

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023



SOWN



“The seed sown on rich soil is
the one who hears the word
and understands it.”

MATTHEW 13:23

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, July 17	Mass	8:30 am	Conor Deighan Skelding Special Intention	The Joyce Family
Tuesday, July 18	Mass	8:30 am	Pat Callahan	Dan & Nancy Morgan
Wednesday, July 19	Mass	8:30 am	Eleanor, Irene & Fr. Jim O'Connor	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
Thursday, July 20	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, July 21	Mass	8:30 am	Barbara Westhoff Ozburn	The Zahorik Family
Saturday, July 22	Mass	8:30 am	Raymond Rodier	The Van Gorp Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jodi McMahon	The Griffin Family
Sunday, July 23 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	Pat Callahan	Barbara Marshall
	Mass	11:00 am	Don Kelly	Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Bill Donnan	Bill Tkachuk

Presider's Schedule for July 15-16, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Baby Finley Adkins	Laurel Karlo
Andy Allison	Mark Kiley
Kathy Armstrong	Rick Mahoney
John Baggio	Mike Marro
Jock Brown	Lisa Massaro
David Calderone	Colleen McClory
Dick Callahan	Ralph Metzger
Jay Carroll	Patrick Morgan
Chili Challender	Ray Monzel
Laurie Coughlan	Gert Ogilvie
Nancy Cuppage	Jane O'Reilly
Rose Delabar	Rita Pantoni
Blake Donegan	Beth Pfluger
Barbara Doyle	Geri Pfluger
Matthew Doyle	Anna Rose
Nancy Duffy	Santa Snieg
Lily Fielding	Rita Mae Spearman
Kathy Gleason	John Stopka
Mary Grand	John Strougal
Lilli Gregory	Richie Szatkowski
Angela Hill	Olivia Tarsney
Rose Ilo	Theresa Toher
Mary J.	Liz Wilk
Jane Jacobsen	Bill Witowski
Theresa Kandall	

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:

Jonathan Cook

Son of Rose and the Late Michael
Brother of Sarah & Aaron

John Rogers

Husband of Kathy
Father of Jack & Nicholas

Diana Sunyog

Wife of the Late Bob
Mother of Scott

Rose Wall

Sister of Mary Abbott

Weddings



Katie Mota & Gino Scalise

Make a gift to the Sunday
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SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Despite the major rainfall during the week of July 3, the 2nd floor of the school remained substantially dry - a major feat given that a substantial amount of demo had happened and our roof was not water-tight!



The dumpster contains the old roof materials, and sheets of insulation await being lifted to the rooftop.

Our contractors lay ice shield over the insulation.



The crew layers the insulation onto the roof in order to pitch it correctly for proper drainage.

New roofing materials arrive in our parking lot on a hot day.



Make an investment in our project by contributing to the Building Fund! Use this QR code or visit our website www.sfxlg.org and click on **Donate**.

Open Staff Position: Youth Ministry Coordinator

We have been blessed to have Jenette Teran on staff as we restructured our program for high school youth this past year. Confirmation will now occur in the fall, beginning with the freshman class of 2023-2024. Freshmen then will join the parish youth ministry program, which is open to all high school students.

With Jenette's decision to leave at the end of this summer, we have begun the search for a new person to fill this position. The position description can be revised to accommodate a part time person; or expanded to cover one program that ministers to teens from both St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Parishes.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (theology or pastoral ministry preferred, but not required)
- Excellent people skills with a heart for high school youth
- An approach to ministry rooted in personal prayer and scriptural reflection
- Experience working in a collaborative environment
- Excellent organizational skills
- Able and willing to work evening and weekend hours

If you or someone you know is qualified and interested, please contact Fr. Bill at wtkachuk@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x302.

DMI SURVEY RESULTS

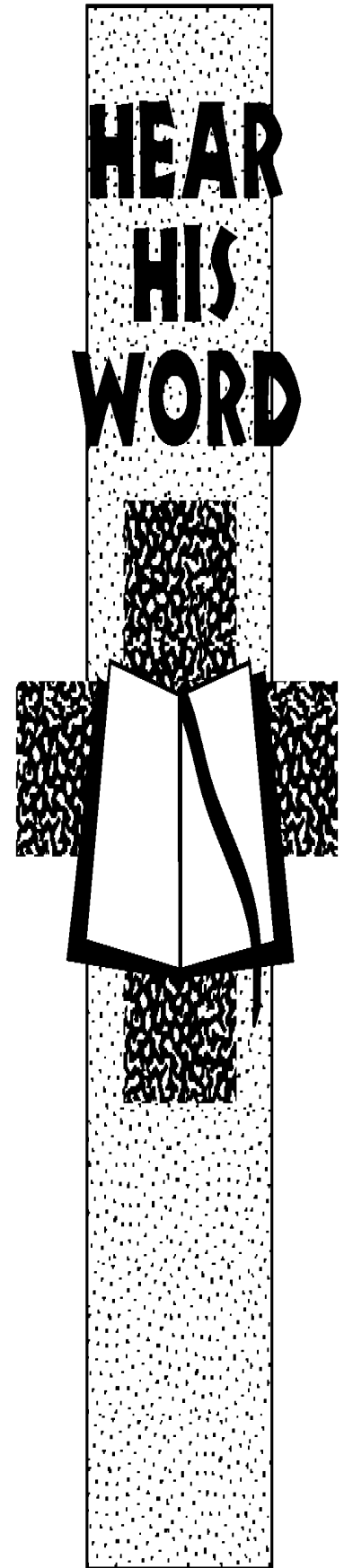
Dear St. Francis Xavier Family,

Thank you to all who took time this past Lent to complete the Disciple Maker Index survey. **271 parishioners**, which accounts for about **27% of those who attend Mass regularly**, shared their input on several aspects of faith and community life at St. Francis Xavier. As you may recall, the survey asked questions about each parishioner's own journey of discipleship and how well the parish and the pastor are supporting you along the way.

Our Parish Pastoral Council, pastoral staff, our parish Evangelization Team, and I will take time when we resume meeting in late August to review and interpret the results and develop a comprehensive report on what was collectively shared. Following that initial assessment, and guided by our parish Evangelization Team, we will identify actions to address specific areas of growth – whether for the parish or for me, personally, as pastor.

I am grateful to everyone in our parish for what you have contributed through this survey. I welcome further input from any who have not yet participated. In so many ways you have witnessed that we, as a community of faith, are hungry to grow closer to our Lord and to assist one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. I look forward to sharing more in the coming months and working with all of you to continue renewing our local Church and our community of faith.

Summer Peace,
Fr. Bill



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Ushers Needed

We are in need of Ushers for the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass for the summer to help with the collection.

If you are a regular at this Mass and you can help, please call, text or email me.

Mike Hattie, Head Usher at 708-207-2780 mobile michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net.



Are you (or is someone you know) thinking about becoming Catholic?

Mid-September we will start a new round of our collaborative RCIA journey with St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus. RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - is the **process of spiritual and educational formation through which adults become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church.**



We are asking for your help identifying and personally inviting anyone who might be considering becoming Catholic. They could be unbaptized or baptized Christians who want to accept the Catholic faith. RCIA is also designed for Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. **The number one reason women and men join the RCIA process is that someone they trust invited them to consider it.** Please give it some thought!

If you are interested in the RCIA journey yourself, be bold! We would love to talk with you. No commitment necessary. Check out what previous participants had to say about their journey:

"I knew very little about the Catholic faith coming in...I loved being able to reflect on the topics as a group. Each RCIA volunteer brought a different perspective which was incredible and eye-opening. It was a long yet necessary journey!"

"I most enjoyed being able to share this special journey with others going through the same process."

"It's a great experience and worth the time."

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more information.



A summer series connecting families with littles (under 5 years old)

Splash, Play, Caffeinate

Where: Gordon Park & Splash Pad, La Grange (Tilden & Ogden Avenues)

When: 9:30am on Saturday, July 15

What: Gather the littles to play and splash while the adults caffeinate! We'll bring the coffee. Feel free to bring friends!

Saturday Morning Park Meet-up

Where: Spring Avenue Park, La Grange (1100 South Spring Avenue)

When: 9:30-11:00am on Saturday, July 22

What: Casual park play date

Popsicles in the Park

Where: Waiola Park, La Grange (500 South Waiola Avenue)

When: 5:15pm on Friday, August 11

What: Bring the littles to enjoy a treat in the park. We'll have some for parents to enjoy as well! Popsicle friendly clothing suggested.

Questions? Contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more information.

Religious Education News **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 this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for many volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2023-2024 school year at sfxreligious@sfxlg.org.

Register Today!

Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education, Don't Delay!

The School of Religious Education is now accepting registration for the 2023-2024 school year.

We are happy to be able to offer two options to families:

In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons and our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays for families with busy schedules.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for "car ride" home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

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

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

Click "**Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!**" to register.

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Erin Smith at enrollment@sfxlg.org



Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2022/2023 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more.

Join the fun and reach out to either Lauren Desmond lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com or Erin Thunander erin.thunander@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved.

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 8

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

Engage Community Spring and Summer Events

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



July 29 West Suburban Symphony at Cantigny

Where: Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road
Wheaton, IL

When: 7:00 pm, Saturday, July 29

What: Simply the best movie music. The concert includes tunes from *E.T.*, *Jurassic Park*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Disney, Pixar movies, and much more.

When: Concert starts at 7:00pm but, if you want to see more of Cantigny, see the note below.

Details: This concert is free with \$15 parking per car but free parking passes are available from the local library. Seating is on the lawn outside the First Division Museum. Please bring chairs and/or blankets. Picnics are welcome. Concessions will also be available for purchase. This is a rain or shine event.

Coordinating: We'd like to coordinate carpooling for those who need a lift and for those who may want to arrive earlier to explore Cantigny's gardens and museum.

No events are planned for August; regular meetings and programs will restart in Unity Hall at St. Francis on the last Thursday of every month on September 28 starting at 7:00pm.

Please email Jane with any questions at janeLGPark@gmail.com.

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Practices are Monday-Friday 12:00-3:00 pm

Performance Dates: July 28th-30th

Mandatory Heck Week: Starts July 20th and continues every day from then to the Performance Dates

You must be available for every practice during Heck Week and all day on all Show Dates.

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Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.

CIS 30TH Anniversary Celebration This August

Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad (CIS) was founded in 1993 after the signing of the Peace Accords in El Salvador to support and promote a culture of solidarity. We work to support and promote a culture of solidarity, which includes accompaniment, respect for diversity, equitable relations, and mutual support. CIS also works to raise consciousness and to organize and mobilize towards social and economic justice and human dignity for the people in El Salvador.

A CIS Anniversary Delegation will travel to El Salvador from Wednesday, August 23 to Tuesday, August 29. The trip will include visits to communities to see firsthand the impact of CIS programs and accompany communities overcoming marginalization or impacted by the current suspension of constitutional rights. For example: a visit to Holy Spirit Island and the impact of the suspension of constitutional rights; a visit to the San Salvador volcano; a visit to an artisan workshop in San Martin and St. Oscar Romero's home.

The cost is \$750 for a shared room and \$900 for a single room, which includes all in country expenses, food, transportation, lodging, program, guide, and translation. It does not include airfare. The ability to speak Spanish is not required. CIS has English speakers and excellent staff translators. Contact parishioner Ed Oowski (who will be attending the Delegation) at 312-590-3450 or emosowski@att.net.

**IN THE
BEGINNING
WAS THE WORD
AND THE WORD
WAS WITH GOD
AND THE WORD
WAS GOD**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY 2023-24
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ**

**Unity Hall
9:30-11:00 am
Thursdays, September 14-November 9, 2023
January 11-March 7, 2024**

**The Gospel of John
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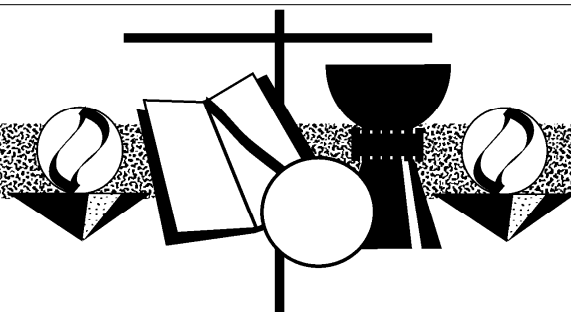
**Register with Sr. Marianne Race
mrace@csjoseph.org
708-363-6728**

Interfaith Career Network

Looking for a New Job?

Here's a good place to start, join us on Thursday, July 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Learn how to identify and chart a course toward attaining your dream job. You will learn a different and exciting way to network effectively to uncover unpublicized jobs and open doors to new opportunities. Losing your job under any circumstances can be devastating, it can also be a great opportunity to discover a new career path, change directions and land that ideal job. Our speaker, Tom Nosal, is an experienced career coach who has helped many job seekers complete a successful journey to their next chapter. He has worked with job seekers from hourly workers to senior executives and helped them land new jobs. Tom is an experienced presenter and author on the subject of job search. Mark your calendar for this informative evening. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5055 Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

For additional resources visit:
<http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com>.





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

- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC** niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas, U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
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- **Lt. Ryan Lavine, U.S. Army**—nephew of Kim & Vince Henehan
- **Chief Petty Officer Marko Mandac, U.S. Navy**—husband of Anna, son-in-law of David & Lynn Rogers

**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
Director of Community Outreach
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

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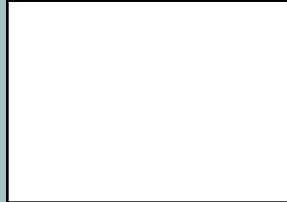
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