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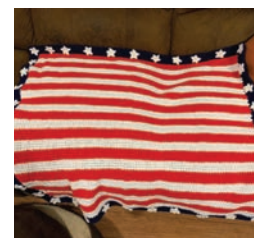
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Mount Washington, Kentucky

MWFD Receives Prayer Blankets



The Prayer Blanket Ministry continued their work to honor and pray for First Responders serving in the community. They hand-crafted and presented 34 Mt. Washington Fire Protection District firefighters with specially designed Prayer Blankets. Included with each blanket was a printed copy of the Fireman's Prayer.



Free E-Cycle & Shredding Service

Helen Hagan
Parish Manager

Mark Your Calendar for March 30



On Saturday, March 30, Bluegrass Recycle and Paper Predator of Shelbyville will be on campus offering FREE electronics recycling and paper shredding services. Members of our Knights of Columbus Council 12354 will be staffing the drop off as part of their generous good works.

All items for recycle will be accepted free of charge. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the recycled materials will benefit St. Francis Xavier Church. This recycling event is open to the public. Please share with your family, friends and neighbors.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Batteries (household, rechargeable, car), cables, CD's, cell phones, circuit boards, computers, docking stations, DVD players, fax machines, hard drives, ink and toner cartridges, keyboards, laptops, LCD monitors, servers, mice, microwaves, modems, PDAs, personal copiers, printers, processor chips, scanners, speakers, tape and disk drives, routers, terminals, UPS units, video games, IT equipment, phone systems, consumer electronics, wire, switches, satellite boxes, network equipment. Go to www.bluegrassrecycle.com for more information.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

No TV's (tube or flat screen), CRT monitors, light bulbs, ballast, or appliances.

A Journey Through Lent

From The Pastor's Pen

For those who take their spiritual journey seriously, the Lenten season offers the opportunity to redirect, refocus and embrace rebirth on the road of life. To me, it is an excellent time of year to take an honest accounting of one's progress in becoming better, not perfect. As Pope Francis wrote, *"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter."* But to cherish Easter hope, everyone must pass through the cross. There is no way around it. Lent once again makes her appeal to stop, look and listen. Let us not waste the season. It is an ideal time for change. Lent calls more for us to become pro-active more than re-active.

You and I will have the opportunity this season to come to the Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. This will be a moment of courage. It really separates us Catholics from the rest of Christianity. To name our weaknesses and regrets out loud in a vulnerable moment is a superb moment of grace. Everyone needs a good dose of grace every now and then.

In the events of Holy Week, oils are blessed and distributed. Thursday is made holy by recalling the need for Eucharist as well as the example of service found in the washing of feet. We make good on Friday when we see Jesus surrender Himself to the Father in order to offer salvation to all of humankind. And then comes Easter, an invitation to Joy and Hope because death could not hold Jesus. Because of Him, death will not hold us down either when He comes to call us back to heaven.

With this in mind, I specifically think of those who lived the Gospel while in our midst here at St. Francis Xavier. Don Tinsley and Pat French were parishioners of solid faith who are missed. Why? Because each of them understood that humility and pain are not wasted. Both things have meaning and are results of having been baptized in *"the name above all other names."*

As pastor and friend, I promise to pray for you in a special way this season that God gives to you all the tools you need to change from within, if that is really what you want for yourself. I have found that He will never lead you where he would not support you. Never.

Fr. Dale



A horse drawn hearse transports Pat French to her final resting place at the St. Francis Xavier cemetery January 28, 2019.

Step It Up Following Jesus' Teaching at the Synagogue

Steve Age
Deacon

When we celebrated the fourth Sunday in ordinary time, a time between Advent and Lent, it was a time for us to catch our breath, to watch, listen and learn. It was a time for us to get to know Jesus. By getting to know Jesus, we can learn much about ourselves

On that Sunday, the Gospel was from Luke Chapter 4. It begins with Jesus the Rabbi (teacher) preaching about scripture that he had just read aloud. Let's take a closer look at the entire text of Luke's account. The New American Bible entitles these verses The Rejection at Nazareth:

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled

the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe

famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.

They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.

But He passed through the midst of them and went away." (NAB Luke 4:16-30)

So, why is it that the whole synagogue was so upset? Because Jesus was telling them that he was the one whom scripture is referring too. And they didn't believe it. They didn't want to hear about it. He could have preached on something that was "warm and fuzzy" or made them feel good about themselves, and in doing so, things would have been fine.

If Jesus had just done the easy and cool thing, they would have thought he was the greatest and would have kept coming back for more of the same. However, because he chose to proclaim the truth of why he was sent, that wasn't accepted, and people were angry.

How easy is it for us in life to receive praise and gratitude from the world? How easy and rewarding is it for us to be rubbing elbows with the "in-crowd?" How easy is it to acknowledge the plight of the needy by handing over a little cash or some canned goods?

These things are good but simply aren't enough. Jesus calls us to follow His example today by standing up and being a voice for those who cannot speak, hands and feet for those who have none, and a friend to those who have none.

Be the person God calls you to be, and not the person the world calls you to be. Is it risky? Is it rewarding? You bet it is.

Our Mission

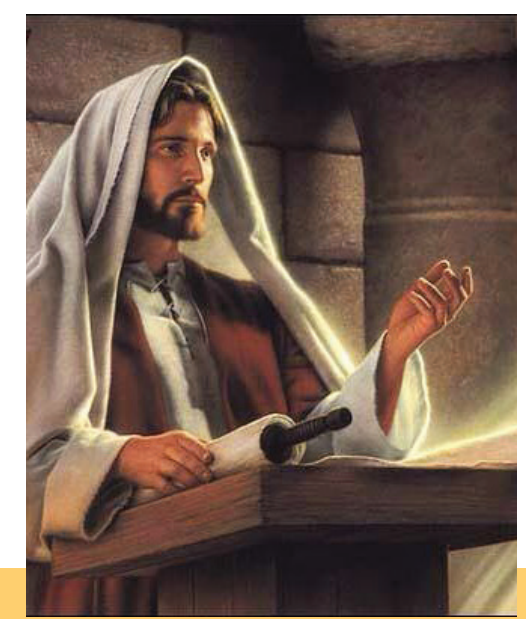
St. Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic Church in Mount Washington, Kentucky, was established in 1846 to further God's Kingdom on earth.

We are **welcoming** community of faith.

We are **serving** the spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs of parishioners.

We are **dedicated** to the celebration of the sacraments and the teachings of the Church.

Our goal is to meet these needs through various parish organizations and through community ministries.



Margee Joseph
Pastoral Associate



St. Francis Xavier Parish is blessed with many ministries. One that has impressed me is the Prayer Blanket ministry. The women who are dedicated to this ministry turn out prayer blankets by the dozens or so it seems. The blankets are blessed by Father Dale and then are available for Parishioners to take to someone who is sick or in need of prayer.

My husband Eddie and I are part of a hospital ministry team. We were trained by the Archdiocese of Louisville to visit Catholic patients in a local hospital. We make weekly or monthly visits to Baptist Health (formerly Baptist East). There we are given a list of Catholic patients and we select names of patients to visit. Other team ministers visit at different times so as many patients as possible are visited.

This ministry is such a rewarding one. Team members have often shared how much we receive back from these visits. We, who are strangers to the patients, come to them at a most vulnerable time in their lives and offer just our company, our well-wishes and our prayers. We can also bring prayer blankets to give them. You can imagine how excited I was when I came to St. Francis and discovered the Prayer Blanket ministry. I have had the opportunity and joy to take many prayer blankets from our Parish to patients who are often pleasantly surprised and ever so thankful.

Recently one of our Parishioners had informed me of her



scheduled surgery at Baptist Health. Discovering she did not have a prayer blanket I decided to take one to her. They were all so beautiful I wasn't sure which one to take but finally decided on a floral pattern in pinks and purples. Upon giving it to her she revealed that those were her favorite colors. I call moments like these "God at work." Somehow the Holy Spirit led me to one that was just right for her.

Moments like these may seem insignificant or trivial but they are much larger than that when you consider all that went into making the blankets: choosing the fabric; sewing; the addition of a rosary; the blessing and love with which each is made. Just to know someone cared enough to make these for someone in need is awe-inspiring.

Jesus asks us to follow Him and be imitators of Him. I believe the Prayer Blanket ministry is a powerful example of being Christ to one another. To the prayer blanket ladies I say, "Keep doing the wonderful work of evangelizing through your gift of the blankets of Christ's love and prayer. On behalf of the Parishioners here and the patients at Baptist Health, thank you for all you do."



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Christie Wantuck & Joey Followay
Picnic Chairpersons

The St. Francis Xavier Summer Picnic is scheduled for Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 from 5-10 p.m. The Picnic Planning Committee gathered in January to begin the planning process. We are pleasantly surprised to see many booth/area captains already in the planning mode!

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Your time, talent, donations, and involvement are greatly appreciated and needed to make this a successful and fun event for our community. Mark your calendar and watch for communications in the bulletin and online.

If you would like to join our committee, please contact us: Christi 502-648-5460 or Joey 502-552-3564. We're looking forward to another fantastic picnic this June!

Shop And Smile: Amazon Donations

Helen Hagan
Parish Manager

St. Francis Xavier Church is a charitable organization listed with AmazonSmile, an online shopping website. AmazonSmile works somewhat like the Kroger Community Rewards Program, in that a percent of your purchase is donated back to the church.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Francis Xavier every time you shop at smile.amazon.com. You'll find the same prices and selection as Amazon.com, but the difference is that when you shop at smile.amazon.com, 0.5% of your merchandise purchase can be designated for St. Francis Xavier Church.

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Updates On Our Future

Behind The Scenes Of SFXMW

Helen Hagan
Parish Manager

As is often the case, it takes many hands to make light work. This is no truer than at St. Francis Xavier Parish. From my desk, I have witnessed many times the importance of us all working together to make things happen.

Whether it's in the day-to-day operations of the church, or in paying off church debt, as you know, it takes a committed Parish to make things happen. In the 14 years I've been here, St. Francis Xavier has grown by almost 200 families, and I've watched the growth of so many ministries and activities! Our Super Raffle is a big fundraiser. The Mt. Washington community counts on us to share our time and talents each summer with our parish picnic.

Our operations have also grown. Our annual property insurance costs now are approximately \$17,000, and our utilities are \$29,000. In 2018, Catholic Mutual listed our property replacement cost for our buildings and contents at over \$7 million. Not only do we need volunteers who give of their time and talent, but we also need your treasure to make things happen.

When you receive this, we will be in the midst of budgeting for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. No truer effort requires us all to come together than in this requirement. Although tedious and sometimes time consuming, each ministry's efforts are compiled to get a complete picture of our income and expenses forecasted for the next fiscal year. We thank you for all the work you do in getting this information submitted to the office. Together we can complete this important task.

As Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." What wise words. As we continue to grow in our ministries and activities, may we each help to further our mission so we can do GREAT things!



Internal Audit Complete:

December 31, 2018

St. Francis Xavier Church
Mount Washington, Ky 40047

Internal Audit for the year ending June 30, 2018:

The Audit Committee members Angela Dunn, David Abner and Rusty Skaggs conducted an internal audit of St. Francis Xavier Church from October – December 2018. This audit was focused on reviewing internal controls and compliance of the Archdiocesan Financial Policies and Procedures. This included an Internal Control Questionnaire reviewing financial transactions, accounting systems, personnel and payroll records, parish property, investments, loans, receipts and disbursements, as well as charitable gaming and fundraising.

A Work Plan testing Balance Sheet and Income Statement items were also completed. The months of November 2017 and May 2018 were tested for Cash and Cash Equivalents, Accounts Receivable, Liabilities, Fixed Assets, Revenue, Disbursements and Expenses. There were no discrepancies identified for either month.

After review of all documentation, there were not any instances of non-compliance with internal controls or financial policies and procedures identified.

Respectfully,

Angela Dunn

Angela Dunn
Internal Audit Committee Member
St. Francis Xavier Church



HVAC Havoc

Bobby Grace
Facilities

2018 was a tough one for the church HVAC systems. In April as we prepared for air conditioning season, our east side floor unit went down. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the coil had developed a non-repairable leak. A replacement coil was not available.

We were presented with two options: have a coil custom made or replace the total system. Both options were researched. We discovered the cost of having a custom coil built and installed would exceed more than half the price of a new system. We made the responsible decision to replace the unit.

Beginning January 1, 2020 there will be a complete ban on the production and import of R22 refrigerant and the gas will not be available, even for servicing existing HVAC systems. Currently, all new HVAC systems for commercial and residential use require the new EPA approved 410A coolant.

In April 2018, we interviewed and received quotes from several HVAC installation companies. Louisville based Project Heating & Cooling Company was chosen to complete the work. The installation required a crane to set the new equipment, coupled with an army of installers to complete the project in a timely manner. Project inspected each HVAC system on campus to insure they were ready for the long, hot summer ahead.

In late September, we began having problems with the west side floor unit similar to the east side. A Project service technician inspected the unit and discovered the same issue, a non-repairable coil leak. The company replaced the total system in a timely fashion as winter began its cold grip in mid-December.

The total cost for both new HVAC systems was \$37,456. We are confident that the new systems will take us well into the future, while serving our heating and cooling needs more efficiently.



Steering Committee Underway

Mitchell Elder & Helen Hagan
Steering Committee Chair & Parish Manager

With our budget of 3.3 million dollars being established, the Building Committee has become the Steering Committee. This new committee will ensure that we can get the most out of every dollar spent.

Steering Committee Members Include:

Mitchell Elder, Chairperson
Father Dale Cieslik, Pastor
Helen Hagan, Parish Manager
Kathy Donahue, Finance Chairperson
Ed Scott, Stewardship Chairman
Deacon Steve Age
John Marks
Berny Klaus
Tonya Sivori
Joe Osbourne

The Steering Committee will be responsible for the overseeing and decision making of Phase I of our Master Plan. Under the direction of this committee and invitation from Father Dale, we have formed Sub-Committees to help with this task. Please feel free to reach out to any member if you have questions or ideas that you would like to share.

Sub-Committee Members Include:

Charles Ballard, Chairman
General Construction
Beverly Hamilton, Interior Design
Barbara Harbolt, Education/Small Groups
Dianne Rucker, Kitchens/Bathrooms
Kevin Ezell, Special Events/Sports
Bobby Grace, Maintenance/Custodial & Storage

The Steering Committee has interviewed four construction companies who will be asked to bid on our project. We will be making a decision on one contractor very soon. Our hope is that construction can begin sometime in 2019. We ask for your continual intercessory prayers to St. Francis Xavier, our patron,

I am a Eucharistic Minister participating in the nursing home ministry for our Parish. Each Sunday morning, before 9 a.m. Mass, I visit Green Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to take communion to the Catholic residents living there.



I decided to participate in this ministry because I was a newly commissioned Eucharistic Minister and “the team” needed help. Serving communion to those who are unable to attend Mass seemed like good use of my time. What I didn’t know was how very important it was to the residents who call Green Meadows home.

Imagine for a moment what it would be like if you woke up one day and could no longer attend Mass. After a lifetime of going to Mass, you’re too sick, in too much

pain, or simply too old to go. This is the reality of Catholic residents living in nursing facilities.

Having completed three years in this ministry, I have come to realize that it is the resulting relationships, coupled with the love and concern that I have for the residents, that inspires me to return each Sunday.

I am not going to sugar-coat it, people in nursing homes are ill, the facility is occasionally smelly, and the residents can be fussy and emotional. Some even pass away before I return the following Sunday. Nonetheless, it gives my life meaning to know that I may be the last person on this earth to have prayed with them before they see God’s face. I even like to think that they remember me during their first conversation with Jesus.

I asked the residents, my friends, to share their feelings about my weekly visits with them by posing this question “Why is it important to you that I bring communion to you on Sunday?”

It's important because it builds up my courage that God will be with me. I struggle so much with my health. My mother went to church every day, and this is the example I want to follow.
A.P., age 67

I've always been Catholic, born and raised Catholic. Receiving the Eucharist strengthens me. If you didn't come, it would be our loss. It lightens our days and reminds me that I am not alone in my struggles.

All the places I've been, in and out of hospitals and rehab centers, and when I was asked, "What is your religion?", I say Catholic and shortly after a priest or Eucharistic Minister comes to give me communion. I feel comfort when they visit. It's like my family. - C.E.T., War Veteran (92)

It is important that you bring me communion because it brightens the heart of God that I receive the Eucharist.
M.P. (70)

God gave me the gift of my faith and the Holy Eucharist at a young age. As a child receiving the Eucharist, I didn't know what it was all about, but very early on in my life it did sink in how close God is to me. How close God wants to be to me. How close I am to Him.

I appreciate you coming here for us with Jesus because we can't get out and go. It's a beautiful and wonderful thing that you do for us.

R.L. (87)

Because I can't go to church, and receiving communion is very important to me. I've been Catholic my whole life and it helps my belief and faith in God that you come here.
G.S. (74)



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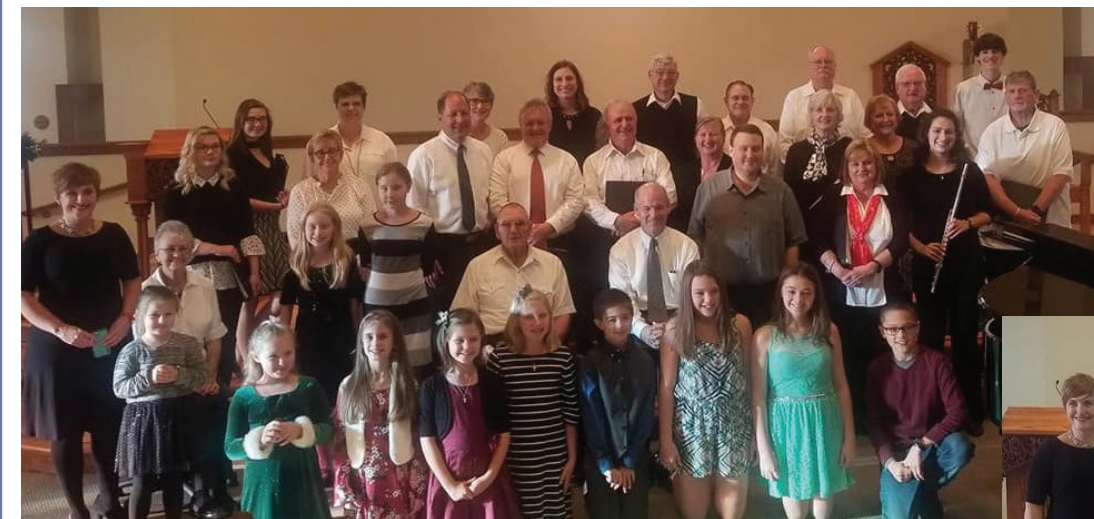
Carol Schweinhart
JOY Club

Over the years, the JOY Club has been given many gifts:

TIME - when we gather together for a meal or group event; **TREASURE** - as we enjoy each other's culinary skills as well as meals prepared for us by our church youth (Thanksgiving and Valentine's), being entertained by our church choir; **FRIENDSHIP** - meeting new guests and welcoming them as friends, building life-long relationships with one another; **GUIDANCE** - deepening our Catholic Faith through lifeong learning and attending Mass, our club's president leads and inspires us; **GRATITUDE** - thankful for the many blessings we receive individually, and as one.

It is with deep sadness that we share in the loss of our JOY Club President, Don Tinsley, who passed away in January. He was a wonderful leader, friend and faithful member of St. Francis Xavier. We thank him for his service and dedication to our group. We will miss him greatly.

Our door is always open. Any Parishioner age 55 or older is welcome. For more information, contact carolschwein@twc.com or call 904-9758.



Denise Williams
Photos



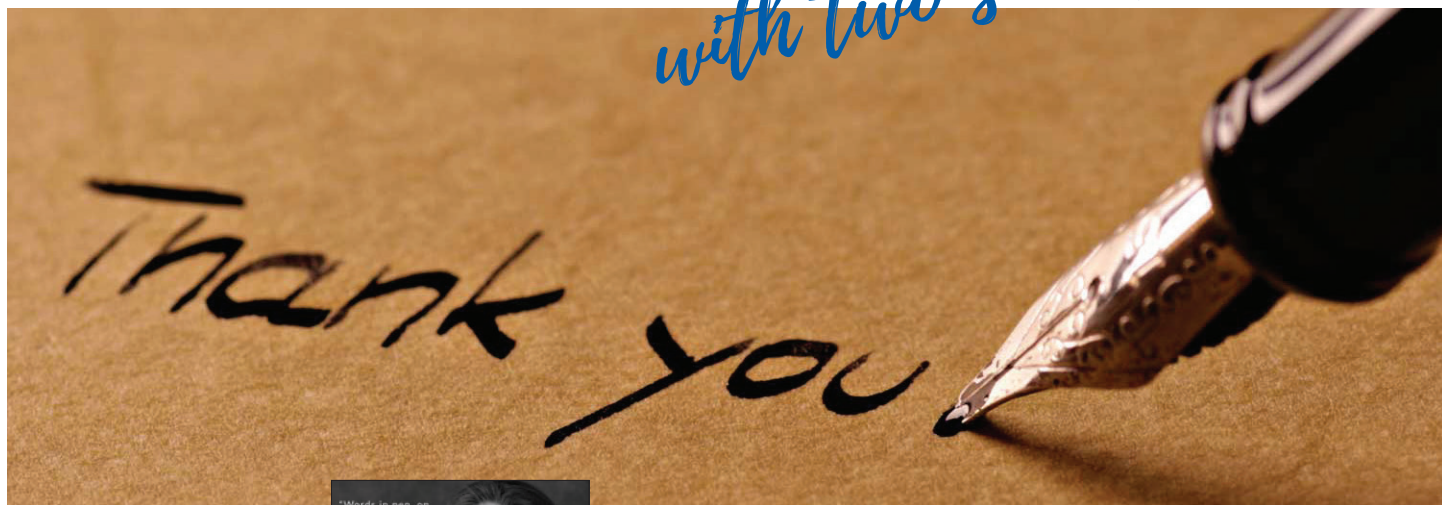
High praises to our vocalists, musicians, and Director of Music, Carrie Gary. Thank you for sharing your God-given talents to enhance our Worship experience throughout the year!

Top: St. Francis Xavier and Shepherdsville Christian Church Choirs, Christmas Cantata 2018.

Right: Lori Kerr, Pierce Williams, Tricia Reuss, Carrie Gary, Christmas Cantata 2018.

Transform Your Life

with two small words



Elena Anguita
www.spreadthanks.com



As soon as children can speak, parents begin to teach them the words and phrases they will need in life. In all cultures, the words thank you are among the first words a toddler will learn. My mother was the same. She raised my two sisters and me to be polite when asking for anything and to always say "Thank you."

As I smiled up at her, eyes shining, accepting a cookie and saying, "Thanks, Mom," I could not have known how the power of gratitude would ultimately transform my life.

It wasn't easy for my mother at that time. My father died when we were small children, leaving her a young widow. She raised us to love God and know that we were divinely protected, even though her own faith in the church was rocked by the tragedies and stress in her life.

Despite family challenges, she made sure we received solid educations. I was fortunate to land a job just after college with IBM, and today I work as an account executive selling software for a leading education services company.

As much as I love this career path, I always felt there was more I had to give to

the world—something big, but I didn't know what. An idea came to me. I saw the phrase "a thank you a day" in my mind.

I knew I was being called to take action, so I started to write

a thank-you note a day and sent it to anyone who had helped me. I kept doing this each morning, and before long, I found that this simple practice changed my life completely. I became so much more joyful, healthier, and less stressed than I'd ever been.

Soon after I started sending the notes, I began to notice daily blessings such as a parking spot appearing out of nowhere or making a new client connection.

Now I am more mindful as I go about my daily life, always looking for the good in other people because I want to find a recipient for my next note. This person could appear as a helpful clerk at a hotel or the plumber who took extra time to fix an additional problem I didn't know about.

Once I realized the transformational power of writing and sharing gratitude notes, I became inspired to tell the world. I wrote Spread Thanks! Create Miracles Through the Power of Ink and began teaching workshops. Among other

things, I share these three simple steps:

1. Be mindful and look for goodness;
2. Send a small note to the person who helped you or enriched your day;
3. Watch for more goodness to come your way in the form of daily miracles of all kinds.

Almost every single day, I receive a message from someone whose life is being changed by this practice. I've heard from kindergartners and retirees and every age in between. I'm thrilled that people are catching on to the transformative power of gratitude. They tell me it raises their energy level and improves their whole day! Spreading thanks changes all of us at our core.

Blessings abound when you look for them every day. Start each day with your eyes and heart open wide, thinking about who is going to help you. Say "Thank you" by sending out cards, then watch your daily miracles appear.

Elena Anguita started the Spread Thanks movement in 2017. The author of Spread Thanks! Create Miracles Through the Power of Ink, Elena lives in Pennsylvania and has a gift for connecting people and ideas in miraculous ways. For more information, visit www.spreadthanks.com.

What's new in



Religious Education

Darlene Fowler
Coordinator of Religious Education

The third-grade class made thank-you cards for members of the Parish staff. In reading the cards that were made for me, a smile came to my face and warmed my heart. What a small act of kindness that meant so much. I keep these cards in my desk and read them when I need a pick me up. With this activity, our third grade class has begun to share their talents with others. Thanks to each of them along with Mrs. Jennifer, Mrs. Emily, and Macy for putting this project together.



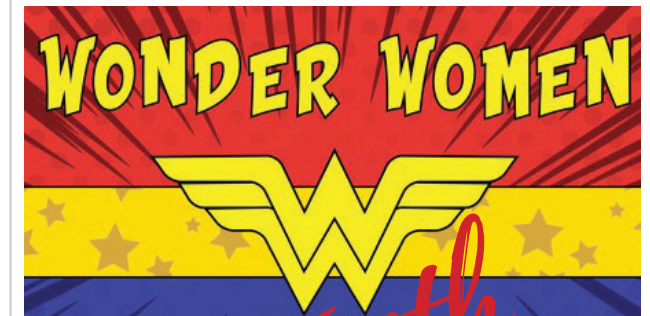
Please keep our second and eighth grade classes in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Our second graders are preparing to come to the Lord's Table for the first time. Our eighth graders are preparing to become full members of the church through Confirmation. Their work includes sharing their time and talent performing service throughout our community. Projects included working at the chili supper, donut

sales, canopy sales during Super Raffle, and helping with younger Religious Education students in the classroom, passing on their faith.

In early February our eighth grade Confirmation class teachers Eric and Becky Guy along with event coordinator Twyla Mills hosted a Valentine's Dinner for 87 senior citizens of the Parish.

Twyla has led this project for many years teaching new skills to our young people as they prepare a delicious dinner for others. The students cooked, set-up, served and cleaned up afterwards. What a great job they did sharing the gifts of their time!

It always amazes me how excited the students get when they see their guests arriving for the dinner. It is a long day, but I always feel so good at the end of the evening seeing how hard the kids have worked, the fun they had, and the new skills learned. These young people are the next generation that will carry the stewardship torch into the future for our Parish.



Of Faith
Margee Joseph
Retreat Leader

On Saturday, March 23, super heroes will invade the campus of St. Francis Xavier Church. At 9:00 a.m. ladies of the parish, ages 16 and up, are invited to the Women's Retreat. We will begin in the Parish Hall with a continental breakfast and move to the upper level of the old church for the actual retreat.

There ladies will hear about super heroes of fact and fiction, their counterpart saints who fought for the same just causes. Social concern issues of the Catholic Church will be addressed, challenging attendees to stand up for dignity for all by using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Mothers and daughters are encouraged to attend together.

Lunch will be provided. Participants will take home mementoes of the day as reminders of their dedication to a particular cause. The cost is \$30 per person. If cost is a concern, contact me and I will work with you to make it affordable. Ladies don't miss this opportunity to become true Wonder Women of Faith!





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SFXMW Lenten Schedule:

Fish Fry : Every Friday, starts at 4 p.m.

Women's Retreat : March 23, 9 a.m.

Stations of The Cross : Fridays of Lent, 6:30 p.m. &
Good Friday, 3 p.m.

Communal Penance Service : April 7, 2 p.m.

Palm Sunday Mass : April 13, 5 p.m., April 14, 9 a.m.

Chrism Mass (Cathedral) : April 16, 7 p.m.

Holy Thursday Mass : April 18, 7 p.m.

Good Friday Service : April 19, 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass : April 20, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass : April 21, 10 a.m.