



**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**April 2, 2023**

# HOSANNA



“Hosanna to the Son of  
David / blessed is he  
who comes in the name  
of the Lord.”

MATTHEW 21:9

### Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, April 3	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Edward Bovard Herbert & Mary Schrack	The Bovard Family
Tuesday, April 4	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joan Koin	The SFX Parish Staff
Wednesday, April 5	Morning Mass Tenebrae	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Dirk Mels Meuzelaar	The SFX Sunshine Committee
Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday	Morning Prayer Living Stations Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 7:00 pm		
Friday, April 7 Good Friday	Morning Prayer Service Service	8:30 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm		
Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil	Morning Prayer Basket Blessing Mass	8:30 am 1:00 pm 8:00 pm		
Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday	Mass Church Mass Church Mass Gym Mass Church Mass Gym	7:30 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 11:00 am 11:15 am		

### Presider's Schedule for April 1-2, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

### Please pray for . . .

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

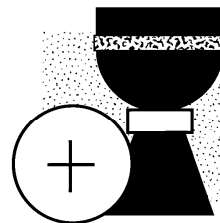
To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

### Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers,  
those who have died, as well as their families:

**Marilyn King**  
Sister of Shirley Goss



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memory of me

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## Pastor's Letter

*"Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb."*

Matthew 27:61

The apostles have fled, abandoning Jesus in his hour of greatest need. The religious authorities, the crowd, and the soldiers have mocked and abused him through his Passion; only one soldier comes to believe, as Jesus dies on the Cross, that he was indeed the Son of God. The women, the only disciples who had gathered at the foot of the Cross, remain faithful to the end; they are last to leave. Two of them remain, facing the tomb in shock and grief. Meanwhile, the religious authorities secure the tomb to prevent any attempt to "stage" a resurrection.

Palm Sunday takes us from the exaltation of the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to the silence of a sealed tomb. Matthew invites us to sit with the two Mary's as they take in all the events of that week. We have come to believe what they could not yet know: on the third day, as he had said, Jesus will triumph over the sealed stone, the armed guard, and the seeming finality of death. Yet Palm Sunday invites us first to pause and sit with these women as they face emptiness and death. In their shock and grief, *did they believe* that God had not abandoned them? When it seemed that cruelty, politics, and power had silenced the Son of God, *did they hope* that God had not yet spoken the last word? As they returned to their homes that night, *did they trust* that God was walking at their side?

It is tempting to skip from Sunday to Sunday and miss what lies between. Yet, *in between*, we are invited to enter into all or part of a three-day liturgy (Triduum) that celebrates the deepest mysteries of our faith: *Jesus giving himself to us in the Eucharist* and calling us to serve others; *Jesus giving his life for us on the wood of the Cross*; and *Jesus rising from the dead* as God restores light in the darkness and brings rebirth through the waters of Baptism.

Three parts of *one mystery*: Jesus lovingly gave himself *to us and for us* to free us from the power of death.

The schedule of services for this week is in this bulletin and on the parish website. Remember that we will not offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation once the Triduum begins on Thursday evening until after Easter Sunday. Also note that on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate *two additional Sunday morning Masses* in the gym to provide room and an opportunity for *all* to join us. Family, friends, neighbors are all welcome! However, they may not know that *unless you invite them*.

**Blessed Holy Week,**

*F. Bill*

### 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.



**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION**  
**Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad (CIS) – EL SALVADOR**



The CIS is continuing the unfinished work of St. Oscar Romero that he was engaged in for the people of El Salvador before he was assassinated while saying Mass in San Salvador.

CIS was founded in 1993 after the signing of the Peace Accords in El Salvador to support and promote a culture of solidarity which includes accompaniment, respect for diversity, equitable relations and mutual support. The CIS also works to raise consciousness and to organize and mobilize towards social and economic justice and human dignity for the people in El Salvador.

After the Peace accords, Solidarity groups from the U.S., Canada and Europe came together with Salvadoran organizations to develop a Center to promote people-to-people solidarity with the Salvadoran grassroots struggles for social and economic justice. The CIS's philosophy is that long lasting social change can and should come from the Salvadoran people as they are often forced by circumstances to migrate to the U.S. or elsewhere in order to educate and support themselves and their families.

***Our Holy Thursday Collection will go towards CIS programs that promote non-violent means of social transformation such as a Scholarship and Leadership Development Program, other educational programs, empowerment and community building projects in El Salvador; and cultural exchanges.*** As of 2022, the Scholarship and Leadership Program included 23 University Graduates and 80 High School Graduates.

The CIS is having a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Delegation to San Salvador from August 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup> which will include visits to various communities in El Salvador impacted by its programs and accompaniment as well as visits to other sites such as the home of St. Romero.

For more information about CIS, the Delegation or a copy of the CIS year end letter, please contact parishioner Ed Osowski at [emosowski@att.net](mailto:emosowski@att.net) or 312-590-3450.

**ATTENTION New Altar Servers**  
**Entering Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth GRADES**  
**For the 2023-2024 School Year**

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

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

Please return by Friday, April 21st.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

St. Francis Xavier Parish

# TENEBRAE

A SERVICE OF DARKNESS



Presider/Lector: Susie Lehuta

Commentator: Thom Serafin

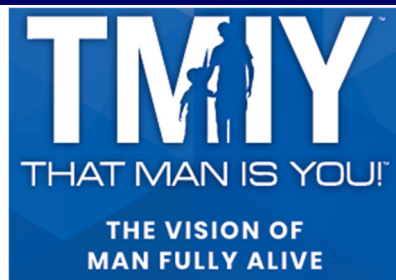
Music: Celebration Ensemble

Come, and be a part of a beautiful tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. This service, through music and scripture, portrays the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. Candles are extinguished one by one to symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The complete darkness at the end of the service portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

Wednesday, April 5 – 7:00 p.m.

**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](mailto:ernie.froemel@gmail.com)

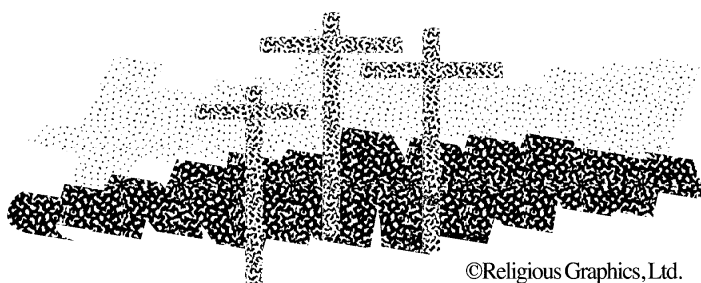
## SAVE THE DATE!

**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, Director of Community Outreach by email at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org)  
or call 708-352-0168.**



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## 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](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan at [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.

## Welcome

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

Brandon & Margaret Boomsma  
Michael & Emily Boyle  
Anthony & Grace Dames  
Alexander & Sarah Duffy  
Jason & Brenda Faust  
Micah & Julie Graf  
Patrick & Kayleigh Kelly  
Adam & Anna Marske  
Sean & Audrey Murphy  
Matthew & Caitlin Nagel  
Mark & Christina Spindler  
Matthew & Bridget Thomas  
Jeff & Taylor Tomlinson  
Joseph Urani



# BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs  
eternal

DONATE  
BLOOD

**Knights of Columbus  
LaGrange Local Council 6483 Blood Drive  
Tuesday, April 11 3:00-7:00 pm**



Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
145 North Waiola Avenue—Gym  
(Ogden & Waiola) LaGrange

Sign up to save lives! Our goal 37 appointments to help supply 87 local hospitals. To make an appointment, visit [www.versiti.org](http://www.versiti.org), or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE or scan the QR Code:

Save the Next Drive Date:  
Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Pedal to save lives! Donate for a chance to win an electric bike!



## 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](mailto:mewittlagrange@yahoo.com).





# Change, Hope and the Catholic Church

Pope Francis asked us to talk about our Church and the feedback was clear: enlarge the space of your tent! Catholics the world over shared that a greater role for women is critical to the future vitality of our Church. Join us for a “prayerful pep rally” welcoming **Discerning Deacons** back to Chicago and building excitement for Phoebe the Deacon’s day. We’ll hear women preach, and learn about ministry and empowering outreach happening around the globe. Come experience what a transformative, inclusive church feels like: one where women are able to unleash all their gifts. **The future is bright!**

**Wednesday, April 19th 6:00pm**



Catholic  
Theological  
Union

5416 S. Cornell Ave  
Chicago, Illinois  
60615

**Hosted by Catholic Theological Union  
In Partnership with**

**Christ the King • Old St. Patrick’s Church • St. Barnabas • St. Cajetan  
St. Christina • Saint Clement • St. Francis Xavier • St. John Fisher • St. Theresa of Avila  
Brother Rice • Christ the King Jesuit College Prep • Cristo Rey Jesuit HS  
De La Salle • DePaul College Prep • Leo • Marist  
Catholic Youth Ministry Center at Morgan Park HS  
Mother McAuley • Mount Carmel • Saint Rita  
Chicago Discerning Deacons Circle • Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation  
Southside Catholic Peace & Justice • Southside Parish Renewal  
Vicariate 5 Peace & Justice**

**For more info and to register, use this QR Code  
or visit: <https://ctu.edu/event/discerning-deacons/>  
Walk-ins Welcome**







**ST. PHOEBE**  
**Diakonos of the church**

## Re-Thinking Women's Participation in the Catholic Church



Pope Francis has asked all Catholics around the world to engage in prayerful conversations about the movements of the Holy Spirit in the Church today resulting in a synodal document entitled "Enlarge the Space in your Tent". [Click here](#) for full document. Paragraphs 60-65 focus on Re-Thinking Women's Participation in the Catholic Church.

Female leadership in the Church and restoration of women to the diaconate has been a consistent theme globally. At SFX, we are blessed with women on staff, parish pastoral council and as leaders in all areas of parish life, including governance, preaching and service. We continue to seek ways for women to bear witness to their faith and share the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon them.



**Elis Guidice, Director of Rel Ed  
leading Ash Wednesday Prayer  
Service**



**Women's Lenten Retreat Leaders  
L-R: Lee Egan, Mary McGovern,  
Heather Fitzpatrick, Megan Moroney,  
Katie McCarthy, Martie Lukanich,  
Katie Filbin, Pam Devitt  
(not pictured: Renae Peterson)**

### SAVE THE DATES!

**4/3/23 6-7pm: Discerning Deacons Prayer Service**  
hosted by SFX Women on zoom. [Click here](#) for zoom link.

**4/19/23 6-8pm: Prayerful Pep Rally on Women's Leadership in the Church at the Catholic Theological Union (see flyer on opposite page)**

**9/3/23: Feast of St Phoebe Celebration at SFX**

*A Special Thanks to Discerning Deacons and team members Mary Freeman, Martie Lukanich, Maggie McMahan, Katie Mulcahy, Ellen Nieman and Maureen Windmoeller.*

"There's a glove somewhere that's been thrown down. The women have put up a sign and said, 'Please listen to us. May we be heard'..."

**I pick up that gauntlet."**

Pope Francis, 2019

For more information or to join the team, contact: Katie Mulcahy at [katie@theowensfdn.org](mailto:katie@theowensfdn.org)

For more information on the Catholic Church's discernment of women and the diaconate, [click here](#).

# Religious Education News



*Registration for our 2023- 2024  
K – 8 Religious Education Program  
is now open (as of 3/18/23)!*

We are happy to be able to offer two options to families for the 2023-2024 school year.

In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons and our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays for families with busy schedules.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for “car ride” home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

**Please don't delay in registering your children today as classes fill up fast!**

*Families who register by April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be entered into a raffle for free tuition. The drawing will take place at our last class in person event on April 30th. You must be present at the event to win!*

Visit our website for complete information on

registration, tuition and calendar:

<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>.

Click the quick link “RE Registration Information for 2023-2024” on the left-hand side of the page to register.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Come help us celebrate the ending to a great 2022-2023 Religious Education School Year!

Sunday, April 30, 2023

12:30PM-2:30PM in  
The Education Building  
Parking Lot

**RAINBOW  
ICE CREAM  
TRUCK**

**IS COMING TO SFX!**

10% of sales that day will be donated back to our Religious Education Program!



# St. Francis Xavier School Early Childhood Education

**Preschool 3**  
Half Day Mornings

**Pre - K 4**  
All Day or  
Half Day Mornings

**Kindergarten**  
All Day or  
Half Day Mornings



**ENROLL NOW!**

Safe and secure  
Early Childhood Education  
in a loving, faith-based  
environment.



**COME GROW  
WITH US!**

145 N. Waiola Ave LaGrange, IL  
708-352-2175 [sfxlg.org/school](http://sfxlg.org/school)

Current & Prospective PS3, PK4 & K Parents,

Please join us for...

## *Coffee and Conversation\**

**Principal's Early Childhood Coffee  
with Mrs. Garcia**

\* There will be a short curriculum  
presentation by a SFX Pre-K 4 teacher



**When: Thursday  
April 27th  
8:30 - 9:30am**

**Where: Unity Hall**  
Please enter through Main  
School Doors on Waiola



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

- **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
- **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
- **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
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

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

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

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

**Rev. William Tkachuk**  
**Rev. Richard Milek**  
**Andrew Allison**  
**Phil Gianatasio**  
**Margaret McMahon**  
**Mary Freeman**  
**Rev. William Killeen**  
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## Education Ministry

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Assistant Principal  
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Parish School Secretary  
Advancement Director  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

**Sharon Garcia**  
**Janice Carr**  
**Ashley Augustyniak**  
**Peggy Evans**  
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## Music Ministry

Director

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Director of Stewardship and Operations  
Parish Accountant  
Pastor's Secretary  
Parish Secretary  
Staff Secretary  
Facilities Manager

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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.