



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023

GIFT



“If you knew the gift of God
and who is saying to you, ‘Give
me a drink,’ you would have
asked him and he would have
given you living water.”

JOHN 4:10

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 13	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Claire Sharkey	Jerry & Nancy Johnson
Tuesday, March 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Michael Sutfin	Megan Jolly & Family
Wednesday, March 15	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Lynnette DuHamell	Megan Jolly & Family
Thursday, March 16	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, March 17	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jim & Joan Dunne	The Dunne Family
Saturday, March 18	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Gary Berger	The DeMars Family
Sunday, March 19 5th Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	Michael John DiMarco	The DiMarco Family
	Mass	9:00 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	11:00 am	Besse & Dick Parlon	Pam Oplawski
	Mass	5:00 pm	Sr. Bernadette Eaton-Living Intention	Steve Eaton

President's Schedule for March 11-12, 2023

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

Please pray for . . .

John Amato	Mark Kiley
John Baggio	Mary Ellen Leslie
Linda Bieniek	Lisa Massaro
Dick Callahan	Patrick Morgan
Pat Callahan	Gert Ogilvie
Jay Carroll	Jane O'Reilly
Chili Challenger	Karen Payne
Laurie Coughlan	Beth Pflugger
Blake Donegan	Geri Pflugger
Victoria Donile	Lorelei Przybylski
Barbara Doyle	Madison Raupp
Matthew Doyle	Anna Rose
Lily Fielding	Pat Saraz
Kathy Gleason	Santa Snieg
Lilli Gregory	Rita Mae Spearman
Wilson Gregory	Barbara Stewart
Angela Hill	John Stopka
Normad Hopp	John Strougal
Rose Ilo	Olivia Tarsney
Mary J.	Theresa Toher
Jane Jacobsen	Rose Wall
Theresa Kandall	Liz Wilk

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives 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:

Joan Miller
Mother of Chris

Joan Pejsa
Friend of Lucile Nichol

Judith Sutfin
Mother of Megan Jolly
Grandmother of Will, Ben and Evie

Bonnie Yakowicz
Cousin of Jan Mose

Stations of the Cross



Join us every Friday at 7:45 am for Stations of the Cross.

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



Pastor's Letter

*Jesus said to the woman, "Give me a drink."
John 4:7*

And so Jesus begins a lively conversation with a woman of Samaria, who has come to the well at mid-day to draw water. The fact that she has come alone to draw water at the hottest part of the day tells us that she is looked down upon not only by the Jewish people, but also by the women of her village, for whom this would be a communal task done at a less oppressive time of day. We will learn that Jesus is thirsty, not for water from the well, but for the faith that he suspects lies hidden within this woman.

Would we be as confident as this woman to banter with Jesus? Rather, **are we as confident as this woman to be open and honest with Jesus** in our questions and statements? Her story reveals to us that it is this open honesty that Jesus desires. *Jesus thirsts to engage with us* beyond formal ritual and rote prayers. He wants to have a real conversation with us as we speak from our hearts and share our concerns and hesitations. Only then can he have the relationship with us that he so deeply desires. In our times of prayer, *Jesus is the one seeing for us* that we may know ourselves also come to know him.

At a different Mass on each of the next three weekends, we will pray the Scrutinies with and for Nick, seeking Baptism at the Easter Vigil; he will be joined by Mariel, Christine, Daniel, and Ruby asking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church that same night. The Scrutinies are a set of intercessions that call Nick and all of us to scrutinize our lives and to reflect on what we seek to be free from as we approach the Triduum and Easter. *Nick's desire for Baptism is leading us all* to a deeper commitment to what we turned from and turned toward in the moment of our Baptism. Please keep these five women and men in your prayers.

Many opportunities remain for prayer and reflection in the remaining weeks of Lent. See this week's bulletin for more information on the "No Greater Love **Bible Study** Program, the **Women's Retreat offerings**, the **Senior Women's Group** gathering this Wednesday, and the **Saturday Meals Program** next Saturday. And **This Man Is You** continues to gather on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM in Unity Hall.

All parishes in Vicariate IV are invited to unite in prayer for renewal and revival as we deepen our union with Christ and each other, which we experience most deeply together at Mass. This Thursday, March 16, at 6:30 PM, there is a **vicariate celebration of exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, led by our Vicar, Bishop Kevin Birmingham**. Vicariate IV will come together at Queen of all Nations Parish (formerly St. Domitilla), at 4940 Washington Street in Hillside.

To all those among us of Irish heritage, a **Blessed Saint Patrick's Day** on Friday! And to all whose ancestors come from the various countries that honor the stepfather of Jesus as their patron, a **Blessed Saint Joseph's Day** on Sunday!

Lenten Peace,

J. Bill

Reflection for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #3

George Rutkowski, Barb Kalnes, Dave Sherman, Gertrude Nalumansi, Charles Brewick

Jesus always stands beside us. He sits by the deepest well. He places himself at our side in the most monumental tasks and the most hopeless situations. He is the living water. And he is right next to us, in the heat of the day and at the height of our fatigue. As we stand beside a deep well with no bucket, our spiritual sustenance is not a far-off prize to be earned, but a close resource, around us and within us and available in each passing moment. **We are never without His love.** His love fills us like a big bucket that never empties. His love just grows more and more.

SHARE YOUR VOICE
SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code below.

The link can also be found in Quicklinks on our website.

We will provide hard copies of the survey at the church doors.

The survey is available until **March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for helping our parish!



St. Vincent de Paul Collection

On March 19, our second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul. Your donation will help to provide one time assistance for those in need of rent, utility bills and other necessities.

To donate, <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/14286> or place your donation in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot.

Thank you for your generosity.



SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 4

Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com
or Jack Horrigan at jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.



Interested in Becoming a St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board Member?

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

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Advise school leadership on the policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of twelve members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Marketing & Development
- Finance
- Strategic Planning



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* FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2023 *

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

Do you need to have experience on a board or have a career in education? NO, you do not need to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.

How much time is this commitment? We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately 6-8 hours per month.

Do you need to have a child at the school to apply? NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents.

How does the application/selection process work? There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board selection committee members **Mike Stritch** at mstritch04@gmail.com (847) 922-7460, or **Stuart Smith** at ssmith@slaytonsearch.com (708) 837-8748. An application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site sfxlq.org/school under "Parent Resources".

Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.

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Eucharistic Revival

VICARIATE IV EUCHARISTIC EVENING OF PRAYER

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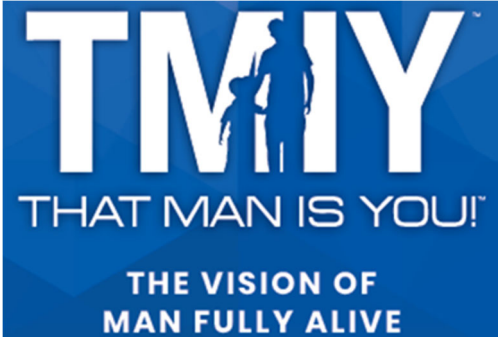
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Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish, are you looking for a more meaningful Lenten devotion this year?

Gather with other men of the parish for the Spring Semester of *The Vision of Man Fully Alive*. This program enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. By living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain us on this spiritual journey, we will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God.

Meetings will be **Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM in Unity Hall they started on February 21.**

Questions? Contact Ernie Froemel at ernie.froemel@gmail.com



The Chosen - Season 2

Wednesdays February 15–April 5
7:00-8:30pm
St. John of the Cross Parish Center

- WATCH an engaging episode of *The Chosen*
- LISTEN to others' thoughts and reactions
- SHARE when you feel comfortable

Register at www.stjohnofthecross.org/chosen

Co-sponsored by St. John of the Cross,
St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier Parishes

Lent 2023

Began on February 22nd!



SFX Women's Retreat 2023 Lenten Offerings *"Loaves and Fishes"*

Lenten Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin.

It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we attempt to let go of our own agendas, let the Spirit guide our understanding, and open ourselves up to what God is trying to say to us. Join us Tuesdays at 8:10-8:45 am (began on February 28th) in Unity Hall. Bringing your own Bible is encouraged, but not required.

Wednesday Morning Rosary

Women of all ages are invited to join us for this early morning rosary on Zoom. It starts at 7:15 and concludes by 7:45. It's a great way to start the day - and no need to get "camera ready" before you come. You are welcome just as you are!

Lenten Word & Communion Service

Join us Thursday mornings at 7:30 am during Lent for a special Word and Communion service, which will be led by the Women's Retreat 2023 team, but is open to all parishioners and friends. Start the day exploring what God is calling us to this Lent through dedicated time with God's Word and the Eucharist. All are welcome!

Stations of the Cross from Mary's Point of View

Join us in the Church at 7:00 pm on Wed, March 15th followed by fellowship in the Courtyard Room.

Adoration

Join us for a special time of Adoration, led by the SFX Women's Retreat 2023 team on Thursday, March 23, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the church. This time of adoration will offer sacred time with the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities to engage in quiet prayer in a variety of ways. All will find a way connect with Jesus in this sacred time set apart just for Him.

Bread Baking Class

Join in an online bread making class as we approach Holy Thursday and remember the sacred breaking of bread on Saturday, March 25th at 1:00 pm. Get your ingredients and join via Zoom from your own kitchen or gather with a few friends to share in this hands-on class, hosted by Lee Egan (FeedMeGuideMe). Sign up to get details and Zoom link.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



Scan here to sign up!

Girl's Church League Basketball

Hey, High School Girls! Join us for HOOPS!

We're forming teams for our girls basketball Church League this spring! Practices will be once a week with games on Saturday nights, 4/15 through 5/20. Cost is \$50 and includes team t-shirts. Go to sfxlg.org under Youth Ministry to register. Grab your friends and let's get teams together to play against St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus, First United Methodist in LaGrange and Western Springs First Congregational Church! **Registration ENDS on March 15.**

THANK YOU for being **SUPER generous to Feed our Future, non-profit organization.**



A huge thank you for the generous donation of \$2,159 to our program during Super Bowl weekend. This donation will provide over 2,500 meals to the elementary school students in our program. This includes meals, snacks and drinks for almost four months! We are extremely grateful for your support and thank you for making a positive difference in our community.

Home-Building Trip



Ever wonder what it's like to build a house? And do so with a group of friends and family?

Find out this summer when you travel to Clarksdale, Mississippi as a volunteer with the Fuller Center for Housing, formerly Habitat for Humanity, like so many St. Francis Xavier parishioners have done for over 25 years!

Pull together your own group, or join an existing team of volunteers, and help families in need achieve the strength, stability and independence to build a better life.

In your spare time, explore the town known as "The Birthplace of the Blues", take a swim in the Mississippi River, and experience live music at a different local venue every night.

Interested? Reach out to Chris O'Hea at 708-214-4976 or chris.ohea@yahoo.com.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. No prior building experience required.

For more information, check out the group's website at clarksdalefullercenter.org.

While still sinners

CHRIST died for us

St. Francis Xavier Church Holy Week Services 2023

Palm Sunday—April 2nd

Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday
and Sunday at
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

Wednesday—April 5th

Tenebrae 7:00 pm
Church open until 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday—April 6th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am/Living Stations 9:00 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
Church open until 10:00 pm

Good Friday—April 7th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 and 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday—April 8th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 1:00 pm
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday—April 9th

Masses at 7:30, 9:00* and 11:00 am Church
Masses at 9:15 and 11:15 am SFX School Gym
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

*This mass will be live-streamed.

Saturday Meals Program at First Congressional Church of LaGrange

Join St. Francis Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to the needy at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program on Saturday, March 18. There are two time slots from which to choose:

10:00-11:30 AM: Food prep and cooking
11:30 AM-1:00 PM: Food serving & clean up

If this date doesn't work for you, we will return to Saturday Meals Program every other month through May 2023, so hope you can find a date and time that works!

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

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30E0445A5A62DAA8-saturday>

Prayer Shawl Ministry



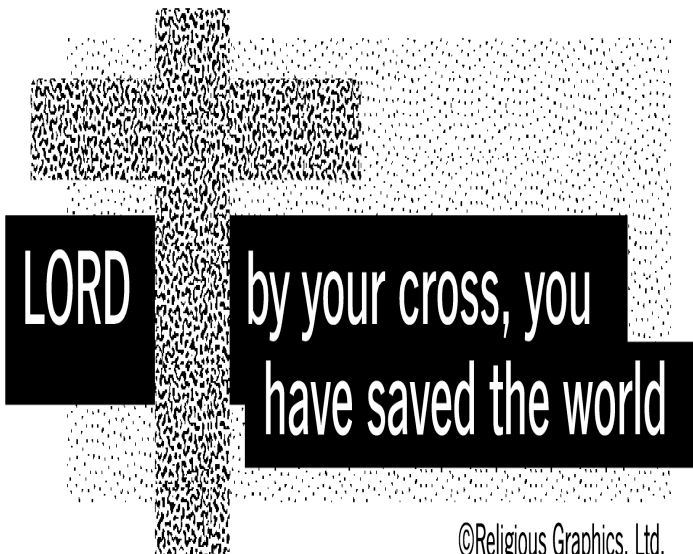
The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to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

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

Our scheduled meetings for early 2023 will be from 7:00-8:00 PM in Unity Hall on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 12 and Thursday, May 11.

Any questions, please contact Mary Ellyn Witt at mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.



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GIVE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Fund a Child's Future

The **Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program** helps children from low-income homes receive scholarships that cover up to 100% of a Catholic school's tuition. Thanks to this program, thousands of students are gaining knowledge in a faith-filled environment in the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. Your support helps educate the next generation of Catholic student leaders and builds on a brighter future for all.

There is still over \$1,000,000 of matching dollars left for TCS donation for scholarships made through Empower Illinois. Your gift to SFX School could **DOUBLE** if you give while matching funds are still available! We have 10 students at SFX who will benefit when their TCS requests are funded!

What is a Tax Credit Scholarship?

Tax Credit Scholarships cover tuition and fees for the 2023/24 school year. Children from low-income households may qualify for tax credit scholarships if their family income is less than \$79,500 per year (based on a family of four). Of the nearly 8,000 students who qualified last year, more than half remained on a waitlist for tuition assistance.

Cut tax liability

You can receive a credit for your state taxes equal to 75% of your Tax Credit Scholarship donation.

For more information, please contact the TCS hotline at 312.534.2617 or tcs@archchicago.org, or visit archchicago.org/tcs.

HOW IT WORKS

We use \$10K in this example, but any amount is needed.

DONATE \$10,000

After following the **step-by-step guide**, a taxpayer can donate \$10,000 to **Empower Illinois**, the Scholarship Granting Organization working with the archdiocese.

Designate the archdiocese's Catholic schools as the beneficiary.

TAX REWARD CAN EQUAL \$7,500

You are eligible to claim a \$7,500 tax credit on your state taxes -75 percent of your gift! This will reduce your 2023 tax liability.

CORPORATE MATCHING

Please confirm with your employer's matching gift office to see if your donation is eligible for corporate matching. Empower Illinois will provide the corporate matching gift funds to the designated school.

SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

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

All Parish Service Day 2023

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

Senior Women's Group To Meet

The Senior Women's Group is pleased to have Nancy Cummings as a speaker on Wednesday, March 15. We gather after the 8:30 Mass in Unity Hall for light refreshment and begin the presentation about 9:30.

Nancy will speak about her personal background, education, job experience prior to the LaGrange Business Association, and her work with the LaGrange Business Association. At the end of her emails Nancy sometimes includes a tidbit uncovered in her work. For example, "Amount that stays in our community when you spend \$100: At a locally owned business it is \$68. At a chain store it is \$43."

Nancy has been a long-time parishioner of St. Francis Xavier. She has helped to plan and coordinate various social events in the parish. She has rolled up her sleeves to pack food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository to benefit our food pantry.

Come and join us for information, fellowship, and a few treats as we renew old acquaintances and meet new friends.



Engage Community March Event Game Night

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 29th for a board game/card night.

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange.

When: 7:00-8:30 pm on March 29

Who: All are welcome. Engage focuses on adults over 50 single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

What: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine).

RSVPs are encouraged.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com Community events are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.

Interfaith Career Network

Little Known Tips and Ideas for Surviving Your Job Search and Successfully Landing Your Desired Position
Proven tactics, underutilized approaches, little known tips for surviving your job search...want to know more? Join ICN on Thursday, March 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm. You'll take away a wealth of information from our presenter, Tim Koch, on how to land your desired position. With extensive experience in preparing applicants strategically and mentally, Tim assists individuals to cope with what can otherwise be a stressful search. He candidly and kindly provides two perspectives - that as the one doing the hiring (Deloitte, Amoco, et al) as well as the one applying for the position. Tim has interviewed and successfully hired hundreds of people, at various levels, across numerous industries (including both for-profit and not-for-profit) and looks forward to sharing his expertise with you. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome! For additional information, visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com.



RoseMarie Lipinski College Scholarship Foundation

The RoseMarie Lipinski scholarship valued at \$10,000 is awarded annually to encourage women to return to or start college. The scholarship is intended to help a mother, who has at least two children in elementary school and or high school at the time of the application submission. The scholarship will be awarded to a mother to help her start or return to college to advance her own education and pursue a career.

For more information visit <https://rosemarielipinskifoundation.com/> for details. The deadline to apply is April 19, 2023. You may also call Bill Lipinski at 773-860-1617 for more information or email billlipinski@hotmail.com.



The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park to register or find out more go to www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Yoga to Support Better Sleep

With Facilitator Nina Ginocchio on Wednesdays, March 15, 22, 29 1:00- 2:00 pm (CT) *Hybrid* Getting enough sleep isn't a luxury, it's a necessity for good health. In this series, we will explore the neuroscience of sleep and look at how yoga can support a better sleep lifestyle. Learn about the systems involved in getting a good night's sleep and then practice some techniques to help train the nervous system to rest. Cost: \$45 series. Register: csjthewell.org/programs/yoga-for-better.

Reimagining The Classroom

Teaching, Learning and (Grand)Parenting in the Age of Climate Crisis with Facilitator: Theodore Richards on Thursday, March 16 from 6:30-8:00 pm (CT) *Hybrid: In person at Lewis University, and on Zoom* *Cosponsored with Lewis University* As teachers, parents and grandparents, extended family, family friends or neighbors, we have a chance to influence a child's education and worldview. Will they see the world as fragmented and disconnected, or will they experience themselves as interconnected with other people and all of creation? If you care about young people and are dismayed about the world they are facing, please join Theodore Richards in this inquiry into reimagining the way we educate children. Cost: \$15. Register: csjthewell.org/programs/reimagining.



Retrouvaille is a program designed for married couples who are struggling. Retrouvaille helps couples learn to communicate on a deeper level, and has helped thousands of couples return to a healthy, God-centered marriage.

>>> Our next weekend will be held March 17th - 19th, 2023 <<<

For information please contact:

Retrouvaille of Joliet - 1-815-246-2080



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

- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **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
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

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

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
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Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Rectory Hours

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

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

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

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

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

Bulletin Deadline

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

Domestic Violence Resources

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

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 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

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

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