



**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**March 31, 2024**

**LET US**

*rejoice*

**AND BE**

*glad.*

**PSALM 118**

## Week at a Glance

|                      |                |          | Intention              | Requested By                   |
|----------------------|----------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday, April 1      | Mass           | 8:30 am  | Special Intention      |                                |
| Tuesday, April 2     | Mass           | 8:30 am  | Mike Konstant          | The Konstant Family            |
| Wednesday, April 3   | Mass           | 8:30 am  | Chester M. Marteja     | Steve & Debby Dybas and Family |
| Thursday, April 4    | Rosary         | 8:15 am  |                        |                                |
|                      | Mass           | 8:30 am  | People of the Parish   |                                |
| Friday, April 5      | Mass           | 8:30 am  | Honor O'Connor         | Cissy & Steve Thunander        |
| Saturday, April 6    | Mass           | 8:30 am  | Louie Marasovic        | April Pesut                    |
|                      | Reconciliation | 9:00 am  |                        |                                |
|                      | Mass           | 5:00 pm  | Thomas Michael Zahorik | The Kostrewa Family            |
| Sunday, April 7      | Mass           | 7:30 am  | Jay Meehan             | The Payne Family               |
| 2nd Sunday of Easter | Mass           | 9:00 am  | Marilyn Fry            | Judy Quinnert                  |
|                      | Mass           | 11:00 am | Maureen Kay Scalise    | Lynnea & Amanda Paul           |
|                      | Mass           | 5:00 pm  | Jerry Spearman, Sr.    | The DeRose Family              |

### Presider's Schedule for March 30-31, 2024

**(Church) 8:00 pm** Fr. Tkachuk      **7:30 am** Fr. Milek      **9:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk      **11:00 am** Fr. Ilo  
**(Gym) 9:15 am** Fr. Milek      **11:15 am** Fr. Tkachuk

### Please pray for . . .

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Dave Armstrong | Angela Hill        |
| John Baggio    | Jessi Rita Hoffman |
| Ed Barrett     | Tiffany Kahn       |
| Albert Boemo   | Eleanor Love       |
| Angela Bowman  | Patrick Morgan     |
| Dick Callahan  | Rosemary Nash      |
| Blake Donegan  | Geri Pfluger       |
| Barbara Doyle  | Laureen Rabe       |
| Matthew Doyle  | Rita Mae Spearman  |
| Pat Eaton      | John Stopka        |
| Kathy Gleason  | Richard Szatkowski |
| Lilli Gregory  | Olivia Tarsney     |
| Junie Haase    | Theresa Toher      |

To add a name to the prayer list who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

### Born Into Eternal Life



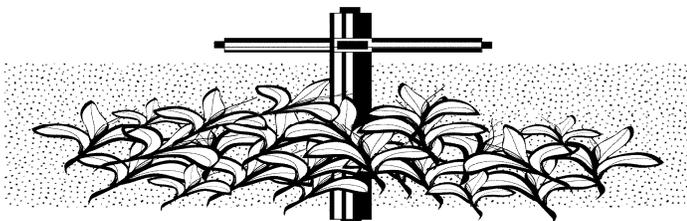
Please remember in your prayers,  
those who have died, as well as their families:

**James Heller**  
Husband of Catherine

**Joseph Leicht**  
Father of Jonathan

### Weddings

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Aly LaMantia & Jack Richter  
Maura Boyce & Foster Mullen



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## Pastor's Letter

*The tomb is empty, is empty!  
Come and touch the stone and folded shroud.  
Christ lives indeed, indeed. Alleluia!  
Believers, shout aloud. Sing Alleluia!  
The Tomb is Empty  
Sylvia G. Dunstan*

**Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!** I learned this greeting and response as a young child. It is the traditional Orthodox Easter greeting that is exchanged when you meet or enter the home of another believer. I first learned the greeting and response in the dialect of my grandparents. It struck me that we Catholics had no similar Easter greeting. Yes, we sing hymns filled with "Alleluias" in church; but, once we walk out the doors, our greetings make no mention of Christ or his resurrection.

There is nothing wrong with greeting others with "Happy Easter!" and celebrating the arrival of the Easter Bunny who visits our homes early on Easter morning. Yet our greetings make no mention of the one event that is the reason for our celebration. **Christ is Risen!** He conquered the power of sin and death through his death on the Cross. He opened the path to heaven and gave us his own Body and Blood to keep us close and to strengthen us for the journey. The Easter egg reminds us of the tomb that brought forth life even though seemingly empty to the first witnesses encountered on Easter morning. Baskets filled with an abundance of treats are reminders of God's abundant blessings. For my Orthodox ancestors, the foods in the Easter basket are foods that had been given up gradually during the weeks of Lent, providing very sparse meals during Holy Week. Easter dinner is a return to bounty and grace.

Saturday night at the Easter Vigil, we welcomed **Amber McAuley, Sam Ellian, Derek Lacosse, and Dominic O'Brien** into the Church through **Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist**. We received **Jeremy Knickrehm, Jessica Chia, and Steve Friedle** into the Catholic Church **through Confirmation and Eucharist** and completed the full initiation of **Dan Kuzniar, Joe Zarlenga, and Owen Famulari** through those **same two Sacraments**. These women and men are witnesses of the activity of the Spirit among us and the willingness of parishioners to invite them to enter more deeply into our journey with Jesus. Welcome, sisters and brothers now fully joined with us in Christ. May you continue to be a blessing for us.

However you spend this Easter day, I pray that it includes time to be joyful and time to give thanks. I **thank you all** who regularly bring life to our place of worship and life to our mission in Christ. Blessings to you who are new to us or who are with us only occasionally. To any who feel "on the fringe" this day for whatever reason, **your presence is a gift** to us. You make us richer and more complete by choosing to be with us; you belong here! I pray that you will always feel at home *in this space and among us*. This is central to the mission Christ has given us. Finally, welcome to you who are visiting with family or friends this Easter Sunday. **It is good for us to be together. Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Alleluia!**

Easter Blessings,

*J. Bill*



## Rectory Closed

In observance of the Easter Holiday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, April 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 2 at 8:30 am.

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Easter 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord,

The resurrection of Jesus stands at the center of our faith. We believe, as Saint Paul says, that Jesus “died for our sins and rose for our justification.” He entered the very darkest corners of human existence, took our pain, suffering, and death upon himself, and then drew us into the fullness of risen life.

As we celebrate the Lord’s resurrection this Easter 2024, we are clearly aware of those dark corners of human existence that Jesus took upon himself. With troubled hearts, we watch war and violence unfold in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, in parts of Africa, and in our own city of Chicago. We know the crippling effects of climate change and the natural disasters that have affected so many people throughout the world. We struggle with the social and political polarization that threatens our life together.

We step back from all of this, and we can surely affirm that we need the transforming and life-giving power of the Resurrection. We also stand together as a church, a synodal church, that journeys together and reclaim our faith and trust in the power of the Risen Lord who makes all things work for the good for those who love him. We stand together in our often broken and wounded world to witness hope to all humanity, to proclaim that God’s life and not death will have the last word.

May this feast of Easter be a graced moment to rediscover and reclaim our great faith and hope in Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, who goes before us and leads us home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago



**You are invited to donate at the blood drive below:**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024—3:00-7:00 pm**

**St. Francis Xavier Gym**  
145 North Waiola Avenue  
(Ogden Avenue and Waiola Avenue  
in LaGrange)

To schedule an appointment: [https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5606992](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5606992)



**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



## Volunteer Gardeners Needed



Join us on Saturday April 13, after the 8:30am Mass. We are looking for volunteers to help clean up and prepare the grounds for planting in May. Bring a rake, shovel or clippers and a garden bag. We will meet at the Mary Garden. All are invited to join us. Families, teens, young and old alike. For further information text Cathy Skokna at 708-253-3164 or email [cmskokna@att.net](mailto:cmskokna@att.net).

## Your Gift, God's Hands

### A Stewardship Witness by Parishioner Anne Brook

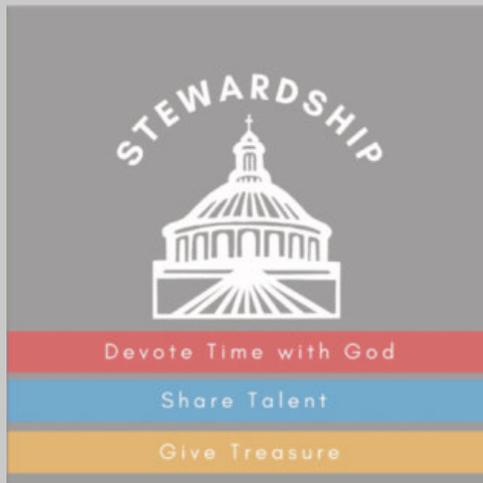
*Why on Easter and Always*

I found St. Francis Xavier Parish in 2016 when I was a relative newcomer to the suburbs and knew I needed a new place to belong. The trek back to my parish in the city became too fatiguing. Here I found everything I knew I needed and some things I couldn't possibly anticipate. Welcome, comfort, and joy were just the initial blessings my family received at St. Francis. I became a regular with my young daughter at 7:30 am mass, where my family of three can be found most Sundays to this day. I have celebrated the birth and baptism of my son here. I have grieved the death of my 38-year-old husband here. I am raising my children as generous, loving, growth-oriented Catholics here. And as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade catechist, I am preparing students to receive their First Holy Communion in the School of Religious Education here. This community has become our second home. We have found endless love, meaning, and family in this community.



Anne, Penelope, and Finn

Why do I give of my treasure, time, and talent? The answer is simple...because St. Francis is my home. It's my shelter from the storm. As many of you have, I have raced to the church and school buildings during a storm and have found literal shelter. They have also provided me shelter from many of life's storms as well.



By giving of my treasure each month, I feel as though I am giving back just a fragment of what St. Francis has given to me. It's about stewardship, it's about kindness, it's about love. Online giving allows me to support even if I cannot make mass that weekend at our beautiful parish. I also know that if someone needs St. Francis the way I have, we will be here today and for years to come, giving them the generosity, support, and love that my children and I have been shown from the very beginning. We are blessed to call St. Francis our home and will do what we can to continue to be supportive parishioners.

May we rejoice today and always in the Risen Lord and may He bless St. Francis Xavier Parish and all of you and your loved ones. Happy Easter!



### GIVING AT SFX

We are grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. You can make an Easter gift by accessing this QR code or using an envelope at the church entrances. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate.

Easter  
Collection





The St. Francis Xavier School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board (SAB) that works throughout the year on behalf of our school and parish community. The purpose of the SAB is to:

- Review and recommend policies that govern the operation of the school;
- Advise the Pastor in hiring the principal;
- Review and comment on the annual budget and assist with the development of sources for school funding, including tuition rates;
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans;
- Help accomplish the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier Parish School Mission Statement;
- Participate in the implementation of the school Strategic Plan;
- Listen to and communicate with parishioners and school parents; and
- Promote and publicize the school.

The SAB currently consists of twelve (12) members who each serve a three-year term. Each member is assigned to one of the five standing committees of the SAB. The standing committees are listed below:

1. Catholic Identity Committee
2. Strategic Planning Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Development Committee
5. Marketing/Communications Committee

The SAB is looking for talented and energetic individuals to replace **four (4)** outgoing SAB members.

## Interested in Becoming a School Advisory Board Member?

The School Advisory Board is currently accepting applications. Are you a:

- parent (guardian) of a school student? It's never too early or too late.
- parent (guardian) of a religious education student? We welcome your unique insights.
- parishioner? possibly even an alumna/us of SFX? Candidates need not be parents.
- marketing, legal or educational (teaching and/or administrative) talent? We have a particular need in these fields.

The School Advisory Board requires a diversity of backgrounds and skill sets, *so any absence of the above characteristics **should not discourage those whose talents lie elsewhere from applying.*** All submissions for candidacy are valued!

For more information regarding the School Advisory Board and the application process, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can refer to the St. Francis Xavier School Web site ([sfxlq.org](http://sfxlq.org)) or contact School Advisory Board member Michael West at [west.michael.a@gmail.com](mailto:west.michael.a@gmail.com) or 312-405-3242. If you intend to apply, please notify Michael West of the same **no later than today March 31, 2024.**



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

Our scheduled meetings in Unity Hall are as follows:

**Thursday, April 11 from 7:00-8:00 PM**  
Wednesday, May 8 from 7:00-8:00 PM

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at [mewittlagrange@yahoo.com](mailto:mewittlagrange@yahoo.com).

## Christian Meditation at St. John of the Cross

*Everyone who perseveres in meditation discovers that although during the time of meditation it might appear that nothing happens, yet gradually the whole of our life is changed.*

John Main, OSB

All are welcome to visit one of our weekly groups and join us as we unite with our risen Christ in this prayer of the heart. No experience necessary.

Mondays 11:00 am~phone conference call; Christian Meditation as an 11th Step practice. All are welcome, even if you are not in a 12-step program. Contact Janet, 708-246-4866, [jccadc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jccadc@sbcglobal.net).

Tuesdays 7:30 pm~Zoom only. Contact Joan, 708-246-4110, [craw5@att.net](mailto:craw5@att.net).

Wednesdays 2:30 pm~in person, Room 3 in the Parish Center or on Zoom. Contact Joan, 708-699-1002, [billjoanbinder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billjoanbinder@sbcglobal.net).

Thursday 3:00 pm~phone conference. Contact Janet 708-246-4866, [jccadc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jccadc@sbcglobal.net).

Friday 7:00 pm~phone conference. Contact Janet 708-246-4866, [jccadc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jccadc@sbcglobal.net)

Saturdays 8:00 am~in person, Room 7 in the Parish Center or on Zoom. Contact Betsy, 708-269-2143, [wccmchgo@gmail.com](mailto:wccmchgo@gmail.com). For more information on the practice, go to [www.wccm-usa.org](http://www.wccm-usa.org).

See

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvFneqPA8U8>  
for "How to Do Christian Meditation."

## Divine Mercy Sunday APRIL 7, 2024

**2:30 PM RECONCILIATION  
IN SFX CHURCH**

**3:00 PM—HOLY HOUR WITH THE  
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



(REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY,  
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER,  
SILENT ADORATION, AND BENEDICTION).

*The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated in many countries, dioceses and parishes for many years.*

*Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals, Bishops and Priests*

*who have read the diary of St. Faustina have come to appreciate the significance of this feast. But now, ever since the Holy See had decreed that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday," many more are seeking to go more deeply into the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina that were meant for all humanity.*

*Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said:*

*"Jesus shows His hands and His side.*

*He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity".*

*The image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, is to have a special place of honor on the Feast of Mercy,*

*a visual reminder of all that Jesus did for us through*

*His Passion, Death, and Resurrection...and a reminder, too, of what*

*He asks of us in return—to trust Him and be merciful to others.*

*The Eucharist is the "Fountain of Life".*

*The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.*



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Spring Food Drive**



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*“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.” St. Anthony of Padua*

**How Can I Help? - Offer Your Time – Volunteer**

We need volunteers at store fronts collecting food, at the St. Francis Xavier parking lot on April 6 for drop offs, and drivers to pick up food. Volunteer at our sign-up genius at [click here](#).

**Feed the Hungry**

Drop off Donations in the St. Francis Xavier church parking lot on April 6, between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. Text F4FPICKUP to 708-738-5930 or email to [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com) to have our volunteers collect your food donations at your home.

**Be a Financial Giver**

Your cash donations benefit the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and the Chicago Food Depository. The need is great. Any amount donated is appreciated.

**Donate Online To**

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry [sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families](https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families) or point your phone camera at the QR code to the right and click or text F4FSFX to 708-738-5930 or email [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).



For more information, please call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930 or email [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).

This good cause, twice each year in April and October, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the local community. Thank you!

**10th Annual All Parish Service Day!  
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024**



**Shelter Homeless   Feed Hungry   Bury Dead  
Clothe Naked   Care for Sick   Visit Imprisoned**

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact:  
Mary Freeman, Director Of Community Outreach [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



**Knights of Columbus  
LaGrange Council 6483**

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.

**SFX  
Men's Club**

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!  
Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 2  
Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



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**AFTER ALL MASSES ON APRIL 14  
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER JOYCE HALL  
145 NORTH WAIOLA AVENUE**



Help the Knights plan food and drink quantities

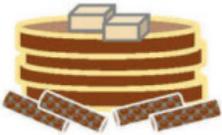
Please make your reservation at:

<https://forms.gle/4hkTtnMFYpReaHEj8>

**Adults and Teens...\$10**

**Ages 6 to 12...\$5**

**Ages 5 and Under...Free**



Or Scan this  
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### Engage Community

Our next get together:

**April 11:** Lunch at 11:30am at the Stadium Club at the Max in McCook (separate checks).

For questions or [to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com)

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

### Our SPRED Group



Thank you, Fr. Bill, for helping our SPRED groups prepare for Easter by celebrating Reconciliation with us.

### Your Parish Counselor



Spring is arriving. However, it does not seem like winter is unwilling to leave. It is interesting how often ushering in a new phase of life can take time because of old habits. Transitions and trying new things are difficult. Often, we have to give up old habits to create new ones, which is not an easy feat. It takes time and energy to accomplish this. Though change is difficult, it does not have to be something you have to do alone. If you are looking for some help navigating through life's challenges, consider reaching out at 704-750-0686 or bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

BC Shelly, M.A., M.Div.  
Parish Counselor Intern  
St. Francis Xavier Parish

## Frosh-Soph Retreat

Friday, April 19 (6:00 pm)  
- Saturday, April 20 (1:00 pm)



*Becoming Who God  
Made Me to Be*

Freshmen and Sophomores, join us for the much-anticipated LOCK-IN retreat in the SJC Parish Center.

Yes, we'll be spending the night in the SJC Parish Center! Led by our Juniors and Seniors, it's sure to be a great time.

Join us for Games, Mass, Open Gym, Escape Room, and more!

\$25

Register at  
[www.stjohnofthecross.org/fsretreat](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/fsretreat)  
or by scanning the QR Code



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**ONLY SIX WEEKS AWAY!**  
**PURCHASE TICKETS**  
**ONLINE TODAY**  
*Limited tickets will be sold at the door the night of the event.*



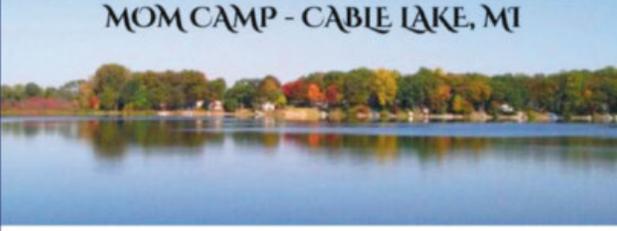
Saturday, April 27, 2024  
6PM - 11PM  
at Countryside Banquets

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  - Live Band
  - And much more!

**SIGN UP PARTIES - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**



**MOM CAMP - CABLE LAKE, MI**

**Ladies, take a break and head to the lake for Mom Camp!**  
You'll enjoy time with SFX mom's and friends while sitting at the beach, kayaking or making S'mores around the bonfire and enjoying your beverage of choice. Pack your bag for this one night stay at a home generously donated by SFX family and friends in Cable Lake, MI. Transportation, lodging, food, drinks, and all camp activities included. Depart Sat., Sept. 14 and return Sun., Sept. 15, 2024 Tickets are \$150 ea. and only 50 will be sold!

Don't miss this night of laughter, drinks and endless stories!

**SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW**

**SOUND THE ALARM!**  
**FIREHOUSE FUN FOR ONE FAMILY**



One family will enjoy breakfast at the Franklin Park Firehouse with the firefighters, tour the firehouse and fire trucks and much more!

Perfect for the budding firefighter in your home!

Your gifts to Ignite '24 will help us to continue our mission of providing families with an outstanding educational choice by integrating our Catholic values of faithfulness, prayer and compassion into an excellent, comprehensive academic program.

THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT!

For more information, go to: [onecau.se/sfx2024](http://onecau.se/sfx2024)

**YOUTH NIGHTS @ ST FRANCIS**  
**SUNDAYS JAN 21 - APR 7**

**FOR TEENS BY TEENS**

Bring your friends for: social time, dinner, a video, and small group (where you can share your thoughts or just listen.)

All are welcome. Bring your atheist friend from school, bring your Lutheran buddy, bring that new kid on your sports team, Seriously, any teen is welcome.

Sundays at 6pm, January 21-April 7 in Unity Hall, St. Francis Xavier (with St. John of the Cross & St. Cletus Youth Ministry)

Scan QR code to RSVP (and vote for food!)

**THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.**



## End of the Year Fundraiser



The SFX Religious Education Program is partnering up with Aracely's Bakery and selling their delicious tamales for our end of year fundraiser. We hope for this to be our biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will support our program and students. We are asking all our families and community for support. We will be taking pre-orders for the tamales and will only have a limited quantity available for sale the day of pick up.

**Tamale Options:** Pork in Red (Rojo) sauce or  
Chicken in Green (Verde) sauce

You can order in quantities of a dozen or a half dozen.

**Order deadline is April 19, 2024**



[Click Here](#) for the link or scan the QR code below and it will take you directly to the order form page to order and pay for your tamales.



Pick up for the tamales will be at our End of the Year Religious Education Event which will be held in the Education Parking Lot off of Waiola on Sunday, April 28th from 1:30-3:00pm. Thank you so much for your continued support!

## Religious Education News



*Registration for our 2024-2025  
K-8 Religious Education Program opened on March 16, 2024!*

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2024-2025 school year.

Our options are:

- In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Our virtual asynchronous grade level program has lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays and is best for families with busy schedules.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for "car ride" home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

**Please don't delay in registering your children today as classes fill up fast!**

*Families who register by April 24<sup>th</sup>  
will be entered into a raffle for free tuition.  
The drawing will take place at our last class in person event on April 28th.  
You must be present at the event to win!*

Visit our website for complete information  
on registration, tuition and calendar:

<https://www.sfxlq.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>

Click the quick link "RE Registration Information for 2024-2025" on the left-hand side of the page to register.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**  
**SUMMER CAMP**

# SFX SUMMER CAMP

**FUN & CREATIVE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR  
ACTIVITIES FOR RISING GRADE LEVELS K-1,  
2-3, AND 4-5.**

**OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM ANY SCHOOL  
OR DISTRICT.**

Session 1  
**JUNE 10-JUNE  
21 2024\***

\*No camp on 6/19

Session 2  
**JUNE 24-  
JULY 5 2024\***

\*No camp on 7/4

Admission per Session

**\$600**  
+STEAM fee

**Camp Hours 9:00am-12:00pm**

- ✓ Daily Art Class
- ✓ Daily STEAM Class
- ✓ Daily "Homeroom" with fun summer camp activities

**SFX Summer Camp**

145 N. Waiola  
La Grange, IL 60525

**Registration Link**

<https://sfxcamp.campbrainregistration.com>

**More Information** (708) 352-2175 or [camp@sfxlg.org](mailto:camp@sfxlg.org)





## Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

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- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC** niece of Jon Peterson
- **Capt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
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and please let us know when friends and loved ones  
return from their deployment Overseas.  
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# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
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Deacon  
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Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Director of Religious Education  
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Parish Secretary  
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## Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm  
Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

## Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

## Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

## Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

**St. Cletus** (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus 7:00-8:00 pm

**St. John of the Cross** (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

## Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

## Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

## Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

## Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

## Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxing@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

## Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

## Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.



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