

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2026



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- Jn 20:21

BELONG ● BELIEVE ● BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 25	Mass	8:30 am	Emrery Mapes Herbert & Mary Schrack	Jesse & Claire Presley
Tuesday, May 26	Mass	8:30 am	Barbara Czajkowski	The Owens Family
Wednesday, May 27	Mass	8:30 am	Carol McCarthy	Regina MacAskill
Thursday, May 28	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, May 29	Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention Jeantte Hallas-Hirschberg	The Family
Saturday, May 30	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	John Godlewski Santa Snieg	The Schroeder Family The SFX Religious Education Staff
Sunday, May 31 The Most Holy Trinity	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Bob Roach Living Intention Pat Roach Donal Sharko Lori Grisko People of the Parish	Joe Scanlon Jeanne, Ann, Alice & Sue Patsy Brown & Chuck Shifley Lisa & Dan Foster

Presider's Schedule for May 30-31, 2026

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan 7:30 am Fr. Milek 9:00 am Fr. Chrzan 11:00 am Fr. Milek 5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio Poppy Booth George Braasch Vivian Brickhouse Leonard Bruce John Clinch Tom Davis Blake Donegan John Donegan Craig Eaton Nathan Emkow Lupe Baker Garcia Allen Godlewski Vincenzo Guzzo Junie Haase Marie Hefler Angela Hill Jessi Rita Hoffman Richard Holbach Michelle Jackson Nora Lou Kampe Deb Kash Terri Bergen Klein Ella Mae Kuzel Mickey Manos Kathleen McElroy John McMurray	Jan Meyers Amy Miller Katie Miller Aldo Mitri Brandon Moffett Christopher Moon Patrick Morgan Bill Mroz Pat Murphy Angela Bader Neczek Ann Marie Nidos Connie O'Dette Cathy O'Leary Mark Reilly Amy Robinson Dick Simmons Rita Mae Spearman Gregg Stephenson Gary Sterwalt Jean Sterwalt John Stopka Sophie Stratton Olivia Tarsney Joe Vargas Liz Wilk Holly Zienfeld
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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:

Patricia Hayes
Mother of Richard
Grandmother of Matthew & Patrick

Celeste Jacklin
Sister of Craig Jacklin

Weddings



Megan Lyne & Matt Tully
 Jessica Horton & Brian Goodman
 Quinn Reilly & Dillon Rice
 Alli Fuller & Richard Malfeldt
 Bianca Linares & Mauro Garcia, Jr.

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Pastor's Letter

Dear friends in Christ,

We continue our journey together as the parish family of St. Francis Xavier with the celebration of the solemnity of Pentecost. I'm pleased to share with you that in the coming weeks, we will be introducing an updated prophetic plan for our parish community entitled *Continuing the Vision*. This renewed plan has grown out of prayer, listening sessions with groups representing the church, school, Religious Education program, consultation, and conversation among parish leadership, staff, and members of our Parish Pastoral Council as we look toward the future of our parish and school community.

Many parishioners may remember the original prophetic plan developed for St. Francis Xavier from 2012 to 2016. That plan served as a meaningful guide for our parish mission and ministry and helped shape many important accomplishments in parish life. In 2017, the parish revisited and affirmed that vision. Now, with the arrival of a new pastor, the changing needs of parish life, and the opportunities presented through the archdiocesan capital campaign, entitled *Generation to Generation*, we believe this is the right moment to prayerfully and thoughtfully look ahead once again.

In this weekend's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that while there are many gifts and many forms of service, we are all members of one Body in Christ. Each of us has been given gifts by the Holy Spirit not simply for ourselves, but for the good of the entire community. That is at the heart of this prophetic plan. It's not simply about programs, buildings or finances. It's about strengthening our mission as a parish family so that we may continue to grow spiritually, serve generously, form disciples, educate our children, care for each other, and build up the Body of Christ here in our community.

Over the coming weeks, you'll be hearing more about *Continuing the Vision*, which will be formally introduced to the parish on the weekend of June 6-7. I invite you to begin praying now for our parish, for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit, and for the continued generosity and faithfulness that have always been hallmarks of St. Francis Xavier parish. Together with God's grace, we look forward to continuing the mission entrusted to us by Christ.

Yours in the Risen Lord,
Fr. John

Prayer for Peace, Healing and Love

God of justice and mercy,
You created every person in Your image
and call us to honor the sacred dignity of all human life.
We lift before You all communities and groups who are hurting.
Move our hearts to solidarity with all those burdened by violence,
injustice, fear, and division.

In Your Church, remind us that we **belong** to one another
as brothers and sisters in Christ.
Strengthen our faith so that we may **believe**
in the power of Your grace to overcome hatred and despair.
Send us forth to **be love** in a wounded world—
rejecting violence, seeking understanding,
and working for peace rooted in justice and truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

"Let me be clear:
The Church stands with
migrants...Families are being
torn apart.
Children are left in fear and
communities are shaken by
immigration raids and
detentions...our parishes and
schools will not turn away
those who seek comfort,
and we will not be silent
when dignity is denied
in the enforcement of the law."

Cardinal Cupich



In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the rectory will be closed on Saturday, May 23 through Monday, May 25.

We will reopen on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:30am.

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAYS!

June 2-6, 2026

Doing God's Work in the World

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

Registration began on May 7th. [Click Here.](#)

SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE PARTNER	PROJECT	TEAM LEADER(S)
SFX Food Pantry (6/2)	Serve Pantry Guests	Mary Freeman
Cara Collective (6/3)	Sort & Organize Clothing Closet for Job Seekers	Jerry Spearman
Project CARE (6/3)	Community Adult Reading Experience Conversation Club for adults to practice English	Mary Beth Nizioł
Rosary (6/4)	Pray in Mary Garden	Katie Kanzer
Fisher House (6/4)	Deliver Prayer Shawls and Tour Fisher House	Barbara Schumacher
Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants (6/5)	Pray The Rosary at Broadview Detention Center	Heather Fitzpatrick
Fill A Heart for Kids (6/5)	Assemble Care Packs for Children who are Homeless	Terese Kartholl Mary Eileen Jones Ana Cristina Sisson

SATURDAY JUNE 6 ACTIVITIES

BEDS	Prepare Lunch for Motel Guests and Pack Shelf Stable Meals	Mary Freeman
Bemis Woods	Clean-Up	Kevin McGann
Blood Drive	Donate Blood in SFX Gym	Mark Azzi
Catholic Charities Food Pantry (Summit)	Serve Pantry Guests	Katie Filbin
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	Clare Pasquesi
First Congregational Saturday Meal Program	Prepare and Serve Lunch to Neighbors in Need	Ana Dimailig Sara Whittleton
Project CURE (Commission on Urgent Relief & Equipment)	Sort and Organize Medical Supplies for Countries in Need	Jim Tvrdik
Ronald McDonald House	Prepare, Serve and Clean Up Meal for Residents	Megan Fletcher
Mission OLA (Our Lady of Angels)	Distribute Food, Clothing and Household Items	Matt Kanzer Chrissy Alagna
Random Acts of Kindness	Repurpose flowers at SFX and deliver to Bethlehem Woods & Plymouth Place	Margie Hull Rebecca Riven
SFX Food Pantry	Sort & Stock Food	Mary Freeman
SFX Garden	Help plant annuals around the church	Cathy Skokna

If you have questions, please contact:

Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

THE 120 HIGH SCHOOL GROUP PRESENTS

dinner will be provided

SUMMER COOK OUT



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High school Teens
join our GroupMe!



Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to
start the conversation

Join our Toddler Moms'



Groupme! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to get updates on upcoming events and connect with other toddler moms'.

Join our Young Adult Ministry (YAM)



Groupme! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to get updates on upcoming events and connect with other young adults.

SFX PINK RIBBON COMMUNITY

Connect with
Breast Cancer Survivors
at SFX for
fellowship & support.

[Click Here](#)

Family Outreach Ministry



Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. Our next service date is **Saturday, June 6, 2026** and there are two time slots from which to choose:

9:00-11:00 AM: Food prep & cooking
11:00 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.

Questions? More information can be found on our Sign-Up Genius Link: [Click Here](#).

St. Francis Xavier 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 2

Contact: Peter Brown pbrown@sfxlg.org
for more information.



Religious Education News

**Registration for our 2026-2027
K–8 Religious Education
Program is open!**

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2026-2027 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:

www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education



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JUNE 12, 2026 7:30- 10:00 P.M.

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Step 1) (At home or at SFX) Download the Listen Wi-Fi App from your app store or scan the provided QR Code below.

Apple Users



Android Users



Step 2) (In SFX Church) Download the Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection by scanning the provided QR Code below Please make sure to turn on Wi-Fi for auto detection in your settings.

Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection



We plan to have non-Bluetooth options available in the upcoming months. For assistance please call the rectory at 708-352-0168 or email sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to set-up an appointment.



Please Pray for All Those Serving Overseas in the Military:

- **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
- **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 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 Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Niedos
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux
- **Capt. Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene and Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Capt. Sean Kampe, U.S. Army**—grandson of Nora Lou Kampe, nephew of Anne & Rob Knez, cousin of Sarah Dybalski and Rachel Patterson
- **Capt. Michael Shriber, U.S. Army Reserves**—friend of the Mackey Family

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

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Deacon
Deacon
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Weekend Sacramental Clergy

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Director of Religious Education
Religious Education Administrative Assistant
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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

Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 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.

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 (Door #5).

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

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 counselor, Benjamin Horen, from the Claret Center. Please call for an appointment at 630-923-8380.

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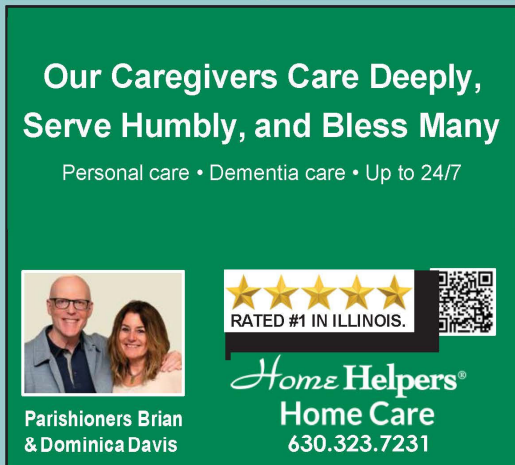
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