



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 2, 2025



“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit.”
- Lk 6:43

BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 3	Mass	8:30 am	Ann Marie Mason Carol Vasey Dennis Schumacher Special Intention	The Enochs Family and The Rosary Girls The Grubish Family Dr. & Mrs. Sannicchio
Tuesday, March 4	Mass	8:30 am	Colette C. Kramer	Sharon Sims
Wednesday, March 5	Mass	7:00 am	People of the Parish	The Shanley Family
Ash Wednesday	Mass	8:30 am	Terry Metzger	
	Service	12:00 pm		
	Service	3:00 pm		
	Mass	7:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Thursday, March 6	Rosary	8:15 am		
	Mass	8:30 am	Eileen M. Daly	Patrick Daly
Friday, March 7	Stations	7:45 am	Stations of the Cross	
	Mass	8:30 am	Evelyn Freeman	Your SFX Gal Pals
Saturday, March 8	Mass	8:30 am	Dwain & Phil Breitbach	Bob & Jennifer Driscoll
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Edwin Adams	The Adams-Scotty Family
Sunday, March 9	Mass	7:30 am	Mary Tio	John R. Washbish
1st Sunday of Lent	Mass	9:00 am	David Sewall	The Reilly & Cushing Families
	Mass	11:00 am	Robert Chen	Peter & Barbara Tomaino
	Mass	5:00 pm	Terry Metzger	The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for March 1-2, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

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

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:



Anna Russo
Mother of Tina, Joseph and Anthony

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



LORD YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN

Pastor's Letter

*"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first,
then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in another's eye."
Luke 6:42*

Those working a Twelve Step program come to realize that it is much easier to take the inventory of another person's faults than to inventory my own. When I focus on your faults, which seem so obvious to me, I am distracted from seeing any of my own. I convince myself that if you were to address your faults, I would be free of all troubles. So, I try to "change you" to "fix me." However, a rigorous and honest self-examination becomes a necessary step toward a fulfilling life.

Our tendency to *focus on the other person to explain my behavior* is as old as the story of Adam, Eve, and the serpent. When God asks Adam and Eve why they have done the one thing God had forbidden them to do, Adam quickly blames Eve; and Eve, in turn, blames the serpent. Isaac has twelve sons, the youngest of which, Joseph, is especially dear to him. Joseph's brothers become jealous of this and decide to sell him into slavery. Saul attempts to kill David because he fears that David will take Saul's place as king. King Herod slays hundreds of innocent children whom he views as potential threats to his power. Yet Jesus teaches his disciples that we must always examine our own hearts first.

An ongoing practice of self-examination? To live in this way is to choose an attitude counter to the surrounding culture. **Social media** overflows with gossip, accusation, and blame. **Politicians** become preoccupied with placing responsibility for failures, real or imagined, on the actions of their opponents. We may be heard complaining that the **referees** are throwing the game, the **judge** is biased, the **teacher** doesn't like me, my **spouse** never listens. Besides, **what they did** is so much worse than anything I've done. Some or all of this may be true. Yet these accusations never lead to peace of mind. I achieve peace when I begin to ask, "**How am I contributing to the problem?**"

Am I more sensitive to the criticisms of certain people, on certain topics, or at certain times? **Am I listening carefully** when I begin to feel that the other person is not listening to me? Is the referee throwing the game or **am I limiting my awareness** to the calls that do not go "my way." Is the problem social media and the high volume of gossip and accusation to be found there; or **do I become obsessed** with taking in every post? **Do I become preoccupied** with situations that I cannot change rather than focus on where I *can* have an effect? Is this really about the other person or what they are saying or doing; or **does my reaction to this person doing this thing at this moment** reveal more about *me* than about them?

What are the "wooden beams" that blind me or distort my sight? We are about to enter a season that invites us to look inward. We set aside forty days to *notice* where we have gotten off the path of Jesus. We *support one another* as we each take an honest look at ourselves. We do so not to feel bad about ourselves, but to *appreciate the depth of God's love* for each of us. We come together, honestly and humbly, as *sinner restored to life* by God's mercy and sent to bring the message of God's mercy to others.

What is the beam that God invites you to chip away at this Lent? What will open your mind and heart to God's healing grace? St. Paul encourages us: "*Be firm, steadfast, fully devoted to the word of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*"

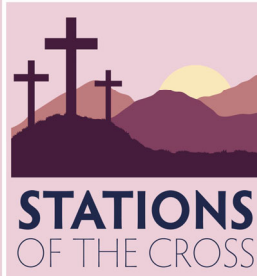
Blessed Paczki Day! And many blessings to follow this Lent!

J. Bill



Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:00 am Mass
8:30 am Mass
12:00 pm Service
3:00 pm Service
7:00 pm Mass



Stations of the Cross

Join us on the Fridays of Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7:45 am. March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11.



Music Notes...

SFX Parish "First Communion" Children's Choir

An invitation goes out to all SFX Parish children who like to sing in **grades 1, and 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8**, who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir, to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** Children are NOT required to sing at all three Masses.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY SINGING IN ONE OF THE PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, THERE IS NO NEED TO RE-REGISTER. **Rehearsals will begin the week of March 24th.** Please see below for the breakdown:

- Grades 1 & 3.....Tuesdays: 3:40 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
First Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 25th
- Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.....Thursdays: 3:40 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
First Rehearsal: Thursday, March 27th

Please use the link below to register!

<https://forms.gle/TT8Tr3vgiwpY2NBE9>



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.

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of February:

Joseph & Emily Dellacroce
Timothy & Tara Finucane
Marilu Halm
Marek & Brianna Kowalewski
Conor & Mackenzie McCormick
Rose Naputano
Keith & Beth Stiggers
Brian & Kelly Thomas
Michael & Kathryn Vahey
Ted & Christina Vernon



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.



PRAY40 LENTEN PRAYER CHALLENGE

Join St. Francis Xavier Parish on Hallow this Lent for Pray40 as we mediate on the writings of St. Josemaria Escrivá, author of the spiritual classic *The Way*.

Together, we'll hear Escrivá's powerful advice and spiritual direction brought to life through the story of Servant of God Takashi Nagai, a Japanese Catholic convert who miraculously survived the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in 1945. In a moment he lost everything, but through it he surrendered himself and his city to the Lord.

To join the prayer challenge, visit our parish page on the **Community** tab of the **Hallow** app. If you're brand new to Hallow, visit www.hallow.com/parish to get set up.

We look forward to praying with you.

Holy Yoga

Come join us for an evening of yoga and prayer, focusing on settling and connecting mind, body and heart as we journey through lent. We will practice breathing and movement as well as open ourselves to the Spirit through scripture. No prior yoga or prayer experience required! Yoga will be led by Freya Smith, an experienced yoga instructor who is skilled at working with a wide range of abilities.

Thursday, March 20, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Unity Hall (enter through doors between church and school)

Please bring a yoga mat, water bottle and large towel or blanket for extra support in some of the stretches. Comfortable clothing recommended.

Register by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code. There is a \$20 suggested donation per registrant.



Little Black Books for Lent

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

SPRING FORWARD



**Next weekend,
don't forget to Spring ahead
one hour as Daylight savings time will begin.
Be sure to replace the batteries
in your smoke detectors.**

Please Remember Our Priests

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests' Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please call **Priests' Health and Retirement** at **708-449-8026**. If you would like to make a gift today, please visit www.prmma.org.

That Man Is You Men's Group



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

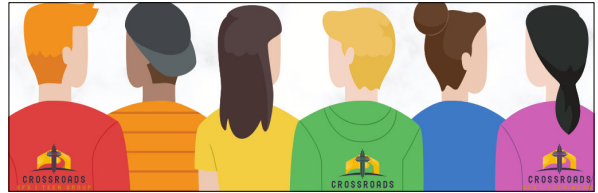
THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. Christ didn't say, "Behold, I make new things." He said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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.



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, March 2
Sunday, March 16, and Sunday, April 13

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

<https://bit.ly/SFXCrossroads>



Questions and to RSVP?
Please reach out to Laura and Greg
Ozark at greg.ozark@gmail.com or
lauraozark@yahoo.com

**St. Francis Xavier
Senior Women's Group**

Dan Spain and The Elm

**Wednesday, March 5
9:00-11:00am
Unity Hall**

No RSVP Needed

All Are Welcome

**Join us as Dan Spain reveals his
story and the building of The Elm.**



**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!

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
or Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.

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 JPiiHCRetreatHinsdaleLL@gmail.com

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 or 708-352-0168.**

**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!

New Dates:

Thursday, May 15th~7:00pm

Friday, May 16th~7:00pm

Sunday, May 18th~7:00 & 2:00pm



**Calling All
Carpenters/Handy
People!**

We need your skills to help bring *Annie Jr.* to life! Our production requires some basic set pieces, including walls, stairs, and bunk beds, and we're looking for volunteers to help build them as soon as possible.

If you or someone you know has carpentry experience and can lend a hand, please reach out to us at slovera@sfxlg.org. Your support will make a huge impact on our show—thank you in advance!

**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.

**SFX
OPEN
GYM**

**\$ 5 PER KID |
\$10 PER FAMILY
CASH AT DOOR**

**FUN ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, AND MUCH MORE FOR
AGES 4 - 8 YEARS OLD**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**



**RSVP with this
QR Code or
[click here!](#)**

**PLEASE NOTE PARENTS MUST STAY DURING THE OPEN GYM
YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME BUT WILL HAVE TO STAY ON BLEACHERS
WAIVER MUST BE FILLED OUT PRIOR PARTICIPATION**

Prayer Shawl Ministry



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**

Family Outreach Ministry Volunteer Event



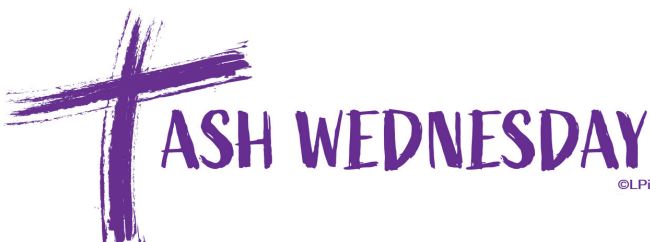
Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program. Our next date of service is **Saturday, March 15** and there are two time slots from which to choose:

- 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 or
Rachel Peterson petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.



Engage Community Spring Events



We are going to attend a **Tour of the Mayslake Peabody Estate, Wednesday, March 12, 12:30-1:30 pm** at 1717 31st Street in Oakbrook. Cost: \$8 per person. Note: This is part of a regularly scheduled tour, not a private tour for our group.

Afterward if there is interest, we will go to a local restaurant for a late lunch. **RSVP's are not needed, but if you wish RSVP to the email below by March 9.**

In 1919 Francis Stuyvesant Peabody commissioned renowned Chicago architect Benjamin Marshall to design the Tudor Revival-style mansion known today as Mayslake Hall. The style reaches back to England's Tudor period as a revival of the timber-frame buildings popular at the time. Mayslake Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a thriving space, where people connect to nature and one another through art, history, and cultural programs offered throughout the year.

Cheese Tasting!



Our next formal meeting will be **Thursday, March 27, 7:00-8:30 pm in Unity Hall**. Join us for a Cheese Tasting! We'll sample and learn about cheeses (and maybe try a new variety or two).

If you want to present a cheese you are passionate about, **RSVP to the email below by March 10 for next steps**. If you want to expand your taste horizons, just join us on the 27th.

For questions or to RSVP for either event, please email Jane at 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.

THE TALK

PART ONE

TUE
MARCH 18TH
7PM-8:30PM



The Kind Exchange

A space where white women and women of color talk about true allyship—where we move beyond surface-level friendships into depth, trust, and real change.

Hosted by: Evelyn Dumfeh and Katie Mulcahy

Location: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish

124 N Spring Avenue

La Grange, IL 60525

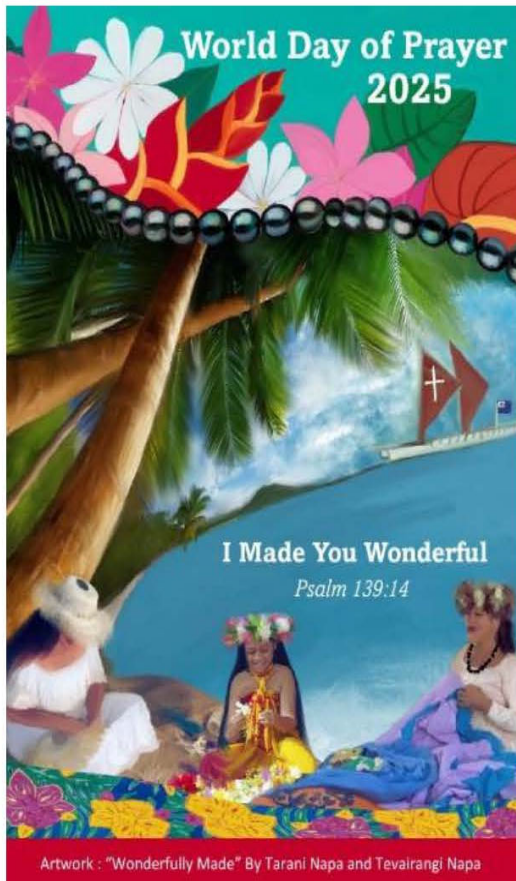
Refreshments will be served

Please [Click Here](#)
to Register for The Talk
on Tuesday, March 18th!

**Church Women United
LaGrange/Western Springs**

Invites you to attend

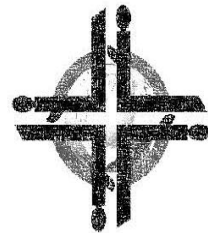
World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 7, 2025



Location:

**Congregation of St. Joseph
Welcome Hall
1515 Ogden Avenue,
LaGrange Park, 708-354-9200**

**Time: 10:00 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Celebration**



The 98th WDP service and celebration is brought to us by the women of the Cook Islands. The Cook Islands are a group of fifteen islands found in the Pacific Ocean, located near New Zealand and Australia. We will be blessed by the worship, words, and stories from the Cook Islands.

Reservations are not required. Light refreshments will be served.

Carpooling is Recommended.

For more information contact: cwulgws@gmail.com or call/text: 708-710-0644



Cossitt Clothing Sale Volunteer Signup is OPEN!

Mark your calendars for the
SPRING Cossitt Clothing Sale
Saturday, March 8
10:00 am-1:30 pm at Cossitt School!

VOLUNTEER your time. Would you like to be invited to the presale and shop before the General Sale?

Signup HERE:

<https://www.cossittptc.org/volunteers-1>

SELL your gently used children's clothing, shoes, and books and keep 60% of the sale price. The Cossitt PTC keeps 40% to use towards school programs.

DONATE your items if you don't feel like tagging and Cossitt keeps 100% of the profit!

SHOP thousands of items from infant to teen and find out why people look forward to our sale year after year!

For more information to shop, sell, donate, and volunteer, please check the [Cossitt PTC website](#).

We hope to see you at the Sale!



LIVING IN UNITY WITH SPIRIT, EARTH, AND ONE ANOTHER

At-Home Lenten Retreat

Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00pm through Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm. Begin your Lenten journey with a communal Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, including the distribution of ashes and a reflection by Sr. Pat Bergen. Throughout this 3-week retreat, make space each day for half an hour of prayer and meet with a retreat director for five half-hour sessions. The retreat will conclude with a group gathering on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm.

Format: In-Person or Zoom

Location: The Well Spirituality Center or via Zoom
Spiritual Directors: Sr. Pat Bergen, CSJ, Sr. Celeste Cotter, CSJ, Barbara Boyd, Sr. Evelyn Lobo, SSpS, and Sr. Mary Lou Pleitner, CSJ.

Learn more & register: <https://csjthewell.org/programs/at-home-lenten-retreat/>

Annual Augustinian Women's Retreat

JOIN US FOR A LENTEN RETREAT

AWAKENED BY THE LIGHT

Exploring the spiritual journey from blindness to sight, reflecting on personal conversion, healing, and encountering Christ's transformative light. To register, visit www.midwestaugustinians.org and follow the links to Lay Engagement opportunities.

MARCH 14-15TH

CARMELITE RETREAT CENTER, 8419 BAILEY ROAD, DARIEN



MIDWEST AUGUSTINIAN
OFFICE OF LAY ENGAGEMENT

All Are Welcome

www.MidwestAugustinians.org
Maryellen@MidwestAugustinians.org



**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 & 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 Niedos
- **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.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
Weekend Sacramental Clergy

Rev. William Tkachuk
Rev. Richard Milek
Andrew Allison
Phil Gianatasio
Margaret McMahon
Mary Freeman
Rev. Stan Ilo

wtkachuk@sfxlg.org
rmilek@sfxlg.org
aallison@sfxlg.org
pgianatasio@sfxlg.org
mmcmahon@sfxlg.org
mfreeman@sfxlg.org

School Education Administration

Parish School Principal
Assistant Principal
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
Janice Carr
Jeanne Grimes
Joni O'Halloran
Erin Smith
Brooke Cermak
Jane Bandyk
Elis Guidice
Cindy Johnson

jbajner@sfxlg.org
jcarr@sfxlg.org
jgrimes@sfxlg.org
johalloran@sfxlg.org
esmith@sfxlg.org
bcermak@sfxlg.org
jbandyk@sfxlg.org
eguidice@sfxlg.org
cjohnson@sfxlg.org

Music Ministry

Director
Associate Musician
Associate Musician

Allen Sterwalt
Ann Maney
Bob Voves

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

Parish Office Administration

Director of Operations
Director of Stewardship and Development
Finance Manager
Administrative Assistant
Parish Secretary/Receptionist
Staff Secretary/Bulletin Editor
Facilities Manager

Peter Brown
Jennifer Zeisloft
Jane Bandyk
Maureen Pipal
Melissa Westerhoff
Debra Soulje
Antonio Franceschi

pbrown@sfxlg.org
jzeisloft@sfxlg.org
jbandyk@sfxlg.org
mpipal@sfxlg.org
mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org
dsoulje@sfxlg.org
afranceschi@sfxlg.org

Contact Information

Parish Office 124 N. Spring.....708-352-0168
St. Francis Xavier Day School708-352-2175
School of Religious Education708-352-4555
S.P.R.E.D. (Special Religious Education).....708-352-0168
Fax Number.....708-352-4904
e-Mail.....sfxinlg@sfxlg.org
Main Day School e-Mail.....sfxmain@sfxlg.org
Main Religious Education e-Mail.....sfxreligiused@sfxlg.org
Parish Web Site.....www.sfxlg.org

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.

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 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.



Robinson Accounting & Tax, LLC
Victoria A. Robinson, Accountant | Parishioner
 tel. (708) 937-9366
 Specializing in Accounting Services, Payroll Services, Tax Preparation
 for Individuals and Businesses and Incorporation Services
 915 55th St. Ste #101 | Western Springs, IL 60558
 victoria@mcgrealrobinson.com | robinsonatxlk.com



THREE SOUTH WAIOLA AVE., LA GRANGE
ROBERT T. CORTE, D.D.S.
 PARISH MEMBER
 www.cortedental.com 708-354-1003



@properties | CHRISTIE'S INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

Heraty Christensen Group
Celine Heraty & Jean Christensen
 Real Estate Brokers & Home Stagers
 Proud Sponsors of the 2024
 LaGrange Area Home & History Tour
 YourSuccessOurGoal.com

Call Us For a Complimentary Consultation!
 Celine: 708.261.5742 | Jean: 708.218.3904

HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES
 HONORING THE LIVES OF LOVED ONES SINCE 1904

Call or email us to discuss pre-funding today!

www.HitzemanFuneral.com | 708-485-2000

9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513

CONBOY'S-WESTCHESTER

FUNERAL HOME

Family owned and operated since 1885

Peter Conboy, Matthew Conboy
 Jean Conboy Hanson

10501 W. Cermak Rd, Westchester
 708-562-5900

www.ConboyWestchesterfh.com

INFINITY SEWER & DRAIN
 Emergency Plumbers
773-424-0668
INFINITY247.COM
 Parishioner Discount

NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.

Visit www.parishesonline.com



DUPLEX ELECTRIC

Expert Troubleshooting
 Electrical Rehab/Repair

Greg Fiflis - Parishioner
 www.duplexelectricservice.com



Innovative COUNSELING PARTNERS

Go Health Equal

Offices in Oak Park, North Riverside, Hinsdale, Crystal Lake, Libertyville, & 2 Chgo locations

Depression - Anxiety
 Child & Family Therapy
 Grief/Trauma Counseling
 Marriage Counseling

773-312-3612
 www.innovativecounselingpartners.com

Linnea Jewelers

Expert Jewelry & Watch Repair
 Exquisite Diamonds & Colored Gems
 Affordable Restorings & Restorations
 Religious & Children's Jewelry

Thurs-Fri 10-6 Sat 10-3 Closed Sun & Mon

23 S. Ashland Ave.
 Downtown La Grange, IL
708.482.0007

Since 1981 - Unique Designs
 Friendly Professional Service

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit lpicomunities.com

OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTE
 Scan to contact us!

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert! STARTING AT \$19.95/mo.
 Ambulance Police Fire
 Family Friends GPS & Fall Alert
CALL NOW! 800.809.3570 md-medalert.com



Sun-Thurs 11am-11pm
 Fri-Sat 11am-12pm
YORK TAVERN
 630 323-5090
 3702 York Rd Oak Brook
 www.yorktavernoakbrook.com
 Carry Out & Delivery Available

THE ELM
 est. 2020

Restaurant | Bar | Private Events | Catering

(708) 639-4068
 events@theelmlaGrange.com
 www.theelmlaGrange.com



FROM 5-500,
 WE HOST IT ALL!

- Weddings
- Christenings
- Baby Showers
- Celebrations of Life
- Bridal Showers

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Jeff Hansen

jhansen@4Lpi.com
 (800) 950-9952 x2683

Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!



Receive a \$100 Visa gift card with your FREE in-home estimate
\$99 Installation*

LeafGuard® is guaranteed never to clog or we'll clean it for FREE*

- Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles, and debris
- Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean clogged gutters
- Durable, all-weather tested system not a flimsy attachment

Call today for your FREE estimate and in-home demonstration
CALL NOW 708-462-6373

ENGLERT LeafGuard
 Get it. And forget it.™



MARTY DUNNE

WHERE FAMILY, FAITH, & HOME COME TOGETHER



FOR MORE INFORMATION
708.275.8270
MARTYD@BHHSCHICAGO.COM



Donahue Insurance Agency Inc.

Parishioner 1005 E. 31st St.
La Grange Park, IL 60526

708-354-1616
jimdonahue.com



Theresa Sullivan Travel Consultant
773-582-7155 | www.petersontravelgroup.com
tsullivan@petersontravelgroup.com

Personalized journeys, seamless planning.
Relax before your adventure begins.



Specialist in Creating Tax Advantaged Retirement Income Solutions

Mike Corrigan 708-482-3800
Parishioner

913 Hillgrove LaGrange, IL.
mike@corriganfs.com

Working with Families & Business Owners Since 1980



Senior Living Specialists

Tess Quinn BSN, RN
COMPLIMENTARY SENIOR LIVING ADVOCATE

If you have questions regarding senior living options such as Independent Living, Assisted Living or Memory Care, contact me. I am always happy to help!

Call: 224.999.2855 Email: tess@seniorlivingspecialistschicago.com

Ed the Plumber
Ed the Carpenter

708.652.1444

Best Work + Best Rates
PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph are inviting lay individuals to live with them at **Joseph House**, 1515 W Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park. Assisted living apartments now available.

For a tour contact us at
708.872.0953 • www.csjinitiatives.org/la-grange-park/



Life is for living. Let's partner to help you make every single moment matter. We care as much about why you're investing as what you invest in. Our personalized approach to investing is what sets us apart.

We'll partner with you every step of the way. As your needs evolve throughout your life, we'll strive to help you build the future you desire. So you can enjoy all the special moments life has to offer.

Our process? We listen. Really listen. Stop by, Bob Burns - Financial Advisor
470 S Willow Springs Rd Ste 107 - La Grange, IL 60525
708-338-1250

catholicmatch
Illinois



CatholicMatch.com/IL



3821 S. York Road, Oak Brook
630-325-6550
www.savwaywines.com

Honesty, Heart, Home




Elizabeth McManus
SFX Parishioner and Catechist
708-805-1524

SENIOR CAREGIVER / COMPANION
Parishioner for 30 years
WORK WITH US TO ASSIST IN NEEDING HELP OR COMPAÑERISMO

Bathing, Dressing, Laundry, Cooking, Transportation, Grocery Shopping, Doctor's Visits or Socializing & Outings

Available 7 days | 773.744.5841 | www.caregiver.com

Time to Order?
Turn to the experts at your local The UPS Store location.

- Business cards + Brochures
- Flyers + Banners + And more

THE UPS STORE
108 W. Calendar Ave. • La Grange
708-354-8772 store1494@theupsstore.com




Experience matters
Joe Thorne
St. Francis Parishioner
708-205-9028

Areas: La Grange, La Grange Park, Western Springs, Brookfield, La Grange Highlands, and surrounding areas

@properties

Quality Work - Reasonable Prices

DEMMS PLUMBING & SEWER



Ask for a PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

708.420.0806 EMERGENCY SERVICE
www.demmsplumbing.com

Choose the Western Suburbs' Top-Rated Home Care Agency




Parishioners Brian & Dominica Davis

260+ 5 STAR REVIEWS

Home Helpers Home Care
630.323.7231

R.W.S.
WHERE YOUR LANDSCAPING DREAMS COME TRUE!

- LAWN MAINTENANCE
- LANDSCAPE DESIGN
- SNOW PLOWING & SALTING (COMMERCIAL)
- LANDSCAPE LIGHTING
- DRAINAGE WORK • JUNK REMOVAL

QUALITY CARE | DISCOUNT PRICES
FREE ESTIMATES

CALL ROBBIE AND DONNIE
708-489-6333
rwslandscapinginc.com



DeSitter FLOORING

CARPET • RUGS • HARDWOOD
LUXURY VINYL
WOOD REFINISHING

La Grange • 708.813.2933
DeSitterFlooring.com



FREE AD DESIGN
with purchase of this space

CALL 800-477-4574

SHORT STAFFED?

Place an ad here to find new local talent for your business.



CALL 800-477-4574

Beachwalk Vacation Homes in Michigan City, IN

5 Star vacation homes in a fun beach community. Walk or golf cart ride to Lake Michigan. Contact Tricia Peterson at 773-206-4097. trisurds@ihygonvacst.net



VRBO 12721594 6 bed room in house & 1 bedroom coach house
VRBO 681880 6 bedroom house with deck

https://www.vrbo.com/681880
https://www.vrbo.com/12721594

Mark Kolecke Plumbing
A local LaGrange Company

Mark Kolecke - Licensed Licensed Plumber
PL# 198-44118 | IL# 055046212

Emergency Service
Camera Inspection • Hydro-Jetting
Sewer & Drain Rodding

(708) 743-8487
mko@koleckep.com
9561 www.koleckep.com/big.com