



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025



Jesus said to Nicodemus: “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.” For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, September 15	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Laura Januszewski	The Pultorak Family
Tuesday, September 16	Mass	8:30 am	Tom Koin	The Stasaitis Family
Wednesday, September 17	Mass	8:30 am	Bette McMurray	The Kalkowski Family
Thursday, September 18	Rosary	8:15 am		
	Mass	8:30 am	Ernie Fromel John Wolfe	The SFX Scripture Study Group Joyce Yelnick
	Adoration	6:00 pm		
Friday, September 19	Mass	8:30 am	Ernie Froemel	Marge Branecki
Saturday, September 20	Mass	8:30 am	Tyler Duelm	The Duelm Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Steven Kent The SFX Class of 1971 Reunion	The Scott Hoffman Family
Sunday, September 21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Nancy Johnson	Barbara Marshall
	Mass	9:00 am	Baby Mariano Margaret Nichol	The Mariano Family Tom & Lucile Nichol
	Mass	11:00 am	Marian Dudek Robert C. Hanson	Eva Dudek The Slowik Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Dr. Theodor Rogozinski	Nancy Cozzi and Lou Freda

Presider's Schedule for September 13-14, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan

7:30 am Fr. Chrzan

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Chrzan

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio
Poppy Booth
George Braasch
Vivian Brickhouse
Mary Ann Curry
Blake Donegan
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia
Vincenzo Guzzo
Junie Haase
Angela Hill
Jessi Rita Hoffman
Richard Holbach
Michelle Jackson
Patricia Jones
Nora Lou Kampe
Terri Bergen Klein
Michelle Kram
Ella Mae Kuzel
Randy Lange
Richard Lavers
Eleanor Love
Brian McLaughlin

Amy Miller
Greg Molinari
Patrick Morgan
Bill Mroz
Ann Marie Niedo
Connie O'Dette
Mark Reilly
Amy Robinson
Juan Silva
Sheila Slonskis
Rita Mae Spearman
Gregg Stephenson
John Stopka
Sophie Stratton
Catie Sullivan
Olivia Tarsney
Joe Vargas
Baby Emma Wallace
Donna Wasz
Eileen West
Liz Wilk
Denise Witt

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:



Alicja Matyjaszczyk
Mother of Beata Wilk

Ed Nowak
Former Director of Music

Weddings

Therese Grady & Derek Malley
Udita Das & Paul Schied
Mallory McEldowney & Ryan Fox
Carolann O'Connell & Mike Sinickas
Shannon Lyons & Justin Supple



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Regular Sunday Offertory
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Seminarian Collection

Next weekend the second collection will be taken up for the Seminarians. The collection provides support for the training and education of men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation ordination as a priest of Chicago.

To donate, [Click Here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Seminary Collection" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in the church collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 9 from 4:00-5:00pm** in the Rectory Courtyard Room. Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

Save the Dates:

Saturday, October 11—5:00-6:00pm Mass

Wednesday, November 12—4:00-5:00pm

Thursday, February 12—4:00-5:00pm

Wednesday, March 11—4:00-5:00pm

Thursday, April 9—7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, May 13—7:00-8:00pm

St. Francis Xavier Class of 1971 Reunion

The Class of 1971 has planned a reunion for Friday, September 19 from 7:00-11:00pm at Mattone's, 9 East 31st Street in LaGrange Park, if you know anyone from that class or for more information, please contact Susan Devitt at 708-352-6883 or susandevitt@hotmail.com.



Religious Education News

**Register today for our 2025-2026
K – 8 Religious Education!**

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2025-2026 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.

**Please don't delay in registering your children
today as classes fill up fast!**

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.

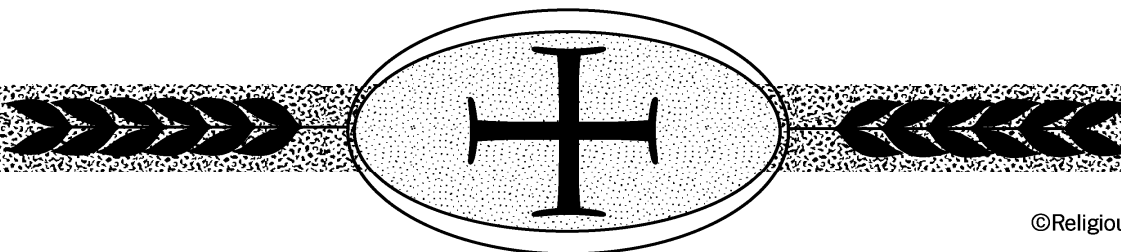
Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:

[Click Here](#) or scan the QR Code to take you to the registration page.



Your Gift and Talent is Needed!

Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person (Sundays & Wednesdays) this year by grade level twice a month, so we are looking for volunteers to step forward to join in this journey of faith with our youth. Please contact Elis Guidice, our Director of Religious Education, if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2025-2026 school year at sfxreligious@sfxlg.org.





Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday Collection

This Year through August 2025:	\$ 256,718
Last Year through August 2024:	\$ 229,929
Annual Offertory Budget:	\$2,013,000

While we all were hopefully having some vacation time this summer, **Antonio Franceschi, Facilities Manager, and his staff** at the parish were incredibly busy with major summer projects and maintenance. Working with contractors in the Education Building, this is what was accomplished:

- * office spaces and several classrooms were renovated
- * a STREAM* lab was constructed
- * major foundational areas were waterproofed
- * a section of old plumbing lines was upgraded
- * safety grates were installed over window wells
- * theatrical curtains were installed on the Joyce Hall stage

At the same time, Facilities staff worked daily with Camp Galileo, a new summer camp program. This camp introduced several hundred families to our welcoming environment here. Antonio Franceschi and his team also thoroughly cleaned classrooms, including refinishing floors, so that the building was ready for the first day of our elementary school and Religious Education classes.

Elsewhere on campus, work began on the church audio system. Our Facilities staff also made or oversaw renovations to modernize/maintain Father John Chrzan's office space and living quarters. As Antonio shares: "Robert Collier beautifully captures the dedication of the St. Francis Xavier Parish Facilities Staff: 'Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.'"

It's through our parishioners' financial support that our Facilities Staff can continue to equip our church, school and event spaces for our ministries here. Thank you for your stewardship!



Make a gift to Sunday
offertory with this QR Code
or [click here](#).
Thank you for your
stewardship!



*STREAM is a curriculum that integrates Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts, and Math.



Feast of St. Phoebe Celebrating Women's Gifts in the Church



At this weekend's liturgies, we observe our third annual celebration of St. Phoebe, who was a deacon in the early church, as we lift up the voices and gifts of women leaders in our St. Francis community.

Our celebration comes as the Church begins the *implementation phase of the **Synod on Communion, Participation and Mission***, which was entrusted to us by Pope Francis this past March.

This is the Synod that made history, by including lay men and women as voting members. Conversations in the Spirit took place in small groups. Each person spoke from the heart, expressing themselves with boldness and clarity while others actively listened with humility and respect. This is the way to be open to the voice of God.

Participants voted on and passed a 155-paragraph final document, a roadmap to examine new structures and practices which will make us a more listening church. Pope Francis immediately adopted the document as official church teaching.

Paragraph 60 deals directly with the equal dignity of women as members of the People of God and recognizes the need for fuller recognition of their vocation in the life of the church, including positions of authority and leadership in their communities. The teaching calls for full implementation of all roles for women already provided for in Canon Law. It also says the question of women's access to the diaconate remains open and needs continued discernment. The paragraph adds: "What comes from the Holy Spirit cannot be stopped."

This weekend, we welcome women of the parish to break open the word of God by delivering reflections on the scriptures:

5:00pm Saturday, Elis Guidice

Elis is our Director of Religious Education and Sacramental Prep. She received her Master of Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union and is a certified Lay Ecclesial Minister from the Archdiocese of Chicago through the University of St. Mary of the Lake. Elis has led our 3:00pm Ash Wednesday service for the past several years and has been part of our Online Lenten Reflections. She and her husband Paul have two teens in High School and have been parishioners of SFX for 5 years.

7:30am Maureen Windmoeller

Maureen and her husband Bill are parents to three children, all graduates of the Day School. She is a pediatric physical therapist and a SPRED leader catechist, having been involved in the program for 30 years. She started Kairos at SFX and spent 10 years working as a retreat director and mentor for teen witness talks. She is an associate of the Congregation of St. Joseph and a graduate of the Catholic Women's Preaching Circle. Maureen is a member of the National Team for Discerning Deacons, an organization whose mission is to promote synodality and engage Catholics in the active discernment of women in the diaconate. Maureen has led Conversations in the Spirit here at St. Francis, as well as at the local and national level.

9:00am Maggie McMahon

Maggie is our Pastoral Associate, coordinating adult faith formation, spirituality and evangelization. She completed her Master of Divinity at Notre Dame, where lay people and seminarians train side-by-side in theology, preaching, and pastoral ministry. She also received her Director-Level certification as a Pastoral Associate from the Institute for Pastoral Leadership at University of St. Mary of the Lake. Maggie and her husband Patrick have four children.

11:00am Martie Lukanich

Martie and her husband Luke are parents of six adult sons, five daughters-in-law, and 16 grandchildren. She is a clinical psychologist in private practice for over 25 years with individuals of all ages, has led Quest Confirmation groups, the women's retreat, and Advent and Lenten groups. She participated in the School for Synodality and is a graduate of the Catholic Women's Preaching Circle. Martie is an associate of the Congregation of St. Joseph and a member of the National Team for Discerning Deacons, an organization whose mission is to promote synodality and engage Catholics in the active discernment of women in the diaconate. Martie has led conversations in the Spirit here at St. Francis, as well as at the local and national level.

5:00pm Sunday, Heather Fitzpatrick

Heather is a wife, mom of an St. Francis Xavier School graduate, public health professional, and a woman who loves Jesus. She has been involved with peace and justice work, the women's retreat program, and supporting other faith-building activities at St. Francis and beyond. She feels God's path for her usually appears just after she's walked on it, so she keeps stepping out in faith to see what adventures God has in store next - like sharing a reflection at mass.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ***PARISH** *(District & SFX Schools)

Children's Choir

2025 - 2026

Grades 1 – 8

***(District Public Schools & SFX Day School...All are welcome!)**

Weekly rehearsals:

[Gr. 1-3] Tuesdays / [Gr. 4-8] Thursdays – 3:40 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

***First Rehearsals: Sept. 23rd (gr. 1-3) / Sept. 25th (gr. 4-8)**

(SFX Day School singers who choose to remain on-campus after 3:05 p.m. dismissal will be escorted into the church space for snack/homework time each week as we wait for District Public School singers to arrive after their later school dismissal times.)

Choir will sing monthly at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

PLUS...

Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 27) & Christmas Eve (Dec. 24),

**Includes Registration Form & Rehearsal/Mass Schedule.*

Make it easier!...

Register on-line with this link:

<https://forms.gle/HXrG1PsWEtfJEu4e8>

Registration EXTENDED!!!

St. Francis Xavier **Parish** Children's Choir Registration Form 2025 - 2026

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Child _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Mobile Phone Number _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Birthday (month/day) _____

I am available to be a parent helper at occasional rehearsals. (circle one) Yes No

I am available to be a parent helper at occasional Masses. (circle one) Yes No

**Please use "digital link", e-mail, mail or drop off this form to the attention of:*

*Mr. Allen Sterwalt, **Director of Parish Music***

St. Francis Xavier Church · 124 N. Spring Ave. · LaGrange, IL 60525

asterwalt@sfxlg.org



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Alpha men! TMIY men! Men's Club men! OCIA men! Former college-fraternity men!

Think back to this past Lent. Were you striving to be a better Catholic? Perhaps you're trying to lead your family back to the Catholic faith. Do you have any interest in assisting the elderly, the disabled, the poor, and supporting the cause of life?

Then, man oh man, this is your invitation to join the Knights of Columbus (www.KofCLaGrange.org). The energies of our parish's younger men (18 years old and up) are especially needed. It only takes all of us.

We're a fraternal Order that is the granddaddy of all Catholic men's ministries. Our Order is first in support of those, above, with the most in need. "Vivat Jesus!" has been our Latin motto since our 1882 founding because Jesus is central to our mission. Your home council has been leading good works in the greater LaGrange community since 1973. We could do much, much more with you involved, and we're inviting you to join us. It's easy. Simply send a text message to (our rush-chairman of sorts) Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to get started. Today. Tomorrow. To Knight!

Our next program event is the Intellectual-Disabilities Fund "Tootsie Roll" Drive on September 19, 20, and 21. It's a great time to join us.

Family Outreach Ministry



Join the St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program.

The dates are:

September 27, 2025,
November 8, 2025,
January 3, 2026,
March 7, 2026 and May 2, 2026



There are two time slots from which to choose:

- 9:00-11:00 am: Food prep and 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.

Register, [click here.](#)

Questions? Contact Rachel Peterson 708-870-8808, petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net or Ana Dimailig 312-339-5955, apd3@core.com.

Come Join the FUN with Cub Scouts Pack 33!



BLAST OFF DAY
This Sunday, September 14
from 1:00-3:00pm

Come join us on our
Annual Rocket Launch Party and Picnic
for all current & prospective
Cubs Scout boys & girls, ages 5 - 11

Where: Brezina Woods, Grove 2
North LaGrange Park Road
LaGrange Park

For more information:
Rick Szafarz - Cubmaster
708-927-4793, richard.p.szafarz@gmail.com
Kris Marincus - Assistant Cubmaster
708-612-2840

Come join us for lunch
and launch
some Estes rockets with us!



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FUND “TOOTSIE ROLL” DRIVE

SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS • HELPING HAND • ASPIRE
AND LOCAL SPECIAL RELIGIOUS-EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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"Thy Kingdom Come" Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm in Unity Hall

Jesus did not say, "I've come to save you from Roman oppression and taxation." Christ did not promise a worldly kingdom. In fact, He said, "My kingship is not of this world...My kingdom is in your midst...My kingdom is within you!" The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is there is His Kingdom. Let us live with an eternal perspective.

[Click here](#) to register, scan the QR Code, or contact mike.jakubisin@gmail.com for more information.

Participants at Saint Francis Xavier Say:

"It was an amazing experience. Better than expected. Really enjoyed getting to know the men in the group and growing in our faith journey together."

"Very positive experience! It was my first participation in a men's group. I was somewhat reluctant but was surprised by interaction and discussion in a very positive way."

"Men's faith discussion group this year often leaves me still thinking on the small group prompts even after the session. I felt I was able to open up in TMIY in a format that made it easy and comfortable to share and listen. I've got more out of TMIY in my faith than my Sunday Mass attendance – very engaging."

"We've covered quite a few topics, where, upon discussing, I found I wasn't alone in either a struggle or 'best practice.' The program has helped me reflect on my role and actions as a father and husband."



FALL ALPHA Series Please Join Us!

Alpha is a program that allows honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions - like faith and meaning. All are welcome!

Our fall session started on Monday, September 8 at 6:30pm Unity Hall.

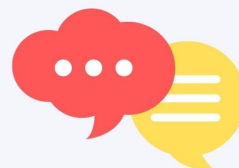
Alpha is both fun and profound. You get a delicious free meal; you watch a thought-provoking video and then have great discussions in a safe space!

Why should I try it out?

Because at Alpha

- It's ok to have questions about faith.
- It's ok to not know everything.
- It's ok to be searching for something more.
- It's ok to ask yourself - what do I really believe.
- It's ok to yearn to feel connected.
- It's ok to wonder what THIS LIFE is all about.

To register please,
[click here](#)
or use the QR Code.



Thinking about
Becoming Catholic?

WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to start the conversation

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, October 7

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



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The annual celebration of the Season of Creation invites the world's 2.6 billion Christians to prayer and action to protect Earth, our common home and to discern the guidance it offers us for bringing about the New Creation of which Jesus spoke. The Season of Creation takes place from **September 1st**, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to **October 4th**, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is a liturgical season dedicated to prayer, reflection, and celebration of God as Creator. It invites all Christians and all people of faith and good will to reflect prayerfully on the gifts of Creation and the mission given us by God to care for Creation and respond to its needs and crises today.

St. John of the Cross has invited St. Francis Xavier Parishioners to be part of their Catholics Are Responsible Environmental Stewards (CARES) Ministry. See below for an invitation to their plant based dinner bash. If you have questions, please contact SFX representative Kevin McGann kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com.

St. John of the Cross will say the Mass on Care of Creation, created by Pope Leo XIV every Thursday in September at 9:00am. The mass will be presided by Fr. Tom Conde.

Peas Be Our Guest at the CARES Inaugural Plant Based Dinner Bash!!

featuring **Bethanny Alexander** from *Kind Cafe and Catering*

Thursday, September 18th at 7pm
SJC Parish Center 🍅 \$20.00/per person

Enjoy delicious and nutritious food, plus a chance to win \$100 coupon
toward meals prepared by Kind Cafe and Catering

Space is limited to the first 50 guests. Scan QR code link or use link below to
register and see the menu. **RSVP NO LATER THAN September 12, 2025**



<http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/apps/forms2/?f=52400>



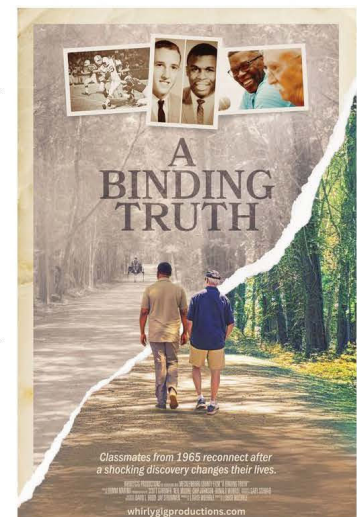
Diversity Days in La Grange

A Binding Truth Documentary Screening

Fri., Sept. 12, 2025, 6:00 pm

Screening & Discussion at the La Grange Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

This award-winning documentary tells the story of two high school classmates from 1965 in Charlotte, NC. Years later, they reconnect when a shocking discovery reveals secrets that would change their lives. Their story is also America's story of slavery's legacy and our current racial divide.



BONUS PRESENTATION:
Sun. Sept. 28 at 3:00 pm: CA2BC Zoom
Interview with Jimmie and De Kirkpatrick
and Director Louise Woehrle.

Film screening and presentation sponsored by CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange Area, La Grange Public Library, First United Methodist Church of La Grange, The Kind Exchange and other organizations under the umbrella of CA2BC, a collaboration of community groups and institutions working toward a more inclusive society.



Space is limited and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:
<https://tinyurl.com/MOVIE09122025>

For more information email LaGrangeDiversity@gmail.com and visit
<https://www.umcnic.org/CA2BC/ABindingtruth>

Engage Community

Connect with neighbors and friends, new and old!

Saturday, September 20, after 8:30am Mass (about 9:00am)

Help the SFX gardens get ready for winter mulch-spreading get-together

- Looking for people to help spread mulch around the church grounds. If not you, perhaps you know adult or teenage children or grandchildren who can help. We'd love to have 20+ volunteers.
- Please dress for outdoor gardening. Project will likely take 2 to 4 hours (depending on group size). Any amount of time you can contribute will be appreciated.
- If you have a garden rake or a wheelbarrow to bring, it would be appreciated. The mulch will be delivered in advance, and you will help move it to where it's needed. NO EXPERIENCE necessary!
- Meet-up at God's Garage. Refreshments will be provided along with much gratitude.

Please RSVP by September 18.

Thursday, September 25, 7:00 to 8:30pm, Rectory Courtyard Room

Join Edythe, Arts & Environment, and Engage hosted Wine & Cheese event

- For parishioners and others who have contributed to the beauty of the SFX grounds and interior, the three ministries are hosting a gathering to celebrate the years' progress. Connect with others who have supported the efforts and learn about future plans for these three ministries while sharing refreshments.

RSVPs Required by September 21.

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

Engage focuses on building Christian community through a variety of social and service activities. All are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners, adults of all ages and life stages.



Integral Ecology for a Flourishing Earth Community on Thursday, October 2 from 6:30-8:00pm Virtual. Cost \$45 per person

This talk explores how Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's evolutionary spirituality and Thomas Berry's ecological vision inspire the integral ecology of Pope Francis' Laudato Si. Offering a foundation for environmental care and social justice. Speakers, John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology.

Learn more & register:
<https://csjthewell.org/programs/>

He became obedient
✠ to the point of death,
even death on a cross

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LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?
Interfaith Career Network Offers
"Tech-Savvy for Success:
Basic Digital Skills for Job Seekers"
Thursday, September 18th from 7:00-9:00pm
Casey Emerich, Presenter

Best practices for organizing digital files and folders. Smart file naming conventions for easy retrieval, how to use OneDrive to access your documents from anywhere, keyboard shortcuts to improve speed and efficiency.

Join us for this informative presentation at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs. All are welcome. There is no cost to attend.



Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who are struggling to stay together. You will learn how to communicate calmly and respectfully, and then you'll learn tools for handling conflict and other stresses together – in a way that strengthens and uplifts your marriage! Since its inception, Retrouvaille has helped over 200,000 married couples rebuild their marriages, and we can help you too if you are willing to work hard. Our next weekend program is:

September 19th – 21st, 2025 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL

Call us today at 815-246-2080, email us at
JolietRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org, or visit us at
www.HelpOurMarriage.org/Joliet for more information.





Saturday, October 25

RACE!

Opportunities for the whole family!
Run & Walk & Stroller 5K
Kids Fun Runs (100m and 1/2 mile)

SFXFalcon5k.com

SPONSOR!

Logo placement on Tshirt, website, etc.
\$1,000/\$750/\$500/\$150

Become a Sponsor Page:
SFXFalcon5K.com



VOLUNTEER!

BEFORE/DURING/AFTER

If you are not running please check out
where your help is needed, because it's
needed!

SUPPORT!

1. Buy a support sign to cheer on the Falcons! Hurry, they are going fast! \$150 each.
Go to: SFXFalcon5K.com-->Become a sponsor page--> then select Course Marker "shout out!"
2. Donate cereal or oatmeal to the SFX Food Pantry. Drop off at packet pick up or day of!



New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on
Wednesday, September 24th, at 6:30pm, for a special Newcomer Blessing.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for **socializing in Unity Hall**.
Subs, salad, 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** 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.



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

- **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 Nidos
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux

Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...and please let us know when friends and loved ones return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Weekend Sacramental Clergy

Rev. John Chrzan
Rev. Richard Milek
Andrew Allison
Phil Gianatasio
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Rev. Stan Ilo
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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 a counselor, who will start in the Fall, from the Claret Center. Please call for an appointment at 773-643-6259.



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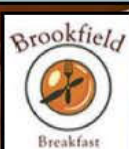
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