



Sunday, December 1, 2013

"To move closer to God in all that we do"



Reconciliation Service

Saturday, December 21, 2013
9:00am—Noon

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule
Tuesday, December 24, 2013

6:30 am, 8:15 am, 3:00 pm,
3:15 pm Gym location, 5:00
pm, 10:00 pm Carols, 10:30 pm

Christmas Day Mass Schedule
Wednesday, December 25,
2013

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:15 am
Gym location, 10:30 am, 12:00
Noon

New Years Eve Mass Schedule
6:30 am, 8:15 am, 5:00 pm

New Years Day Mass Schedule
9:00 am

Welcome to
St. Francis Xavier
Catholic Community
of Faith

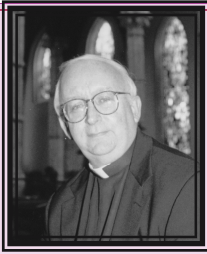
"Keep awake therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour."



- Matthew 25:13

First Sunday of Advent
Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of
Man will come when you least expect
Matthew 24:37-44



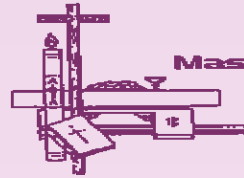


Today we celebrate the season of Advent, the beginning of the new Church Year. Advent is a season of preparation and expectation, we prepare for the coming of the Lord. But the message of Advent is put before us with different images, making it to be a beautiful season. There is almost poetry to this season. Let me try and capture the beauty contained in the readings for the First Sunday of Advent.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us the message of Advent: "You must also be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Using the words of Isaiah in today's 1st reading, we prepare for the coming of the Lord by climbing the Lord's mountain so He might instruct us. "The mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain . . . Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths." Isaiah often uses 'the mountain of the Lord' as an image of being in the presence of the Lord. We come to the Lord so that He might instruct us, how does He instruct us? He instructs us to be people of light and not darkness. In our 2nd reading, St. Paul writes: "Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." Again, in our 1st reading, Isaiah beautifully uses the image of light offering an Advent challenge for us: "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord."

There are many sights and sounds that are apart of the days before Christmas. There are also many signs and images contained in our readings during Advent. Let us allow the signs and images, the poetry of the season, to touch and enlighten our spirits. "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord."

Advent Blessings,
Fr. Sheridan



Mass Intentions

December 1-7

Mon	6:30AM +	Thomas James Andrew
	8:15AM +	Daniel Houlihan
Tues.	6:30AM +	People of the Parish
	8:15AM +	Gerry O'Neil
Wed.	6:30AM +	Deceased Members of the Walsh Family
	8:15AM +	Purgatorial Society
Thurs.	6:30AM +	Win McAuliffe
	8:15AM +	Maude Drummond
Fri.	6:30AM +	Pray for Peace
	8:15AM L	Bray Family
Sat.	8:15AM +	Joseph Nykaza
Vigil	5:00PM +	Maggie Bevenour
		Thomas J. Walker
		Dorothy Kenny
		Michael McHugh

December 8

8:00AM +	Carol Fish Mueller
	James Vanderbosch
9:30AM +	Natalie Budzikowski
	Joseph McHale
	Vera Fleming
10:15AM +	People of the Parish
11:30AM +	Dominic Cronin
	L Nancy Sullivan

+ Deceased
L Living



Stewardship Report
Sunday November 18, 2013
Collected at Church \$10,170.00
Thank you for supporting your Church!



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY,
PRAY FOR PEACE**

If your loved one is no longer in the service, please let the parish office know so that we can update our list of military personnel.

- Jason Harlan - Grandson of Joe Ficek
- Rev. John Barkemeyer - Son of Hank & Germaine
- Brian Lutz-Son-in-law of Charlie and Ann Jonaitis
- Brian Walsh-Nephew of Peg McIntyre
- Jesse Goutier-Cousin of Chris, Michael & Laura Farina
- Shane Lawson-Cousin of Kari Clarke
- Brian Krupp-Cousin of Jim Krupp
- Scott Horst-Friend of Jim & Kathleen Koop
- Tracy Hanson-Friend of Jim & Kathleen Krupp
- Stephen Thale-Grandson of Jim & Frances Thale
- K Anniston-Grand-Nephew of Nancy Graham
- Lt. Cmndr. Andrew A. Nelson (USN/USMC)-Son of David Nelson
- Conor Proteau-son of Deidre & Greg Proteau
- David Lore Mayo-Friend of Carpenter Family
- Matthew Crowcroft-Friend of Carpenter Family
- John Smeeton-Son of Andrea & Jack Sweeten
- Richard Linehan-Son of Richard & Elaine Linehan
- Col. Robert Werthman-Son of Dr. Joan Werthman O'Rourke
- Jonathan O'Dell-Great-grandson of Marion & Mike Eberle
- John Wesley Hobbs-nephew of the Weschler's
- Jeff Groom-nephew of Louise Sanborn
- PFC Joseph Devroy-grandson of Marlene Devroy
- Jake Kreigbaum-friend of Millers
- Sgt. Daniel Koch-brother of Laura Koch
- Family & Friends of Bob & Jean Quinn
- James Harrison—great grandson of Thea & Vito Vitale
- Luke Stensberg—friend of the Revords
- Lt. Peter Finley Adams USMC—grandson of Diana Madden
- Art Knurenko—friend of Watson Family
- Brandon Galgay-friend of the Matt Revord family
- Tom Smith—nephew of John & Mary Smith
- John Robbins—nephew of John & Mary Smith
- Greg Latta (USN)—friend of the Sasso's
- Spc. James Kerls—son of Bob & Karen Kerls
- Capt. George McDonnell (USMC)-son of George Sr; Grandson Lee McDonnell

Do you have a family member or friend in the Military (stateside or overseas)? Call the Parish Office and we will put their name on our prayer list . When your Armed Services member returns to civilian life, please let us know so that we can remove his or her name from our list. Thank you for your cooperation.



SPEAKING OF LITURGY

It is said that the custom of the Advent wreath began when wagon wheels were brought indoors as the days of winter got shorter and shorter and the darkness began to come earlier and earlier. Once inside, these wheels would be decorated with evergreens. People would put candles on the wheels making them beacons of greenery that would stand in the shadows of the deepening winter. The light and greenery proclaimed that the earth had not seen the last of spring, and that the sun would return and would once again warm the land and the tired people who longed for its return. That's one story behind the Advent wreath. Whatever the "true" story may be it's hard to imagine preparing for Christmas without one! Nothing captures our hopes and fears at this time of the year better than the Advent wreath; a beautiful, full, green circle that never ends, but rather turns into itself and lights that progressively brighten as the winter nights get longer.

A mixture of purple and pink, colors of morning, the colors of the sky just before dawn, are given to us just before the sun comes over the horizon. Where the rising sun approaches, the colors get lighter; when the rising sun approaches, the colors get lighter; more purple and blue. Just before the sun actually breaks over the horizon, a rose or pink hue become visible in the sky just before day break! There's reason for these colors on this circle of life and light!



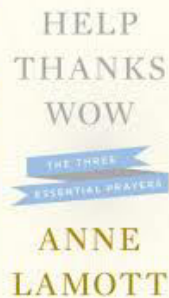
**ATTN: Typhoon Haiyan Philippines
Emergency Appeal
Catholic Relief Services
3525 S. Lake Park Ave.
Chicago, IL 60653**

SFX Spiritual Book Club



Start the New Year with Anne Lamott's Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers. This 100 page book is light and full of simple wisdom. It would be a great Christmas gift! The book retails for \$17.95 We are offering them for \$15.00 due to the generous bulk rate discount given to us by Mustard Seed Book Store, 1143 W. Sheridan Rd. Chicago. Please consider their business when you are looking for Christian books and gifts! Wednesday, January 22nd at 7p.m. and Thursday January 23rd at 1p.m. we are offering a book discussion to share and discuss the treasures this book has to offer. These conversations will be held in the Upper Room of the parish office.

Questions?
Contact Kieran Lyons



Schedule of Events For the Week

Sunday, Dec 1	
2p Fr. Simon Adult Ed. Speaker	Xc
7:30p ACTION	Xn
Monday, Dec 2	
7:30p Finance Com. Mtg.	P
7:30p RCIA	U
Tuesday, Dec 3	
Wednesday, Dec 4	
7:30p St Vincent de Paul mtg	FW
Thursday, Dec 5	
6pm Sip & Shop	G
Friday, Dec 6	
Saturday, Dec 7	
7:30a Men's Spirituality Grp	P
9a WORD	U
11:00 a Women's Transition Grp	P
Sunday, Dec 8	
3p Lessons & Carols	C
7:30p ACTION	Xn



Rest in Peace

*Jack McNulty
(father of Peter McNulty)*

The Infancy Narratives: Insight on the Christmas Story

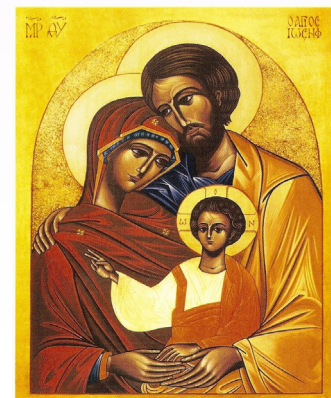
The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1st 3-5 p.m. Xavier Room

Fr. Simon Braganza, associate pastor, Queen of All Saints, Chicago is a scholar of Hebrew scripture and excellent presenter and preacher of the Word. Join us for an afternoon of learning and reflection to begin our Advent journey. All are welcome!

Questions? sfxkieran@comcast.net 847-256-4250

This program is sponsored by the SFX Adult Education and Spiritual Formation program.





OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

November 11, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Pope has called an Extraordinary Synod to discuss the “Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization.” The questions sent to the Bishops for consultation before Synods have always been sent here to the various Archdiocesan Councils that regularly advise me before the Archdiocese sends its responses back to the Holy See.

For this Synod, a more ample consultation will be helpful; and every Catholic in the Archdiocese is therefore invited to reply to the questionnaire now available in English and Spanish on the Archdiocesan website at www.archchicago.org/vatican-survey/. The explanation and the questions are somewhat lengthy, and there is no obligation to complete the entire questionnaire in order to participate. Thanks to all who help the Church reflect on the challenges to family life in our time. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

SFX Thanksgiving Feast

The SFX School held its annual Thanksgiving Feast featuring a traditional turkey dinner.

In the middle of the Gym where loads of non-perishable food for our sharing parish, St. Thomas of Canterbury. The food was donated by the school children. A great way to show their thanks for what they have.



WORD: Holy Listening

Each week we gather to relax and listen to a short passage from scripture, reflect on God's word, respond in prayer, and rest in God's presence. The scripture passages are taken from the Sunday Gospel to support our journey. This ancient but simple process allows God's word to touch us in our daily lives and transform our hearts.

When: Saturdays 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
On-going .

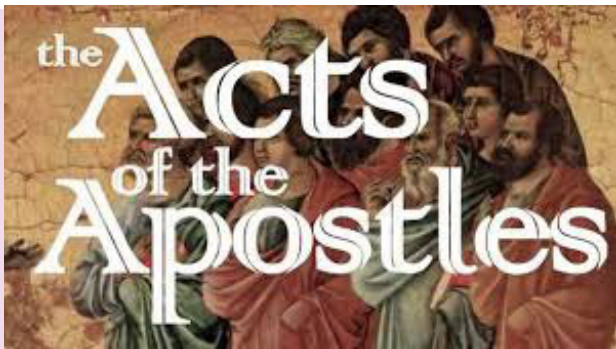
Where: The "Upper Room" Second floor at the SFX Parish Office
Small groups offer a valuable way to enrich our faith and provide us with companionship for our journey. There is no need to commit to every Saturday, come when your schedule permits. Everyone is always welcome.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
PREP

21st. Annual PREP Christmas Concert

Please join us for the 21st.Annual PREP Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00pm in the Church. All are invited to hear our PREP children proclaim the beautiful readings of Advent and sing some of our favorite Christmas carols.



SFX Bible Study News

Mark your calendars! Sign up for our Bible study program starting Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2014 and running 10 consecutive weeks (through March 18).

SFX will begin the Little Rock Scripture Study Program with *The Acts of the Apostles*. Sessions will take place in the Xavier Room from 7:30p.m. --- 9:00p.m.

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:

1. Call or email Lisa Revord to register mlrevord@sbcglobal.net 847-920-9636
2. See Sara Crome at parish office to pay \$25.00 for Acts of Apostles study materials.
3. Attend opening session TUESDAY JANUARY 13, 2014. Books, etc. will be distributed.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT? The weekly sessions are 90 minutes . You will be in a small group and stay with that group for the entire 10 week study. Each group will have a facilitator. Conversational prayer (5-10 minutes)-- group discussion of readings (about 50 minutes)-- and a wrap-up lecture (about 20 minutes) by a scripture scholar via DVD is the weekly format.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME? Attendance is important to making the most of the program. It also contributes to the dynamics of the group and a commitment to the study. Trained small-group facilitators will lead prayer, discussion and sharing. It is recommended that we each spend about 20 minutes a day reading and reflecting on the section of scripture assigned. Questions in the study guide provide direction for the reflection, while the commentary provides solid Catholic scholarship that leads to deeper understanding.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY has been around for 40 years. It is used by many parishes and has an excellent reputation. It offers the opportunity to journey through a focused study of a portion of the bible, consult expert yet easy-to-read study sources that help you understand the text better and reflect on it. It gives each person the chance to share, discuss and process what they have learned each week. It is a chance to grow in your knowledge of scripture as well as your faith. I believe this program offers solid scholarship and helpful spiritual insight into the Bible.

ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME! YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW ANYONE ELSE TO JOIN SCRIPTURE STUDY OR YOU CAN MAKE A COMMITMENT WITH A FRIEND. Questions? Contact Kieran Lyons sfxkieran@comcast.net or 847-256-4250

Registration is a must!



St. Francis Xavier Sip & Shop

Grab a friend and sip some cheer while shopping for your holiday gear!

Thursday, December 5, 2013

6 - 9 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Gymnasium

Complimentary Admission
Cash Bar and Raffle

Jewelry, Accessories, Bags,
Home Accents, Gourmet
Treats, Stationery and Pens,
Clothing, Children's Gifts
& Much More





**St. Thomas of Canterbury
Christmas Gift Collection**

Christmas is fast approaching and we again are collecting gifts for the families of the

St. Thomas of Canterbury Food Pantry We will be in the vestibule of the Church on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st, with lists of families and their 3 choices of a gift of no more than \$20 each. If any of the families are too large we suggest two families may share the same name. Any questions you may contact Sara Crome @ 847/256-4250,

or

Joe Dix @ jdix31945 @gmail.com

Thanks so much!



**REGISTER AS A
PARISHIONER**

To become a part of our Parish family, please pick up a Kelly Green Packet in the back of church or at the Parish Office. You can also contact us through our website at www.sfxparish@comcast.org

Or if you regularly worship at St. Francis, and have not registered as a parishioner, we ask that you fill out a packet in order to be kept up to date with mailings, email blasts etc.

We thank you for joining us!

KEEP US UPDATED!

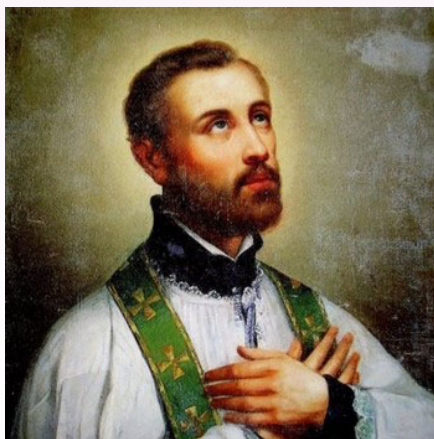
Have you moved? Married? Changed your phone number or email address?

Help us keep our Census up to date.

Email:

sfxparsh@comcast.net with your new information.

Thank you!



**St. Francis Xavier Feast Day
December 3**

St. Francis Xavier was known as the "Apostle of the Indias."

The following quote is an excerpt from a prayer of St. Francis Xavier.

I love You, not because You have power to give heaven or hell, but simply because You are You...my kin and my God.

Lessons and Carols



***Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 8, 2013
3:00 pm in Church***

The Festival of **Nine Lessons and Carols** is a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

The format was based on an Order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury but at that time Bishop of Truro, in Cornwall, for use on Christmas Eve (24 December) 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10 pm service on Christmas Eve in a temporary wooden shed serving as his cathedral ^[1] and that a key purpose of the service was to keep men out of pubs on Christmas Eve. ^[2]

The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. Lessons and Carols most often occur in Anglican churches, but also in some Roman Catholic parishes, Lutheran parishes, and Presbyterian institutions. Moreover, numerous Christian churches have adopted this service, or a variation on this service, as part of their Christmas celebrations. In the UK, the service has become the standard format for schools' Christmas carol services.

The best-known version is broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve. It features carols sung by the famous Choir of King's College, Cambridge. Groton School of Groton, Massachusetts, has performed the festival longer than any institution other than King's, holding its first Lessons and Carols in 1928.



Dec
5&6
8:30am-4pm



Find a book for every member
of the family, just in time for Christmas!



Elizabeth Burlingame, Georgia Burlingame, Caroline Baubonis, Diane Kraemer, Catherine Baubonis, and Anna Modica of Saint Francis Xavier parish earned honors the first quarter of the 2013-2014 school year at Regina Dominican.



breakfast with santa
saturday, december 7th
9am-12pm in the gym

\$10 per person/\$50 family pass for families of 5+ Kids 2 and under free

advanced tickets at bit.ly/sfxbreakfastwithsanta



Shoes, Purses & Costume
Jewelry & Fabric
for Haiti

The collection of shoes for Haiti is still an on-going project. Now we have added purses and costume jewelry and fabric to make clothes. The Haitians sell them in order to purchase treadle sewing machines for the school. Drop off your donation in back of church or at the parish office. Thank you.

Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time

Prepare



I experienced a kind of enlightenment one Saturday while cleaning the bathroom. We were preparing for company. In a flash, I came to see that our chores—the cooking, cleaning, dragging chairs up from the basement—were sacred actions. Preparing for guests is certainly mundane, but that was the point. I imagined Jesus standing next to me, telling me, “You say you want to get close to me. Don’t you realize how close I am to you already? Spending hours on your knees reciting prayers as if in an endurance contest is not what I’m asking of you. When you’re down on your knees scrubbing the floor for your family, just know that I am there.” This Advent, follow Blessed Teresa’s example and “Do small things with great love.” —Tom McGrath

YEAR OF STRONG CATHOLIC PARENTS

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www.CatholicParentsChicago.org

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Monthly Food Drive
JANUARY 4 & 5, 2014

Canned Goods

- Tuna
- Fruit
- Soups
- Corn
- Vegetables
- Canned Meats
- Green Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Powdered Milk
- Toilet paper
- Diapers
- Enfamil Formula

Dry Goods

- Pasta
- Rice
- Beans
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Ramen
- Noodles
- Mac n Cheese
- Creamer
- Cereal
- Toothpaste sizes 3,4 & 5.

MAKE OUR LITURGY MORE BEAUTIFUL

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERING

If you wish to remember loved ones living or deceased while at the same time provide Christmas flowers and enhance the parish Liturgies, fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office to Marilyn no later than Friday, January 2nd. Names of your loved ones will appear in a special section of our bulletin on January 12th.

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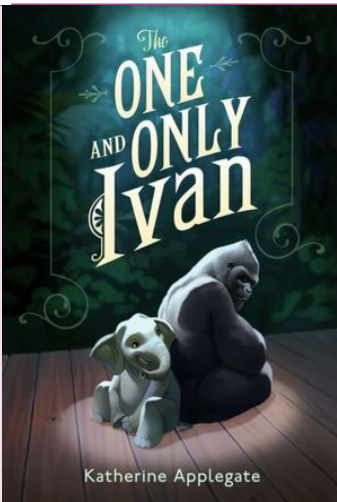
Donor's Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

"In Memory of; _____

Suggested Donation \$20.00
 (Make checks payable to SFX Church)



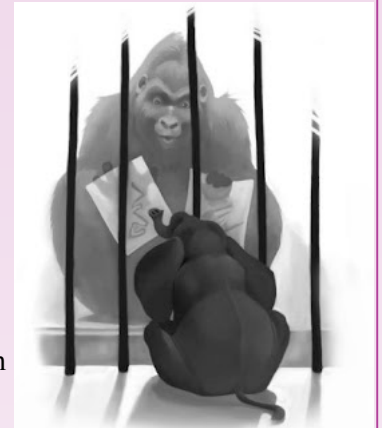


Zoo Field Trip for the Young and the Young at Heart

SFX School is invites 2013 Newbery Medal winning and NY Times best selling author, Katherine Applegate, to kick off our One Book, One Community read of The One and Only Ivan. SFX has partnered with the Lincoln Park Zoo to create a fun, family event on **December 15th** at the zoo. Ms. Applegate will speak about her book, which tells the story of a gorilla in captivity, and educators from the zoo's primate center will address the audience. Immediately following, we encourage all SFX families to enjoy Zoo Lights.

SFX parishioners are invited to register for the December 15th visit with Ms. Applegate at bit.ly/sfxonebook. Our One Book, One Community reading schedule and an order form for signed copies of The One and Only Ivan may also

be found on this page. SFX has also connected Ms. Applegate with the Wilmette Public Library so that she may visit with the larger community on Monday, December 16th at 6:30pm. Questions? Contact lisanagel@sfx-school.org.



SAVE THE DATE 15th Annual Women's Retreat:

**“Creative Thresholds”
March 1-2, 2014**

Cross a threshold and discover a new beginning where you will be renewed while discovering creative rhythms and paths to the sacred along your spiritual journey. Develop an awareness of the Holy One in your life and begin to explore who you can become. This retreat is designed for delighting in God and enlightening yourself.

Our facilitator will be Maryellen Knuth, who works as an associate director of the Emmaus Formation for the Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. A graduate of CTU with a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, Maryellen also holds a certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Claret Center.

This year's retreat will take place in the new retreat house at the Siena Retreat Center, in Racine, WI. For more information, please contact Beth Sullivan at beth@pa3.com or at 847-256-8637, or Kieran Lyons at the Parish Office.



December 2013
Fr. William Sheridan
St. Francis Xavier Parish
524 9th Street
Wilmette, IL. 60091



Catholic Charities of Chicago on August 1st, 2012 opened Our Lady of Solace at the same location that Forever Free occupied. Catholic Charities- Our Lady of Solace is an Interim family shelter which provides housing and case work services to families who are homeless. The program services are designed to strengthen families by helping them locate and apply for appropriate permanent housing and to address barriers they face in obtaining employment and affordable housing.

Sincerely,
Sharon Love
Sharon Love
Program Director

Our Lady of Solace
6212 S. SANGAMON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60621
TELEPHONE: 773.374.8165
FAX: 773.374.2177



Catholic Charities
OUR LADY OF SOLACE
FAMILY SHELTER



Our SFX Parish will be supporting Catholic Charities Our Lady of Solace Shelter Program. this Christmas with Scrip gift cards. This program houses 30 families with 67 children in place of Forever Free Program which no longer exists. And the families are not separated. Last year, due to your generosity, we were able to purchase \$2500 in gift cards thru our SFX Scrip Program. Our school benefits as well as the families housed in the former "Forever Free Program." Again, we would like to thank you for supporting our parish in this very worthwhile endeavor. Scrip cards can be purchased at the parish office and we'll send them on December 17th. In time for Christmas.

Have a Blessed Christmas and Healthy New Year



HOLY LAND TRIP MAY 12, 2014

I am fascinated, and I think you will be too, by the work the archaeologists have done in the Holy Land. Capernaum is an example. As you know this is where Jesus centered his ministry in Galilee. It is the home of his first disciples. Below is a picture of the synagogue in ancient Capernaum. It is not the one in which Jesus taught, but is believed to be built on the ruins of the one in the Gospel in the 300's. AD. The original foundation may still be seen. Standing in that old synagogue almost certainly you are standing where Jesus stood two thousand years ago.



From the synagogue there is the street going directly to the house of St. Peter. Very likely Jesus walked this road the day he went to Peter's house and cured his mother-in-law. The house of St. Peter was preserved because it became a "house church". (Christians of that time could not build churches.) The Franciscans have built a church above the house of Peter which from the outside looks a little like a space ship. Inside, however, it has a glass floor so that as we say Mass there we can look into the remains of the house of Peter and probably where Jesus lived while in Capernaum and out to the Sea of Galilee.

Fr. Ed. Harnett



Women's Transition and Spirituality Group:



Exploring issues related to Faith, Vocation, and Change.

Dates: **December 7, 14**

Time: **11am – 12:30pm**

Location: **Parish Office: Providence Room**

Facilitator: **Fr. Richard Jakubik, LCSW, M.Div, Psy.D.**

Men's Spirituality Group



Dates: **December 7, 14**

Time: **7:30am – 9am**

Location: **Parish Office: Providence Room**

Facilitator: **Fr. Richard Jakubik, LCSW, M.Div, Psy.D.**

St. Thomas of Canterbury Food Pantry

Thanks SFX PREP Community
for collecting 310# of non perishable
food items.....



VIDEO CONTEST

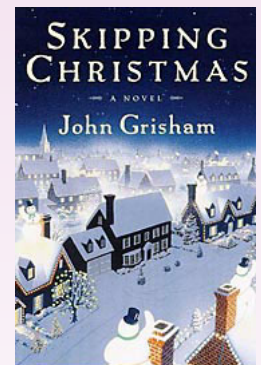
Thank you for all the ways you guide your child in the Catholic faith. Parents are the first heralds of the faith for their child and our hope is that you see the Church as a partner and a support.

You may already know that this year has been named as the Year of Strong Catholic Parents by Cardinal Francis George. We want to offer the teens of the Archdiocese of Chicago an opportunity to witness to their faith by creating an original, short 2-minute video about the importance of parents passing on the faith to children.

This Video Contest is open to all teens of the Archdiocese of Chicago from freshmen to seniors and it gives them an opportunity to reach out to other teens through a creative medium that is most familiar to them.

To find out more about this contest, contact Lisa and Mark McCormack at 847-920-9735.

SFX WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



Imagine a year without Christmas. No crowded shops, no corny office parties, no fruitcake, no unwanted presents. That's just what Luther and Nora Krank have in mind when they decide that, just this once, they'll skip the holiday altogether. They will be the only house on the street without a rooftop Frosty the snowman; they won't need one, because come December 25th they're setting sail on a Caribbean cruise. But, as this weary couple is about to discover, skipping Christmas brings enormous consequences and isn't half as easy as they'd imagined.

TITLE: *Skipping Christmas*
AUTHOR: John Grisham
DATE: December 10, 2013 at 9:30 am
LOCATION: Mallinckrodt Community Center
REVIEWER: Colleen Murphy
HOSTESSES: Jean Quinn

Wear your favorite holiday sweater and join us for a lively discussion of John Grisham's hilarious book. Contact Donna Fugazzotto at 847-322-6212.



Important information regarding communion visits and pastoral care of the sick for the homebound and hospitalized. Please read carefully.

Ministry of Care—847-256-2273 or bayleysfxmoc@gmail.com

Your spiritual needs are very important to the staff at St. Francis. To insure that you received the desired spiritual care if you are hospitalized or homebound with illness, please assist us by providing us with the following.

Hospital:

If you would like anointing prior to a scheduled surgery, please call the parish office to schedule an anointing with a priest. You may also receive anointing at the hospital when there is an emergency.

When you are admitted to the hospital it is critical that you or a loved one identifies your religious affiliation, your parish name and your desire for pastoral care and communion visits.

The patient may also call the Ministry of Care line to request communion at the hospital. A minister of care will make sure the hospital is informed of this request.

Homebound:

Trained ministers of Care are available to bring communion to our parish sick and homebound. Ministers also visit local assisted living and nursing care homes. To schedule a visit, please call the Ministry of Care line at: 847 256-2273 press 0 and a Minister of Care will return your call.

H.O.P.E. *Helping Other Parishioners Enthusiastically*

H.O.P.E. is an outreach ministry at St. Francis Xavier Parish with the goal of providing assistance to parishioners in need of support such as:

transportation to and from doctor's appointments, church, grocery store and parish activities
preparation of meals and delivery of meals due to illness, hospitalization, new birth, death of a family member or any other crisis situation

assistance with household tasks that do not require professional help such as moving boxes or hanging pictures.

If you need assistance, please contact the Parish Office at (847) 256-4250. If you would like to volunteer to assist a fellow parishioner, please email the HOPE Committee at sfx.hope@gmail.com. (Please note that this is a new email address.)

H.O.P.E Committee

St. Francis Xavier Bereavement Ministry.

Grief Support Group Meetings held in the fall and late winter. email: bayleysfxmoc@gmail.com or call 847-256-2273

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have come upon difficult times. As Vincentians, we serve those in need through one-on-one counseling, as well as providing financial and other help to those who have fallen on hard times. If you or someone you know wishes to meet with us, please contact the parish office at 847-256-4250 and ask for extension 44 and leave a short message. We will respond as soon as possible. All Inquiries will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Ministry of Care Visits Sunday, December 8

**After 8:00 Mass
Hospital**

M. Cordell**

P Martin
M Malinowski
S McNeely
C Soden

Mather Home

M Demetrio

Mather Place

**After 9:30 Mass
Home**

M. Stone**

K Bliss
C Burgeson
S Crome
P Elliott
L & J Glunz
M McManus
J Zuercher

The St. Francis Xavier Parish Peace & Justice Ministry has a new website! Visit www.sfxpeaceandjustice.org for information regarding current peace & justice events, resources and links to other organizations

Good Samaritan Network: Network of parish outreach organizations that maintains a current file of local service resources available to you, your family, or your neighbor. Call 847-604-4181 Confidential Voice Mail.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Schedule —December 8

5:00 pm	8:00 am	9:30am	10:15am	11:30am
Mary Charles Ron Charles Jim Grant Jennifer Grant Greg Krohm Dolores Maatman Mary Thomas	Julie Berggren Marge Cordell Shelagh Donoghue Bill Kelly Nancy Lou Kelly Kathleen O'Brien Terry Poter	Cathy Cerone Bernard Myszkowski Pattie Schumann Jean Spence Julie Stahl Kerry Suse Paul Tyska	Mary Ann Rodgers Terra McClory Charlie Jonaitis	Ted Buenger Carmel Cowan Sharon Hatter Therese Lysaught Kay Malm Richard Pope Mary Quinn
Celine Drwiega Jan Soukenik	Art McGivern Elio Montenegro	Jeananne Digan Tim Murtaugh		Karen Karski Jerry Ambrose

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Community of Faith

CHURCH: 9th Street and Linden Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091
SCHOOL: 808 Linden Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091
SCHOOL WEB: sfx-school.org
PARISH OFFICE: 524 9th Street, Wilmette, IL 60091
PARISH WEBSITE: www.sfxparish.org
EMAIL: sfxparish@comcast.net

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Rev. William J. Sheridan, Pastor
Rev. Mariusz Manka, Associate Pastor
Rev. Edward F. Harnett, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Richard J. Jakubik, Resident
Rev. Willard Jabusch, Visitor
Robert & Karen Kerls, Deacon Couple
Patty Jane Pelton, Pastoral Associate
Sr. Mary Ann Casey, OP, Director, PREP Program
Mary Therese Laird, Youth Minister (ACTION)
Elisabeth Bayley, Director, Ministry of Care
Kieran Lyons, Director of Faith Formation
Colleen Barrett, School Principal
Jo Ebert, Director of Music
Judy Krugman, Vito Vitale, Organists
Director of Children's Choir
Sheldon Moore, Business Manager
Marge Kaup, School Business Office Manager
Marilyn Smith, Parish Secretary
Sara Crome, Secretary
Dani Froelich, Administrative Assistant PREP Program
Darek Bukowski, Maintenance
Tadeusz Odbierzychleb, Maintenance
Suzy McNamara, Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council
Ray Gass, Sara Crome, Sharing Parish-Chicago
St. Thomas of Canterbury
Jeff Later, Betsy Later, Sharing Parish-Haiti
Immaculee Conception

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Parish Offices: 847-256-4250
Parish Fax: 847-256-4254
Parish School: 847-256-0644
Ministry of Care:
847-256-CARE
(847-256-2273)

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-9:00pm
Friday 9:00am-7:30pm
Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm
Sunday- Closed

After Hours Emergency Assistance:
847-256-0709

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance call 847-256-4250 Ex. 44



BAPTISM: 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements and to register for a preparation session.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays after the 8:15 Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Should be arranged at least four months in advance. Call the Parish Office for details.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Registration Forms available in vestibule of Church, at the Parish Office or from our Website.

INFORMATION SHEET

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