



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025



“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’”

- Lk 16:25

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Week at a Glance

Intention				Requested By
Monday, September 29	Mass	8:30 am	Franklin Senich James Ruggiero	Patty Lannen Glynn-Manning Family
Tuesday, September 30	Mass	8:30 am	Ernie Froemel Allen Godlewski—Living Intention	The Oplawski Family The Schroeder Family
Wednesday, October 1	Mass	8:30 am	Daniel Muth	Patrick Daly
Thursday, October 2	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, October 3	Mass	8:30 am	Ralph Rudolph	The Lannon Family
Saturday, October 4	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Louie Marasovic People of the Parish	April Pesut
Sunday, October 5 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Dennis Schumacher Charlotte Oedekerck Eunice & Leonard Stanczyk The Duranty Family Raymond Barry	Pat & Tony Rotunno Jennifer Driscoll The Stanczyk Family Scott & Jill Burson The Zahorik Family

Presider's Schedule for September 27-28, 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	Robert McMahon
Poppy Booth	Amy Miller
George Braasch	Greg Molinari
Vivian Brickhouse	Patrick Morgan
Joe Canepa	Bill Mroz
Mary Ann Curry	Ann Marie Niedo
Blake Donegan	Connie O'Dette
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Mark Reilly
Allen Godlewski	Amy Robinson
Vincenzo Guzzo	Juan Silva
Junie Haase	Sheila Slonskis
Angela Hill	Rita Mae Spearman
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Gregg Stephenson
Richard Holbach	John Stopka
Michelle Jackson	Sophie Stratton
Patricia Jones	Catie Sullivan
Nora Lou Kampe	Olivia Tarsney
Terri Bergen Klein	Joe Vargas
Michelle Kram	Baby Emma Wallace
Ella Mae Kuzel	Eileen West
Randy Lange	Liz Wilk
Richard Lavers	Denise Witt
Eleanor Love	

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:



Claudette Danna

Richard Goggins
Father of Linda Preto

Brian McLaughlin
Brother of William McLaughlin

Weddings

Udita Das & Paul Schied
Mallory McElowney & Ryan Fox
Carolann O'Connell & Mike Sinickas
Shannon Lyons & Justin Supple
Alexandra Gamboa & Nicholas Lazzarotto



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Pastor's Note

Pilgrimage of Grace in a Jubilee Year



Earlier this month, a group of twenty pilgrims from my previous parish, St Gilbert's in Grayslake, and I, set out on what truly became a journey of a lifetime - a pilgrimage to Italy and England, in this Jubilee Year of Grace. From the very beginning at O'Hare Airport, where we boarded our British Airways flight to Rome, to the final soaring notes of Evensong at York Minster, the hand of God was upon us. Not a single passport lost, no injuries, no missed connections - in every step, we felt the protection and providence of the Lord.

Our pilgrimage started in Rome, where we settled into our lodgings and discovered, to our surprise, the delights of Roman-style meatballs and mashed potatoes. From there, we immersed ourselves in the holy treasures of the Eternal City. We gathered at the Vatican for a General Audience with Pope Leo XIV, an unforgettable moment of joy and blessing. We prayed before the relics of the True Cross at the Church of the Holy Cross, climbed the Holy Stairs in reverence, and marveled at the majesty of the great basilicas: St John Lateran and St Mary Major.

One of the most moving days was our journey to Assisi, where we walked in the footsteps of St Francis and St Clare. We prayed at their basilicas, visited the tomb of St Carlo Acutis, just three days before his canonization, and spent time in the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, home of the Portiuncula, where Francis's mission truly began. Back in Rome, we visited St Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo's ceiling lifted our hearts heavenward. Later, we descended into the stillness of the Catacombs of St Sebastian, and we even encountered a joyful bride arriving in a VW Bug convertible for her wedding at the adjacent parish church - a sign of life and hope, even among the ancient tombs. Our Roman journey concluded at the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, another pillar of our Catholic heritage.



From there, our pilgrimage continued in England. In London, we experienced two very different but equally inspiring styles of worship: the solemn grandeur of High Mass at the Brompton Oratory, followed immediately by an experience of joyful, charismatic worship at Holy Trinity Brompton, home of the Alpha movement. The contrast was striking - incense and chant in one, electric guitars and warmth in the other - yet both pointed to the same Lord, present in his people. Traveling north, we visited the Holy House of Our Lady of Walsingham, a place of prayer and devotion stretching back nearly a thousand years. We prayed at Sempringham Abbey, founded by St Gilbert himself in 1100, and then journeyed on to York, an ancient city that captured our hearts. There we marveled at the towering beauty of the York Minster Cathedral, strolled the crooked streets of The Shambles, and prayed at the Bar Convent, the oldest continuously functioning convent in Britain.

Our pilgrimage reached its conclusion in the soaring voices of the York Minster Choir at Evensong - a fitting end to days filled with prayer, history, and fellowship.

This Jubilee Year calls us to rediscover the path of pilgrimage - not only across oceans and centuries, but also in the daily walk of faith. Our group's journey was one of grace, blessing, and deep gratitude. We returned home with renewed hearts, strengthened bonds of friendship, and a greater sense of what it means to be God's pilgrim people.

May our parish community of St Francis Xavier also embrace this Jubilee Year as a pilgrimage of mercy and renewal, walking together in faith, hope, and joy.

Fr. John Chrzan

October Is Respect Life Month

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a
'Gospel of life.'
It invites all persons and societies
to a new life lived abundantly
in respect for human dignity.

*Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to
American Catholics, Statement by USCCB*



September 24–November 2: Help save lives through the power of prayer. For more information and sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove.

Sunday, October 5th 2:30-3:30 pm. National Life Chain: Each year, since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of every October to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life and form a "Life Chain" across the country. Representatives from St. Cletus typically meet at the corner of LaGrange Road and Ogden Avenue.

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!

The shawls and blankets created by our Prayer Shawl Ministry members will be blessed at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 11, 2025.

If you know of anyone in need of comfort, you are welcome to select an item from the Altar after all the Masses free of charge.

Religious Education News



Our Registration for the In Person Program is now closed, BUT registrations for our 1 – 8 Online Program are still open until November 30th.

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!

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

<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>



Senior Women's Group

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Gathering: 9:00am
Presentation: 9:30am

What's Happening At Our Libraries?
Gabe Oppenheim
Executive Director of the
LaGrange Park Library



St. Francis Xavier
Unity Hall
No RSVP Needed



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HEARTS ON FIRE

THE 120: YOUTH GROUP

LIVES ON MISSION



HIGH SCHOOL TEENS & PARENTS

The 120 exists to lead young hearts into a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, rooted in prayer, community, and mission. This high school youth group (9th-12th) is inspired by the early Church. We gather to grow in faith, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and be sent out as bold witnesses to the Gospel by:

- Coming together as a community in social events
- Dedicating time to serve the community
- Taking on leadership roles
- Leading each other through prayer
- Supporting each other in faith and friendship

WANT TO JOIN THE 120?

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE AND CLICK THE YOUTH MINISTRY TAB FOR MORE INFORMATION.

YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL CHRISSY (OUR YOUTH MINISTER):
CALAGNA@SFXLG.ORG





"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.**"*





Catholic Women's Club
— St. Francis Xavier - CWC —

WED. OCTOBER 8
7-8:30PM
UNITY HALL

fall social
& PLANNING
MEETING

- MEET OTHER WOMEN OF THE PARISH
- LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB & PARISH EVENTS
- HELP PLAN THE 2026 LADIES DAY OUT FUNDRAISER

PLEASE RSVP -
[KATIEAHUSTON@YAHOO.COM](mailto:katieahuston@yahoo.com)

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Party First Wednesday of the Month at 8:00pm!

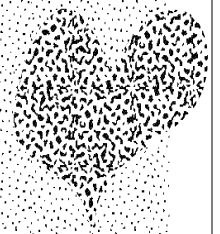


**toddling
together**

SFX PARENTS OF LITTLES

Location rotates between homes. Email Claire Jakubisin claire.jakubisin@gmail.com or join the Toddling Together Group on the parish Hallow page to stay up-to-date on the location.

**THEY WILL
KNOW YOU ARE
CHRISTIANS
BY YOUR LOVE**



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PREACHING SLAM!

in honor of **St. Phoebe**

 Catholic Theological Union

Thursday, October 9 | 6:00 pm

5416 S Cornell Avenue

Chicago, IL 60615

Free and open to the public | In-person only

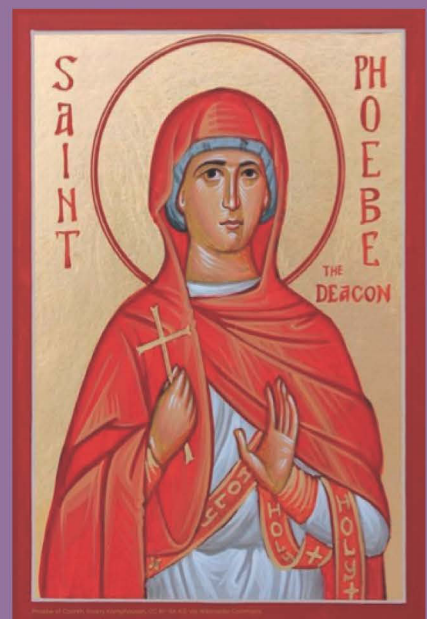
Join the CTU community for an evening of preaching in celebration of St. Phoebe! St. Phoebe the Deacon has become a symbol of hope for those who feel called to ministry, especially the ministry of preaching. We'll hear 5 different women break open the Beatitudes, alongside food, prayer and fellowship.

REGISTER HERE

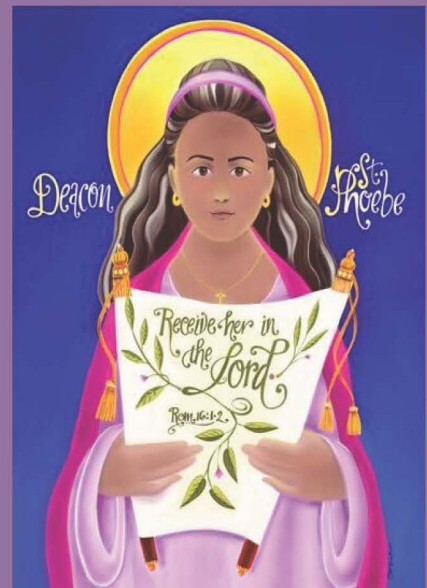


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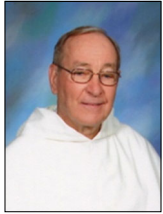
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Responding to Domestic Violence in Our Community



This Sunday, September 28, 2025 Fr. Charles W. Dahm, O.P., Director of Domestic Violence Outreach, will preach at all the Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church (7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm). Although largely unseen, domestic violence is rampant in the United States, including in our community. Calls about domestic violence are the most frequently received by local police in our community.

On **Monday, September 29, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Courtyard Room**, Fr. Dahm will meet with those interested in learning more about domestic violence and/or helping parishes respond to the needs of victims in our community as sensitively and compassionately as we can. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group Wednesdays Beginning October 1

If you are in need of consolation after the death of a loved one, this Christ-centered, faith sharing group is for you. We will meet for six Wednesdays, beginning October 1.

Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at 6:30pm in the school library.

Please email Therese Byrne theresebyrne1989@gmail.com to register or for more information.

9th Annual Living Rosary



In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, parishioners and members of the community are invited to gather outside with SFX students, faculty and staff to pray the Rosary.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 following the 8:30am morning Mass (weather permitting) in the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot.

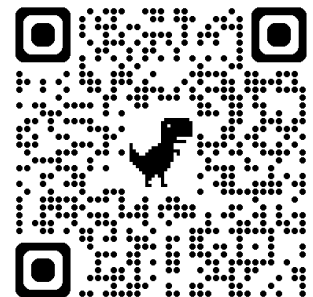


Pink Ribbon Community

A group for women at St. Francis Xavier who share the firsthand experience of hearing, "You have breast cancer." We will build community based on the foundation of our faith and our common diagnosis, focusing on supporting each other at all stages of the journey. We also will establish a network for reaching out to other women in the parish who find themselves grappling with a breast cancer diagnosis.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code to express your interest in this new community.

Questions? Email Shannon Nowak at shwood13@gmail.com.



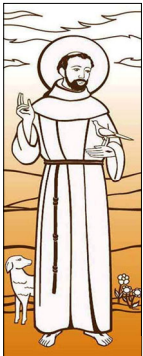


PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

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 [CARES Newsletters](#). If you have questions, please contact SFX representative Kevin McGann kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com.

Blessing of Pets



October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who preached by his life God's call for us to care for all of creation. His feast day comes at the beginning of a month in which we pray for a deepening commitment to healing our planet from the effects of climate change and a deeper respect for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi also has been a time when we offer blessings to pets and renew our commitment to be good caretakers. St. Francis Xavier Parish will offer a **Blessing of Pets** on **Saturday, October 4th at 10:00am**. We will gather on the Spring Avenue lawn across the ramp from the Mary Garden. Pets of all types and sizes are welcome. (Speedy plans to attend.) Pass the word to friends and neighbors.



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.

Music Celebration with Russel Schmidt on Saturday, October 4 from 4:00-5:30pm in person. Come join The Well and Russel Schmidt in the beautiful courtyard at the CSJ center for music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Bring your food and drinks and stay for the music. We hope you will sing along! Cost \$25 per person.

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



Wanted

Our parish's fathers whose youngest child is now in high school (or beyond) where ol' Coach Dad is now available to bear more fruit in our community.



The Knights of Columbus (www.KofCLaGrange.org) will be conducting a youth multi-level state free-throw contest this winter and we'd like our biggest basketball fans to join us to help make it great.



We're a fraternal Order that is an international Catholic men's ministry that is first in support of those with the most 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 more with you involved, and we're inviting you to join us. It's easy. Simply send a text message to Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to get started. Today. To Knight!

Announcing Our Next Event



Our all you can eat pancakes and sausage breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 19 from 7:00am to 12:30pm in Joyce Hall.

Saint 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, October 7

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

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the GOSPEL
in your life!

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Thank You



The Knights of Columbus wish to thank you for supporting the Intellectual Disabilities Fund "Tootsie Roll" Drive. Mass goes, your generosity over two weekends provided over \$2800 to support the Special Olympics, Helping Hand, Aspire and local Special Religious Education Programs.



Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Fall Food Drive October 25, 2025

*"For it is in giving that we receive."
St. Francis Assisi*

How Can I Help?

Feed the Hungry

Look for the Knights of Columbus volunteers at your Jewel store in LaGrange Park from the hours of 8:00 am-6:00 pm and add a food or monetary (cash or check) donation to our storefront collection!

Be a Financial Giver

Your cash donations benefit those in need. The need is great.

Any amount donated is appreciated.

Donate Online to St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry at <https://sites.google.com/view/kofclq/food-for-families> or point your phone camera at the top QR code to the right and tap on the pop up.



Donate Online to the Chicago Food Depository at <https://myfooddrives.org/team/408834> or the bottom QR Code.



For more information, please call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930. This good cause, which occurs twice each year in spring and fall, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the local community. Thank you for your support!



Embracing The Struggles Together Bereavement Group

Open to all widows/widowers with kids (toddler through college age)
residing in the Lyons Township High School district

Free
session

October 8 - December 3, 2025

Wednesday evenings
7 - 8:30 pm in La Grange

With the guidance of a certified grief educator,
widows/widowers will come together in a
safe space to discuss topics like:

- Solo Parenting
- How To Find A Path Forward
- Building A Support Network
- Self Care
- Coping Strategies
- How To Plan For Your Future

Scan QR code to register or visit
Event tab of our website. Email
info@thelegacyguild.com with q's.



"Walking through the door on the first day was very hard, but each week I felt more supported and more confident. I have learned so many things that have helped me emotionally, financially, and spiritually."

TheLegacyGuild.com

- Prior Session Attendee



Saturday, October 25

RACE!

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

SFXFalcon5k.com

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Logo placement on Tshirt, website, etc.
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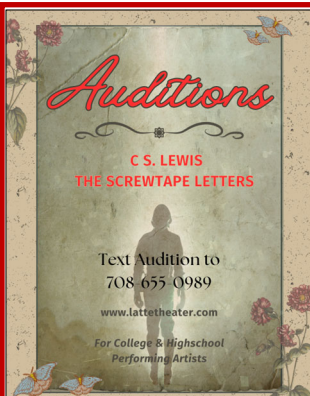
VOLUNTEER!

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!



LATTE Theater

Did the devil make you do it? Before "The Good Place", C.S. Lewis wrote ***The Screwtape Letters***. Step into Hell's bureaucracy, as demons' tempt human weakness where the stakes are high.

A senior devil from hell, has delegated some authority to a junior fiend, whose assignment is to seize the soul of a very loveable human. The rather charming Wormwood is being critically supervised in this, his first case, by the extraordinary devil, Screwtape. Advice from this old hand from hell is devastatingly perceptive of human foibles and, our young protagonist is cluelessly in terrible danger. With a dazzling resolution, we all learn something important about hell, heaven, religion and humanity. It's eat-or-be-eaten in this sinfully delicious, fiendish comedy of dramatic proportions.

Rehearsals: 6:00-9:00pm Tuesday, 6:00-9:00pm Wednesday and 12:00-3:00pm Saturday.

Mandatory heck-week and performances runs Friday November 14th-23rd. Acceptance of a role means your commitment to shine in the spotlights with us!

Text Audition to 708-655-0989. Forms: <https://share.google/Nz8NO9fAZIlgMchNw>

Where? 9008 Fairview Avenue, Brookfield, IL (Parking lot entrance of Cornerstone Church)

Felicia Pfluger, Producer/Artistic Director/Founder LATTE Theater www.lattetheater.com 708-655-0989.



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

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Deacon
Deacon
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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 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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