



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025



“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

- Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 27	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Ralph Rudolph	Patty Lannen
Tuesday, October 28	Mass	8:30 am	Verona Whitmore	Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Wednesday, October 29	Mass	8:30 am	Heli Lopez	Gary Lewis
Thursday, October 30	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Blaga Mimica Carol Pratali	Patsy Brown & Chuck Shifley The Pratali Family
Friday, October 31	Mass	8:30 am	Cristian Carrillo Bonilla Mary Stukel	James Johnson & Family Tom & Lucile Nichol
Saturday, November 1 All Saints Day	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Louie Marasovic People of the Parish	April Pesut
Sunday, November 2 All Souls Day	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Ernie Froemel Deceased Members of the McCormick & Urycki Families Elizabeth Mungo Patricia Moran	Mike & Nancy Kalkowski Pat Urycki Mike & Nancy Kalkowski The Welch Family

Presider's Schedule for October 25-26 2025

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

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio	Robert McMahon
Poppy Booth	Amy Miller
George Braasch	Greg Molinari
Vivian Brickhouse	Patrick Morgan
Joe Canepa	Bill Mroz
Baby Caroline Cliggett	Ann Marie Nidos
Mary Ann Curry	Connie O'Dette
Bruce Dold	Mark Reilly
Blake Donegan	Richard Reveles
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Amy Robinson
Allen Godlewski	John Shramek
Vincenzo Guzzo	Sheila Slonskis
Junie Haase	Rita Mae Spearman
Angela Hill	Lyle Sprat
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	Liz Wilk
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:

Cesar Velarde
Son of Cesar & Angeline
Brother of Adam

Weddings

Alexandra Gamboa & Nicholas Lazzarotto
Emma Veon & Dan Donahue
Claudia Esparza & Hugo Ortiz



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Pastor's Letter

This week, Cardinal Cupich has shared a powerful pastoral letter addressing the growing anxiety and hardship faced by immigrant families here in the Chicago area and across our nation. Though written to clergy and parish staff, his message speaks to all of us as disciples of Christ. At Saint Francis Xavier, we stand with our Archbishop in affirming the dignity of every human being and in extending compassion to those who live in fear or uncertainty. I invite you to read the Cardinal's letter, pray for our immigrant sisters and brothers, and join our Archdiocesan family in bearing witness to God's mercy and justice for all.

Fr. John Chrzan
Pastor

A statement from Cardinal Blase Cupich

My dear brothers and sisters, today I speak to you as your shepherd, but also as a fellow pilgrim who shares the pain of many of our immigrant communities. Families are being torn apart. Children are left in fear, and communities are shaken by immigration raids and detentions. These actions wound the soul of our city. Let me be clear. The Church stands with migrants.

We stand with a mother who crosses borders to feed her children. We stand with the father who laborers in silence to build a better future. We stand with the young person who dreams of safety and a better future. 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. It is essential that we respect the dignity of every human being.

Now I want to say something directly to those immigrants without documents. Most of you have been here for years. You have worked hard. You have raised families. You have contributed to this nation. You have earned our respect. As the Archbishop of Chicago, I will insist that you be treated with dignity. Americans should not forget that we all come from immigrant families.

You are our brothers and sisters. We stand with you.

God bless you all.

Cardinal Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



**Next Sunday,
November 2
2:00 AM**



**Mass of Remembrance
Monday, November 3
7:00 pm**

We extend to you and your family an invitation to join us at Saint Francis Xavier Parish for a Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 3 at 7:00 pm. We will be remembering, in a special way, all family members and friends of parishioners who have died since November 1 of last year.

If you plan to be with us, please consider bringing a framed picture of your loved one to set on a table in front of the altar when you enter.

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>



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

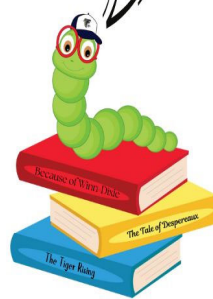
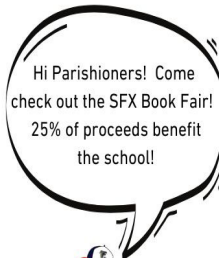


Location rotates between homes. Email Claire Jakubisin claire.jakubisin@gmail.com or join the Toddling Together Group on the parish Hallow page to stay up-to-date on the location.

**GOD is
LOVE**

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THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO SFX!



Joyce Hall

**Tuesday, November 4
3:15 pm to 8 pm**

**Wednesday, November 5
8 am to 12 pm**

Visitors must sign in with the school office



Adoption and Foster Care Mass and Reception



Please join the Old Saint Patrick's Community for a celebration of everyone who is part of the adoption and fostering journey.

The **Blessing of Adoption and Foster Care Mass** will take place on **Sunday, November 9 at 5:00pm** and will be followed by a dinner reception in the rectory. If you plan to attend the dinner, please RSVP by November 3 at <https://tinyurl.com/ospadoptionmass> so that we can provide our best hospitality. All are welcome!

If you would like your family's photos included in our adoption montage to be shown during the reception, please email 2-4 photos to Steve at sjlindo@gmail.com by November 1. We hope you can join us!

Questions? Reach out to Rachelle Lindo, Co-chair rachelle.lindo@gmail.com.

The Adoption Creed

Not flesh of my flesh nor bone of my bone,
but still miraculously my own.
Never forget for a single minute,
you didn't grow under my heart, but in it.
~Author unknown

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



CHURCH LEAGUE

**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW
(COACHES NEEDED!)**

Church League is a group of local churches that organize a basketball season for high school teens who are not playing on a high school team. This is a great opportunity for teens to work together as a team, bond, and create community!

closes November 15th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL Calagna@sfxlg.org

Attention High School Juniors & Seniors

KAIROS 45 RETREAT

November 13-16, 2025

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



Questions? Contact MC Zurowski at mczurowski@stjohnofthecross.org

Saint Francis Xavier offers retreat opportunities to high school teens to help them grow in their faith, deepen their relationship with God, others, and themselves, and to take some time away from the rigors of high school.

Our Kairos Retreats are designed for all juniors and seniors regardless of religious affiliation. They offer teens an opportunity for reflection, spiritual growth and to develop and deepen their relationship with God and each other.

**Kairis 45, hosted by Saint John of the Cross! November 13th-16th
REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 24TH**

Saint Mary's Retreat House, 14230 Mains Street, Lemont, IL 605439



Our "Spooky Season" Hallow Prayer Challenge Began on October 19th! *Near Death Experiences*

Journey with those who've been to the after-life and back as they tell their stories of heaven, hell and what lies beyond. 8 million Americans have reported having a near-death experience, but stories of people who were clinically dead claiming to have seen Heaven can leave us skeptical. What if we could verify these stories? Join us in a conversation with Father Robert Spitzer, S.J. as he helps us explore the scientific evidence for near-death experiences and introduces us to the stories of those who have lived them. Where does scientific exploration of life after death lead us? We'll spend these seven days seeking the answer together.

Our Prayer Challenges are always free! Join via the Saint Francis Xavier parish page on Hallow: go to hallow.com/parish and enter zip code "60525" to find Saint Francis Xavier, La Grange. Parishioners also receive all premium content at 25% discount after a 6 month free trial. Email parishsupport@hallow.app for help.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month Silence is Not An Option



Domestic Violence Follow-Up Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 7:00pm
Saint Francis Xavier Rectory Courtyard Room, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange
Father Chuck Dahm will join us and a representative from PILLARS
will speak about domestic violence. All are welcome!
Please RSVP: mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

“We believe that 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

RESPECT LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Month of October: Donations for the *Women's Care Center and Aid for Women*

Baby Bottles and Envelopes available at the church doors. Please drop off to the rectory or the collection baskets. Online donations can be made at:

www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/

<https://give.helpaidforwomen.org/donate/give>

Sept 24 – Nov 2: 40 Days for Life. Help save lives through the power of prayer. <http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove>

RESOURCES

Aid for Women | 8 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1418, Chicago | 312-621-1107

Since 1978, helps thousands of women each year in the Chicago Metro Area who find themselves facing unexpected pregnancies. Each woman receives the emotional, practical and spiritual support she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and provide a better future for her and her child. Services include: 24-hour helpline, pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams, support groups and maternity homes.

Migrant Ministry

For more information contact: www.catholiccommunitiesof oakpark.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): The Living Room | 4731 Willow Springs Rd, La Grange | 708-524-2582

Provides free peer counseling to anyone feeling scared, anxious, angry, sad, or just needs someone to talk to. Open every day 1pm - 9pm, must be 18 or older.

PILLARS | Hotlines | Domestic violence: 708-485-5254 | Sexual assault: 708-482-9600

Provides health and social services. Domestic and sexual violence staff serve clients through free 24-hour hotlines. 708-PILLARS for all services including mental health.

Women's Care Center | 136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange | 708-352-5000

Provides free, confidential counseling, support, education, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Since opening in May 2018, the La Grange WCC has welcomed and supported thousands of babies and their families.

GOSPEL OF LIFE PRAYER

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life.

- St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*



Pink Ribbon Community

A group for women at Saint 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.



Family Outreach Ministry

Join the Saint 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.

The dates are:

November 8, 2025,
January 3, 2026,
March 7, 2026,
May 2, 2026



There are two time slots from which to choose:

- 9:00-11:00am: Food prep and cooking
- 11:00am-1:00pm: 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, Ana Dimailig 312-339-5955, apd3@core.com or Sara Whittleton 708-274-0574, sarawhittleton@gmail.com.



Veterans Day Mass and Reception

The 5th grade students at Saint Francis Xavier School would like to invite any Veterans and Active Duty Service Members, and their families, to a mass honoring their service to our country. The mass will be held at 8:30am on Monday, November 10, with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 3 to Erin O'Brien, eobrien719@gmail.com or 708-227-3746 We hope to see you there!



SPECIAL INVITATION FOR SFX VETERANS

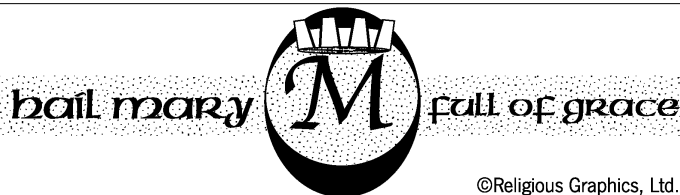
Saturday, November 15th
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Joyce Hall
3:30-5:00 PM

On November 15th, Religious Education students will participate in a special service event focused on honoring veterans and learning the importance of gratitude and service.

We warmly invite SFX Veterans to join us and engage in informal conversations with students during the event.



If you would like to attend, RSVP to Terese Kartholl at terese.m.kartholl@gmail.com or 773.551.2117.



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Prayer Shawl Ministry

A Special Thanks to our Prayer Shawl ministry members for sharing their gifts with those in need of comfort and healing.

We distributed **97 shawls and blankets** at our blessing weekend. Please know that you can come to the Rectory anytime to select a shawl or blanket for someone in need.

Next meeting:
November 12, 2025 4:00-5:00pm,
Rectory Courtyard Room

Ministry Members: Rita Baumgart, Marge Branecki, Lorraine Donegan, Barb Foreman, Dolores Frankiewicz, Marilu Halm, Nancy Klaud, Michaeline Kruszynski, Susie Lehuta, Michelle Mirecki, Bernadette Pickens, Theresa Rodgers, Barbara Schumacher, Barbara Szulc, Trudi Urchell, and Sarah Zavala.



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 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! www.KofCLaGrange.org.

Let's Begin A Christmas Tradition in the Greater LaGrange Area Too

Since 1953, nearby Elmhurst has had a custom known as the "Front Yard Christmas Tree Tradition" where its residents stake small, freshly cut Christmas trees in their front lawns or parkways, decorated with lights and ornaments, to create a community glow of Christmas cheer. Modest 6' tall Christmas trees transform entire blocks into twinkling wonderlands.



Our Knights council thinks we can match that spirit. Order your 6' tall freshly cut Christmas Tree for \$65 today by contacting Brian Lisek at brian.lisek@me.com for delivery directly to your home during the beginning of Thanksgiving week by the LaGrange Council Knights Community Faith In Action team with no delivery charge.

The ordering window closes on Monday, November 10. These K of C Christmas trees are cut down at the Wisconsin tree farm on Sunday, November 23, making them the freshest trees available. So why not order your inside Christmas tree as well? Heights up to 12 feet (\$150) are available. Our team will deliver both directly to your home, just in time for Thanksgiving weekend decorating with no delivery charge. Each Christmas tree purchased helps the Knights do more in our community, www.KofCLaGrange.org.

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, November 4

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

26th World Scout Jamboree 2027 in Gdańsk, Poland

Scouts from Our Area Prepare to Step "Bravely" into the Future at 2027 World Scout Jamboree in Poland. Scouts from the Pathway to Adventure Council are gearing up for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure--the **2027 World Scout Jamboree in Gdańsk, Poland**. The event will bring together more than **40,000 Scouts from 170 countries** for two weeks of international friendship, outdoor adventure, and cultural exchange.

The theme of the 26th World Scout Jamboree is "**Bravely**," a call for young people to face the future with courage, compassion, and curiosity. Hosted by the World Organization of Scouting and Polish Scouting Association, the Jamboree will celebrate what it means to live and lead bravely in today's world.

"Scouting teaches courage—not just to climb mountains or sail rivers, but to be kind, to lead, and to care for others," said **Kate Mulcahy**, International Scout Representative for the Pathway to Adventure Council.

"The theme 'Bravely' reflects the heart of Scouting everywhere."

Scouts ages 14–17 can apply now to join the U.S. contingent traveling to Poland in 2027. In addition to the Jamboree, participants will take part in leadership training and team-building activities that prepare them for global citizenship.

Since 1920, the **World Scout Jamboree** has united young people from across the globe every four years to share ideas, cultures, and a vision for a better world. For many Scouts, it's an experience that changes how they see themselves — and the world — forever.

For more information on how to get involved, visit the U.S. Contingent site: wsj2027.us or contact **Kate Mulcahy** at Kate.mulcahy@me.com.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

JOYCE HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER AT 7:00 PM

\$125 PER PERSON

\$75 FOR YOUNG ALUMNI

*Cost for Senior members is a donation
to the Men's Club. See below for details.**



Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Beach Ave BBQ!

Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda



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Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

*All male parishioners age 70 and over contact Matt Hubert directly at mthubert@gmail.com or 773-619-0554

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KEEP HOPE ALIVE 2025

You are invited to join **Cardinal Blase J. Cupich** to support the Archdiocese of Chicago's local Immigration Ministry and National Pastoral Migratoria®.

Monday, November 3, 2025 | 6 – 8 p.m.

Saint Ignatius College Prep

1076 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608

Co-chairs: **Rev. L. Scott Donahue** and **Peter O'Brien**

Special remarks will be given by
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich.

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Join Us

November 14-16, 2025

St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

Go to

www.midwestaugustinians.org for more details.



MEN'S RETREAT

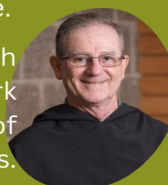
STRAIGHT PATHS AND RESTLESS HEARTS: SEEKING WISDOM IN A NOISY WORLD

This fall, join men from across our communities for a powerful weekend of prayer, reflection, and fraternity. In a world filled with distraction and pressure, we are invited to return to the stillness where God's wisdom is found. Rooted in the spirituality of St. Augustine, this retreat will help you quiet your soul, seek clarity, and walk more confidently in God's path.

Facilitated by **Bishop Dan Turley, O.S.A.**, is a lifelong Augustinian missionary who has served 56 years in Latin America. Ordained in 1968, he became Bishop of Chulucanas and now serves as Bishop Emeritus. As the first Vicar of the Augustinian Vicariate in Perú, he worked alongside Father Robert Francis Prevost—now Pope Leo XIV—bringing both pastoral and personal insight into the Augustinian dimension of Pope Leo's pontificate.



Fr. James Keating, O.S.A., entered the Augustinians in 1965 after a year with Maryknoll and was ordained in 1984. With decades of pastoral ministry in New York City, Orlando, and Philadelphia, he now serves as Prior of the Augustinians' House of Theology in Hyde Park, Illinois, guiding and forming future Augustinian priests.





**You are invited to attend
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
LaGrange/Western Springs Unit
WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**

Day/Date: Friday, November 7, 2025

Time: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Formal Program

**Location: Township of Lyons/Community Room
6404 Joliet Road, Countryside**



Theme of the Day: Be Kind at All Times

**Special Guest Speaker: Mike Porfirio,
Illinois State Senator, 11th District**

**Addressing the Topic:
“Experiencing Jimmy Carter:
a Crusader for All People”**



The LaGrange/Western Springs Unit was founded in 1921.
Due to COVID restrictions we were unable to appropriately
celebrate our centennial. 2026 will be an exciting year.

Plan now to be part of this historic milestone!

For information/details, email cwulgws@gmail.com
or call 708-710-0644.

Our motto: Agreed to Differ - Resolved to Love - United to Serve

Engage Community – Events Building community with neighbors and friends



November 13: Museum tour and lunch

Where: Elmhurst History Museum - special exhibit, followed by lunch in a local restaurant.

Meet at the Museum at 1:00pm

Details: *World of Tomorrow: A Century of Progress*. The exhibition will delve into how the 1933-1934 world's fair, Chicago's second fair in 40 years, symbolized optimism and hope, illustrating Chicago's evolution from a frontier town to a sophisticated metropolis. This fair was one of the most successful in history, drawing a record-breaking 39 million attendees and featured a distinctive design aesthetic.

RSVPs are encouraged.



November 20: Monthly meeting & Game night

Where: 7:00-8:30pm, Unity Hall.

Details: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. We'll choose what to play based on the group's size and interests. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine). RSVPs are encouraged.



December 7: Deck The Halls *Presented by* West Suburban Symphony

Where: 4:00-5:30pm at Hinsdale Central Auditorium,
5500 South Grant Street, Hinsdale.

Details: *Sparkling sounds of the season*. Tickets for general admission seating are \$35, discounted to \$30 for seniors age 65 and up and to \$10 for teenagers. Children 12 and under are admitted free with a ticket and an accompanying adult. Advance sales by phone or online at <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/westsubsymphony/1734>. Participants must buy their own tickets. **PURCHASE tickets EARLY!** Seating is unassigned so we'll try to meet-up before the concert and, if interested, grab a beverage afterward at the York Tavern. RSVP's strongly encouraged.

December 18: Christmas treats and "White Elephant" exchange,

Where: 7:00-8:30pm, Unity Hall.

Details: Have you received a gift that just isn't at home in your home? Now is your chance to give it to someone who might appreciate it. We're having a **White Elephant Party!** Bring a wrapped gift and a sense of humor! Refreshments will be potluck. RSVPs by December 18 or just join us!

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.

Save The Date

FOR THE SFX PARISH YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Proceeds benefiting the School of Religious Education

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30PM

LOCATION: JOYCE HALL

Santa's Workshop will be back this year in the gym!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

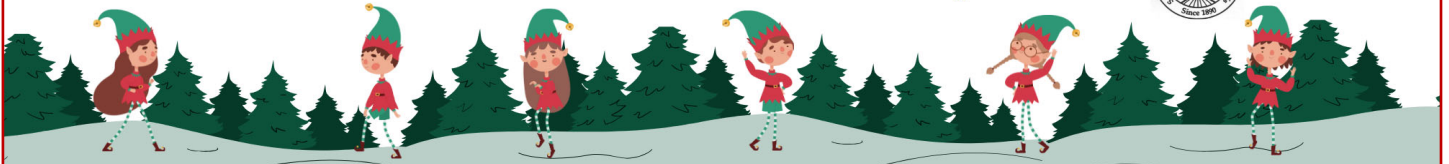
Reach out to Sarah Becker at Srbeck25@yahoo.com
for more information

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**Knights of
Columbus**





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/Nz8NO9fAZIlqMchNw>

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
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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

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Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
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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.

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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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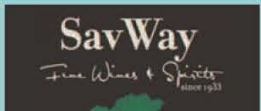


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