



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 5th Sunday of Easter

### April 28, 2024



**“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.  
He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,  
and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”**

**- Jn 15:1-2**

## Week at a Glance

		Intention		Requested By
Monday, April 29	Mass	8:30 am	John Yelnick Mike Konstant	Scott & Jill Burson The Konstant Family
Tuesday, April 30	Mass	8:30 am	Carol Mae Westhoff Karen Larkin Johnson	The Zahorik Family 54 Day Rosary Girls
Wednesday, May 1	Mass	8:30 am	Ronald Dobry	The Niebuda Family
Thursday, May 2	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, May 3	Mass	8:30 am	Nolan Krolicki	The Krolicki Family
Saturday, May 4	Mass	8:30 am	Louie Marasovic	April Pesut
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	James Holt	The Cooley Family
Sunday, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter	Mass	7:30 am	Alvin & Marcella Hermesdorf	Sr. Marcie, OP
	Mass	9:00 am	JoAnn Shreve	Kerry Giordana
	Mass	11:00 am	Antonio Fiordirosa Don Kelly Jock Brown	The Fiordirosa Family Family Judy & John Byrnes
	Mass	5:00 pm	James Cooney	Jennifer Driscoll

### Presider's Schedule for April 27-28, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo      7:30 am Fr. Milek      9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk      11:00 am Fr. Milek      5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

### Please pray for . . .

Ed Barrett	Jessi Rita Hoffman
Albert Boemo	Richard Lavers
Dick Callahan	Eleanor Love
Tim Deveraux	Tom Mallon
Blake Donegan	Patrick Morgan
Barbara Doyle	Rita Mae Spearman
Matthew Doyle	Steven Stirm
Pat Eaton	John Stopka
Thomas Flynn	Richard Szatkowski
Kathy Gleason	Olivia Tarsney
Lilli Gregory	Theresa Toher
Junie Haase	Cindy Williams
Angela Hill	

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:

**Paul Wehner**  
Former Parishioner

### Weddings

Brittany Spindler & Zack Tortorello  
Sandra Diaz & Alejandro Castro  
Elizabeth Schnell & Giancarlo Crotti



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but in deed and truth

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# Pastor's Letter

*Jesus said to his disciples, "Remain in me, as I remain in you."  
John 15:4*

**"I remain in you."** Jesus speaks to those gathered with him at the Last Supper, and *Jesus speaks these words to us*, gathered with him at the ongoing banquet of the Eucharist. He speaks *in the present tense* and without condition. **Jesus remains in us.** His love dwells in the hearts of those he loves, our hearts, because that is what love does. We can do nothing to earn or deserve his presence in us; nor can we do anything to lose this love. Jesus desires to be in relationship with each of us in a very personal way. Yet his desire alone is not enough.

A relationship requires two persons who both freely choose to be in relationship with the other. The invitation of Jesus to remain in him is an invitation for us *to enter into this relationship with him*. He does not want to be a character in a book or the subject of great stories that are told about him. He wants to be with us now; to walk with us on our journey *here and now* as our companion and guide. But since the desire for a relationship is rooted in love, Jesus will not force a response to his invitation to dwell in him and *become both lover and beloved*.

Jesus assures us that, if we choose to remain in him, we will bear fruit beyond our imagining. He is the vine rooted in the Father and growing in the Holy Spirit. We are branches joined to the Father and the Spirit through our life in Jesus and his life in us. When we choose to remain in him, we grow, bloom, and bear fruit as he lives in and through us.

**How do we remain in him?** The apostle John writes clearly and simply again this week. We remain in Jesus when we "love not in word or speech but *in deed and truth*." *We remain in him* when we allow his love in us to bear fruit in and through our service to our sisters and brothers, especially those in need. *We remain in him* when we choose to see each person as a beloved child of God and seek the grace to love them as God loves them. *We remain in him* when we act to protect the dignity of every human life, especially the unborn, the elderly, the refugee, the homeless, those with physical or mental limitations, and those condemned to death.

The blossoms of spring reflect the glory of God in all of creation. Trees burst forth with bright pink and white flowers. Tulips reveal a broad range of pastels, hyacinths release their fragrance, and daffodils add bold yellows to the mix. Over the past few weeks, Cathie Skokna and her team of Edythe Ministers have been tilling the soil, planting a variety of perennials, and planning the annuals that will be added as the weather permits. The Edythe Garden Ministry was established thirty years ago by Cathie's mother, Edythe. Over the past year, many gardeners have volunteered their talents, time, and even some plantings from their own gardens. Pause to take in the beauty of their efforts on your way in and out of church.

On Sunday afternoon, families participating in our **School of Religious Education** gather to celebrate the end of another year of growing in grace. Thank you to our Director of Religious Education, Elis Guidice, and her assistant, Cindy Johnson. Blessings to all our volunteer catechists who guide our children through word and witness.

**Next weekend brings two special celebrations.** Our children who have been preparing over the past year will celebrate **First Communion** at one of two Saturday Masses. Please make an effort to welcome and congratulate them as they worship among us on Sunday. (They are invited to wear their First Communion outfits, so they may be easy to spot.) At the Sunday 5:00 PM Mass, we will celebrate our **graduating high school seniors**. They have been encouraged to wear either a jersey from the college they will be attending in the fall or something that represents the next step in their life and learning. They have blessed us with their presence, their service, and their questions.

Easter Blessings,

*J. Bill*

# Discerning Diakonia

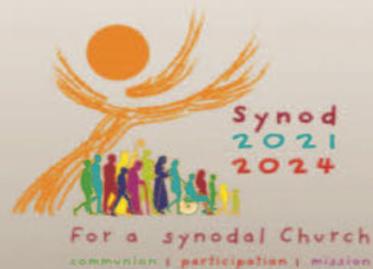
## A PROPHETIC DIACONATE FOR A CO-RESPONSIBLE CHURCH

A synodal encounter with witnesses on the restoration of the permanent diaconate for men and women. Includes a listening presence from synod delegates.

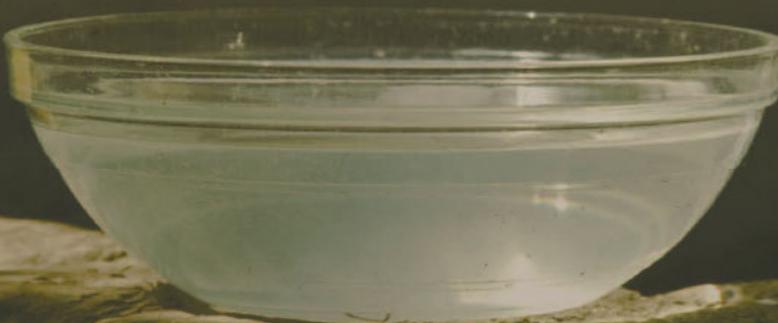
**April 29, 2024 | 3:00 PM**

*All are welcome. Registration required.  
For English and Spanish speakers.*

REGISTER AT [bit.ly/discerningdiakonia](https://bit.ly/discerningdiakonia)



**Journeying  
together in  
hope.**





## SFX Educational Endowment Celebrating a Milestone

We have some wonderful news to share with you! Back in 1999, a group of about 30 inaugural parish families donated the seed capital to establish the SFX Educational Endowment. The purpose of this endowment is “to perpetuate, partially support, and uphold the educational ministries of St. Francis Xavier School.” For the past 25 years, the Finance Council and our pastors have stewarded this endowment, including these first gifts entrusted to the parish, and we have just reached our first milestone: **\$1 million!** This amount was established internally as a benchmark to reach before regular distributions of the earnings could be made to the school – ensuring the longevity of the endowment’s corpus and cementing the impact of the gifts. We are pleased to announce that the first major distribution of 4% (\$40,000) will be used for much deserved bonuses for teachers and staff.

During each weekend Mass on May 4 and 5, we will celebrate the attainment of this milestone with our church family.

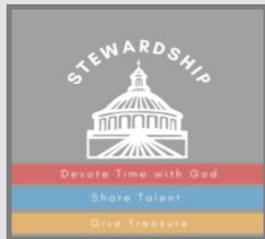
### *In Gratitude to the following inaugural donors*

Jock and Patsy Brown  
John and Mollie Carroll  
Tom and Ellie Carroll  
Tom and Lillian Cunningham  
Joan Devitt  
Jim and Joan Dunne  
Dave and Carol Grimes  
Bob and Cecilia Kaiser  
Vern and Julie Kramer  
John and Lenore Madden  
Terry and Carolyn Mahoney

Terry and Cheryl Matray  
Joseph and Marjorie McDevitt  
Greg and Mercedes McDonnell  
Otto and Mary Lou Molidor  
Joe and Bea Nelligan  
Mark and Jeanne Cushing Reilly  
Bob and Pat Roach  
Joe and Sally Shannon  
John and Babs Ward  
Jim and Liz Wilson

Principal Sharon Garcia expressed her deep gratitude to these patrons of the elementary school. “So many blessings come together to make St Francis Xavier School one of the best in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and one of these blessings is the ongoing stewardship of our parishioners, alumni and parents of our alumni. On behalf of the school’s faculty and staff, as well as our parents and students, thank you to all inaugural donors of the Educational Endowment!”

*Some of our inaugural donors requested anonymity, and there may be others not included in the above due to incomplete database records from 1999. Please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development, if you have information that would assist us in our efforts to acknowledge all our inaugural donors. We will be publishing any updates NEXT weekend when we celebrate!*



## Easter Offertory Report

Easter Collection through April 21, 2024: \$73,875  
Easter Budget: \$75,000



It is during the Easter season when your generosity renews others and strengthens our entire Catholic community. We are grateful for your Easter donations as the parish continues its 134-year-old mission to “create a more just world through sacraments and worship, learning and service.” If you would still like to make an Easter gift, you can access this QR code or [click here](#) to donate.



## Thank You



Saturday, April 13 was a sunny day. Each Edythe volunteer contributed in a special way, making such a difference in beautifying and cleaning up the St. Francis grounds. The Edythe Ministry would like to personally thank the wonderful parishioners, Chuck, Judy, Russ, Linda, Elaine, Shirley, Carol, Curt, Sr. Corrine, Tommy, George, Mark, Jennifer and her daughters, Maddie & Allie. Their generous spirit, energy, enthusiasm, joy and hard work was very much appreciated.

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 to 11:00am to plant annuals all around the Parish. New Edythe volunteers are always welcome or if you are interested in contributing annuals drop them off at the Mary Garden. Also a special thanks to Martha, Marge, Clare, Lee, Pam, Sheila, Theresa and Fredrica for their contributions.

## Attention **NEW** Altar Servers Entering Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth GRADES For the 2024-2025 School Year

If you are interested in becoming an altar server (and I hope you are).

Training is required for **all NEW servers.**

Please return as soon as possible.

### WEEK ONE

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3:30 – 4:45

### WEEK TWO

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 – 4:45

### WEEK THREE

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 – 4:45

Altar Server Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in September: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**All scheduling communication is done through Email.**

Please call or email Mrs. Westerhoff at the rectory (708-352-0168) or [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org) with any questions.

## Vacation Bible School Registration is Opened Until Sunday, May 5th!



We are pleased to announce that registration for Summer 2024 Vacation Bible School is now open. As you may know from previous announcements, SFX is partnering with Grace Lutheran for this summer's VBS program. The VBS program will run the week of June 24th (Monday-Friday) from 9am to 12 noon at Grace Lutheran. *VBS is open to children aged 4 through 4th grade. 5th-6th Graders can participate as members of a "service crew" that will spend the week organizing and conducting a variety of service projects.*

Here is link you can use to register your child or children:  
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/273552>  
or use this QR code to access the registration.



A successful VBS program is not possible without the help of parent and teen volunteers! The registration form will describe the various volunteer opportunities available. Not all of them involve a five-day commitment. Volunteering for some role is not required but it is highly encouraged. We will be reaching out in the near future to follow up on your volunteer preference to provide further information. For those of you who have volunteered in the past you know what a rewarding experience it is for you and your children.

We look forward to a successful 2024 program and are grateful to Grace Lutheran for allowing the SFX community to resume our partnership with them. If you have any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at [pjzadeik@gmail.com](mailto:pjzadeik@gmail.com).

## Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

**Where:** Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddling Together group) (subject to change each month).

**When:** 8:00pm (every 2nd Thursday)

**What:** Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration! We meet on 2nd Thursdays of the month (location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or bulletin each month.) Questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org).

## End of the Year Religious Education Fundraiser



The SFX Religious Education Program partnered with Aracely's Bakery by selling their delicious tamales for our end of year fundraiser. All proceeds will support our program and students. We have taken pre-orders for the tamales and will only have a limited quantity available for sale this Sunday.

Pick up for the tamales will be held in the Education Parking Lot off of Waiola this **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  
is now open (as of 3/16/24)!*

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 registered  
by the deadline date of 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.sfxlg.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.

## Your Parish Counselor

April showers bring May flowers. This was a phrase I used to say growing up. As I think about it, I am struck by the applications of daily life. Not many people enjoy rainy weather. However, it is a necessity for flowers to bloom. In life, sometimes we go through uncomfortable experiences, or we had to endure less than ideal circumstances for us to grow or reach our full potential. Even if poor experiences are to be expected, it does not mean they are enjoyable. 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](mailto:bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com).



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



## Church Women United

Church Women United LaGrange/Western Springs Unit invites all area women to a program, "What Does the Lord Require of You?" on Friday, May 3, at Lyons Township Office/Community Room, 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside.

Special guest speakers will include investigators and support specialists from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department/Special Victims Division/Human Trafficking Unit.

The morning will include 10:00 am Bible Study, 11:00 am Celebration/Speaker presentations, and conclude with a salad luncheon at Noon. Cost is \$12. Reservations are required by Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

For more information contact us at 708-710-0644 or email [cwulgws@gmail.com](mailto:cwulgws@gmail.com).

## LATTE Theater Proudly Presents M\*A\*S\*H!

M\*A\*S\*H changed the face of television with Hawkeye, Trapper, "Hot Lips" Houlihan, Klinger, and rest of the 4077th gang. Join this medical triage team as they create their own insane bedlam to stay sane in the Korea conflict. M\*A\*S\*H\* is a comedy, trauma, satire, and melodrama all at once. And this stage play is funny and real. Laughter heals all wounds!

Plymouth Place Auditorium  
315 North LaGrange Road  
LaGrange Park

Tickets live April 1st at:  
[www.lattetheater.com](http://www.lattetheater.com)

### SHOW TIME:

7 PM Friday, May 3rd  
7 PM Saturday, May 4th  
2 PM Sunday, May 5th

\*Actor TalkBack follows matinee

### TICKETS

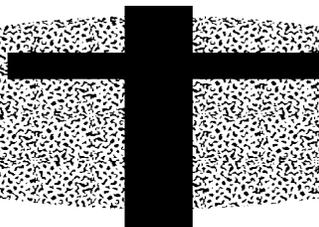
\$5 Students/Seniors  
\$15 Adults

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Runtime 2 hours 15 minutes with a 10 Minute Intermission.

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AS I REMAIN IN YOU

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## SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP

# Spring LUNCHEON

30 North  
Plymouth Place  
315 N. La Grange Road  
La Grange Park, Illinois

Thursday, May 16, 2024  
(Gathering @ 11:30)  
Luncheon @ Noon

Exciting new venue! Choice of entrees!  
Cobb salad with chicken  
Club sandwich  
Cheese ravioli

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, May 13** to the rectory with \$25 and entree selection.

If transportation is needed, contact Clare @ 708-420-2959  
or Mary Sue @ 708-616-5474.

## Volunteer Gratitude



Interfaith Community Partners (ICP) was founded in 1999 as a coalition of seven churches with a shared goal of better meeting the needs of the community's older adults. Today, thanks to a network of volunteers across 22 villages, ICP continues its mission: to maximize the independence and well-being of older adults by enabling connections with others in their community.

*A special thanks to SFX parishioners who provide a tremendous service to our community as ICP volunteers:*

**Suzanne Ankenbruck, Barbara & Ben Boyd, Elizabeth Cooley, Patricia DeMars, Sheila Dillon, Kathy D'Isa, Carol Dobis, Mary Pat Flaherty, Sara Goggin Young, Kathy Hoekstra, Rimas Kozica, Kathleen Krueger, James Tvrdik, Joan Walsh, and Patty Welegala.**

To learn more about ICP and volunteer opportunities, visit [www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org](http://www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org).

## Engage Community

**May 30:** 7:00pm Unity Hall, **Topic:** Introduction to Chair Qigong (a Chinese system of physical exercises and breathing control related to tai chi). It's relaxing and fun.

**Watch this space for summer outings announcements.** Concerts, dining, plays, and other activities to make the most of summer in Chicagoland.

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.



## 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, May 7 Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.

## Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2024-2025 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more. Join the fun and reach out to Lauren Desmond [lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com) or Erin Thunander [erin.thunander@gmail.com](mailto:erin.thunander@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



### Donated Yarn Request

The bins in our Prayer Shawl Ministry closet are getting a little low with donated yarn. Our members have made beautiful shawls and lap blankets with yarn that has been donated from parishioners. If you have any machine-washable skeins of yarn that you would like to donate, please bring them to the rectory. We are not accepting needles or crochet hooks at this time. Thank you!

### Next Prayer Shawl Meeting

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 next scheduled meeting will take place in Unity Hall on Wednesday, May 8 from 4:00-5:00 pm (please note the time change).**

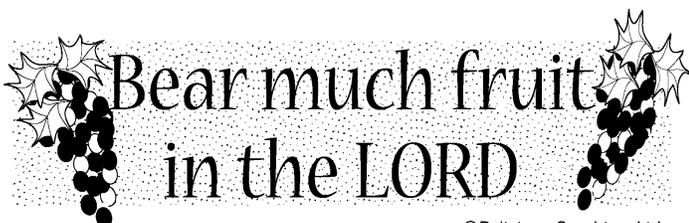
We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Any questions, please contact Mary Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlq.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlq.org).

## Family Outreach Ministry

Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry on Saturday, May 18 as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. There are two time slots from which to choose: 9:00-11:30am: Food prep and cooking or 11:30am-1:00pm: Food serving and clean up. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult.

To register please [click here](#) or contact Ana Dimialig [apd3@core.com](mailto:apd3@core.com) or Rachel Peterson at [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions.



# ALL PARISH SERVICE DAYS!

**June 3-8, 2024**

*Doing God's Work in the World*

**Kick off your summer by being part of an outreach team with family, friends and fellow parishioners!**

**Teens, get a jumpstart on your Confirmation and high school service requirements!**

**Registration will begin May 10th.**

## SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE PARTNER	PROJECT	TEAM LEADER(S)
SFX Food Pantry (6/4)	Serve pantry guests	Mary Freeman
BEDS (Summit) (6/5)	Set Up & Serve Lunch and Dinner	Mary Freeman
Rosary (6/6)	Pray in Mary Garden	Katie Kanzer
Feed My Starving Children (Aurora) (6/6)	Pack meals for people around the world	Terese Cartholl Cristina Tamm
Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (6/7)	Pray at Broadview Detention Center	Mary Freeman
<b>SATURDAY JUNE 8 ACTIVITIES</b>		
BEDS	Pack Shelf Stable Meals at SFX	Alice Vida
Blood Drive	Donate Blood in SFX Gym	Mark Azzi
Challenger Baseball	Play ball with a buddy at Sedgwick Park	Paul Saladino
Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)	Write Notes at SFX	Marge Branecki
Congregation of St Joseph	Clean up CSJ plots at Queen of Heaven Cemetery	Emily Bersnak Clare Pasquesi
First Congregational Saturday Meal Program	Prepare and Serve Lunch	Ana Dimailig Rachel Peterson
Fisher House	Deliver Prayer Shawls	Mary Ellyn Witt
Fuller Center for Housing	Bless Team before they depart for Clarksdale, MS to build and repair homes	Chris O'Hea
Helping Hand	Garden Cleanup at a home in LaGrange area	Lisa Radville Greg Schuler
Interfaith Community Partners (Random Acts of Kindness)	Repurpose flowers at SFX and deliver to seniors	Margie Hull Rebecca Riven
Migrant Clothing Drive	Organize donated clothes and deliver to Catholic Charities	Need Leader
Mission OLA (Our Lady of Angels)	Garden, Clean, Pack Food bags in Chicago	Matt Kanzer
SFX Food Pantry	Sort & Stock Food	Lynn Regan Alice Vida
SFX Garden	Help plant annuals around the church	Kathy Skokna

If you have questions, please contact:

Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.

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

# SFX SUMMER CAMP

**FUN & CREATIVE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR  
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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:

- **Sgt. FC Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Special Forces Group**—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **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
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...  
and please let us know when friends and loved ones  
return from their deployment Overseas.  
Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

*Pastor*  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Deacon*  
*Deacon*  
*Pastoral Associate*  
*Director of Community Outreach*  
*Weekend Sacramental Minister*

*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
*Rev. Richard Milek*  
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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  
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## Food Pantry

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## 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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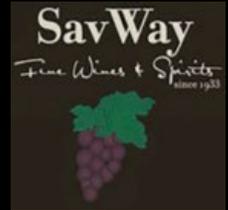
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