



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
The Ascension of the Lord
Happy Mother's Day
May 12, 2024



*Mother's
Day*

*Her children
arise and call
her blessed
Proverbs 31:28*

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 13	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Tuesday, May 14	Mass	8:30 am	Bob Burson	Scott & Jill Burson
Wednesday, May 15	Mass	8:30 am	Anne Marie Fluno	Jennifer Driscoll
Thursday, May 16	Rosary Mass Adoration	8:15 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Friday, May 17	Mass	8:30 am	Anna Reedy	The Konstant Family
Saturday, May 18	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Edna Barry Anne Yelnick Yolanda Chavarria	The Zahorik Family Scott & Jill Burson The Chavarria Family
Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Fr. John Doyle Paul Sottak Emmett McDermott	The Reilly Family The Cooley Family The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for May 11-12, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

No 5:00 pm

Please pray for . . .

Ed Barrett	Richard Lavers
Albert Boemo	Eleanor Love
Dick Callahan	Tom Mallon
Tim Deveraux	Frances Marzo
Blake Donegan	Patrick Morgan
Barbara Doyle	Julie Murray
Matthew Doyle	Audrey Olson
Pat Eaton	Rita Mae Spearman
Thomas Flynn	Steven Stirm
Kathy Gleason	John Stopka
Lilli Gregory	Richard Szatkowski
Junie Haase	Olivia Tarsney
Angela Hill	Theresa Toher
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Pat Urycki

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:



Fr. Michael Ahlstrom

Renee Miga

Mother-in-Law of Russell Sherman

Susan Miller

Sister of Julie Jarabek

Cindy Williams

Friend of Joe Discipio

Weddings

Sandra Diaz & Alejandro Castro
Elizabeth Schnell & Giancarlo Crotti
Victoria Lesnicki & Nick Genova
Elizabeth Schnell & Giancarlo Crotti



JESUS CHRIST

King of Heaven & Earth

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Pastor's Letter

*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 1:8

Be my witnesses. Before returning to heaven, Jesus gave his followers a commission to *go out to all the world and tell the good news of God's love and our salvation in Christ Jesus*. Jesus assured them that the Holy Spirit will soon fill them with the gifts they need to fulfill their mission. Yet Jesus is not only speaking to the eleven apostles, or to the bishops who will become their successors. *Jesus commissions every person baptized into his death and resurrection to become missionary disciples*. The gospel and the gifts of the Spirit are given to us for so much more than our own good; nor are they meant to be celebrated only when we gather in our places of worship. As Deacon Andy reminds us at the end of Mass, "Our mission begins" when we go out, nourished by Word and Eucharist, to bring Jesus into our homes, our communities, and *wherever* we meet others seeking to learn or hoping to find what we have received.

The final days of the Easter Season urge us to pray to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit anew. We carry a message of hope that is contrary to much of what this world values and promotes. **We seek God's direction**, which comes to us through many diverse voices and in our *willingness to listen to one another* until the voice of God among us becomes clear. This is the Spirit that lives at *the heart of synodality*, as Pope Francis calls *all* voices in the Church to *come together and listen to one another* with open minds and hearts; to discern God's voice through the many voices. We are a diverse people. Some might try to convince us that human persons are beyond the possibility of consensus or finding common ground. Yet **we believe that we all become one Body in Christ**; we come together to be Christ in and for the world.

Our mission as disciples of Christ is especially critical when some with opposing views, on one side or the other, try to convince us that only one view can be the "correct" one and that we should defend one point of view to the exclusion of all others. **We believe** that each person is loved by God and has an important role among us. **We act** to uphold the dignity of each person, especially those who are judged, mistreated, or disregarded. This witness of the early Christian communities literally *attracted thousands of diverse people* from across the Mediterranean basin within a relatively short period of time. **This is the mission on which Jesus sends us** and for which the Spirit gives us the gifts we need.

This weekend the Spirit Choir and coordinators of the Sunday 5:00 PM Mass during the school year begin a well-deserved summer break. **Thank you to Jeremy Michor, Ann Maney, and the members of the Spirit Choir** for leading us through another year of joyful song unto the Lord. **Thank you to Katie McCarthy**, who serves as sacristan and who trains and coordinates our teen lectors, ministers of communion, and ushers during the school year. Your generous service to our youth and our worship community is deeply appreciated. There is **no 5:00 PM Mass this Sunday** due to Mother's Day. The **Sunday 5:00 PM Mass resumes next week** and will continue throughout the summer except for three weekends: Memorial Day, Father's Day, and Labor Day. The Spirit Choir will return the weekend after Labor Day.

This weekend, we celebrate the vocation of motherhood in its many expressions among us. We honor mothers who gave birth and who adopted children into their life; stepmothers; grand and great grandmothers; godmothers; teachers, mentors, and coaches; and *all* women who give life to others through their lives. We are blessed this weekend with the reflections of three women of our parish: Maureen Windmoeller, Claire Jakubisin, and Laura Cullinane. We give thanks for all the women who have been mothers in each of our lives; we ask peace of heart for mothers who have known the loss of a child; and we pray for healing for mothers who experience broken relationships due to their own limits or the limits of others. God bless you all!

Happy Mother's Day,

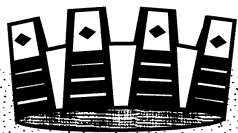
J. Bill

Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection This Weekend

Gail's Story: Family Self-Sufficiency is one of Catholic Charities most effective and beloved programs. Gail* is a 2019 graduate from the program. She shared, "When I first started, my exact thoughts were, 'This is a program for people trying to keep it together'. It challenges the participant to set goals and make game plans to achieve them while creating a custom work plan that caters to the specific life circumstances." She goes on to say, "To date, I have accomplished every goal that my case worker and I set." Since leaving the program, Gail continues to work toward goals based on the near- and long-term needs for her children and herself.

*Name changed to protect privacy

Please support the Second Collection on
Mother's Day, May 12th or anytime at:
www.catholiccharities.net/give/fy24sp/



JESUS is LORD

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Blessing of Mothers

God of our mothers!

You are the God of Eve,
the God of Sarah,
the God of Naomi, mother-in-law of Ruth,
the God of Elizabeth and of Ann.

You are the God of Mary,
Spirit's spouse and mother of our Savior,
given by Christ as the mother of us all.

We thank you, God, for the gift of our mothers,
for grandmothers and godmothers,
for stepmothers and mothers-in-law.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all women
called to motherhood.

Heal their pains and disappointments.
Forgive all that needs to be forgiven.
Give to them the good that they have
given others.

Welcome to your breast those who have died.

Fill this world, O God, with a mother's love!
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP

Spring LUNCHEON

30 North
Plymouth Place
315 N. La Grange Road
La Grange Park, Illinois

Thursday, May 16, 2024
(Gathering @ 11:30)
Luncheon @ Noon

Exciting new venue! Choice of entrees!
Cobb salad with chicken
Club sandwich
Cheese ravioli

Please RSVP by **Monday, May 13** to the rectory with \$25 and entree selection.

If transportation is needed, contact Clare @ 708-420-2959
or Mary Sue @ 708-616-5474.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INVITING NEW MEMBERS TO CONSIDER

Parish Pastoral Council guidelines call for an ongoing rotation of PPC members. Several members of the current PPC are stepping down after several years of serving on the PPC. I thank Barb Kalnes, Marko Magajne, and Tony Pangan for serving in this important leadership position through the pandemic and into our initial evangelization efforts. Each will continue to serve in parish ministries.

We have begun the process of discerning parishioners to invite onto the PPC who will enhance the diversity of parish voices on the PPC going forward.

According to the guidelines, PPC members serve a two-year term and can ask to remain on the PPC for an additional one or two years. (Note: We have extended this guideline for the initial members to account for two COVID years.) After four consecutive years, a member is asked to step away from the PPC for at least five years before seeking to return. This allows us to continue to involve new voices.

If you are willing, interested, and able to be considered for a two-year term on the PPC, please submit your name to Father Bill no later than June 2. If you have any questions, please contact Father Bill or one of the parishioners whose names are listed below.

Continuing PPC Members

Curt Aronson	curtaronson@gmail.com	Alex Ruff	aruff8@comcast.net
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Lindsey MacKenzie	lindseycotter@yahoo.com		

Donate Your Worn American Flags



A local Scout will be collecting American flags ready to be retired **next Sunday, May 19th** after the 9:00 am Scout Mass. All scouters, veterans, service men and women, family and friends are welcome to attend this Mass. Your donations will support our parishioner, Christian Orlando, who is working toward his Eagle Scout rank. A special flag retirement ceremony will take place on Flag Day, which is Friday June 14th. The location and details will be announced once they have been finalized.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



VOCATIONS EVENTS

On **May 18, 2024 at 10:00 am**, four men will be ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral. Please pray for the newly ordained as well as all of our priests.

We invite all parishioners to join us in this joyous event via livestream. The livestream link is on the vocations website at: www.vocations.archchicago.org/events/priesthood-ordination.



Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

July 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

Total Sunday, Christmas and Easter Collection:	\$ 1,580,013
Targeted Offertory Budget:	\$ 1,597,000
Total Collected through April Last Year:	\$ 1,504,155
Total Annual Offertory Budget:	\$ 1,846,000

Amazing news: Easter offertory met our budget (a 7.5% increase over last year)! And through the first ten months of our fiscal year (through April), our parish offertory has increased 5%. *Your generosity has made a meaningful impact on a vibrant parish!*

All three forms of stewardship were alive and present at St. Francis Xavier last weekend. The parking lot was not often empty as we hosted two First Communion Masses, high school senior Mass and pizza party, Name Tag Sunday, and coffee and donuts in Unity Hall after the morning Masses. We also celebrated the attainment of a milestone for our educational endowment fund. Our congregations welcomed back two prior pastors, Fr. Bill Stenzel and Fr. John Hoffman, to celebrate with Fr. Bill Tkachuk and Fr. Rich Milek – it was a walk down memory lane! Supporters of this endowment shared:

Tom Cunningham (7:30am Mass), "My dad used to say 'Keep moving. Keep the church at the center of town'. These endowments allow church and school to keep moving forward."

*Terry Mahoney (9am Mass), "We realized the **home** we live in is with a small 'h'. St. Francis Xavier is our **Home** with a capital 'H'."*

Patsy Brown (11am Mass--see photo below), "My late husband, Jock Brown . . . a 1962 graduate of SFX . . . said SFX felt like home. And years later, at last week's Ignite benefit, one of Joe and Bea Nelligan's granddaughters also said SFX felt like home."



Bob Roach and Cecilia Kaiser were also inspirational in sharing what SFX Church and School means to them and their families for the past decades as they urged us to look to our future.

God bless ALL the ministries who helped make the weekend of May 4 and 5, 2024, a time of community, joyful in the ever-present Holy Spirit who moves through our church and school communities. Thank you for your stewardship!

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE



Dear St. Francis Xavier School Community,

I am thrilled to announce that Mr. Jimmy Bajner will be joining us as the new principal of St. Francis Xavier School, effective July 1st. Mr. Bajner brings with him a wealth of experience in education, having dedicated 15 years to the field.

Most recently, Mr. Bajner served as the Assistant Principal for Student Life at Christ the King Jesuit College Prep in Chicago, where he played a pivotal role in shaping the student experience and fostering a culture of academic excellence and personal and spiritual growth. His lived faith, his commitment to student success and his proven leadership skills make him an ideal fit for our school community.

We are incredibly excited to welcome Mr. Bajner to St. Francis Xavier School and are confident that his passion for education and his dedication to our mission will further enhance the exceptional educational experience we provide to our students.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Mr. Bajner as he begins this new chapter with us. I am confident that his leadership will guide us to new heights of success and achievement.

Sincerely,
Fr. Bill Tkachuk

10th ANNUAL ALL PARISH SERVICE DAYS!

June 4-8, 2024

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 is open! [Click Here](#)

SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE PARTNER	PROJECT	TEAM LEADER(S)
SFX Food Pantry (6/4)	Serve pantry guests	Mary Freeman
BEDS (Summit) (6/5)	Set Up & Serve Lunch and Dinner	Mary Freeman
Fisher House (6/5)	Deliver Prayer Shawls	Mary Ellyn Witt
Rosary (6/6)	Pray in Mary Garden	Katie Kanzer
Feed My Starving Children (Aurora) (6/6)	Pack meals for people around the world	Terese Kartholl Cristina Tamm
Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (6/7)	Pray at Broadview Detention Center	Mary Freeman
SATURDAY JUNE 8 ACTIVITIES		
BEDS	Pack Shelf Stable Meals at SFX	Alice Vida
Blood Drive	Donate Blood in SFX Gym	Mark Azzi
Challenger Baseball	Play ball with a buddy at Sedgwick Park	Paul Saladino
Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)	Write Notes at SFX	Marge Branecki
Congregation of St Joseph	Clean up CSJ plots at Queen of Heaven Cemetery	Emily Bersnak Clare Pasquesi
First Congregational Saturday Meal Program	Prepare and Serve Lunch	Ana Dimailig Rachel Peterson
Helping Hand	Garden Cleanup at a home in LaGrange area	Lisa Radville Greg Schuler
Interfaith Community Partners (Random Acts of Kindness)	Repurpose flowers at SFX and deliver to seniors	Margie Hull Rebecca Riven
Migrant Clothing Drive* (see below)	Organize donated clothes and deliver to Catholic Charities	Joan Stopka Karen Boyd
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
SFX Garden	Help plant annuals around the church	Kathy Skokna

***We will be collecting adult and kids summer clothing. JUNE 1-7 at the Rectory.**

**If you have questions, please contact:
Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.**

Toddler Mom's Weekly Summer Book Study

Join us for our Toddler Mom Weekly Summer Book Study on ***Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius*** by Lisa Cotter.

Day: Monday evenings, starting on Monday, June 10th and ending mid-August

Time: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Who: Moms with kids under 5 years who are looking to strengthen friendships with others in the Parish and continue their faith journey alongside a supportive community! We ask that you commit to attending most sessions within the series.

To RSVP for the series and obtain additional details, please reach out to Christine Scioscia at ctheilacker@gmail.com or 630-803-9272 before June 1st.

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddlers Together group) (subject to change each month)

When: 8:00pm we meet on 2nd Thursdays of the month (location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or bulletin each month.)

What: Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration!

Questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.



Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.

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, June 4.

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

Religious Education News



***Registration for our 2024-2025
K – 8 Religious Education Program
is now open (as of 3/16/24)!***

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2024-2025 school year.

Our options are:

- In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Our virtual asynchronous grade level program has lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays and is best 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!**

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 2024-2025”
on the left-hand side of the page to register.

Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2024-2025 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.

Interfaith Career Network

Helpful Advice from HR While Conducting Your Job Search

Come join us on Thursday, May 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm. You'll be so glad you did! Think your resume is good? You may be ahead of others who are competing against you. You may not! Think your business protocol during your search is good? You may be way ahead of your competition; You may not! Think you may want to learn more from the corporate "other side" of recruitment - YES! Join us to get out ahead of your competition. Be the best you can be during your job search! Our speaker is Leslie Kelley, Director of Human Relations for Chervon North American Inc. in Naperville, IL. She holds a Bachelor's degree in HR and a Master's degree in Organizational Behavior. Leslie is actively involved in recruitment each week and can share some important tips that may launch your job search to the next level in a market that is topsy-turvy! We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.

Engage Community

May 30: 7:00pm Unity Hall

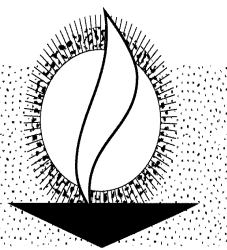
Topic: Introduction to Chair Qigong (a Chinese system of physical exercises and breathing control related to tai chi). It's relaxing and fun.

Watch this space for summer outings announcements. Concerts, dining, plays, and other activities to make the most of summer in Chicagoland.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

**Be my help
O LORD**



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Ministry of Care is Planning to Expand

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.

It's a very rewarding ministry and I promise you will receive more than you'll give. 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.

**One day training is available at
LaGrange Hospital on
Saturday, May 18th
8:30am - 4:00pm
Lunch Provided**

So, are you ready to share your time and talent with those who are so grateful?

For information regarding the training contact:
Scott or Mary Sue McDonald
Coordinators for the Ministry of Care
847-528-1434
sjmcdonal@yahoo.com or
marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com

Family Outreach Ministry

Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry on Saturday, May 18 as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. There are two time slots from which to choose: 9:00 -11:30am: Food prep and cooking or 11:30am-1:00pm: Food serving and clean up. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult.

To register please [click here](#) or contact Ana Dimialig apd3@core.com or Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.



Fuller Center Collection May 18-19

The second collection at next weekend's masses supports the parish's annual mission trip to Clarksdale, Mississippi with The Fuller Center for Housing (formerly Habitat for Humanity.)

This summer, St. Francis Xavier will send a group of volunteers to the Mississippi Delta. Your donation will help cover the cost of building materials and other costs necessary for SFX volunteers to provide affordable housing for a Clarksdale family currently living in substandard conditions.



To make a donation, use this QR code or [Click Here](#).



“Clarksdale is a really cool place and I would not have seen it had it not been for this trip.”



“ I learned about the community by working alongside community members.”

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

Questions about
volunteer opportunities?

Please contact
Chris O’Hea at
chris.ohesa@yahoo.com.



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park for questions call 708-482-5048. To register visit our website to see our entire lineup of winter programs and retreats, please register in advance at: www.csjthewell.org/offerings/.

Winter Fruiting: Reflections On the Gift of Our Later Years on Thursday, May 23, 7:00-8:30 PM (CT) with Facilitator: Margaret Silf (On Zoom) Co-sponsored with the Siena Center of Dominican University An evening for those who have reached the later years of life and are eager to explore, and share, the spiritual fruits of life’s winter season. Just as the winter tree must relinquish its leaves, so we too face the challenge of letting go. And just as the tree’s seeds fall into the ground, to bear new fruit in the future, so our lives too bear fruit, born of experience and matured into wisdom. We will reflect on the nature of that fruit, and the gift that is ours to give to the future. Hybrid • Margaret Silf is On Zoom • Cost: \$10.



We are so grateful to you and all who have helped us continue our mission of service to God and others. To show our appreciation, please join us for an

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 9th, 2024
1 - 3:00 p.m.

Joseph House
Courtyard & Welcome Hall
1515 West Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park

All are Welcome!

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2-3, AND 4-5.**

**OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM ANY SCHOOL
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Session 1
**JUNE 10-JUNE
21 2024***

*No camp on 6/19

Session 2
**JUNE 24-
JULY 5 2024***

*No camp on 7/4

Admission per Session

\$600
+STEAM fee

Camp Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

- ✓ Daily Art Class
- ✓ Daily STEAM Class
- ✓ Daily "Homeroom" with fun summer camp activities

SFX Summer Camp

145 N. Waiola
La Grange, IL 60525

Registration Link

<https://sfxcamp.campbrainregistration.com>

More Information (708) 352-2175 or camp@sfxlg.org





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

- **Sgt. FC Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Special Forces Group**—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
- **Capt. 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
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **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
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm
Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

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

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 7:00-8:00 pm

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 sfxing@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

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