

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023



TREASURE



“The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure buried
in a field.”

MATTHEW 13:44

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, July 31	Mass	8:30 am	Bernard Urycki	Pat Urycki
Tuesday, August 1	Mass	8:30 am	Frank Piszczor	Judy Ovník
Wednesday, August 2	Mass	8:30 am	Susan Hurley	The MacAskill Family
Thursday, August 3	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, August 4	Mass	8:30 am	Richard Carey	The Cooley Family
Saturday, August 5	Mass	8:30 am	Louie Marasovic	April Pesut
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord	Mass	7:30 am	Bette & Jack McMurray	The Kalkowski Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Pat Callahan	Dolores Lewis
	Mass	11:00 am	Patricia Vadeboncoeur	The Jolly Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Lucca Lemmo	Gloria Leiber

Presider's Schedule for July 29-30, 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	Theresa Kandall
Andy Allison	Laurel Karlo
Kathy Armstrong	Mark Kiley
John Baggio	Rick Mahoney
David Calderone	Lisa Massaro
Dick Callahan	Colleen McClory
Michael Cannon	Patrick Morgan
Jay Carroll	Ray Monzel
Chili Challenger	Gert Ogilvie
Peter Connelly	Jane O'Reilly
Laurie Coughlan	Rita Pantoni
Nancy Cuppage	Beth Pfluger
Rose Delabar	Geri Pfluger
Blake Donegan	Anna Rose
Barbara Doyle	Santa Snieg
Matthew Doyle	Rita Mae Spearman
Nancy Duffy	John Stopka
Lily Fielding	John Strougal
Kathy Gleason	Richie Szatkowski
Mary Grand	Olivia Tarsney
Lilli Gregory	Theresa Toher
Angela Hill	Liz Wilk
Rose Ilo	Bill Witowski
Mary J.	
Jane Jacobsen	

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:

Sally Burson

Mother of Scott Burson

Michael McDonnell

Father of Michael, Timothy, Luke & Sophia

Weddings

Monica Barfield & Kamil Rusin



Make a gift to the Sunday Offertory with this QR Code. Thank you for your support!



SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE



We are in Week 8 of our summer capital project! Part of our project included new windows in two 3rd floor classrooms, the east hallway, and the boys bathroom. These windows, with their southern exposure all winter long, will provide significant improvements to the classroom environment for teachers and students. Ventilation and insulation will improve, and the amount of ultraviolet light entering these classrooms will be reduced. The drywall in these photos shows the new walls built to raise the window base in order to provide the sloped roof needed for water drainage on the roof. Electrical work is also being done in these classrooms to provide outlets for A/C units and to prepare one classroom for enhanced instructional capacity in the next few years.

We are so grateful to the parish for recognizing the importance of maintaining our campus facility as we minister to almost one thousand children in the elementary school and School of Religious Education!



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**.



St. Agatha Needs School Supplies

The children of St. Agatha's parish are in need of school supplies. Although the school has closed, the students in the parish are still in need.

If you are able to make a monetary contribution to help in the purchasing of these school supplies, please drop off or mail a check to the rectory made out to St. Francis Xavier, with a notation that it is for St. Agatha school supplies. We will then forward the donation to Fr. Larry Dowling at St. Agatha's.

Thank you for your consideration.



Solomon prayed,
"LORD, give me
an understanding
heart."

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SFX Food Pantry School Supply Drive



We are continuing a 10+ year Parish tradition of collecting school supplies to support our pantry families. Please drop off donations at the rectory through Monday, August 14th.

Our hope & prayers are for a safe & healthy school year!

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Binders
Spiral Notebooks
Lined Paper (College Ruled & Wide)
Pocket Folders
Highlighters
Pens (Blue, Black & Red)
Crayons
Colored Markers
Colored Pencils
Pencils
Erasers
Scissors
Glue
Backpacks

**Thank you for your continued
support and generosity!**

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.

The Men's and Women's Club
Invite you to the



SFX All Parish

BLOCK PARTY

**Friday, August 25th
5:00-8:00 pm**

Fuller Center For Housing

TEAM ONE

Bob Albertini
Claire, John, & Sharon
Fitzpatrick
Jake, Zach & Tim Havlin
Bill Kelly, Gus Muller,
Lucas Norris,
Chris O'Hea,
Christopher, Kathryn,
Leo, Sophia
Weismantel,
Ben Williams
Jackson & Gavin Wolf



"I learned how to mud and put up drywall!"



"After 5 years coming, I realized I truly care about this community and the work we are doing to help it."

"I enjoyed Mr. Bill's talk about civil rights and the history of the South."



"The community is so welcoming and the neighborhood kids were adorable."

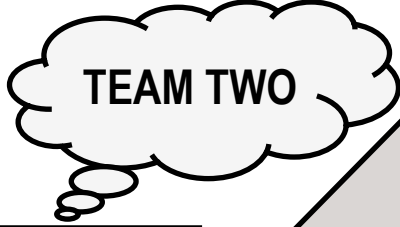


"I learned about the community by working alongside community members."



"Working for a good cause is better and more satisfying than working for pay."

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Thank you
SFX Parishioners for
supporting this
ministry for
25+ years!

Fletch & Patrick Adams
John Fitzpatrick
Brian, Colleen, & Tom
McGovern



“Clarksdale is a really cool place and I would not have seen it had it not been for this trip.”



“We were treated with great care and Ben taught us so many valuable skills.”

To learn more
contact **Chris O’Hea**
chris.ohea@yahoo.com
This ministry is looking for
families with kids
aged 13+ years
to continue this work in
Clarksdale Mississippi.



“It was a beautiful week and nothing beats time spent in Clarksdale.”



“This was my 7th year and it was a rewarding experience as always. I cannot wait to go back next year!”



“Our faith teaches us to help others. We lived that by helping to build an affordable home for a single mother and her 5 year old daughter...and had a great time doing it.”



Listening as a Universal Church

The Synod on Synodality



We are in the midst of a historical time in the Church... and SFX is a part of it!

Thanks to the 100+ SFX parishioners who have listened and been heard at our sessions regarding ***Rethinking Women's Participation in the Catholic Church*** over the past year. These gatherings have all been in response to Pope Francis' *Call to engage in prayerful conversations about the movements of the Holy Spirit in the Church today* as part of the Global Synod (giant listening session and dialogue) that has been underway for the past 3 years.

The working document for the global synod, *Instrumentum Laboris* (IL), was published a few weeks ago and contains extraordinary good news! **The question of women's roles in the Church was named one of the priority themes to be discerned during the global synod meeting in Rome this October.**

More good news! As you may be aware, a BIG difference in this synod versus others (e.g., Vatican II) is that **lay people, including women, have been invited to participate and vote!**

The IL also encourages participation at the local level, asking parishes to pray, reflect, act and make their own contribution by making our local churches more synodal (which basically means "better listeners!")

On the weekend of **September 9 & 10**, at all the masses, we invite the gathered community to:

- ⇒ **PRAY** through the intercession of St Phoebe for the Synod and the delegation going to Rome,
- ⇒ **CELEBRATE** women's gifts and contributions to the Church,
- ⇒ **HEAR** women of the parish reflect on scripture and
- ⇒ **BEAR WITNESS** to the critical and urgent need to re-think women's participation in the Church.

More details to follow!

For more information or to join the SFX team, contact: Katie Mulcahy at: ktom@sbcglobal.net

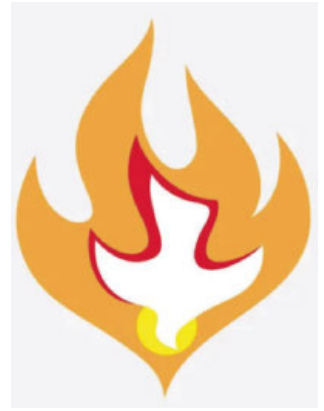
For more information on the Catholic Church's discernment of women and the diaconate, [click here.](#)

ADULT CONFIRMATION OPPORTUNITY

Gather with a community of adults seeking to "complete their sacraments of initiation" by receiving the sacrament of confirmation. Together we will explore our faith, the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and the gifts God has given us for a unique and specific purpose!

We will gather on Monday mornings at 8:30am at the rectory (beginning August 12).

Email mmcmahon@sfxlq.org for more information.



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."

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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- Teacher Assistants

Contact: Principal Sharon Garcia
sfxlgmain@sfxlg.org

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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
Biblical Notions of Heaven

Register with Sr. Marianne Race
mrace@csjoseph.org
708-363-6728

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish we need your help!

Monthly meeting 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.

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of ushers for the 5:00pm
Sunday mass for the summer.

If you are a regular at this mass and can help,
please contact Mike Hattie, Head Usher at
708/2072780 or
michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net



toddling together
SUMMER SOCIALS

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

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.

Support the Arts and Our Parish Teens While Enjoying Incredible Theater!

You've been invited to a killer comedy thriller! Ten strangers...on a clandestine island. Each holds a murderous secret. All are welcome. All under false pretenses. Their host, an eccentric millionaire, is missing. A secret recorded message is played, accusing each of having gotten away with murder. One by one, the guests begin to die at the hands of a secret diabolical avenger via means foreshadowed by a nursery rhyme above the mantel...until there were none. Stranded and haunted, we ask...which of them is the killer? We watch with bated breath, waiting for the killer to strike again. Enjoy this masterfully mysterious and macabre puzzle.

And Then There Were None is set to stage July 28th–30th at Plymouth Place Auditorium. The show's run time is two hours. A short Actor Talk-Back follows the Sunday 2:00 pm Matinee. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime and 45 minutes early for prepurchase tickets.

Tickets run \$5-\$15 and can be purchased at <https://www.lattetheater.com/tickets/>.

An Evening of Prayer & Reflection ***“What Does the Story of Salvation Have to Do with Me?”*** **Come hear the most transformative message of all time!**

St. Cletus Church, 600 West 55th Street, LaGrange
Wednesday, August 16 from 7:00-8:30 pm
Special Guest Speaker: Peter Newburn, DMin

Peter Newburn, DMin, has served in full-time ministry at the parish, diocesan, and national levels for 35+ years. From 2012-2015, Peter and his wife Joy, along with their three children, were a missionary family in Cameroon (West Africa), where Peter taught theology at the major seminary. He continues to go to Cameroon annually to lead priest retreats and provide formation for lay leaders in various dioceses. He is fluent in Spanish. Peter teaches Scripture and leadership formation courses at the University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein) and serves as a mentor and coach with Divine Renovation, a Catholic organization that supports pastors from all over the world in the work of parish renewal. Peter is passionate about the Kerygma and helping others to use their gifts to fulfill God's purposes.

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 Osowski (who will be attending the Delegation) at 312-590-3450 or emosowski@att.net.



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
- **Felix Estrada, U.S. Army**—friend of John & Dawn McCormick
- **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
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Parish Web Site.....www.sfxlg.org

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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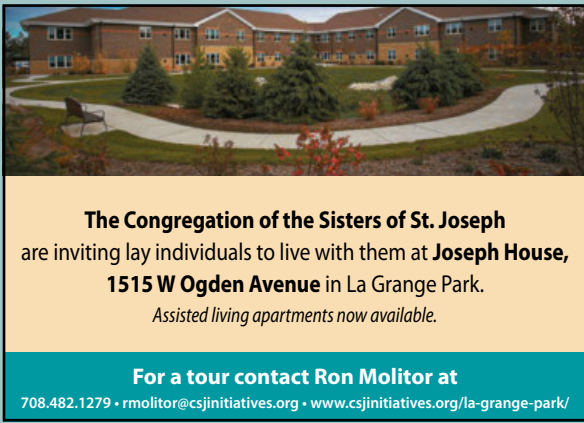


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