



# First Communion

Congratulations to the children who received their  
First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at  
Saint Francis of Assisi Church

Ariyana Amin  
James Arreola  
Ruby Arroyo  
Dimitrius Boulos  
Alex Buividas  
Anthony Bunda  
Charlotte Burberry  
Sofia Cachu  
Paige Callaghan  
Cooper Case  
Summer Chapman  
Olivia Cieczczak  
Olivia Czarny  
Sam DeLaurentis, III  
Jayden Derequito  
Gabriela Diehl  
Jaeden Dombrowski  
Brandon Dwyer  
Alyssa Estrada  
Emily Fixel  
Hudson Fornell  
Lola Garner  
Penelope Garner  
Eva Garza-Perez  
Dominic Gedminas  
Lucas Hansen  
Brigid Haran  
Orla Haran  
Caden Hayes  
Amelia Izguerra

Gwendolyn Jaquez  
Barron Kaczmark  
Hubert Karpiel  
Charlotte Koeneman  
Grace Kostolansky  
Madelyn Kovacik  
Brady Kruse  
Klaudia Kwintal  
Brigid Haran  
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Madelyn Kovacik  
Brady Kruse  
Klaudia Kwintal  
Adalay Labno  
Luca LaCognata  
Vincent Lapapa  
Grace Latronica  
Lukas Ligeska  
Charlie Maldonado  
Sophia Mangerson  
Vivienne Marek  
Nolan Martinez  
Gianna Marusz

Margaret McAdams  
Caroline McKenna  
Amelia Meadors  
Gianna Meyers  
Jacob Meyers  
Ronan Murphy  
Chase Muschler  
Noelle Parker  
William Pattison  
Madilynn Petersen  
Joshua Richter  
Inara Rodriguez  
Giovani Roppolo  
Cade Rucinski  
Wren Rucinski  
Dominic Sanchez  
Ezra Shimanek  
Oliver Skwara  
Cameron Smith  
Oliver Stepien  
Sambor Stepien  
Lana Surowka  
Severino Tito, Jr.  
Olivia Vanik  
Alan Walkosz  
Benjamin Watters  
Chase White  
Jagoda Zawadka



Most Reverend Robert Fedek

April 12, 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.*

## Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase “anima Christi, sanctifica me” (“soul of Christ, sanctify me”) and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord’s crucified flesh: “Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ’s side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.”

Then comes my favorite part: “within thy wounds hide me.”

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of liminal places, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It’s overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: “Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me.” There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. Here, he was saying. Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPI



Thank you to the St Francis Catechists and teachers at Cardinal Bernardin School :  
Anita Bieszke, Katie Amin, Lauren Fixel, Bianca Diehl, Lisa Friesleben, Beth Hardin, Christina Karpel, Dana Labno, Julie Martin and Kerry Sullivan

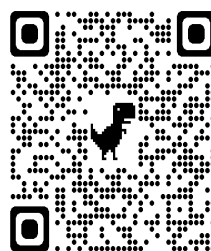
	<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b> April 18	<b>Sunday, 8:00 AM</b> April 19	<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b> April 19	<b>Sunday, 12:00 PM</b> April 19
<b>Presider</b>	Bishop Robert Fedek	Geofrey Andama	Geofrey Andama	Geofrey Andama
<b>Deacon</b>	Mike Kiley	Timothy McCormick	John Donahue	Brian Whiteford
<b>Sacristan</b>	Valerie Piazza	Barbara Basila	Marjorie Curran	Marilyn O'Sullivan
<b>Lector</b>	Jill Dwyer (1) Roman Okrei (2)	Jerri LaRoche (1) Regina Knapp (2)	John Pacholski (1) Sheila Pacholski (2)	Warren Winker (1) Bobette Garrett (2)
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sheila Bonaguro Victoria Carlo Bishop Robert Fedek Mike Kiley Jan Lask Cynthia Patrick Valerie Piazza Mary Ann Smith	Geofrey Andama Olga Bartell Barbara Basila David Burns Lauren Fixel Daniel Fixel Jocelyn Mangila Timothy McCormick	Geofrey Andama Rich Becker Michael Curran John Donahue Joan Giorgetti Mary Greenan Judee Tan Rosemary Zielinski	Geofrey Andama Christina Banyon Laura Johnson Marilyn O'Sullivan Mary Ann Schillaci Brian Whiteford Thomas Wieczorek Jeannine Witowski
<b>Altar Server</b>	Raphael Angelo Santos Maeve Chester Sabrina Geerdes	Lucas Dawczak Ben Fixel Zach Fixel	Brian Curran Grace Geghen Jayden Tan	Brigid Haran <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Usher</b>	Teri Sankey (HU) Lawrence McGrenera Ann Carroll	Roger Malinowski (HU) James Pedersen Richard Roberts	Jay Modelski (HU) Janice Ota Gregory Fifer	Robert Long, Jr. (HU) <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Martin Terpstra Tricia Vidinich	Fran Lavigne Lynne Sparks	Gabby Bach (sub req.) Char Oliver	Susan Campagna Mary Jo Noreikis

#### This Week at St. Francis

<b>Sunday April 12</b>	
Jr. High Youth Ministry	1:00 PM SFR (Lower Level)
Divine Mercy Sunday	3:00 PM CH
HS Youth Ministry Mtg	5:30 PM SFR (Lower Level)
<b>Monday April 13</b>	
Grief Support	3:30 PM GR
Peregrine Novena	7:00 PM
PPC Mtg	7:00 PM GR
<b>Tuesday April 14</b>	
Prayer Shawl Mtg	12:30 PM SFR (Lower Level)
Tues RE Grades 1 - 7	4:30 PM SFC-FR
CJB Advisory Board Mtg	6:00 PM GR
Knight of Columbus	7:30 PM UH
<b>Wednesday April 15</b>	
OA Mtg	9:30 AM GR
Wed [B] RE Grades 1-7	4:30 PM SFC-FR
Book Study	6:00 PM GR
Evening of Pentecost	7:00 PM SFR (Lower Level)
<b>Thursday April 16</b>	
St. Vincent DePaul Mtg	7:00 PM GR
<b>Friday April 17</b>	
AA Mtg	7:00 PM NR
<b>Saturday April 18</b>	
Sat RE Grades 1-7	8:30 AM SFC-FR
Schoenstatt Grp.	9:30 AM GR
OCIA Breakfast	9:30 AM UH

## Parish Stewardship Month of March 2026

Electronic Giving	\$73,908.00
Envelopes & Loose	<u>\$36,150.00</u>
Total for March 2026	<b>\$110,058.00</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.**



Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”<sup>©LPI</sup>

JUBILEE YEAR OF

St. Francis  
of Assisi

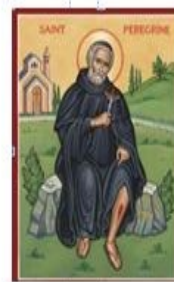
JAN 10, 2026 – JAN 10, 2027



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

## FRANCIS CORNER

A holy year or Jubilee is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based on the Old Testament tradition of a Jubilee year of rest, forgiveness and renewal. Holy years also are a time when Catholics make pilgrimages to designated churches and shrines, recite special prayers, go to confession, receive Communion, make professions of faith and pray for the pope’s intentions to receive a plenary indulgence, which is a remission of the temporal punishment due for one’s sins.



Monday, April 13

St. Francis of Assisi is offering a novena to St. Peregrine for those suffering from cancer and other illnesses.

Next Mondays are April 20, 27, May 4, 11.

Come to all or as many as you can.

7:00 pm in the church

We will be here.



## St. Vincent DePaul

Scriptural tradition dictates we help our neighbors, and it's the right thing to do. Among many charitable organizations within the Church is the Saint Vincent DePaul Society (SVdP). SFA has an active conference and late last summer SVdP volunteers became acquainted with a neighbor, a single mother of three, and one of the children is severely handicapped and wheelchair bound. An example of how challenging the struggles were, one day the school of her handicapped child called saying the child needed to leave school because of multiple seizures, the mom couldn't bring her daughter home because she didn't have a working automobile. The family lives in a small rental unit in our community, inconvenient to public transportation. Further complicating the family situation, the mom faced a substantial loan on the failed auto but couldn't work to earn income to pay the loan. Being poor is hard, not being able to work insures you will remain poor, and subjecting your children to the

consequences of being poor is heartbreaking. Your parish SVdP volunteers engaged and secured assistance as best we could to keep the utilities operating and the rent paid as needed. When the situation worsened and was more help than we could manage, we turned to the Archdiocesan SVdP for assistance on a much greater scale. An appeal was made to the entire Chicagoland SVdP list of individuals and parishes, which yielded unprecedented success in raising funds sufficient to help your neighbor-in-need purchase a used handicapped van and retire the loan on the unsalvageable pile of junk. There was great cooperation from approximately eighty sources, and worthy of special mention is the Bettenhausen Chrysler Dealership, which helped make the used van affordable. Sometimes Sister Gael gets weekly calls for help, then other times, thank heavens, the phone doesn't ring for a week. As in almost every case, the friend-in-need helped is very grateful, but gratitude isn't the measure of why we help. It is our Christian obligation, which is the right thing. To all those who helped us with this mission, thank you, you did the right thing.

(SVdP is funded by voluntary donations.)

## **Thank you to our wonderful Helping Hands Committee**

Thank you for your great and caring gift that we will enjoy so much.

Our homebound so appreciate the thoughtfulness!

Happy Easter!

Thank you so much for the wonderful Easter Basket filled with all the goodies.  
I really appreciated it. May prayers fo keep all of you safe and healthy at all times.

Sincerely Barb

SFA Helping Hands Committee

Thank you for your great and caring gift that we will enjoy so much. Happy Easter!

Leona



We joyfully welcomed the following children into our Christian Community on March 28, 2026

Everett McHugh Donahue  
Son of Nolan Donahue & Elizabeth Guzik



## HOST OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR ONE WEEK

PRAY A ROSARY FOR PEACE EVERY DAY  
SIGNUP USING QR CODES BELOW

ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL LAUREN AT  
[LAURENMFAXEL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LAURENMFAXEL@GMAIL.COM)  
OR BOB AT [RPMONROE11@ATT.NET](mailto:RPMONROE11@ATT.NET)

MAY - JUNE 2026

JULY - DEC 2026



*Welcome*  
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

We warmly welcome our new parishioners  
to St. Francis of Assisi

March 2026

Mariusz & Ewelina (Niedzwieolz) Rzepa  
and son, Patrick

Victor & Marija (Beck) Lamas  
and daughter, Leah

Stephanie (Stryczek) Gasior  
and children:  
Gabriella, Ethan, Sophia, & Gavin

Ryan & Victoria (Sobol) Nemecek  
and son, Nolan

Nikolas & Talia (Jaramillo) Mavrogiannis  
and son, Mateo

Corey & Catherine (Murphy) Zgrabik  
and children: Theodore & Lorraine

Mike & Kayli (Wolf) Manuel  
and son, Brooks

Emike Anetekhai

Charles & Catherine (Branick) Whittier

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

# DONUT SUNDAY

**DONUTS AVAILABLE  
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**\$2 PER DONUT**

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH  
GREAT ROOM



PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY



## 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

## blossoms of hope brunch

*Benefiting the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide*

Sunday, April 26, 2026 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Westin Chicago Lombard 70 Yorktown Center | Lombard, IL

Please join us this year to celebrate  
LOSS founder Fr. Charles Rubey!

To purchase tickets for \$80 each,  
use the QR code or link below:

[catholiccharities.net/LOSS2026](https://catholiccharities.net/LOSS2026)

Questions? [events@catholiccharities.net](mailto:events@catholiccharities.net)



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
Archdiocese of Chicago

*Sharing Peace, Hope, and Love*

In 1979, the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program was founded to create a special community where the unique pain of suicide loss could be fully heard. From its inception, LOSS has been a non-denominational program funded by the support of Catholic Charities, private foundations, and charitable contributions. Our mission remains to lessen the stigma of suicide, educate the community about suicide and mental illness, and to help survivors find community, direction, and resources for healing.



## Lectio Divina

The Lectio Divina group meets the last  
Thursday of each month January through June

Next: April 30, 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](mailto:E.a.stewart@sbcglobal.net)



The Helping Hands Committee will sponsor a Food Drive on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> benefitting the Orland Township and St. Blase Food Pantries.

Donations of non-perishable food items as well as cash donations will be collected at the parish van in the parking lot. Please help us aid those who are truly in need. Your support will have a huge impact on their lives. Simply pull up and a Helping Hands member will assist you. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.*



You are invited to the initial gathering of the  
**WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS**

We are introducing a ministry for women of all ages where we can share, strengthen, and support each other on our faith journey. Our upcoming **TEA PARTY** is **APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>** and will be the 'launch' of such a group.

**Will You Join Us?** The fee to attend the tea (and desserts) is \$5 per person  
Sign-up will be in the Narthex  
4/11 and 4/12; 4/18 and 4/19.

You can also register online at  
<https://www.sfaorland.org/womens-tea.html> by 4/19.

**Cash and check only will be accepted.  
Advance registration only.**  
The tea party will be located in the Religious Ed Center  
2:30 - 4:30 pm.



Discover more about God's eternal mercy and love in

**THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

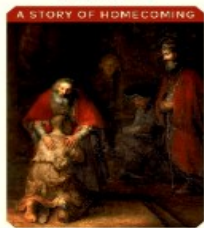
Mark your calendars and join us in group discussion to visit the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation.

**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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Author of 'The Spirituality of the Sacred Heart'



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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](#). or contact Rosalie to purchase a book now; limited copies available for \$8 - first come, first serve.

More info: Rosalie [rose.leitelt@gmail.com](mailto:rose.leitelt@gmail.com)  
Sr. Gael [ggensler@sfaorland.org](mailto:ggensler@sfaorland.org)

**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 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade friends/family in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend with their junior high family member/friend!



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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

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**  
**MAY 14-23, 2026**



Join **Father Geoffrey Andama** on a pilgrimage of faith to Medjugorje.



Since 1981 over 50 million people have journeyed to Medjugorje, a small village just east of Croatia, in Bosnia and Herzegovina. There pilgrims receive abundant graces, the peace of Christ, connect with God in profound prayer and experience a renewal of faith.

Just scan QR code for a Pilgrimage Brochure and to register.



**Come open your heart to Our Lady's call for peace, prayer with the heart, conversion, and penance in 2026!**

\* If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Wendt/Pilgrimage Guide via email: [cwe1005@comcast.net](mailto:cwe1005@comcast.net) or phone: 708/359-4025.



**VICARIATE V MINISTRY COMMISSION PRESENTS... MINISTER OF CARE TRAINING**

Presenter *Jeanne Lassandrello*

**FRIDAY, MAY 1 FROM 6:30-9:30PM**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2 FROM 9:00AM-3:00PM**

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH**  
10621 S. KEDVALE, OAK LAWN, IL

**REGISTER NOW**

*A Minister of Care visits the homebound in the parish to bring Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass. We offer to our homebound a way to remain connected to the parish and as Pope Francis said, "to be an instrument of God's mercy."*

<https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>

VICARIATE V



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

MINISTRY COMMISSION

*Presents*

## LITURGICAL TRAINING



**Description of presentations:** These sessions provide training and formation for Liturgical Ministers. ALL trainees must attend the session on **Tuesday, April 21**; topics will include scripture, an overview of the liturgy, and discerning the call to liturgical ministry. On **Monday, April 27**, through prayer, reflection, and practice, participants will explore what it means to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. On **Wednesday, April 29**, participants will learn the theological and practical skills necessary to proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass.

**Dates:** Tuesday, April 21- Mater Christi Church  
Monday, April 27- St. Mary Church  
Wednesday, April 29- Mater Christi Church

**Time:** 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**Location:** St. Paul VI Parish  
Mater Christi: 2400 S 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, N Riverside  
St. Mary: 105 Herrick Rd, Riverside

**Please register: [ministrycommissionv5](https://ministrycommissionv5.com/)**

**[https://ministrycommissionv5.com/  
event-registration](https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration)**



Dr. Elizabeth-Anne Stewart teaches at St. Xavier University and is an experienced spiritual director and retreat facilitator. She has written numerous books and articles on spirituality and publishes *Sunday BibleTalk*, a weekly E-letter based on the liturgical readings. A member of St. Pius V Parish in Pilsen and St. Francis of Assisi in Orland Park, Dr. Stewart holds a PhD in Theology from the University of Malta and is a board-certified life coach. Her most recent book is *Unlocking Epiphany Moments: A Primer for Life Coaches & Other Inner Guides* (Collective Ink, U.K.). <https://elizabeth-annestewart.com/>

**Contact: Commissioner, Elizabeth Kos [ebkos@archchicago.org](mailto:ebkos@archchicago.org)**

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Have you ever considered the call to be a  
Deacon of the Catholic Church?

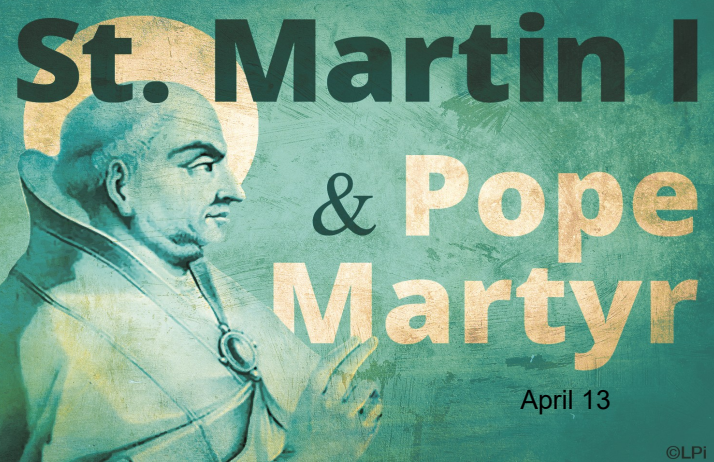
Join us at one of the next Inquiry Evenings

Alexander Parish  
7025 W 126th St. Palos Heights

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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**Saint Francis of Assisi  
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**Children's  
Mass**

St. Francis of Assisi Pre-school 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

**Saint Francis of Adult Choir**

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 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  
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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](mailto:music@sfaorland.org) for details.

# The Caregiver's Heart: Healing the Hidden Losses of Eldercare

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

10:15 AM: Check-in Begins  
10:30 AM: Presentation Begins

Palos Heights Recreation Center  
6601 W 127TH St.  
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Caring for an aging loved one brings a unique and often silent form of grief that starts long before the final goodbye. This essential seminar offers a compassionate space to address the complex emotional losses that erode health, including mourning changes in your loved one's memory or health while they are still here, and coping with the heavy burden of resentment and guilt that can build up over time. You will gain practical tools for setting boundaries, managing burnout, and helping you find healing and a new sense of purpose.

Refreshments Provided

Chance to Win a 30 minute Massage! (\$70 value!)

Provided By



Learn from leaders in the field of grief and loss...



**Teresa Quinn, LCSW, FT, PMH-C** Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Certified Fellow in Thanatology & Perinatal Mental Health Certified EMDR Consultant & Certified Clinician - in private practice.



**Kandis Draw, B.S. CHW,** Senior Community Education Associate and Research & Advocacy with the HAP Foundation, providing free information pertaining to caregiving and grief.



**Lily Becker, LSW,** master's in social work with a concentration in gerontology. Manages all Title III Programs, for Pathlights - overseeing the Caregiver Resource Center, Home Delivered Meals, and the Chore Program.

Open to All - Free Registration!

Register here:

Scan the QR Code, visit [www.pathlights.org/events](http://www.pathlights.org/events) or call at 708.361.0219



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 [ggensler@sfaorland.org](mailto:ggensler@sfaorland.org) or 708-460-0042  
or Mary Greenan, 708-717-2378 or [kookie11830@yahoo.com](mailto:kookie11830@yahoo.com)



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MINISTRY COMMISSION Presents:

## LITURGY TRAINING



Description of presentations: These sessions provide training and formation for Liturgical Ministers. ALL trainees must attend the session on Saturday, May 2; topics will include scripture, an overview of the liturgy, and discerning the call to liturgical ministry. On Tuesday, May 5, through prayer, reflection, and practice, participants will explore what it means to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. On Friday, May 8; participants will learn the theological and practical skills necessary to proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass.

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**  
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mulligan Hall  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**  
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the church  
**Friday, May 8, 2026**  
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
REFRESHMENT WILL BE SERVED

Location:  
**St. Daniel the Prophet**  
5300 S. Natoma Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60638



Dr. Elizabeth-Anne Stewart teaches at St. Xavier University and is an experienced spiritual director and retreat facilitator. She has written numerous books and articles on spirituality and publishes *Sunday BibleTalk*, a weekly E-letter based on the liturgical readings. A member of St. Pius V Parish in Pilsen and St. Francis of Assisi in Orland Park, Dr. Stewart holds a PhD in Theology from the University of Malta and is a board-certified life coach. Her most recent book is *Unlocking Epiphany Moments: A Primer for Life Coaches & Other Inner Guides* (Collective Ink, U.K.). <https://elizabeth-annestewart.com/>

Please register: [ministrycommissionv5](http://ministrycommissionv5)

<https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>

Commissioner: Mary Grace Bator, [mgbator@aol.com](mailto:mgbator@aol.com), 773-331-0031

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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Baby Sarah Jane	Linda Katsiubas
Donald Baran	Geraldine Kelley
Leslie Bartosz	Renata Malysz
Al Becker	Joe March
Genny Bloudzis	Doreen Miller
Dorothy Brick	John Moritti
Ethan Patrick Burns	Judy Vittori Ochoa
Baby Chase	Alison Odak
Felicitas Cortez	Joann O'Dea
Bridget Deady	Rosemary Odewald
Emilia DeGuzman	Bill Okleshen
Patricia DiGangi	Jerry Ossowski
Leslie Drew	Marian Peregoy
Ed Dunleavy	Fred Pesek
Rich Finn	Thomas & Jane Quinn
Tim Gerstner	Diane Richards
Luis Emilio Gonzalez	Rigas Rogiokos
Lawrence Green	Scott Sterkowitz
Annie Griffin	Richard Tittle
Terry Griner	Kimberly Trochuck
Donald Hayes	Peter Turney
Randy Jennings	Jerry Vancina
Dawn Kaderabek	

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Patricia Christopher

Lenore O'Connor

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

### Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00PM The Blaschke Family rq. by family, Antoinette Twarok rq. by Pam & Mario Marr, Jerry Kurth rq. by Mary Sue McWilliams, Norbert & Leatrice Retis rq. by The Murawski Family, Francine Stang rq. by The Klimek-Downs Family

### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM Frances Bonaguro rq. by Frank Marinello, Don Hodson rq. by Leo & Pat Depcik, Lauren Ledvina rq. by The Doyle & Loizzo Families, Jeff Blahunka rq. by Sharon Oldanie, Linda Weston rq. by Paul Weston

10:00AM Emily S. Wic rq. by family, George Hellmann rq. by daughters, Mary Sedlack rq. by Chuck & Maria Steffens, Alan Sahara rq. by family

12:00PM The People of St. Francis

### Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Stanley Komperda rq. by family, James Shomonta rq. by The McKane Family, Bruno Nyamua rq. by Pam & Mario Marr, Gertrude Mungufeni rq. by Pam & Mario Marr

### Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Lucy & Hieu Phan (healing) rq. by family

### Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Amanda Stanton rq. by family, Victor Kral rq. by The Faxel Family, Virginia Zbos rq. by John Zbos

### Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Josephine Lee rq. by Mary & Jim Mergenthaler

### Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Sophie Kozlowski rq. by family, George Lopuszynski rq. by Eva Lopuszynski, Ray & Josie McElree (healing)

### Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00PM Leonard Rzeszutko rq. by SFA EM's, Jerry Kurth rq. by Jerry & Marie Schiera, Mary Piekarz rq. by Mike & Virginia Lesnet, Zofia Witowska rq. by family, Eleonora Kupiec rq. by family

### Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM Jack Noris rq. by Paul Weston, Shane Patrick McErlee rq. by Carol Colby, Kay Flanagan rq. by The Flanagan Family, Claudia Lipetzky rq. by Bill Doyle & family, Audry Doyle rq. by Bill Doyle & family

10:00AM Joan Hahn rq. by Pat & Leo Depcik

12:00PM Michael McInerney rq. by Sheila & John Pacholski

## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**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.

**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:** [Communication@sfaorland.org](mailto:Communication@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.