



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Our First Communicants

Aubrey Alfaro	Blake Fox	Leonidas Loulousis	John Prenger
Harper Bach	Henrik Fredriksen	Emma Lutzow	Keller Prinz
Daniel Ball	Maeve Furey	John Mallory	Weston Rediehs
Graham Bicchichi	Emmett Gecan	Aidan Malone	Conlin Regan
Cole Bocian	Liam Graber	Taylor Malone	Jackson Reichel
Penelope Brook	Henry Gregersen	Joseph Maloney	Brenna Remus
Augustus Burgland	Hadley Hanson	Cora McGoldrick	Molly Robinson
Reilly Burke	Lillian Hanson	Finnegan McManus	Matthew Rogers
Vivienne Byrne	Brayden Hayes	Victoria Melendez	Riley Rowan
Liam Callahan	Michael Healy	Elexis Mendiola	Colin Ryan
Violet Cardenas	Alana Hernandez	Nicholas Michaels	Teddy Scouffas
Finnegan Carroll	Carter Hoekstra	Matthew Moog	Will Scouffas
Payton Carroll	Maddie Horrigan	Morgan Murphy	Beckett Shaver
Sophia Castro	Wyatt Jandrain	Patricia Nisivaco	Elis Sheffield
Mason Clairmont	Andrew Johnson	Margaret Nowak	Nathan Shimerdla
Grace Cody	Daniel Joyce	Miles Nugent	Cormac Sivak
Gwenyth Coia	Patrick Joyce	Nora O'Brien	Nieve Smith
Emmett Dahl	Thomas Karam	Colton O'Connell	John Stowe
Finn Davidson	Kiran Kennedy	Thomas O'Malley	Matthew Tassoni
Addison DeDore	Quinn Kolovitz	Bernadette Orbon	Sebastian Telecki
Edward Devitt	Reid Kolovitz	Evelyn Palcer	Henry Todaro
Lee Donoho	Aviana Kowalczyk	Harper Pant	Damian Urso
Max Drainville	Alexandra Kubly	Emily Partyka	Evelyn Veaser
Theresa Dwyer	Emmett Lane	Sophia Pawlowski	Jane Veihman
Mary-Margaret Evans	Austin Lee	Ryan Perlongo	Amy Wargo
Owen Favel	Logan Leide	Aaliyah Pipes	Reynolds West
Juliet Florczak	Ezra Lopez*	Violet Plzak	Keegan Wood
Liam Foltz	Stella Lotus	Kate Porter	Hunter Yena

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 8	Mass	8:30 am	John Thoms Kathryn Boyle Katie Sullivan Paul Flood	Joan Thoms The McKenna Family The Jim Donahue Family The Flood Family
Tuesday, May 9	Mass	8:30 am	Dorothy Weigand Laura McGhee	The Bovard & Weigand Families Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools
Wednesday, May 10	Mass	8:30 am	Shirley Humecke	Jerry & Nancy Johnson
Thursday, May 11	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, May 12	Mass	8:30 am	Pat Callahan	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
Saturday, May 13	Mass	8:30 am	Susanne Walsh	Pat DeMars
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Mary & Bill McLaughlin	Sylvia & Tim McLaughlin
Sunday, May 14 6th Easter of Sunday	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	Gretchen Gearhart	Gretchen Rubin & Kathryn Gearhart
	Mass	11:00 am	People of the Parish No 5:00 pm Mass	

Presider's Schedule for May 6-7, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Killeen

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Gins

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

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
Jack Ferritor	Lorelei Przybylski
Lily Fielding	Madison Raupp
Jim French	Anna Rose
Kathy Gleason	Santa Snieg
Mary Grand	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
Theresa Kandall	

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:

Edward Clark
Father of Joe & Michele Vida

Baby Declan Fulghum
Son of Charlie and Jake Fulghum

Joseph Resha, Jr.
Father of Allyson Hayes

Joseph Schaefer
Brother of Nancy Morgan

Weddings

Mariel Skoda & Peter Cimino



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Pastor's Letter

You are "a chosen people, so that you may announce the praises of God who called you out of darkness into God's wonderful light."

1Peter 2:9

The *heart of the missionary disciple* yearns for all to know the wonders of God's love for us, revealed through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Our weekly coming together for Word and Eucharist form us by the teachings of Jesus and feed us by his very self in the Eucharist. Nonetheless, our worship is empty, and fails to give praise to God, if it remains within the walls of our place of worship. We are formed and fed *so that we might go forth in mission* bringing a message of hope and promise to family, neighbors, and the communities in which we live our lives. *We are formed and fed to be sent* as missionaries of hope for a renewed world order that embraces and protects all as beloved children of God. We are sent as missionaries to engender the peace that comes from learning from our differences rather than fighting over them. We do so most effectively when we model this in our relationships with one another.

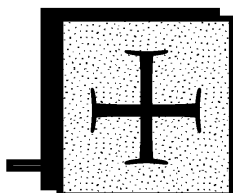
The early church faced the challenge of witness by example. In today's first reading, we learn that the *Hellenist* widows (those who had come into Israel from Greek lands) were being neglected in the daily distribution of food and other necessities. Resources were scarce; and some "native" Israelites felt that they should first take care of "their own." The apostles realized that this contracted the commands of Christ to serve all others as equally worthy of kindness and compassion; all those in need were "their own." The practice of establishing a hierarchy of need based on anything other than actual need was scandalous and a bad example to society. Yet rather than argue with those who were serving only some of those in need, the church established a new order of ministry, deacons, who were themselves Hellenists, to ensure that the church would give witness to its mission and reach out to all in need. It would take several decades before all believers would embrace their differences as many members of One Body in Christ.

Who are the Hellenists in our lives, in our day? Whose needs are we tempted to judge by any characteristic other than basic human needs? Whom does God send us, men and women like the first deacons, to lead us to greater compassion and deeper witness? To whom is God sending us this day with all we need to bring compassion and hope to someone in need?

This weekend, **we welcome to the Table our newest communicants**, who celebrated their First Eucharist at one of two Masses on Saturday. We give thanks for the "new eyes" through which they call us to see one another, and for their witness to forgiveness and celebrating differences. **We honor our local Knights of Columbus Council** as they celebrate 50 years of prayer and service to those in need. Central to the mission of the Knights of Columbus is outreach to the "other abled," the hungry, and the dignity and protection of all human life. Thank you to our current and past knights who have brought this mission to life and encourage us all to do the same.

Easter Peace,

J. Bill



The stone rejected
by the builders has
become the cornerstone.

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 (izeisloft@sfxlq.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@sfxlq.org) or contact her for more information.



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.

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.

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 Horigan at jfhorrigan@gmail.com for more information.

Welcome

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

Matthew & Olgalidia Davis
Silvia Diaz
Kent Frayn & Kristylen Bochenek
Mary Ellen Green
Andrew Gust & Melissa Fulham
Luke & Rachel Harangody
Krzysztof & Kinga Kasprzak
Trudi Kessler
Nathan & Kerry Lusignan
Patrick & Kristina McDaniel
James & Sarah O'Brien
Timothy & Elisabeth Patterson
Bryan & Elizabeth Preston
Charles & Dana Ryan
Timothy Slattery
Richard Szatkowski
Ryan & Noelle Thezan



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 Eilyn Witt at newittlagrange@yahoo.com.



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 on May 12.

SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

All events will take place on June 10th unless otherwise noted.

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	TBD	TBD
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 Schuler
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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Spring 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mother's Day is a time dedicated to remembering all of the mothers and mother figures in our lives—the women who have fed, nurtured, taught, and sustained us. Mothers are essential in every generation, in every moment of each day, to the fullness of God's plan for human life and community.

Helping mothers in need is core to our faith, and helping mothers is a central calling for Catholic Charities. As Christ reminds us, we must care for women and children in need, especially mothers raising children alone.

Your generous donation to the Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities enables the Church's work on behalf of mothers. Catholic Charities helps tens of thousands of mothers each year with counseling services; food, housing, and utility assistance; adoption support; home-visit parenting support; domestic violence safe-shelter; and so much more.

Your donations are critical to this work of faith. They enable us to be Christ's hands throughout Cook and Lake counties. As the largest provider of human services in our region, the Catholic Church touches thousands of lives daily through the work of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities relies on the contributions of Catholics who recognize and embrace the call to witness and unite in service, as one Church.

I reach out to our parishes once each year for support of Charities' work. Mother's Day is your chance to make a gift to this central, mighty mission of our Church. Please considering donating either:

- In-person during the second collection on Mother's Day, May 14
- On-line at www.catholiccharities.net/donate
- By mail at Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 8275, Carol Stream, IL 60197-8275

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your past support. I encourage you to be as generous as you can again this year, so that together we might witness a message of mercy and hope a world in need—starting with mothers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

IN GRATITUDE

Eleanor Roosevelt once said (or maybe she said it many times as a mother and grandmother)—“You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” What a great challenge! We spoke those words and cherished their impact as we lived through years of educating and training and then practicing what we had learned through the years we spent in the diaconate. But, every single challenge that we encountered that “we think we couldn’t do,” we did through the grace of God and the encouragement of the people and places we served as a deacon couple.

This past Sunday, April 30th, the most wonderful celebration of our 35th anniversary as a deacon couple took place. Many thanks to Fr. Bill Tkachuk, with the talents of Maureen Pipal and Missy Westerhoff, for spearheading the event. His team of helpers—Fr. Rich Milek, Fr. Bill Killeen, Allen Sterwalt and his marvelous choir and musicians, and the fabulous Parish staff couldn’t have been kinder. Every single moment evolved into a beautiful day that we will always remember.

We also thank all of you parishioners who cheered us on throughout the 19 years of our ministry at St. Francis. We shall forever cherish the good wishes from you to us at the lovely reception in Unity Hall where there was an overflow of hugs and handshakes. You thanked us. But it was and is our thanks that we express to you for making our “call” to the diaconate so easy. Thank You!

God Bless All of You,
Deacon Andy and Sharon Allison

Preschool 3

Half Day Mornings

Pre - K 4

All Day or
Half Day Mornings

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All Day or
Half Day Mornings



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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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ANNUAL VOCATIONS APPEAL

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 on May 20.

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



ST. PHOEBE
Diakonos of the church

Re-Thinking Women's Participation in the Catholic Church



THANK YOU to all who made it to Catholic Theological Union for the St Phoebe Prayerful Pep Rally! Our speakers showed us what is possible when women are able to unleash all of their gifts of preaching, leading and serving. [Click here](#) for recording.



L-R: Elizabeth Engels, Katie Mulcahy, Marge Branecki, Michelle Mirecki, Mary Pat Flaherty, Maureen Windmoeller, Maria & James Eraci
Bottom: Ellen Nieman, Mary Freeman, Katie Filbin, Martie Lukanich
not pictured: Sara Edwards, Ally Hayes, Katie McCarthy, Tim and Colleen Mulcahy

Our organizing and prayers for a synodal Church are working! In a recent historical announcement, the Vatican shared that women, laity and young people will be voting members of Synod of Bishops this October. Read all about it here: [USCCB Women will be voting members](#).

America Magazine published an online article by parishioner Katie Mulcahy, who is one of the organizers of the Discerning Deacon Chicago Circle, which is urging the church to expand the engagement of women in positions of leadership throughout the Church, entitled: *My daughters have hard questions about the church. Are women deacons the answer?* [Click here](#)

Phyllis Zagano, an American author and academic who has written and spoken on the role of women in the Roman Catholic Church and is an advocate for the ordination of women as deacons, commented *"The diaconate is a creation of the Church (Acts 16) and women have served as deacons up to the 12th century both East and West. There is not now, and never has been, any doctrine against ordaining women to the one order of deacon. Whether the Catholic Churches will restore the tradition is a matter of discernment."*

For more information or to join the team, contact: Katie Mulcahy at katie@theowensfdn.org

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



Senior Mass & PARTY

SUNDAY
7
MAY

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

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.



Calling all Girl Scout Troop Leaders

We are hosting our 1st All Girl Scout Mass on Sunday, May 21st. The mass will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church at 9:00 am. We are inviting all of our Girl Scout Parishioners from grades Kindergarten to 8th grade to attend.

Please contact Veronica Ponce by email at verocxx@gmail.com if your Girl Scout is available to attend by May 12th.

SFX Family Outreach Ministry

Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry on Saturday, May 20 as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program. There are two time slots from which to choose:

- 9:00-11:30 am: Food prep and cooking
- 11:30 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. Visit [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a62daa8-saturday#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5a62daa8-saturday#/) to register. Questions? Contact Rachel Peterson at 708-870-8808.

If this date doesn't work for you SMP takes place every Saturday and Volunteer Coordinator Joanne Konkle is always looking for volunteers. Contact her directly at volunteercoordinator@fclq.org.

EDYTHE GARDENERS

The late Edythe Skokna once upon a time chaired the SFX gardening committee. Her daughter, Cathy, is reviving the committee, to beautify the grounds around the church and rectory.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, or just inquiring about the committee, please contact Cathy at cmskokna@att.net.

Also, if you would like to donate any annuals or perennials, please drop them off in the Rectory Courtyard between the church and rectory (enter from the stairs next to God's Garage). Email Cathy to tell her what you dropped off and she will make sure they are planted.

Thank you!

Coming Attraction

SFX Senior Women's Group

The SFX Senior Women's Group is working to secure a venue for its Spring Luncheon. We have received general and specific suggestions: close by, ample parking, reasonably price. We are looking at an early June date in order 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.





2023 Divorce and Beyond Support

Spring Series

Thursday Evenings (7:00-8:15 pm) in Unity Hall
May 18 through June 29

Divorce and Beyond is a faith-based process for divorced adults designed to offer support, fellowship, and healing to those recently divorced or going through a divorce. Topics include: stress, anger, forgiveness, and healing. There is no cost to attend. There is a participant guide that may be ordered online when you register.

Register on line:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbWaz4uyfbFji8OrmTLNC7YXBavJjbhIrFCIpWqnp1fGYweA/viewform?usp=sf_link or call Melissa Westerhoff at 708-352-0168.



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.



The Well Spirituality Center

1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park

To register or find out more go to www.csjthewell.org
or call 708-482-5048.

[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
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- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
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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

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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.

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