



**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 16, 2025**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



# Together we bring hope



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal  
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## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 17	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Dave Armstrong Leo McKernan	The Armstrong Family The Metzger Family
Tuesday, February 18	Mass	8:30 am	Helen Adams John F. Gronkowski	The Adam Scotty Family Rich & Sheila Hayes
Wednesday, February 19	Mass	8:30 am	Ed O'Connell	The Cooley Family
Thursday, February 20	Rosary Mass Adoration	8:15 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	James C. Ronay Dr. Robert E. Keely	Patrick Daly The Keeley Family
Friday, February 21	Mass	8:30 am	Holanda Saenz	The Grubish Family
Saturday, February 22	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Eileen M. Daly Nancy Johnson Susanne Walsh	Patrick Daly Susan & Bob Lindsay Pat DeMars
Sunday, February 23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Mo Naficy Pat McCormick Capanigro Rick Mahoney Meg Duranty	The Miller Family Pat Urycki The Westerhoff Family The Reilly & Cushing Families

### Presider's Schedule for February 15-16, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

### Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravalo	Alice Krol
Orlando Ares	Richard Lavers
Jack Bernauer	Eleanor Love
Vivian Brickhouse	Greg Molinari
Kevin Brooks	Patrick Morgan
Nick Caputo	Bill Mroz
Mary Kate Corrigan	Ann Marie Niedos
Mary Ann Curry	Connie O'Dette
Mark Davis	Mark Reilly
Blake Donegan	Joyce Schmitz
Tom Flynn	June Sheehan
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Juan Silva
Allen Godlewski	Sheila Slonskis
Vincenzo Guzzo	Gregg Stephenson
Junie Haase	John Stopka
Mateo Herhold	Sophie Stratton
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Olivia Tarsney
William Hesselgrave	Chuck Witte
Angela Hill	Lauren Zaide
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Mila Zaide
Michelle Kram	

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:

**Marge McDevitt**  
Wife of the late Joseph  
Mother of Anne, Joe, Cathy, the late Thomas,  
Margaret, Jack, Jim, Mary Jean, Susan,  
Michael and Maureen

### Weddings

Mary Konstant & Stephen Agin  
Emily Titzer & Daniel Dlugosz  
Caitlin Phelan & Steve Pochron



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Thank you for your support!



# Pastor's Letter

*As part of the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal,  
Cardinal Cupich has provided a homily for all parishes throughout the Archdiocese.  
What follows is the text of his homily.*

Greetings to all of you. I am pleased to have this opportunity to reflect on today's readings on this Commitment Sunday for our Annual Catholic Appeal. Notice that St. Paul says something quite remarkable. He tells us that God creates humanity in two stages. First, Adam, who became a living soul, and then Christ, the second Adam, who become a life-giving spirit. The invitation is to pay attention to those movements of God's grace that allow us to embrace this second stage of being human. St. Luke tells us specifically what graces we should look for: Look for the desire to be better, the freedom to love our enemies, to bless those who mistreat us, to give without looking for return, to stop judging others, to forgive and turn the other cheek. Do we want to pay attention to our better angels? Of course, we all do and we wish we could be better, be more noble and more God like. Isn't that why we come to Mass and why we pray each day?

Jesus today is calling us to move away from living just for ourselves, being isolated living souls, and accept the power and freedom he is offering to be a life-giving spirit for others, to make this world a better place. I believe this hope resides in the hearts of each one of us, the hope that we can move from living for ourselves to living for others, to live in the new world of God's kingdom. The Annual Catholic Appeal captures this aspiration so well, reminding us that: Together we bring hope.

Together, we bring hope by supporting struggling parish communities, schools, religious education and ministry formation programs, and respect life and peace initiatives in the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Together through our sacrificial gifts, we bring hope as we support Catholic Relief Services which assists those suffering from illnesses, natural disasters, and the ravages of war.

I invite you to pay attention to the movements in your heart to be a better human being, to really believe that by giving his life on the cross, which we celebrate in the Eucharist, Christ is creating us and empowering us to live in his image, as a human being who is a life-giving spirit.

As your financial circumstances permit, please join me and other Catholics in becoming a pilgrim of hope by making a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Once your parish meets its goal, proceeds will return to your parish to support its mission in your local community. As you now move to celebrating the Eucharist, pay attention to the grace Christ is giving you to be a better person; believe that he is giving you the power to offer self-sacrificing love in service to others. And then together let us bring hope to a wounded world.

Please pray and reflect on how God is calling you to live as one created in the image of Jesus Christ to bring hope to our world by supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal.

May God the Father of mercies bless and keep you and all your loved ones in his loving care and may he renew you in hope. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Cardinal Blaise Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

***Please note:*** Appeal envelopes are available at all church doors if you have not yet submitted a pledge to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. You can return it to the rectory or drop it in the basket next weekend.



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we bring hope



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**Please Make Your Gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal**

The struggle to find hope and to claim God’s gift of hope inspired Pope Francis to name the theme of the Holy Year of 2025 *Pilgrims of Hope*. Here, in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have echoed that in our theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal *Together we bring hope*. Through our words and the witness of our lives, we can be ambassadors of God’s hope to a world so much in need of confidence and direction. Our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal can also be a tangible way for us to bring hope to those who need it. The Appeal supports parish life, Catholic schools, programs of religious education, and various archdiocesan initiatives that include respect for life and violence reduction.

This weekend is Commitment Weekend. The goal for SFX is \$127,444. Last year, our parishioners generously gave \$125,525.64 – God bless you!

**GIVING OPTIONS:** The Archdiocese offers the following ways to Make ACA Gifts:

1. **Use the Reply Form received in Cardinal Cupich’s direct mailings.** Letters from the cardinal were mailed by the Annual Catholic Appeal and contained a pre-addressed return envelope to mail in cash, check or credit card gifts.
2. **Donate Online using your credit or debit card at [www.annualcatholicappeal.com](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.com).** There is a dedicated annual appeal giving form accessible online.
3. **In-pew envelopes.** Our traditional Commitment Weekend will take place THIS weekend, when Fr. Bill leads the congregation with the in-pew process.
4. **Charitable Gift or Donor Advised Funds.** If you would like to give in this method, contact Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Director of Stewardship and Development, in the rectory for assistance.



**Demonstrate Love for Thy Neighbor with a QCD Gift**

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day, we have the opportunity to be the face of Jesus to others.

You can help to support our faith community by making a qualified charitable distribution (“QCD”) gift from your individual retirement account to the Annual Catholic Appeal. A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level, and the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.

**If you would like information on how to make a QCD gift to the Parish and/or the Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact Jennifer Zeisloft at 708-352-0168 or [jzeisloft@sfxlq.org](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlq.org).**

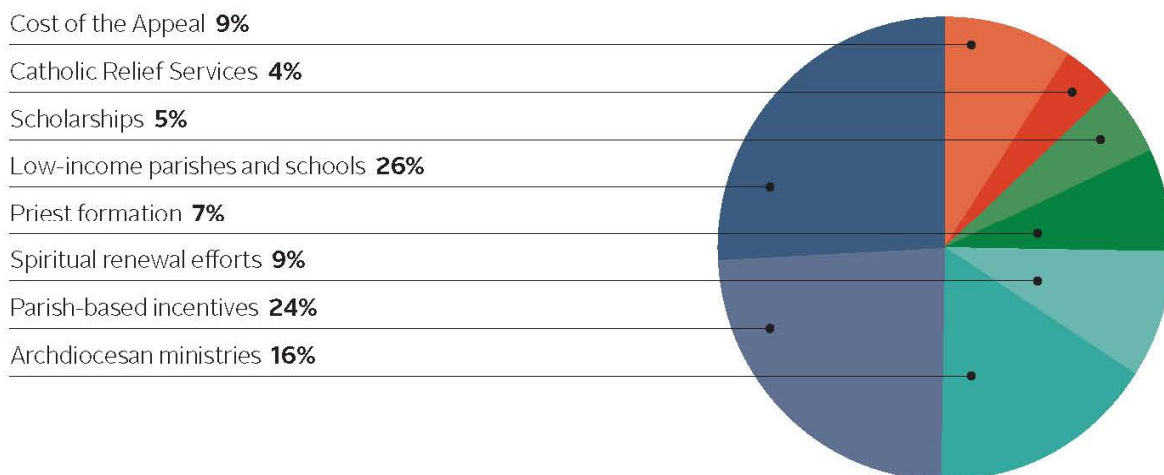
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## What the Annual Catholic Appeal Funds

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.

<b>Low-income parishes and schools</b>	<b>26%</b>	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
<b>Parish-based incentives</b>	<b>24%</b>	After a parish reaches goal, donated funds return to the parish for local use
<b>Archdiocesan ministries</b>	<b>16%</b>	Outreach initiatives for young adults, families, children and others
<b>Spiritual renewal efforts</b>	<b>9%</b>	Transforming parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
<b>Priest formation</b>	<b>7%</b>	Education and development for seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago
<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>5%</b>	Tuition assistance for disadvantaged Catholic school Families
<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	<b>4%</b>	Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world
<b>Cost of the Appeal</b>	<b>9%</b>	Printing, postage, procession costs for the Appeal

## How Your Gift Will Be Used





SFX CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

# Ladies Day Out

Saturday, March 1, 3-6PM

## La Grange Country Club

*An afternoon of fun, fellowship and laughter.*



You're invited to gather with the incredible women of SFX where you can forge lasting friendships while supporting our beloved parish! Relax in the distinctive atmosphere of the newly-renovated La Grange Country Club as you enjoy fantastic live music, great conversations, and a spectacular raffle with prizes like these:

- Tickets to the Salt Shed
- A Private Party at Bottle & Bottega
- Pino & Pilates Private Event
- Mini Session with Kristin Janiszewski Photography
- and much more!



Scan for tickets

Tickets include appetizers, wine, beer, High Noons, and BINGO!

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More info at [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org)



## Transition Prayer

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we seek our new pastor, we entrust our community to your Holy Spirit. You know the heart of our congregation and the unique gifts and challenges of our parish. May we remain united in your grace and rejoice in the promise of your will to bring the "fullness of joy." May our future pastor do the same, listening to your Spirit with courage and openness as you lead us to one another. Amen.

## Attn: All High School Teens!



Are you looking to grow stronger in your Faith? Are you looking for ways to navigate the challenges and complexities of your high school years? Do you wonder how our Faith fits into a world which often seems to dismiss or be disrespectful to our Faith? Please join a group of like-minded teens to explore these issues at Crossroads.

We meet twice per month on Sunday nights to explore faith, build community, and share perspectives. We will also have some outreach/volunteer opportunities.

**All meetings take place in Unity Hall after the 5:00PM Mass, from 6:00-7:00PM and includes dinner.**

This program is in its second year at SFX and we are excited about being able to support the faith journey of our teens. We welcome all high school students regardless of faith/parish, so bring your friends.

**Our Meetings with dinner included are scheduled for:**

**THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
Sunday, March 2 and March 16,  
Sunday, April 13 and April 27

**Please use link or QR code to sign up and also for more information including dates and details!**

<https://bit.ly/SFXCrossroads>



Questions and to RSVP? Please reach out to Laura and Greg Ozark at [greg.ozark@gmail.com](mailto:greg.ozark@gmail.com) or [lauraozark@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraozark@yahoo.com)

## New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social



Let's gather for a prayer service in church on Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30pm, for a special Newcomer Blessing presided by Fr. Rich.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for socializing in Unity Hall. Alpine subs, salad, fruit and cookies will be served.

Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

### Who is invited?

Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish; those who have considered joining officially and have not yet; individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us; and families with children of all ages. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7:00pm, or BOTH!

If you are able, please RSVP by February 21 to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

### RSVP and Questions

Call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com).

## Undone Women's Retreat

Do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you looking for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the JPii Healing Center's "Undone" women's conference. where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation! The event will be held at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale on March 27-29, 2025. It will be offered both in person and virtually via livestream.

Please check out the link below for more information about how to register for either the in person or virtual experience. Registration is now open. This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Questions?  
Email [JPiiHCRetreatHinsdaleIL@gmail.com](mailto:JPiiHCRetreatHinsdaleIL@gmail.com)

## Welcoming The Stranger

In January, we provided welcome packs to two refugee families from Burma.

A special thanks to SFX parishioners for financial donations, as well as donations of household items through the Giving Tree.

We appreciate the volunteers who made their apartments feel more like a home when they arrived.



L-R Mary Freeman, Angie Fekrat, Jerry Spearman, Margie Hull, Maggie Freeman, Ellie Fekrat, Jaclyn Cummings  
not pictured: Shirley Augustyn who shopped for items

Over the past five years, SFX has partnered with Exodus World Service to provide 17 different packs to families from Afghanistan, Burma, Congo, Columbia, Rwanda, Syria and Venezuela. Thanks to our team of volunteers for always answering the call!



## Engage Community February Events

Our next informal get-together is a lunch outing at the **Grapevine Restaurant on Wednesday, February 19 at Noon** (separate checks). Please RSVP at the email below by February 16 so that we can provide accurate reservation information.

Restaurant address: 9 West Hillgrove Avenue, LaGrange. Website: <http://grapevinelagrangecom/index.html>

Our next formal meeting will be a volunteering session at the **Share Food Share Love Food Pantry** in Brookfield on **Thursday, February 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**.

Pantry address: 9030 Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield. Website: <https://www.sharefoodsharelove.org/>

We will be providing some sweat equity for the pantry operations. All capabilities welcome. So that we and the pantry can plan, please RSVP at the email below by February 22.

For questions or to RSVP for either event, 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.



# We Love Our Volunteers

Thanks to all who attended our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner last Saturday. We missed those of you who could not make it but please know of our sincere gratitude to all who make this parish a vibrant community of faith!



*Gratitude is the heart's memory.  
Thank you very much!  
French Proverb*



## Fundraising Opportunity Until February 28th for the SFX Theatre Department

Looking for something new to experience on a chilly weekend or evening? Dave and Buster's is a fantastic experience for the entire family; one of the largest, most exciting arcade/VR locations in the surrounding area! SFX Theatre Program is looking to raise funds for the Fine Arts production of Annie, Jr. that will be performed on May 8th, 9th, and 10th. The money raised will help us with costs for costumes, set design, and sound for the shows. \$10 of every \$20 card purchased will go to us! The \$20 Dave & Buster's Power Card comes loaded with 100 chips. The standard activation fee is waived. Enjoy your favorite arcade games, virtual reality, billiards and more, redeemable nationwide at a Dave & Buster's near you!



[groupai.se/davebusters54191c](http://groupai.se/davebusters54191c)

## SFX Theatre Proudly Presents Annie, Jr.

Follow the unforgettable journey of Annie, the spunky orphan who never gives up hope! Packed with iconic songs like, "Tomorrow" & "Hard Knocked Life", this production will warm your heart and have you singing along! Come out and experience a heartwarming musical for the whole family!

**Thursday, May 8 - 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, May 9 - 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday, May 10 - 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm**



## SAVE THE DATE 2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-27



We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was a great success last summer. Attendance was up significantly due to support and participation from the SFX community.

We are continuing our partnership with Grace for 2025. The dates for the summer VBS program are June 23 through 27, each day from 9:00am-Noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 through 4th grade. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that will spend the week organizing and conducting a variety of service projects.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities for high school students that count toward required service hours. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as well.

Registration information will be available early next year along with more details about volunteering. We are looking forward to another week of fun and faith based activities-this year's theme is "True North Trusting Jesus in a wild world."

Any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at [pjzadeik@gmail.com](mailto:pjzadeik@gmail.com).



## Family Outreach Ministry Volunteer Event

Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program. Our next date of service is **Saturday, March 15** 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.

To volunteer, please [click here](#).

Questions?

Contact Ana Dimailig [apd3@core.com](mailto:apd3@core.com) or Rachel Peterson [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net).

## Interfaith Career Network

### Quarterly Resume Review Saturday, February 22~9:00-11:00am

Join us for a helpful 20-30 minute one-on-one conversation with an HR or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could help refresh or enhance your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

Visit us at <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org> for additional resources.



## That Man Is You Men's Group



All men are invited to join the Spring Sessions of *That Man is YOU (TMIY)* Which started on Tuesday, February 4 at 8:00pm in the school chapel (enter at Unity Hall)

*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.



**Toddlers Together**  
Connecting parents  
with kids 5 and under

### Upcoming Event:

**Joyce Hall Playdate** on **Saturday, February 22** from **9:30 to 11:00am**. Run those Saturday morning wiggles out indoors during this cold winter! Enter through the Waiola Avenue school doors and ring the "Joyce Hall or BASE" doorbell left of the door if no one is there to greet you!

Join our listserv by emailing [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) or find us on Facebook at [Toddling Together - SFX Parents of Littles](#).

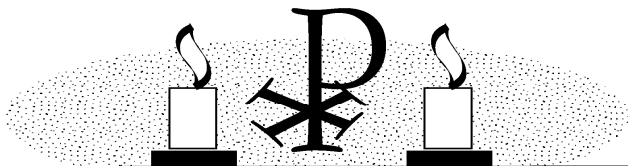
## Prayer Shawl Ministry



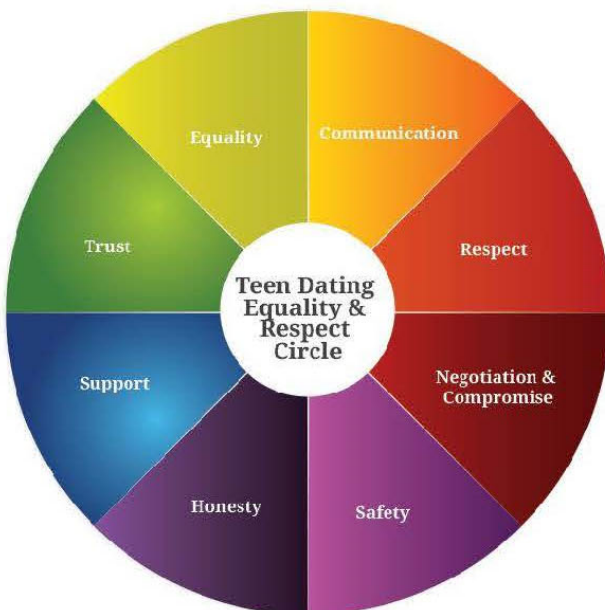
### CORRECTION

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 12** from **4:00-5:00pm** in the Rectory Courtyard Room. Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

Our next meeting dates in the Courtyard Room are:  
**April 10** from **7:00-8:00pm**  
**May 7** from **7:00-8:00pm**



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## TEEN DATING AWARENESS MONTH

February is Teen Dating Awareness month. The Archdiocesan Domestic violence Outreach Ministry supports building healthy relationships to reduce teen dating violence and prevent its harmful, long-lasting effect. Find events and social media/infographics on Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month on the DVO website.

[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

# SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025\*

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

\*Events will be available June 2-7, 2025

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.

## Adoption and Foster Information Night

Have you been thinking about adopting or fostering? Do you have questions for people who have been there and professionals who work in the field?

Join us for an Adoption and Foster Information Night at Old St. Patrick's Church. We'll have brief presentations from people who have adopted both in and out of state and through the foster program, as well as representatives from DCFS, an adoption agency, and an adoption consultant. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

**Sunday, February 23, 6:00-7:00 pm**

At the Old St. Pat's Rectory dining room, the third floor of 718 W Adams, Chicago, immediately following the 5:00 Mass.

RSVP Rachelle Lindo [rachelle.lindo@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle.lindo@gmail.com).

### The Adoption Creed

Not flesh of my flesh nor bone of my bone,  
but still miraculously my own.  
Never forget for a single minute,  
you didn't grow under my heart, but in it.  
~ Author unknown

## 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 4

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

## Prison Ministry Mother's Day Needs



Over 16,000 Christmas cards were sent to Illinois prisoners. An example of the responses we received is "I just wanted to thank you for letting me know that someone out there cares. You are a light in a dark place."

And now we already are preparing for Mother's Day.

### We need:

Stationery, Mother's Day cards, thinking of you cards, blank note cards – but there must be NO glitter, nothing glued, no stickers, no crayon or markers used. These cards are NOT to be signed—they are for prisoners to send to their mothers and grandmothers. Forever postage stamps. Paper lunch bags. Gallon zip-lock bags. Reams of colored paper, but NO construction paper.

Mother's Day materials must be dropped off at church **before February 28**.

Thank you for being Christ's light to the prisoners.



## Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Charity is at the heart of our faith and the work of the Knights of Columbus. If you're a Catholic man from age 18 to 78 with a calling for service by focusing on others, live a life of faith in action. Jesus calls us to bear fruit. Become a Knight. **YOUNG LEADERS WANTED**. We've got good work to do in our community. Text or call Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to learn how you can help us serve those with the most need. To Knight!



## Nametag Sunday Volunteers Needed!

Hello  
my name is...

Help make Nametag Sunday possible! We are looking for volunteers to help at the next Nametag Sunday, March 1 and 2. Volunteers arrive at mass about 20 minutes early, grab a clipboard at one of the entrances, and greet parishioners with a smile. We'd love your help continuing this ministry of welcome at our parish!

To volunteer, please [click here](#) or scan the QR Code.



### 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
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **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
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Sean Kramer, U.S. Army**—friend of the Cooley Family
- **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Nidos
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux

**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

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Rev. Richard Milek  
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Mary Freeman  
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## Education Ministry

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Administrative Assistant  
Front Office Coordinator  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment  
Office Operations/Events Manager  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Jimmy Bajner  
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Jeanne Grimes  
Joni O'Halloran  
Erin Smith  
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## Music Ministry

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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](mailto: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 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.

## 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](mailto: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 parish counselor, Bennett Ferguson, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone at 312-880-7606.





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