



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026



“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 16	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Tuesday, February 17	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday	Mass	7:00 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Service	12:00 pm		
	Service	3:00 pm		
Thursday, February 19	Mass	7:00 pm	People of the Parish	
	Rosary	8:15 am		
	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, February 20	Adoration	6:00 pm		
	Stations	7:45 am		
	Mass	8:30 am	Ann Russo Dr. Robert E. Keeley	Steven & Cathy Frick and Family The Keeley Family
Saturday, February 21	Mass	8:30 am	Margaret Anne Bregenzer	The Wright and Stanford Families
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Susanne Walsh	Pat DeMars
Sunday, February 22 1st Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	Nancy Johnson	Jerry Johnson
	Mass	9:00 am	Joan Callahan	Donna Nighswander
	Mass	11:00 am	Grail O'Connor	The Healy Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Rosemary Garvey	Tory & Sean Hinton

Presider's Schedule for February 21-22, 2026

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Chrzan

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio Bob Barrett Poppy Booth Robert Borchardt George Braasch Irene Brewick Vivian Brickhouse Dennis Callahan Joe Canepa John Clinch Blake Donegan John Donegan Craig Eaton Nathan Emkow Lupe Baker Garcia Allen Godlewski Vincenzo Guzzo Junie Haase Angela Hill Jessi Rita Hoffman Richard Holbach Michelle Jackson Patricia Jones Nora Lou Kampe Terri Bergen Klein Ella Mae Kuzel Laura Leide	Eleanor Love Baby Grace Mangano Richard Mauman Robert McMahon John McMurray Amy Miller Aldo Mitri Brandon Moffett Patrick Morgan Bill Mroz Ann Marie Nidos Connie O'Dette Cathy O'Leary Mark Reilly Richard Reveles Joseph Riden, Jr. Amy Robinson Rita Mae Spearman Gregg Stephenson John Stopka Sophie Stratton Catie Sullivan Olivia Tarsney Joe Vargas Baby Emma Wallace Liz Wilk Frank Zolfo, Jr.
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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:

Scott Davis
Brother of Brian Davis

Bob Roach
Husband of Patricia
Father of Bob, Mike and Katy
Grandfather of Chance, Charlie, Eddie and Billy

Rectory Closed

In honor of President's Day, the rectory will be closed on Monday, February 16. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 17 at 8:30 am.

Make a gift to the Regular Sunday Offertory with this QR Code. Thank you for your support!

Pastor's Letter

Dear friends,

In this weekend's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount by inviting his listeners to go deeper than outward observance of the law. He makes it clear that faith is not simply about avoiding wrongdoing, but about allowing God to shape the heart. Jesus speaks about anger, reconciliation, honesty, and integrity: not to burden us, but to free us. He reminds us that the life of faith is not meant to be lived out on the surface, but from the inside out.

Jesus' teaching challenges us to look honestly at our inner lives: the words we speak, the grudges we might hold, the ways we treat one another, and the promises we make. These are not abstract ideals; indeed, they touch the fabric of daily life. In calling us to deeper righteousness, Jesus is inviting us into wholeness, into a way of living where our actions flow naturally from hearts rooted in love, mercy, and truth.

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday this coming week and the beginning of the season of Lent, these words could not be more timely. Lent is not about achieving perfection, but about intention; about slowing down, examining our lives, and allowing God to draw us closer. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we are given the grace to let God work within us, gently reshaping our hearts. May this Gospel message help prepare us for the journey ahead, and may this Lent be a season of deeper conversion, healing, and hope.

Peace,
Fr. John

Prayer for Peace, Healing and Love

God of justice and mercy,
You created every person in Your image
and call us to honor the sacred dignity of all human life.
We lift before You all communities and groups who are hurting.
Move our hearts to solidarity with all those burdened by
violence, injustice, fear, and division.

In Your Church, remind us that we **belong** to one another
as brothers and sisters in Christ.
Strengthen our faith so that we may **believe**
in the power of Your grace to overcome hatred and despair.
Send us forth to **be love** in a wounded world—
rejecting violence, seeking understanding,
and working for peace rooted in justice and truth.

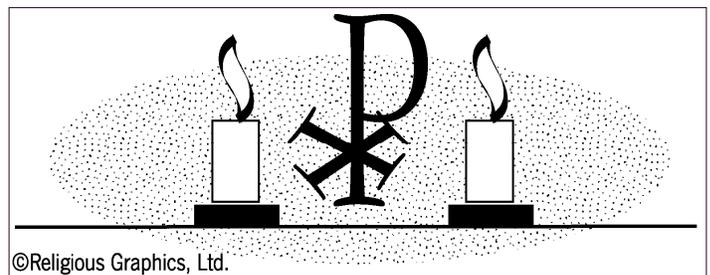
In Jesus' name, Amen.

"Let me be clear:
the Church stands with
migrants...Families are being
torn apart.
Children are left in fear and
communities are shaken by
immigration raids and
detentions...our parishes and
schools will not turn away
those who seek comfort,
and we will not be silent
when dignity is denied
in the enforcement of the law."

Cardinal Cupich



**Stations
of the
Cross
Every Friday
at 7:45 am**



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Collection on
Ash Wednesday
For the Church in
Central & Eastern Europe



Support the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Help #BuildTheFuture for generations of Catholics to come. Learn more at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-central-eastern-europe/collection-church-central-and-eastern-europe>.

Please be as generous as you are able.

Baskets will also be available on the Altar to place your donations.

COME, FOLLOW ME

THE 120 PRESENTS

Lent Bible Study for High School Teens

March 1st after 5 PM mass
March 8th after 5 PM mass
March 15th after 5 PM mass
March 22nd after 5 PM mass
March 29th after 5 PM mass (two hour session with adoration and confession).





St. Francis Xavier Parish

Lenten Season

February 18, 2026 - Ash Wednesday

St. Francis Xavier Church

7:00am - Mass

8:30am - Mass

12:00pm - Prayer Service

3:00pm - Prayer Service

7:00pm - Mass

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish - Melrose Park
with Cardinal Blase Cupich**

6:00pm - Outdoor Mass & Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm - 8:00pm Procession

To register [Click Here](#)

2/19/26: 7-8pm

Systemic Racism & Restorative Practices Interactive Discussion

La Grange Library – 10 W Cossitt Ave

To register [Click Here](#)

3/2/26: 7-8:30pm

Protecting & Restoring Natural Habitats For Our Fellow Creatures

Learn about volunteer opportunities in Bemis Woods

St Francis Xavier Unity Hall 124 N Spring Door #10 (off church parking lot)

3/5/26: 6-7:30pm

Fr Gregory Boyle - Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times

The Well Spirituality Center - 1515 W Ogden Ave La Grange Park 60526

Contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org if you would like one of 10 free tickets available OR to purchase your own \$25 ticket [Click Here](#)

3/26/26: 6:30-8pm

Lenten Witness: Fr Larry Dowling, Fr Graff and Rev Michael Woolf

The Role of Faith in Turbulent Times

The Well Spirituality Center - 1515 W Ogden Ave La Grange Park 60526

Contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org if you would like one of 10 free tickets available OR to purchase your own \$35 ticket [Click Here](#)

Lenten Season

LENT + PRAY40



All-Parish Prayer Challenge
begins Feb 18 in the Hallow App!
[Scan or click for more info.](#)

Join the prayer challenge above or gather **IN CHURCH** for any of the following events this Lent:

MONDAYS at 7pm

hosted by the Alpha Team

Feb 23 Praise, Worship, Witness Night
Mar 9 Embracing Forgiveness
Mar 23 Praise, Worship, Witness Night

Continuing into Easter:

Apr 20 Embracing the Holy Spirit

Area Reconciliation Services this Lent:

Mar 10 St John of the Cross (7PM)
Mar 16 St Francis Xavier (7PM)
Mar 30 St Cletus (7PM)

WEDNESDAYS at 7pm

Mar 4 Preaching Slam on the Beatitudes
Mar 11 Near Death Experiences: Evidence of the Soul (*Unity Hall*)
Mar 18 Stations of the Cross with the Immigrant Jesus
Mar 25 Stations of the Cross through Mary's Eyes

Lenten Season

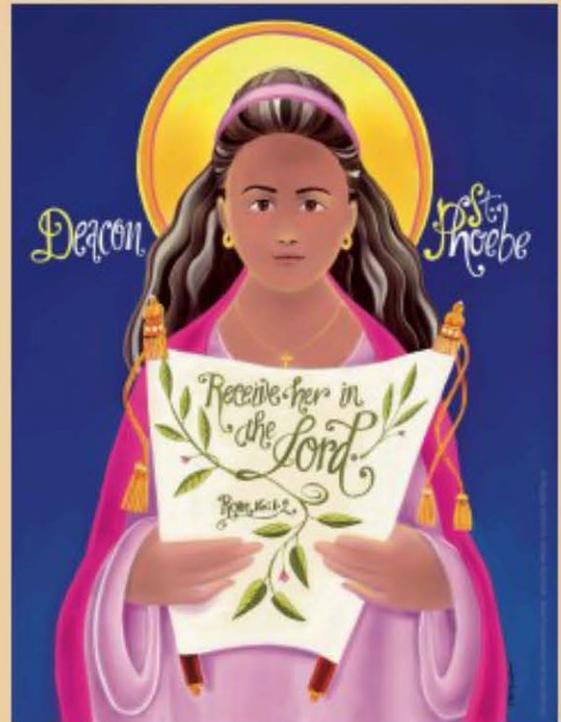
PREACHING SLAM!

Community Prayer: The Beatitudes, broken open by women voices

- A challenging and inspiring evening of Scripture, story, and sacred response
- Five women preachers, in the spirit of St. Phoebe, will break open the Beatitudes— sharing where God is already at work in blessing, struggle, and hope
- A different way of preaching— shared, spirited, and prayerful
- Short, powerful reflections
- Multiple voices from the Chicago area
- Come for preaching and prayer; stay for food and conversation



SCAN ME



*All are welcome—
Come curious.
Come hungry.
Come as you are.*

March 4, 2026 — 7:00-8:30pm

St. Francis Xavier Church
124 N Spring Ave
La Grange

Little Black Books

Little Black Book devotionals are available by each church door for Lenten prayer. Please feel free to take one with you!

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



TOGETHER
WE BRING LIGHT

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal



Please Make Your Gift to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend is February 21 and 22

Each year at this time, parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago commit to join as one body and affirm that “together we bring light.” As we consider God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect our gratitude by using and sharing those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express that gratitude. See the opposite page of this bulletin for ministries served by your donations.

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend. The goal for SFX is \$135,142. Last year, our parishioners generously gave \$127,138 – God bless you!

Note: Many families in our parish should have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries of the parishes and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

Ways to Make ACA Gifts

One-time gifts, pledges, and recurring gifts, can be made by cash, check or credit card through the following methods:

1. Online at annualcatholicappeal.com
2. Envelopes available in church (to pledge to make a gift sometime in 2026)
3. QR code at right

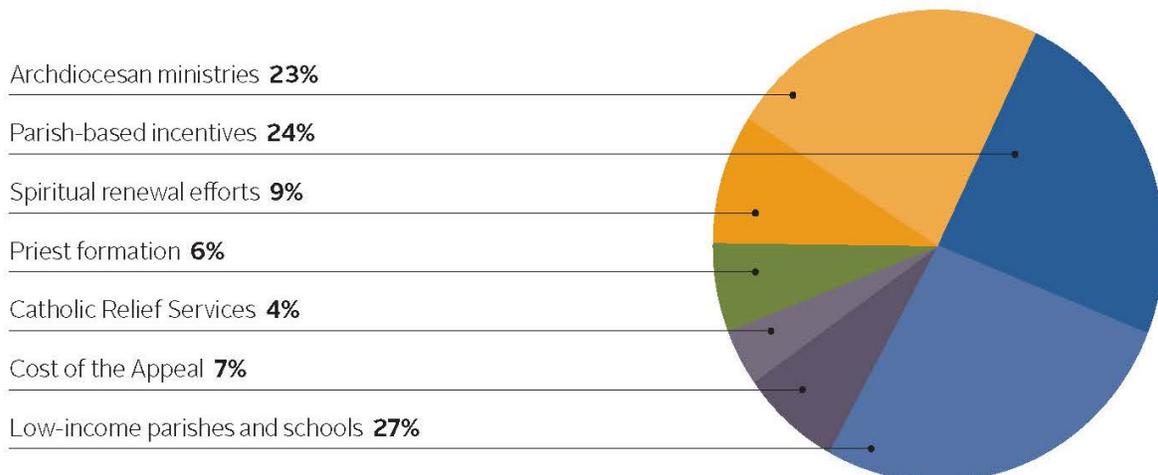


HOW YOUR GIFT TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL WILL BE USED

These projections are based on anticipated needs and are subject to change. The list below is meant to summarize the far-reaching impact of the Appeal, and so is not a comprehensive list of all the archdiocese's ministries.

Low-income parishes and schools	27%	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
Parish-based incentives	24%	After a parish reaches goal, donated funds return to the parish for local use
Archdiocesan ministries	23%	Outreach initiatives for young adults, families, children and others
Spiritual renewal efforts	9%	Transforming parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
Priest formation	6%	Education and development for seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago
Catholic Relief Services	4%	Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world
Cost of the Appeal	7%	Printing, postage, procession costs for the Appeal

How Your Gift Will Be Used





That Man Is You

All men are invited to join the
Spring Sessions of
That Man is YOU (TMIY)
Which started on
Tuesday, February 3
at 8:00pm
in **St. Francis Unity Hall/
SFX School Music Room**

***THAT MAN IS YOU!** is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. Christ didn't say, "Behold, I make new things." He said, "Behold, I make all things new."*

A new day is dawning for Catholic men. Now is our hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising!

Interested?
Scan the QR code
or [click here](#) to register.



SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22-26, 2026

We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was again a great success in 2025.

We are excited that our partnership with Grace will continue in 2026. This year's theme is "Rainforest Falls". The dates for the summer 2026 VBS are June 22-26. The program runs each day from 9:00am-Noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 to 4th graders. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that spends the week organizing a variety of service projects including a morning at the SFX Food Pantry.

The success of VBS relies on teen and parent volunteers. Hours spent volunteering can be used for required service hours. We will provide more details about these opportunities when registration opens.

VBS is an amazing, faith based program that provides many benefits for children and volunteers. We hope you can participate! Registration details will be provided early next year.

Any questions please contact: Phil Zadeik
at pjzadeik@gmail.com or Karl Olson
at Olson.karl@gmail.com.

Friends of St. Brigid To Heal Our Wounds and Green the Earth Again A Lenten Day of Reflection

Our Mission

Inspired by the spirit of St. Brigid, this welcoming community celebrates women's contributions to the history and vitality of our Catholic faith, empowering lay Catholics to advocate for expanded leadership roles for women in our church.

Upcoming Event

BRIGID 2026
To Heal Our Wounds and Green the Earth Again
A Lenten Day of Reflection

Hosted by Still Point Community with Speakers from Solas Bhride Christian Spirituality Centre in Kildare, Ireland

Saturday, March 7 at 8:15AM-4:00PM
Brookfield Zoo's Treetop Grand Vista Room

This Lent, spend a day exploring how St. Brigid models Pope Francis' call for an ecological conversion of the heart and mind (Laudato Si). Through shared reflection prayer, animal encounters, and woodland walks, embrace the sacredness and interconnectedness of all living beings. Listen to speakers from Solas Bhride (Light of Brigid) and share stories of spiritual and ecological healing that leads to justice while discerning the steps you take to care for our common home.

There is an \$85 fee for the retreat with options for scholarships to offset overall costs.

Register at www.bit.ly/Brigid-Reflection. For questions, email friendsofstbrigid@oldstpats.org or Al Gustafson algustafson@sbcglobal.net. For more information visit www.bit.ly/FriendsOfStBrigid or use the QR.

REGISTER



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, March 3

Contact: Peter Brown pbrown@sfxlq.org
for more information.

Catholics Are Responsible Environmental Stewards (CARES)

PEACE 

An environmental ministry in collaboration with St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus.

CARES is called to protect all of Creation and our Common Home. With a Christ-Centered focus, **CARES** models, promotes, and integrates environmentally sustainable and socially protective actions and practices throughout the parish and surrounding communities.

Advocacy: Raise awareness and inspire transformative actions

Education: Provide educational resources and opportunities

Programs: Organize events and plan initiatives

CARES follows the directives and guidance from the 2015 Laudato Si' Papal Encyclical, Catholic Doctrine, and Social Justice teachings, and the Chicago Archdiocese Office of Parish Vitality and Missions.

https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=543577&type=d

UPCOMING EVENTS



A Story To Tell
Four movies that changed America
Showtimes 1pm
Every Sunday in February
First Baptist Church of LaGrange
20 N Ashland Avenue
LaGrange, IL 60625
For more information contact
Pastor Maurice 708-674-6304

February 1st
February 8th
February 15th
February 22nd

Sponsored by:
First Baptist Church
Caring Place Foundation
Community Diversity
LaGrange Ministerium
Western Star Lodge #87

Refreshments will be served

February 19, 2026—7:00-8:00pm LaGrange Park Library

Systemic Racism & Restorative Practices: An Interactive Discussion: LaGrange Public Library, 10 West Cossitt, in LaGrange. Participants will be encouraged to discuss the challenging topic of systemic racism using a community-oriented approach. This eye-opening discussion will be moderated by College of DuPage Justice and Criminal Studies College of DuPage professors, Tauya Forst and Richard Forst. Come ready to actively listen and engage. This event is sponsored by the LaGrange Public Library in partnership with Ogden Parents Engaging Neighbors committee of the Ogden Parent Teacher Council. **REGISTER HERE.**

MARCH 2, 2026—7:00pm St. Francis Xavier Unity Hall

Presenter: Dave Lloyd, Bemis Woods South Steward, on environmental and ecological outreach efforts for all people of goodwill to care for our common home. More details to follow.

Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities in Bemis Woods during All Parish Service Week in June.

Any questions, contact SFX CARES Rep. Kevin McGann at kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026*

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

*Events will be available June 1-6, 2026

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



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
6:00-9:00 PM



JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT AT MILK MONEY BREWING TO GRAB A PINT OR TWO OF "FALCON HAZE." THIS HAZY IPA WAS CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR SFX!



A PORTION OF EACH PINT WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE IGNITE BENEFIT ON APRIL 18TH! THANK YOU TO MILK MONEY FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT
IGNITE HERE**



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Ladies Day Out

2026

SATURDAY, FEB. 28 3-6PM

**LA GRANGE
COUNTRY CLUB**

You're warmly invited to Ladies Day Out—a fun and refreshing chance to step away from the everyday and enjoy great company. Join us for friendship, delicious food and drinks, music, raffles, and BINGO, with proceeds benefitting our youth ministry program.

We hope you'll come—and bring a friend!

**FOR TICKETS, SCAN
OR VISIT SFXLG.ORG**





**2026 Divorce and Beyond
at Saint Francis Xavier
Sunday Evenings 6:00-7:15pm
February 15 through March 22**



The Divorce and Beyond ministry provides faith-based pastoral support to those who are divorced or experiencing divorce. Sessions are led by divorced lay persons committed to fostering the personal and spiritual growth of all participants. SFX will offer six weekly no-cost evening sessions in the parish rectory, 124 North Spring Avenue in LaGrange starting on February 15. A discussion guide will be provided at the first meeting. To register, please contact Maggie McMahon at 708-352-0168 or use the attached QR Code.

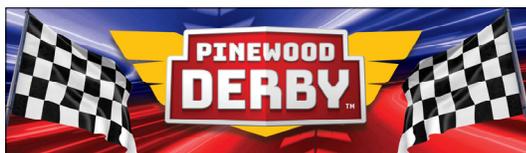
**Interfaith Career Network
February 19 at 7:00pm**

"Put Free Career Tools and Services to Work - How College of DuPage Can Empower Your Job Search" - Christine Kickels, Presenter

Expand your job search at the College of DuPage Library, a resource available to the entire community as well as current students. Hear about the top-notch tools they offer for researching industries, identifying local employers, and job searching in the age of AI.

Christine Kickels is a Professor and Reference Librarian at the College of DuPage with over 25 years of experience connecting people with high-level business and legal resources that are often difficult to access.

We look forward to seeing you at the **St. John of the Cross Parish Center**, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.



St. Francis Xavier Cub Scout Pack 33 will be holding their annual Pinewood Derby race on Saturday, March 7 starting at 9:00AM in Joyce Hall. All are welcome to attend to watch the race.

**Engage Community
Events Building Community
with Neighbors and Friends**



February 26: Monthly Meeting Special Guest Speaker Fr. Rich

Where: 7:00-8:30pm, Unity Hall.

Details: Tour of SFX church and rectory/rooms. Come learn about the history of our beautiful building and how it came to be followed by refreshments and a Q& A session with Father Rich. You can ask anything you have always wondered about the parish, Catholic faith, traditions, or whatever is on your mind. We will also use this opportunity to discuss Catholic Social Teachings, with some Hallow sessions as background (more to come about that).

To help Fr. Rich and plan our discussion, we would like to share some of your questions with him in advance. **Please send any questions you have for Fr. Rich to Karen at krpatena@icloud.com by February 19.** Please indicate if you want me to share with him anonymously if you are shy about your question. You can still ask questions at the meeting as well.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.

Engage focuses on building Christian community through a variety of social and service activities. All are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners, adults of all ages and life stages.

**Join our
Young Adult Ministry
(YAM)**



Groupme! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to get updates on upcoming events and connect with other young adults.

**Join our
Toddler Moms'**



Groupme! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to get updates on upcoming events and connect with other toddler moms'.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Archdiocese Women's Committee (AWC)

VOICES OF WOMEN

Join the Archdiocese Women's Committee (AWC) for one of three Zoom sessions as we explore.

Women in the Church: Elevating our Gifts, Finding Community.

Our goal is to hear the voices of 200 or more women. Discussion will address the following:

- Following Christ's example of elevating women in scripture, how can the Church better recognize women's dignity and gifts?
- As women, how do we use our gifts and extend grace to those we encounter in times of uncertainty and division?
- How can women find community and belonging in the Church where isolation or invisibility may still exist?

Advance registration is necessary in order to receive the Zoom link for participation. To register, please scan the QR code or click on your desired session below.

Thursday, February 19 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | bit.ly/AWCVOWo21926
 Wednesday, February 25 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | bit.ly/AWCVOWo22526
 Tuesday, March 3 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | bit.ly/AWCVOWo30326



The Archdiocese Women's Committee is an adjunct committee of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. It serves as an advisory committee that works directly with Cardinal Cupich.

13TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

get YOUR TICKETS



SATURDAY, MARCH 7
7PM AT THE ELM

LIVE MUSIC
DINNER AND DRINKS
AUCTION



Join us to raise money for college & trade school scholarships and mentoring to local students who have lost a parent

TheLegacyGuild.com

SFX PINK RIBBON COMMUNITY

Connect with Breast Cancer Survivors at SFX for fellowship & support.



We're Looking For A Few Good Men

Alpha men! TMIY men! Men's Club men! OCIA men! Former college-fraternity men!

Do you have any interest in assisting the elderly, the disabled, the poor, and supporting the cause of life?

Then, man oh man, this is your invitation to join the Knights of Columbus (www.KofCLaGrange.org). The energies of our parish's younger men (18 years old and up) are especially needed. It only takes all of us.

We're a fraternal Order that is the granddaddy of all Catholic men's ministries. Our Order is first in support of those, above, with the most in need. "Vivat Jesus!" has been our Latin motto since our 1882 founding because Jesus is central to our mission. Your home council has been leading good works in the greater LaGrange community since 1973. We could do much, much more with you involved, and we're inviting you to join us. It's easy. Simply send a text message to (our rush-chairman of sorts) Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to get started. Today. Tomorrow. To Knight!

Family Outreach Ministry



Ring in the new year with SERVICE! Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. Our next service date is March 7, 2026 and there are two time slots from which to choose:

9:00-11:00 AM: Food prep and cooking~11:00 AM-1:00 PM: Food serving & clean up.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years old if accompanied by an adult.

Questions? More information can be found on our Sign-Up Genius Link: [Click Here.](#)

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry



Our HEARTFELT Thanks
To Our Parishioners and
Community Members for
all the LOVE and CARE
shown to our Food Pantry
Families through your
GENEROUS donations.

Aspired Living
Catherine's Closet -Sharon Flaim
Cossitt School
Girl Scouts
Grace Lutheran
Gurrie School
Jack's West End
Jayne Boutique
Jim Donahue State Farm
Jo's Footwork Studio
Knights of Columbus
Lyons Township High School
Milk Money Brewing
NAMI
Nazareth Academy
Plymouth Place
Posto 31
St Francis Xavier Day School
St Francis Xavier Religious Ed
St John of the Cross Parish
Volunteers

Arts & Environment Committee Chair Volunteer Leadership Opportunity

A leadership role is opening up within our Arts & Environment Ministry, and we are seeking someone to step into the position of Committee Chair. For the past nine years, Celine Heraty has given her time and the joy of guiding this ministry at St. Francis and collaborating with a wonderfully creative team of volunteers. Together, they have prepared the Church and Unity Hall for every liturgical season - moving from Fall to Winter and Spring into Summer with beauty and intention. We appreciate all of their work and dedication to enhancing our environment. We are looking for Celine's successor to continue this beautiful ministry.

Ideal qualities of this Committee Chair include: flexibility in scheduling, creativity and artistic sensibility, strong organizational skills, ability to coordinate volunteers and parish staff with enthusiasm, openness and a generous spirit. Celine will guide and support the new chair through the first year of seasonal transitions, or until they feel fully confident in the role. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please feel free to contact Celine directly. We look forward to a smooth and grace-filled transition. Celine Heraty—Arts & Environment Committee Chair Email: cmheraty@gmail.com | Phone: 708-261-5742.

Thank you for your consideration, Bernadette McMahon, Liturgy Planning Chair Email: bbmcmahon@comcast.net | Phone: 312-315-7769.



SFX DONATION DRIVE

Let's help local organization -

CatNap from the Heart

by collecting donations throughout the month of February

Please drop at the main Religious Ed office.

Questions: telizabethgump@gmail.com

Acceptable donations:

- Wet cat food (any kind)
- Dry cat food - Iams Kitten chow (purple bag)
- Dry cat food - Iams cat chow (orange bag)
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Bleach
- PineSol
- Laundry Detergent (any kind)



Cash accepted!
Donations should notate
SFX Religious Ed

Church Audio Update—Adaptive Audio System

SFX has installed a Bluetooth accessible Listening System. To access this new system you must have a smartphone along with earphones or Bluetooth capable hearing aids. Follow the steps to connect your device:

Step 1) (At home or at SFX) Download the Listen Wi-Fi App from your app store or scan the provided QR Code below.

Apple Users



Android Users



Step 2) (In SFX Church) Download the Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection by scanning the provided QR Code below Please make sure to turn on Wi-Fi for auto detection in your settings.

Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection



We plan to have non-Bluetooth options available in the upcoming months. For assistance please call the rectory at 708-352-0168 or email sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to set-up an appointment.



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

- **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
- **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 Johnson
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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

Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 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.

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.

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Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 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 (Door #5).

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 sfxinlg@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 counselor, Benjamin Horen, from the Claret Center. Please call for an appointment at 630-923-8380.

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