



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

We congratulate the following young women and men
of our parish who confirmed their faith in the
Catholic tradition on Saturday, April 29th.

Sarah Adams	William Egbert	Liam Maciasz	Veda Rodriguez
Madelyn Adamson	Connor Evans	Maja Magajne	Claudia Romero
Joanna Barcelona	Daniella Feig	Teyana Magajne	Elizabeth Romero
Elena Barrett	Stephen Fitzpatrick	Charlotte Maine	Julia Schwartz
Michael Becker	Matthew Franko	Ashley Marin	Nathan Sefcik
Margot Berg	Sam Froelich	Lily Martin	William Siffermann
Mia Bloedorn	James Furlong	Nora Mattern	Bridget Smolen
Thomas Blyth	Melissa Garcia	Finn McCarthy	Giovanni Sprovieri
Michael Callahan	Emmet Gripp	Audrey McCarty	Thomas Strama
Nicholas Capodice	Ian Guerrero	William McDermott	Audra Strayer
Owen Carroll	Vincent Guidice	Annika McDonnell	Amanda Stuibler
Eduardo Castaneda	Lindsey Hanson	Edward McLaughlin	Fiona Sullivan
Lilliana Cerruti	Jack Hartman	Antonio Miranda	Gavin Sullivan
Patrick Cheney	Alexandra Hennessy	William Morkin	Mary Trayser
Lola Chilson	Anthony Hernandez	Alec Mulvenna	Sofia Turek
Allison Colantuono	Arigael Hernandez	Therese Mulvenna	Bridget Waight
Joseph Colantuono	Claire Hertz	Grayson Musker	Aubrie Waldeck
Katherine Conneely	Madeline Hesser	Owen Myers	Elsie Weber
William Cormier	Ellynor Hillmer	Joseph Newcomb	Greta Weiler
Sofia Cue	Christopher Hines	Courtney O'Malley	Caroline Welch
Charley Curin	Graham Hoekstra	Jayden Ochoa	Audrey Wheeler
Allison D'Apice	Maxwell Holtz	Joshua Ohm	Liam Whittleton
Audrey DeLauriea	Tommy Hubert	Paul O'Keefe	Madeline Wood
Daniel DeHoyos	Andrew Hyland	Mason Palmer	Beatrice Wright
Maximus DeMonte	Jack Janiszewski	Tate Pavelka	Daniel Wright
Margaret Denja	Kiera Jesse	Joseph Quinn	Lauren Zulanis
Olivia Denson	Jacob Johnsen	Michael Ramaglia	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Juliet Dillenbeck	Daniel Korpolinski	Caitlin Reese	Jacob Shafer
Luke Doyle	Charles Kostrewa	Patrick Rhatigan	<u>Adult</u>
Nora Duffy	Lauren Leader	Alexa Robbins	William Peralta
Colin Dwyer	Daniel Lewis	Conor Robinson	

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 1	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Vickie Donile	The SFX Food Pantry Volunteers
Tuesday, May 2	Mass	8:30 am	Laura McGhee	The McKenna Family
Wednesday, May 3	Mass	8:30 am	Alvin & Marcella Hermesdorf Frank Rizzo	Sr. Marci Hermesdorf The Templeton & Costello Families
Thursday, May 4	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, May 4	Mass	8:30 am	Josephine Kalisz	Elaine Dunkel
Saturday, May 6			No 8:30 am Mass No 9:00 am Reconciliation	
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, May 7	Mass	7:30 am	Joseph Guidi	The O'Brien Family
5th Easter of Sunday	Mass	9:00 am	Rosemarie Agnello	Yvonne Agnello-Adams
	Mass	11:00 am	Dr. Michael McKenna	The Brown Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Sunday, May 14 No 5:00 PM Mass Due to Mother's Day

Presider's Schedule for April 29-30, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

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

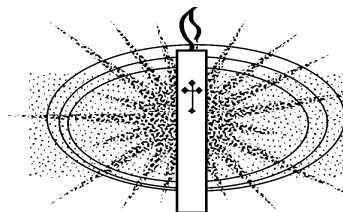
To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Maria Rocco
Wife of Anthony
Mother of Diana, Debbie & Carmen



I came
that you
may have life

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Pastor's Letter

*"They hear his voice, as he calls his own by name and leads them out.
He walks ahead of them, and they follow him, because they recognize his voice."
John 10:3-4*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, in all three gospel cycles, invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This year, the emphasis is on *our response to the voice of the shepherd*. In many parts of the world, several shepherds continue to share one enclosure for the shared protection of all the sheep. However, from the time each lamb comes into the world, its own shepherd begins to attune his sheep to the sound of *his* voice, often holding the young lamb close to his heart so that the rhythm of his voice resounds in them. Sheep learn to distinguish that voice above all others. So, when the shepherd wants to lead his sheep out into the pasture, he need only call out and *his sheep alone* will leave the others behind and *follow wherever the shepherd leads*.

Today we celebrate one person's response to the call of the shepherd. On April 30, 1988, Andy Allison was ordained a deacon after four years of study and discernment with his wife, Sharon. We give thanks for his 35 years of diaconal service, especially the years he has served the people of this faith community. Andy has preached the gospel by word and deed. He has prepared countless young parents and celebrated the Baptism of their children. He has presided over the Sacrament of Matrimony and has been the presence of the pastoral staff to various parish organizations and groups. Andy and Sharon have been witnesses of a loving response to the call of the shepherd and have blessed us in so doing. **Andy and Sharon, blessings and congratulations to you both!**

Saturday morning, Bishop Kevin Birmingham conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 122 of our high school youth following their two years of faith formation and service. They received the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that they may be better attuned to the voice of Christ and use their gifts in response to their specific call. We welcome them as our newest disciples in mission and invite them into our mission to bring the good news of God's love in Christ to our families and neighbors. **Young women and men**, you have indeed been sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. **We embrace the ways in which your gifts will shape and energize our outreach to all we serve.**

"Vocation" too often is applied only to the ordained and those who enter religious life. However, the vibrancy and effectiveness of the Church relies on *the response of each person to our specific vocation* within the life of the church. As we enter a period of church history in which there will be fewer ordained priests, who is the Spirit calling to take on the roles of leadership and ministry that will keep the Church vibrant? How is the Spirit calling *each* of us to live out our vocation as single, spouse, parent, student, teacher, professional, laborer, or retired person, and to support and encourage one another in being faithful to our calling? What new and renewed vocations might the Spirit be reawakening within the Church?

The voice of Jesus is alive in our hearts. He has spoken to our hearts from our earliest days so that we might recognize his voice and follow. **Where is Jesus leading you, me, and us?** Let us encourage one another to follow where he leads us – each, and all.

Easter Peace,

J. Bill

Job Opening: Parish Business Manager

The Business Manager is a professional administrator who reports directly to the Pastor. This minister assists the Pastor with stewardship of the financial and personnel resources of the parish, working closely with the Facility Manager, School Principal, Accountant, other staff members and volunteer leadership in managing our parish strategically and responsibly.

Primary Responsibilities are in the areas of:

1) Financial Management

- Prepares and analyzes the annual budget, balance sheet and income statements for the parish and elementary school.
- Supervises the Parish Accountant in maintaining bookkeeping functions.
- Meets with the Parish Finance Council at least five times per year. Advises and informs the Council regarding current giving trends, upcoming capital and annual projects, operating income, cash-flow analysis, and other pertinent information necessary for the Council to provide insight and assistance in the financial strategies of the Parish.
- Supports the facility manager, especially with respect to large capital expenditures and Archdiocesan contracts
- Advises the pastor and principal on contracts and negotiates with the assistance of Archdiocesan attorneys and facility resources.

2) Personnel Management

- Implements Archdiocesan human resource policies related to hiring and termination, annual staff evaluations, and benefit administration.

3) Administration

- Manages the workforce timekeeping and payroll systems with the Parish Accountant.

Applicants may submit their resume to Jennifer Zeisloft (jzeisloft@sfxlg.org), or contact her for more information.



Job Opening: SFX School Marketing & Enrollment Director

The Marketing and Enrollment Director at St. Francis Xavier School is a member of the administrative team, reporting directly to the Principal. This position works closely with the Principal, and School Registrar, to achieve enrollment goals. In addition, this position collaborates with Faculty, Office Staff, School Advisory Board and Volunteer Committees to promote accomplishments and activities at St. Francis Xavier School; a two-time Blue Ribbon Winner for academic excellence with students in Preschool through 8th grade.



Key Job Responsibilities:

- Marketing/Public Relations/Communication
 - Edit, revise, and monitor the school website and school related social networking sites.
 - Coordinate, create and publish a weekly school newsletter for the school community.
 - Graphics creation, and development of school news, communications promoting school events, school missions & alumni focused stories/content, and school fundraising events for school, parish and community media channels.
 - Create and publish a School Annual Report to include a State of the School letter from the Principal/Pastor, a financial summary, fundraising/endowment growth, a list of donors and stories highlighting the school's accomplishments.
 - Serve as a member of the Strategic Plan Committee to maintain and achieve the goals in the plan dealing with marketing and enrollment.
- Enrollment
 - Coordinate recruitment and New Family registration activities; developing and maintaining all school recruitment materials.
 - Direct school tours for prospective families.
 - Coordinate the annual School Open House with the School Advisory Board.
 - Maintain and analyze enrollment and demographic trends, projections, and retention data to complete an annual enrollment funnel; creating a plan for projected enrollment.

Applicants may submit their resume to Principal Sharon Garcia (sgarcia@sfxlg.org) or contact her for more information.

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ANNUAL VOCATIONS APPEAL

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday, April 30

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Mass and Adoration with Cardinal Blase Cupich
Friday, May 12, 5:30-7:00 pm
Holy Name Cathedral

All are invited to pray for vocations and all those who will be ordained.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr Tim Monahan at 847-531-0148 or tmonahan@archchicago.org.



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Become a part of history by purchasing a personalized paver brick in Unity Garden! Visit our website for more information. Our current bricks include messages that:

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- Honor a past or present student, faculty member, coach or leader
- Commemorate a Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation and much more!



Please [click here](#) to order or visit our website at sfxlg.org!

The Knight's of Columbus, LaGrange Council 6483 is Celebrating Their 50th Anniversary!

The Knight's are grateful for the support of our parishioners and generous donors. In celebration of the 50th Anniversary, please join us for a celebratory 11am Mass at St. Francis Xavier on Sunday, May 7th with our Associate Pastor, Fr. Rich Milek and with Fr. Paul Gins of the Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus. We will celebrate with Brother Knights still with us and those in spirit who have gone before us.

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, May 9

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

Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2022/2023 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more. Join the fun and reach out to Lauren Desmond (lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com) or Erin Thunander (erin.thunander@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved.



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.

**Date/Time Change; our meeting will now be held
6:30-7:30 pm in Unity Hall on Tuesday, May 9.**

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



Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection

When Naya's* baby girl was born, she was overjoyed—but feeling isolated and nervous with a newborn. She enrolled in Catholic Charities' Arts of Living Institute which offers free home visits from a parent coach specializing in healthy child development and parenting techniques. Naya says, "It's a community...and a really good program to help guide the first few years of your child's life." Catholic Charities serves mothers like Naya throughout Cook and Lake counties every day. Please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day, May 14, or anytime at www.catholiccharities.net/donate.

*Name changed to protect privacy.

I am the
GOOD SHEPHERD



Summer Mission Trip Second Collection

Thank you for supporting the mission trip in the second collection this weekend. Many teens from this parish will be traveling to Cincinnati, Ohio to know, love, and serve the poor in July. If you missed the chance to support this ministry in the second collection at Mass, you can [Click Here](#) to make a donation at Give Central for the Mission Trip. Thank you again for your support!



CLASS 2023

Senior Mass & PARTY

SUNDAY

7

MAY

5PM TEEN MASS
6PM PARTY IN GOD'S GARAGE
PLEASE RSVP BY 5/3/23

To RSVP [Click Here!](#)

Optional: If you'd like, wear a t-shirt with your college name, place of employment or GAP year interest.

We will take a picture of all seniors right AFTER mass.

New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Wednesday, May 10th, at 6:30pm**, for a special Newcomer Blessing presided by Fr. Rich.

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

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

Who is invited?

Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish * Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet * Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us * Families with children of all ages * ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

If you are able, **please RSVP by May 8th** to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

RSVP and Questions

Call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email lauraduelm@gmail.com.

WATCH THIS SPACE SFX Senior Women's Group

The SFX Senior Women's Group hopes to revive its Spring Luncheon. We are in the process of ascertaining interest and securing a venue. We are looking at an early June date in order to get plans in place. If you would be interested in attending, please contact Clare at 708-420-2959 or Mary Sue at 708-616-5474.

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 registered by April 23rd have been entered into a raffle for free tuition.
The drawing will take place at our last class in person event this Sunday, 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.



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

Today Sunday, April 30, 2023
12:30-2:30PM in
The Education Building
Parking Lot

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

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAYS!

June 6-10, 2023

Doing God's Work in the World

**Kick off your summer by being part of an outreach team
with family, friends and fellow parishioners!**

**Teens, get a jumpstart on your
Confirmation and high school service requirements!**

Registration will begin in early May.

SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE PARTNER	PROJECT	TEAM LEADER(S)
SFX Food Pantry (6/6)	Serve pantry guests	Mary Freeman
Rosary (6/8)	Pray in Mary Garden	Katie Kanzer
Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (6/9)	Pray at Broadview Detention Center	Maureen Lang
Asylum Seekers	Purchase items for a baby	Mary Freeman
BEDS	Pack Meals at SFX	
Blood Drive	Donate Blood in SFX Gym	Frank Mungo
Challenger Baseball	Play ball with a buddy at Sedgwick Park	Sean Naddy
Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)	Write Notes and Hear testimony at SFX	Marge Branecki
Congregation of St Joseph	Clean up CSJ plots at Queen of Heaven Cemetery	Emily Bersnak
First Congregational Saturday Meal Program	Prepare and Serve Lunch	Ana Dimailig Rachel Peterson
Fuller Center for Housing	Less Team before they depart for Clarksdale, MS to build and repair homes	Chris O'Hea
Helping Hand	Clean up yard at a La Grange group home	Lisa Radville Greg Shuler
Hines Hospital	Deliver SFX prayer shawls	Mary Ellyn Witt
Interfaith Community Partners (Random Acts of Kindness)	Repurpose flowers at SFX and deliver to seniors	Margie Hull
Mission OLA (Our Lady of Angels)	Garden, Clean, Pack Food bags in Chicago	Matt Kanzer
SFX Food Pantry	Sort & Stock Food	Lynn Regan Alice Vida

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



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Enter today for your chance to win up to

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Purchase one ticket for \$50 or 5 tickets for \$200 for your chance to win.

*Please see official rules at SFXraffle.org

**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE
ON THURSDAY, MAY 18TH**

100% of the proceeds benefit SFX School. No Give Back!

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT SFXRAFFLE.ORG
TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**



Ticket stubs may be picked up in the gym foyer on the following
Sundays: 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14 from 10am-12:30pm.
Tickets may also be purchased on-site (cash or check)
at these designated times.

Questions? Contact Mike Keach
Email: mike.keach@outlook.com Phone: 312-961-9587

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WORKING BIKES BIKE DRIVE

Give your old bicycle new life! Please help spread the word about a LaGrange bike drive benefitting Working Bikes, a nonprofit that allows people access to resources and opportunities that otherwise could have been out of reach.

What: Bike Drive, collecting adult bikes in repairable condition and gently used kids' bikes

When: Saturday, May 6, 2023, 9:00-12:00

Where: Drop off at 201 South Edgewood, LaGrange IL 60525

Questions? Email Mike at oconnell118@gmail.com



Working Bikes rescues donated bicycles and gives them new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities. (workingbikes.org)



Seasons of Hope

Grief Support Group

For 6 Weeks Beginning June 12

Mondays at 9:00 am

following the 8:30 mass in Unity Hall

Seasons of Hope at St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet over a 6-week period to help participants navigate the grief process. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. It is suggested that participants allow 3-6 months from the time of loss before attending. Attending Mass is *not* a requirement for the group!

Participants say:

"The focus on prayer and scripture reminds me that God is within me."

"This group was just what I needed at this time."

"Meeting wonderful people because of difficult times is a blessing."

"Helpful and comforting for my healing."

[Click here](#) or call the rectory at 708-352-0168 for more information or to register.

Minister of Care Training

A Minister of Care is a person who brings the gift of the eucharist and friendship to fellow parishioners and others who are homebound, living in nursing homes, or recovering in the hospital. Our visits help those in need stay connected to the parish and our faith community.

The time required varies depending on the activity you choose. Perhaps a few minutes or more on a homebound visit to an hour or so conducting a Prayer and Communion Service or bringing the eucharist to those in the hospital. Those visiting the homebound schedule visits convenient for the minister and the person being visited. Nursing homes and the hospital have fixed schedules.

The Archdiocese requires new ministers to receive 12 hours of instruction prior to being commissioned. After training, you will “shadow” other ministers to learn about your chosen activity. When you are comfortable, you’ll receive a quarterly schedule.

Single day! May 6 (Registration 8:00 am)
8:30 am-4:00 pm (Lunch Provided)

Advent Health LaGrange Hospital, 5101 Willow Springs Road, LaGrange
Use Main Entrance at Building 1. Ask for directions to Dixon “C” Education Room at the Lobby

Who: Parishioners, men and women 18 years of age and older. Important to let your Pastor and Minister of Care Coordinator from your Parish, know of your desire to attend the training.

Participation is limited to the first 35 people to enroll.

So, are you ready to share your time and talent with those who are so grateful? Please contact Scott or Mary Sue McDonald - Coordinators for the Ministry of Care at 847-528-1434 or sjmcdonal@yahoo.com or marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com to reserve a spot.



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.

Our Reality: Integral Ecology on Thursday, May 4 from 10:00-11:30am (CT) *in-person/on Zoom* with Facilitator, Pat Bergen, CSJ. We live in a world where division and separation seem to be part of life. However, this is an illusion. Reality is that we live in a spiritual world where we are all interconnected. Join us as we reflect on our common home (our “ecos”) and begin to celebrate our “integral ecology!” Cost: \$15. To register: csjthewell.org/programs/integral-ecology/.

Let’s Start at the Very Beginning: A Composer’s Walk through the Years on Sunday, May 7 in Alexine Chapel at 4:00 pm Concert | 5:30 pm Reception *in-person only* with Performer, Kathy Sherman, CSJ. In this reflective afternoon concert and benefit for The Well, singer-composer Kathy Sherman, CSJ will share songs that have been especially meaningful to her as well as the stories and inspiration that brought them to birth. Come support Kathy (and The Well) as she takes us on an intimate walk through five decades of songwriting. Cost: \$25. To register: csjthewell.org/programs/concert-sherman/

A Mother’s Love Cannot Be Silenced Retreat join us on Friday, May 12 at 7:00 pm through Saturday, May 13 at 4:30 pm with Facilitators, Pat Bergen, CSJ and Kathy Sherman, CSJ *in-person/on Zoom*. Even before the birth of the galaxies and stars, God’s great love has been unfolding and revealing the Sacred in everything that is and in all the circumstances of life. A mother’s call is to be alert so as to recognize the Holy One in the ecstasies and joys of life as well as in life’s challenges and sufferings, and to help others do the same. Our time together will include presentation, song, time for quiet reflection, and sharing. For anyone who has a mothering role, and for all who had mothers. Cost: \$165 Overnight • \$115 Commuter • \$115 Zoom.



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**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC** niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—son 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
- **Felix Estrada, U.S. Army**—friend of John & Dawn McCormick

**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
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
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.