

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PEACE

BE WITH YOU.

— LUKE 24:36 —

April 14, 2024

MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM OUR PASTOR



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

April 14, 2024

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.

Gospel in everyday English

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread. While they were saying all this, Jesus appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you." They thought they were seeing a ghost and were scared half to death. He continued with them, "Don't be upset, and don't let all these doubting questions take over. Look at my hands; look at my feet—it's really me. Touch me. Look me over from head to toe. A ghost doesn't have muscle and bone like this." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. They still couldn't believe what they were seeing. It was too much; it seemed too good to be true.

He asked, "Do you have any food here?" They gave him a piece of leftover fish they had cooked. He took it and ate it right before their eyes. Then he said, "Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled." He went on to open their understanding of the word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, "You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses" (from John 24).

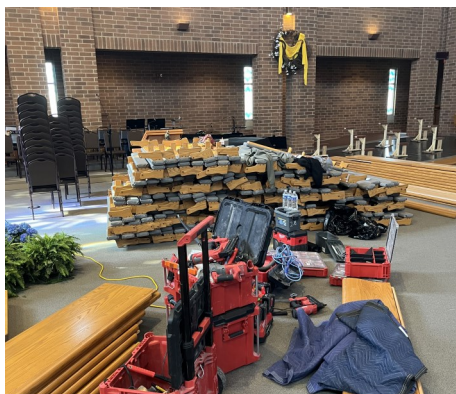
Notes on the Scripture

Either with family or friends, I love to gather around the table to share a meal. Every time we do it we are brought closer and we learn more about each other. Meals can have that kind of power. Think of a meal where you sat down with strangers and departed with new friends. Perhaps that is why a meal—the Eucharist—is at the center of our worship and why meals figure so prominently in the gospels.

We all know of the Last Supper and the Wedding Feast at Cana. But less often remembered is the story of the dispirited disciples who, after the Crucifixion, head to Emmaus and along the way encounter a stranger. They do not recognize that it is the risen Christ who walks beside them until they all sit down to a meal and he breaks bread with them. A good meal has that revelatory power—we can come to know and be known for who we truly are.

Pew Project Update

Thank you for your patience and understanding. I am so happy to announce that our pews are being installed. The crew is working hard to finish everything this week and I cannot wait to see it done. Here are some photos from the installation process.



LITURGICAL COMMISSION

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

	Saturday, 5:00 PM April 20	Sunday, 8:00 AM April 21	Sunday, 10:00 AM April 21	Sunday, 12:00 PM April 21
Presider	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Rich Young	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Artur Sowa
Deacon	Brian Whiteford	Timothy McCormick	Michael Pindelski	Mike Kiley
Sacristan	Valerie Piazza	Barbara Basila	Marjorie Curran	Adrienne Wieczorek
Lector	Jerri LaRoche (1) Warren Winker (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) Pat Trebe (2)	Sheila Pacholski (1) John Pacholski (2)	Regina Knapp (1) Bobette Garrett (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Burmeister Victoria Carlo Lorraine Martenson Peter Piazza Valerie Piazza Casimir (Casey) Pytel Rev. Ed Upton Brian Whiteford	Barbara Basila David Burns Lauren Faxel Daniel Faxel Patricia Flynn Timothy McCormick Lynne Sparks Rev. Rich Young	Rich Becker Michael Curran Pat Depcik Rosemary Januszyk Diane Ostrowski Kathleen Ostrowski Michael Pindelski Fr. Jay Suero	Martha Jaquez Mike Kiley Robert Long Laureen Pietranczyk Mary Ann Schillaci Rev. Artur Sowa Thomas Wieczorek Adrienne Wieczorek
Altar Server	Maeve Chester Sabrina Geerdes Max Meyer	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Amanda Mackowiak Molly Piko (sub req.) Jayden Tan	Raphael Angelo Santos John Curran Brian Curran
Usher	Richard Roberts (HU) Mike Zoladz Lawrence McGrenera	James Pedersen (HU) Roger Malinowski John Glass	John Higgins (HU) Wayne Kameron Janice Ota	Jerry Ondrus (HU) Joan Ondrus Susan Campagna (sub req.)
Greeter	Tricia Vidnich Roxanne Zoladz	Lynne Sparks NOT FILLED	Pat Depcik James Winters	Denise Sorpassa NOT FILLED

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, April 14th

Eucharistic Caravan 3:15PM (St. Michael's)

Monday, April 15th

CRHP Anniversary Mtg., 6:30PM (NR)
CRHP Evening of Pentecost, 7:00PM (GR)
St. Peregrine Novena, 7:00PM

Tuesday, April 16th

Adult Bible Study, 9:15AM (SFC-MP)
Tues RE Grades 1-7, 4:30PM (SFC-FR)

Wednesday, April 17th

OA Mtg., 9:30AM (GR)
Wed (B) RE Grades 1-7, 4:30PM-6:00PM (SFC-FR)
Adult Bible Study, 7:00PM (SFC-MP)

Thursday, April 18th

St. Vincent DePaul Mtg., 7:00PM (GR)

Friday, April 19th

AA Mtg., 7:00PM (NR)

Saturday, April 20th

Helping Hands Food Drive

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. At the beginning of the pandemic, we made the decision to stop passing the collection basket and instead placing a basket at both entrances. We have decided to continue that practice.

Parish Stewardship Month of March, 2024

Electronic Givings	\$36,378.65
Envelopes & Loose	<u>\$58,508.00</u>
Total for March 2024	\$94,886.65

Easter Collection \$112,000.00



We would ask that you consider electronic giving. 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.

“Take; this is my body”

—Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.



“Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love.” (St. John Paul II, *Dominicae cenae*, no. 3)

“It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God.” (CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist “makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior.” (CCC, no. 1330)

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Baptism

We joyfully welcomed the following children into our Christian Community on April 7, 2024

Nolan Robert Garren

Son of Shane & Grace (Mittler) Garren

Adalyn Elizabeth Knipfer

Daughter of Andrew & Jaclyn (Kaminski) Knipfer

Blake William Kruse

Son of Eric & Emily (Martinez) Kruse

Catherine Lillian Polz

Daughter of Clinton & Erin (Buswell) Polz



HOLY MATRIMONY

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With joy, we announce the marriage of

Michael Michalak & Lauren Vari

March 23, 2024

May your lives always be blessed with God's love!

The Sacramental character of faith finds its highest expression in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is a precious nourishment for faith: an encounter with Christ truly present, in the supreme act of his love, the life giving gift of himself.—From *Lumen Fidei*, encyclical by Pope Francis (June 29, 2013)



Lectio Divina

Experience this beautiful prayer form

You are invited to an evening of reflection using the format of *Lectio Divina*.

All are welcome!

DATE: April 25, 2024

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: St. Francis of Assisi Church (Great Room)

FACILITATOR: Dr. Elizabeth-Anne Stewart

www.elizabeth-annestewart.com



HERE I AM
LORD
SEND ME

Vicariate V Ministry Commission

Ministers of Care Training

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 the parish and as Pope Francis said "to be an instrument of God's mercy."

St George Parish in Tinley Park in the Cahil Center.

May 6, 7 & 8, 2024

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm.

Presenter is Jeanne Lassandrello

Participation in these three sessions meets the mandated requirements of the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Preparation as a Minister of Care includes such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged and homebound, the experience of suffering, dying and death, pastoral listening skills, prayer and Eucharist, as well as the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. Participants must be approved by a member of their Pastoral Team.

The session on Wednesday will offer the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. If there is someone approved by their pastor to bring Communion to a family member this would be a good evening for them to attend.



May Crowning set for Monday, May 13th,
The feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

Join us for the 8:30 Morning Mass and May Crowning.

The celebration will continue with a potluck breakfast in Upton Hall. Bring your favorite breakfast food to share.

Hope you can join in this wonderful tradition.



FEED THE HUNGRY

**St. Francis Helping Hands Spring Food Drive
Before and After All Masses on April 20 & 21**

Please drop off your non-perishable food items, toiletries and paper items at the tables in the parking lot. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Especially needed are jelly, cereal, spaghetti, canned beans (especially baked, black or pinto) and canned meats and meals such as stew and ravioli.

Food distributed to St. Blase in Summit, St. Philip Neri, St. Josephine Bakhita in Chicago and the Orland Township Food Pet Pantry

My name is Logan and I am working on my Eagle Project for Scouts and wanted to share the wish list that I created. The reason I chose RMHC is because my family has needed to use the rooms they have to offer on multiple occasions. These rooms are for families that have children in the hospital and don't live close, often these stays are unexpected and can be anywhere from days to months.

I am collecting the following toiletry items and must be brand new, all travel size (toothbrush individually wrapped, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, bar soap, body wash)to make kits for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC)which houses over 180 families each night. I added things to this wish list but you can also choose other toiletry items and have them shipped. I will post at a later date when I will be having an in person collection. My goal is to make a minimum of 250 kits to help these families have one less thing to worry about.

Any donation is greatly appreciated.



LOGAN'S EAGLE PROJECT

**Ronald McDonald House
Toiletries Drive**



Ronald McDonald House Charities®
Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana

In person collection dates
Saturday, April 27th, 4:30pm-6:30pm
Sunday, April 28th, 7:30am-1:30pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
15050 S. Wolf Road
Orland Park, IL 60467

**Items Needed all NEW:
(Must be Travel Sized)**

- Shampoo**
- Conditioner**
- Toothpaste**
- Toothbrush**
- Body Wash**
- Body Lotion**
- Bar Soap**

VENMO

Amazon Wishlist





**Donate Your Used Bikes! Saturday, April 20th
9 AM to 12 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton Church**

Give your old bike a new home by donating it to Working Bikes. Drop off used bikes of any size and condition at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills on Saturday, April 20, 9am-12 Noon, in the church parking lot. The bikes go directly to the nonprofit organization, Working Bikes, to be reconditioned and redistributed in local and global communities. Your bike can be that change for someone in need! All bicycle parts, walkers, crutches are also accepted. For more information on how your donation will positively impact someone in need, visit their website at www.workingbikes.org. Question? Contact Doug Benker at 708-429-4518.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

St. Francis of Assisi Council

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 28, 2024

**Following
8:00am and 10:00am Masses
and before Noon Mass**

Upton Hall

ALL YOU CAN EAT

**Pancakes, Gluten Free Pancakes,
Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Coffee & Milk**

\$10.00 PER PERSON, Kids 4 & Under FREE

**Tickets sold in the Narthex before and after masses.
Tickets also sold at the door.**



**Proceeds to help
Youth Group
Mission Trip
THANK YOU!**

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

WELCOME

We warmly welcome our new parishioners
(March 2024) to St. Francis of Assisi:

Daniela Kupiec

Grzegorz & Ewa Sieradzki

Sami & Meghan (Dowdle) Liimatainen and
children: Paige, Brooke, and Tyler

Juan & Michelle (Zagielski) Guzman and children:
Elizabeth & Christian and granddaughter, Sofia

Jeremy Kowalczyk & Maria Wemple and children:
Remi & Vivienne

Jan & Maria (Kas) Pawlica and children:
Camillus, Michael, & Sylvia

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

SSYMA SCENE 75 April 25th, 2024

6-9 pm

Scene 75, Romeoville IL



Rollercoaster, arcade games,
Go-karts and more!

COST: \$25 INCLUDES:

- 2 pieces of pizza
- Pop
- All activities

Open to all 8th-12th graders
Email Claire at
sfyg@sfaorland.org to sign
up

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

— AUGUST 2, 2025 —

First Planning
Meeting
April 17, 6pm
CJB School
Great Room

JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Alumni • Alumni Families • Parishioners • Grandparents • Staff • and Friends of CJB!

- We are looking for class reps willing to assist in locating classmates
- Parents of alumni can help by sharing their children's contact information
- If you are interested in helping plan this very special event, please contact:

alumni@cjbschool.org
or call 708-403-6525

www.cjbschool.org



Use our CJB Alumni
QR CODE to register
your info today!



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is a twice-recognized
U. S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



Please join us for our CRHP
25th Anniversary Celebration

May 4, 2024

Mass at 5PM

CHRP reflections & dinner
in Upton Hall following Mass
RSVP to cmcgury@hotmail.com





Neat Repeats Resale Stores are looking for volunteers! Come and work in our stores with a boutique atmosphere. Share your compassion, talents, and time. Give five hours a week and make a difference in the lives of victims

of domestic violence. Join the Neat Repeats team, develop new skills, and make a difference in your own community.

All sales at Neat Repeats Resale benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a non-profit domestic violence agency.

For additional information, contact Michelle McCarthy at (708) 429-7255 option #5 or mmccarthy@crisisctr.org



Marjorie O'Malley

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for six weeks. After six weeks, the names are written into our parish book of prayers for continued remembrance. At the request of the family, Names will appear in the bulletin for a longer period.

Richard Albanese	Debbie Lipien
Charlotte Ambuehl	Julianne McGrenera
Jerry Baldwin	Laurel McGrenera
Leslie Bartosz	Joelle McMaster
Frances Bonaguro	John Moritti
Adan Corral	Isabel Nocera
Patricia DiGangi	Gwen Norvilas
Edmund Dizon	Debbie Obler
Kevin Drown	Donna Parzynski
Autumn Hoffmeyer	Jose Ramirez
Kathy Horsch	Scott Reid
Carol Janes	Leonard Rzeszutko
Eleanor Katauskas	Anthony Sabbia
Joseph Katauskas	Karen Singer
Jackson Klein	Dorothy Stoterau
Irene Komara	Michaelle Wisniewski

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

Saturday, April 13th

5:00PM Blaschke Family rq. by family, James Shomenta rq. by The McKane Family, Frank Postelman rq. by Bill & Diana Jaski, Eleonora Kupiec rq. by family, Zofia Witkowska rq. by family

Sunday, April 14th

8:00AM Thomas J. Bohan rq. by Maureen Niswonger, Matthew Cwyl rq. by Harriet Zwolinski, Jennifer Madera rq. By Carol Prosapio, Anne Kennedy rq. by Kathleen Domanski

10:00AM Philip & Bernadette Cederstrom rq. by family, Linda Huckabee rq. by Jack & Peg Sheehan, Connor Christian rq. by family, Tom Kemp rq. by Elaine Kucharski

12:00PM The People of St. Francis

Monday, April 15th

8:30AM Amanda Stanton rq. by Family, Victor Kral rq. by The Foxel Family, Mary Anne Gaynor rq. by Friends, Virginia Zbos rq. by John Zbos

Tuesday, April 16th

8:30AM Geraldine Zwolinski rq. by Teri Sankey, Lucy & Hieu Phan (healing) rq. by family

Wednesday, April 17th

8:30AM Virginia Zbos rq. by Friends of St. Francis Seniors, Armand Bonaguro rq. by family, David Satkas rq. by Val & Pete Piazza

Thursday, April 18th

8:30AM Joyce March rq. by Joe March, Mary Ann Nash rq. by family

Friday, April 19th

8:30AM Jim Bernash rq. by Patsy & Maynard McClelland

Saturday, April 20th

5:00PM Barbara Horvath rq. by The Horvath/VanKampen Family, Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel, Anna Sroka rq. by John Zbos, Virginia Zbos rq. by debi & Karen Ross, Stephanie Hommes rq. by Carol Buckner

Sunday, April 21st

8:00AM Alice Sodora rq. by The Foxel Family

10:00AM Peggy O'Neill rq. by Bob & Sharon Smith, Grace McGuire rq. by Lee Knapik, Serafin Sosa rq. by Loretta McNaughton, Geraldine Rogers rq. by The Mokate Family

12:00PM The People of St. Francis

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

REV. ARTUR SOWA, **Pastor**
(asowa@sfaorland.org)

SR. GAEL GENSLER, OSF, **Pastoral Associate**
(ggensler@sfaorland.org)

REV. JAY SUERO, **Associate Pastor**
(jsuero@sfaorland.org)

REV. EDWARD F. UPTON, **Pastor Emeritus**
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REV. RICH YOUNG, OSA, **Weekend Presider**

DEACON DANIEL CARROLL, **Permanent Deacon**

DEACON JOHN DONAHUE, **Permanent Deacon**
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DEACON BRIAN WHITEFORD, **Permanent Deacon**
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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 north-east corner of the Church.

ADMINISTRATION Phone: 460-0042, Fax: 460-0136

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Director: Leanne Stoterau (music@sfaorland.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Phone: 708-460-0042

Youth Minister Coordinator: Claire Resuta (sfyg@sfaorland.org)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

15010 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, IL 60467

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Office Manager: Maureen Krzyminski, ext. 244 (mkrzyminski@...)

The Religious Ed Offices are located in the St. Francis Center, up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours are Monday thru 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

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

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 9:00 - 10:00 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 Mondays after Morning Mass.