

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
6th Sunday of Easter
Happy Mother's Day
May 14, 2023



SPIRIT



“I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another
Advocate to be with you
always, the Spirit of truth.”

JOHN 14:16-17A

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 15	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Special Intention	
Tuesday, May 16	Mass	8:30 am	John Cannon	The Cannon Family
Wednesday, May 17	Mass	8:30 am	Gregory Van Gorp	Craig & Carol Jacklin
Thursday, May 18	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, May 19	Mass	8:30 am	Edna Barry	The Zahorik Family
Saturday, May 20	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Sandra Ann Kacmarcik	Amy Schwerha
Sunday, May 21 7th Easter of Sunday	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	Rosemary Fanta	The Oplawski Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Jim Morgan	The Pat O'Kelley Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Presider's Schedule for May 13-14, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

No 5:00 pm Mass

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	Rita Pantoni
Barbara Doyle	Karen Payne
Matthew Doyle	Beth Pfluger
Jack Ferritor	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	Carol Swiderski
Rose Ilo	Olivia Tarsney
Mary J.	Theresa Toher
Jane Jacobsen	Rose Wall
Theresa Kandall	Liz Wilk
Laurel Karlo	Bill Witowski

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:

Charles Bliss
Brother of Genny Hanna

Weddings

Mariel Skoda & Peter Cimino
Katie Mortell & David Rosone



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



Pastor's Letter

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you the Spirit of truth, to be with you always.

I will not leave you orphans."

John 14:16,17a,18

The gospel shifts our Easter focus to what lies beyond. Next weekend, we will celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Both before his Passion and Death and between his Resurrection and Ascension, many of the first disciples were preoccupied with what would happen when Jesus was no longer among them. Who would lead them? Who would continue to teach them? Who would offer the encouragement they would need to carry out the mission he was giving them?

Jesus responds with the promise of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus breathed upon them on the day of his resurrection and who would descend upon powerfully on the day of Pentecost. Jesus promised them to be present to them in the Eucharist, his Body and Blood that would join us to him and one another. But he also promises the power and presence of God in the Spirit that would send and accompany them on mission. They would *never* be alone. God would continue to be with them as a real presence, in Body and in Spirit. They need only remain in communion with one another and allow God to live in and through them for others.

In recent weeks, we have celebrated the coming of the Spirit to our parish teens through the Sacrament of **Confirmation**, and the coming of Jesus into the lives of our second-grade children through the Sacrament of **First Eucharist**. In distinct ways, they have joined us as *missionary disciples*; they encourage us by their example to allow these sacraments to nourish, inspire, and send us to others. God blesses us with gifts that we might in turn bless others in sharing those gifts. This is the hallmark of a vibrant community of faith.

This is also the time of year when many parish programs celebrate the end of another year. Our **School of Religious Education**, directed by Elis Guidice with the assistance of Cindy Johnson and our catechist ministers, recently gathered for prayer, giving thanks, and inviting all parishioners to join them at the Rainbow Cone travelling van. Our **elementary school's athletic program**, directed by Pat McMahon and made possible by many volunteer coaches, celebrated another year of sports learning and competition with free pizza and reduced-price snacks at a series of boys' volleyball games. It is a time of giving thanks for all that God has been doing *in us and through us for others*.

This weekend we celebrate **the vocation of motherhood** in its many expressions among us. We honor mothers, both through birth and by adoption; 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 four women of our parish: Lindsey Mackenzie, Sr. Marci Hermesdorf, Katie Kelley, and Aileen Pangan. We give thanks for the women who have been mothers in each of our lives; ask peace of heart for all mothers who have known the loss of a child or other family loss; and pray for healing for mothers who experience broken relationships due to their own limits or the limits of others. God bless them all!

Happy Mother's Day!

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.

**Save The Date
June 15**

Retired Men's Group or
(Semi-Retired)



11:30 am Courtyard Room
12:00 pm Lunch

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 priced. 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.



**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.

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 mskokna@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!

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, June 13

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

Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years yet many of our parishioners are not aware of this outreach ministry.

If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please contact **Susie Lehuta** at 708-354-6380 or lehutams@gmail.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 underway! Go to: sfxlg.org under quicklinks

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
Go Green LaGrange Farmers Market (6/8)	Collect recyclable items	TBD
Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (6/9)	Pray at Broadview Detention Center	Maureen Lang
BEDS	Set Up & Serve Breakfast & Lunch & Visit with clients	Jim O'Hara
BEDS	Pack Meals at SFX	Mary Freeman
Blood Drive	Donate Blood in SFX Gym	Mark Azzi
Challenger Baseball	Play ball with a buddy at Sedgwick Park	Joe Discipio
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	Bless 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.

STEWARDSHIP



Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Your Gift, God's Hands

Offertory Report

Easter Collection:	\$68,275
Easter Budget:	\$76,000

Total Collection:

This Year through April 2023:	\$1,494,890
Last Year through April 2022:	\$1,503,931
Annual Offertory Budget:	\$1,833,000

This weekend, we thank God for his wisdom in creating the vocation of motherhood (including the grandmothers and mother figures in our lives). The grace and works of these women permeate our parish over our 133-year history. Each month in "Your Gift, God's Hands" we feature how your investment in our parish brings about God's Kingdom on Earth. One group who comes together in fellowship is our Senior Women. A leader of this group, Clare Froemel, recalled: "This group started decades ago as women, especially mothers, who had been very active as parishioners while their children grew up in the parish. Now, it has expanded to provide opportunities for those who may not have a history here but have moved into our parish. These women are looking to meet others who live Christ-centered lives. We are women from many stages of life."

After few gatherings due to the pandemic, the senior women have actively returned in the past year to gathering in Unity Hall, enjoying refreshments and socializing. Part of their program this year included parishioners who spoke from the LaGrange Business Association and Taller de Jose. As the senior women meet others at these meetings, some organize their own fun by attending movies or going out for lunch. As Clare notes: "St. Francis provides the backbone as we meet and pray together. Then we take it from there!" God bless all women of the parish who show us the ways of the Spirit! And thank you to all those who have donated to enable the parish to continue providing these forums for our community.

Our fiscal year end (June 30) is rapidly approaching. If you would like to make a gift in support of the parish, you can use this QR code or visit the Parish website (www.sfxlg.org) and click on DONATE.





ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

Enter today for your chance to win up to

\$10,000!*

It's time for St. Francis Xavier School's annual raffle!

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 Sunday, May 14 from 10am-12:30pm.

Tickets may also be purchased on-site (cash or check) at this designated time.

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

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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#/> 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@fclg.org.

Interfaith Career Network

Explore New Beginnings In Your New Job Search

You may be in a position where you want to explore other job opportunities. What should you do? Join us on Thursday, May 18 from 7:00-9:00 pm when our presenter, Michelle Nacker, explains what to do the first few days of your transition. She will detail the key actions that you can take from day 1 to day 100 and beyond. She will address issues such as preparing for the job search, video interviews and how social media plays a part in your search. After spending most of her work career for one company, Michelle found herself in the job market. She will share her experiences of what has worked and what has not. Michelle began her career testing video games and progressed to companies such as TransUnion, IBM, Acxiom and Donnelly Financial. Mark your calendar and be sure to join us for this interesting and informative evening. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5055 Wolf Road in Western Springs.

Everyone is welcome!

Thank You

Thank you for supporting last Saturday's bike drive. We collected 50 bikes for the workingbikes.org organization. Working Bikes will give the donated bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities.

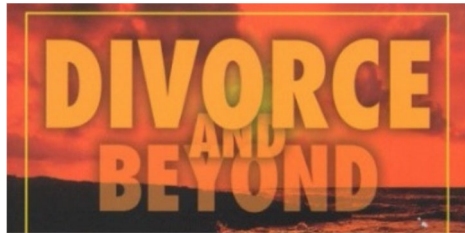
If you missed the drive and would still like to donate a bike, you can always drop it off at The Wheel Thing (417 North LaGrange Road) in LaGrange Park and they will get the bike to Working Bikes.

With much gratitude, Kara and Mike O'Connell



**WORKING BIKES
BIKE DRIVE**





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 Knights of Columbus Celebrated their 50th Anniversary at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 7 Congratulations!



Preschool 3

Half Day Mornings

Pre - K 4

All Day or
Half Day Mornings

Kindergarten

All Day or
Half Day Mornings

St. Francis Xavier School Early Childhood Education



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708-352-2175 sfxlg.org/school



Engage Community – Spring & Summer Events

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



June 8 Lizzadro Museum Excursion

Where: 1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523

When: 1:00 pm Thursday, June 8

What: The museum is dedicated to the lapidary arts with displays of gemstones, jewelry and bejeweled objects, and exhibits on earth science.

The local libraries offer discount passes. With the pass the fee for seniors is \$4

RSVPs are required for this event by June 5 to janeLGPark@gmail.com



June 28 Dinner at Buck's Pit Stop

Where: 6501 Kane Avenue, Hodgkins, IL 60525

When: 5:30 pm Wednesday, June 28

What: Homey and hospitable bar & grill with NASCAR memorabilia serving a variety of American food, plus beer, wine & cocktails. Participants will be responsible for their tab.

RSVPs are required for this event by June 26 to janeLGPark@gmail.com.

Please email Jane with any questions.

Save the date for our July 12 and July 29 events; information to follow.



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.

To Love Our Sacred, Still Suffering Earth Retreat Thurs, May 18, 6:30 PM through Tuesday, May 23, 12PM We see and know Earth's community of life is in serious trouble. Where might we find guidance when things feel so lost? We'll explore this, looking to many different sources. Facilitated by Maureen Wild, SC. Cost: \$600 Overnight/\$500 Commuter/\$300 Zoom register: <https://csjthewell.org/programs/suffering-earth-retreat/>



Bloom in June Annual Fundraiser Sunday, June 3, 4:00 pm Mass followed by Courtyard Cocktails, Dinner, and Good company, delicious Italian food, fabulous silent auction items, games and other delights await at The Well's annual fundraiser. This year we honor Carol and Bob Dobis and Janet and Bill Stauffer for their years of service to The Well. Ticket price: \$80 find out more: one.bidpal.net/bloominjune2023/welcome

Bloom in June!

Saturday, June 3, 2023, 4 pm
A Benefit for The Well Spirituality Center

Join us in person at The Well!
Celebrate a Spirited Liturgy at 4 pm
Honoring Carol and Bob Dobis & Janet and Bill Stauffer

Gather in the Courtyard for Cocktails and Appetizers

Enjoy a Festive Italian Dinner pasta courtesy of Angelo and Judy Iantosca
Auction and Raffles 

(Auction will open online Friday, May 19th to enable participation in advance of the Bloom.)

 The Alexine Chapel & Welcome Hall
1515 West Ogden Avenue,
LaGrange Park
A member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!
Register and pay online at
www.bidpal.net/bloominjune2023
OR complete and return the enclosed card



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
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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.