Gerald Gill rq. by Dan & Jerri LaRoche

12:00PM Aurelia Samson rq. by family, Con Twomey rq. by Regina Knapp, Don Hodson rq. by John & Rose Prohaska, Ruby Jewel Rotolo rq. by Bev Conterio

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 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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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 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.

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Web page: 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

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.