



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### January 21, 2024



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 22	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Tuesday, January 23	Mass	8:30 am	John Zotti	Jon & Lisa Froemel
Wednesday, January 24	Mass	8:30 am	Michael Hansen	Gloria Leiber
Thursday, January 25	Rosary	8:15 am		
	Mass	8:30 am	Bob O'Malley	The O'Malley Family
Friday, January 26	Mass	8:30 am	Ronald Holewa	The Holewa Family
Saturday, January 27	Mass	8:30 am	Shannon Schweiger	Pam Oplawski
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Lou Bourjaily	The Fiflis Family
Sunday, January 28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Jacquie Flood	Jerry & Nancy Johnson
	Mass	9:00 am	Rose Wall	Lorraine Donegan
	Mass		Tyler Duelm	The Duelm Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Jonathan Cook	The Cooley Family
		5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

### Presider's Schedule for January 13-14, 2024

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

### Please pray for . . .

John Baggio	Eleanor Love
Ed Barrett	James Lowry
Angela Bowman	Darren Masier
Dorothy Burnicks	Patrick Morgan
Dick Callahan	Rosemary Nash
Blake Donegan	Muriel Nerad
Barbara Doyle	Josephina Pangan
Matthew Doyle	Larry Plansky
Nancy Duffy	Rob Roper
Pat Eaton	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Tom Flynn	Rita Mae Spearman
Kathy Gleason	Steven Stirn
Lilli Gregory	John Stopka
Angela Hill	Charlie Swafford
Dave Hyland	Richard Szatkowski
Tiffany Kahn	Olivia Tarsney
Richard Lavers	

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:

***Lesley Harvey***  
Daughter of Barbara & Mike  
Sister of Jim & Paul

### Weddings

Julie Schiffler & Mike Kesnick



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



# Pastor's Letter

*"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand."*  
Mark 1:15

On Monday, December 18, the Vatican released *Fiducia Supplicans*, a document that allows for the blessing of Catholics who are living in a union not recognized by the Catholic Church as the Sacrament of Marriage. This includes divorced Catholics who remarried without obtaining an annulment and all Catholics in same-sex civil marriages. It marks a significant change in Catholic pastoral care without changing the teaching and understanding of the Church regarding the Sacrament of Marriage. How do we appreciate the significance of this change, and how do we carry the message to friends or family members who moved away from the Catholic Church because past statements of some Catholic leaders used unnecessarily harsh language and led to hurt, alienation, and judgment among LGBTQ+ Catholics? The same has been true over the years for divorced and remarried Catholics. Christ calls us to embrace *all* as sisters and brothers. We are each challenged to follow God's call, and no one does this perfectly. Christ's commands of love require compassion and humility rather than judgment.

James Martin, a Jesuit theologian, emphasizes three points about *Fiducia Supplicans*. *"First, it is the first time that a Vatican document treats same-sex couples with such pastoral care.... Second, ... a great deal has in fact changed. Before this document was issued, there was no permission for bishops, priests, and deacons to bless couples in same-sex unions in any setting. This document establishes, with some limitations, that they can.... Third, it is a major step because it continues Pope Francis' continual outreach to L.G.B.T.Q. people.... I welcome this new declaration and see it as a much-needed pastoral response to Catholic same-sex couples in loving, committed and self-sacrificing relationships who desire God's presence and help in their lives."* (*America* magazine, online edition, 12/18/2023)

There has been no change to the Catholic understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, in which a Catholic enters a committed, one-time, lifelong union with someone of the opposite gender. However, the possibility of *blessing* persons in a same-sex union, or who divorced and remarried without obtaining an annulment, recognizes that *God is at work in their lives*. It asks that those being blessed remain open to the movement of the Spirit and provides a broader understanding of blessings in the Church. Blessings are not limited to the celebration of a Sacrament or other liturgy. As stated in *Fiducia Supplicans*:

- "Blessings lead us to grasp God's presence in all the events of life and remind us that ,, human beings are invited to seek God, to love him, and to serve him faithfully."
- "Indeed, the grace of God works in the lives of those who do not claim to be righteous but who acknowledge themselves humbly as sinners, like everyone else."
- "God never turns away anyone who approaches him! ,, a blessing ... is a seed of the Holy Spirit that must be nurtured, not hindered."
- "Blessings have as their recipients: people; objects of worship and devotion; sacred images; places of life, of work, and suffering; the fruits of the earth and human toil; and all created realities that refer back to the Creator, praising and blessing him by their beauty."

The blessing that a priest or deacon may now offer invites an openness to God's movement in a couple's life and asks the indwelling of the Spirit in the mind and heart of those being blessed. I am grateful we now can offer these blessings. Pope Francis has offered us all an opportunity for healing and further dialogue. May we as Church continue to grow in our understanding and compassion toward all.

**Alpha** begins this Monday evening; you can still participate. **Conversations in the Spirit**, a synodal-style conversation about the Church, happens in ten days. I encourage you to bring your voice to the table. The Spirit continues to be alive in the Church through us!

Winter peace,

*F. Bill*

**SFX Ministry Fair  
January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

**After the Mass at 5:00pm (Saturday)  
7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 (Sunday)**



**We invite parishioners to join these essential ministries:\***

**Edythe Gardening  
Welcome Committee  
Lectors  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Engage (over age 55)  
Fuller House  
Ministers of Care**

**Ushers  
Family Outreach  
Kitchen Angels  
Wedding Ministers  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Liturgy Teams  
BEDS**

**Please stop by our tables in Unity Hall after mass to meet with our  
Ministry Reps and learn more about the ministries.**

**We are grateful for your interest and your  
willingness to volunteer.**

**\*[Click here](#) to see descriptions of these Ministries.**

**Ministry of Care is Planning to Expand**

A Minister of Care is a person who brings the gift of the eucharist and friendship to fellow parishioners and others who are homebound, living in nursing homes, or recovering in the hospital. Our visits help those in need stay connected to the parish and our faith community.

It's a very rewarding ministry and I promise you will receive more than you'll give. The time required varies depending on the activity you choose. Perhaps a few minutes or more on a homebound visit to an hour or so conducting a Prayer and Communion Service or bringing the eucharist to those in the hospital. Those visiting the homebound schedule visits convenient for the minister and the person being visited. Nursing homes and the hospital have fixed schedules.

The Archdiocese requires new ministers to receive 12 hours of instruction prior to being commissioned. After training, you will "shadow" other ministers to learn about your chosen activity. When you are comfortable, you'll receive a quarterly schedule.

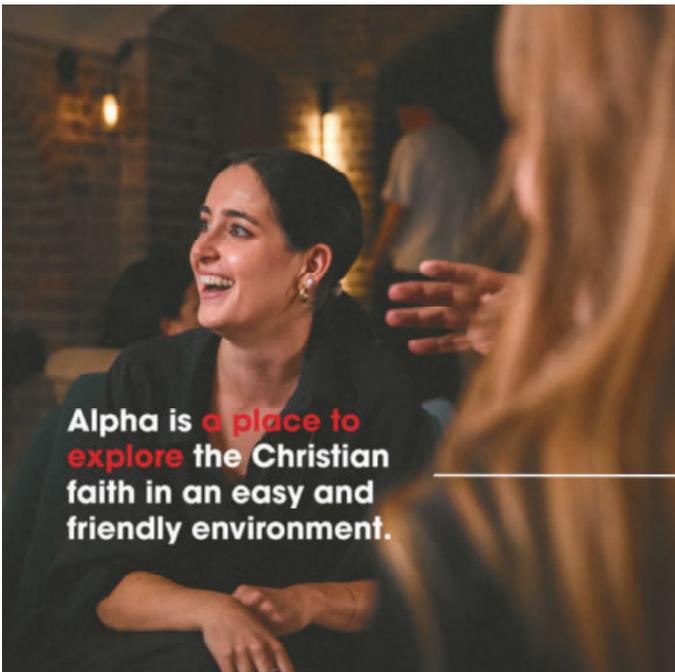
**One day training is available at LaGrange Hospital  
Saturday January 27th from 8:30am - 4:00pm  
Lunch Provided.**

So, are you ready to share your time and talent with those who are so grateful?

Please contact Scott or Mary Sue McDonald - Coordinators for the Ministry of Care  
at 847-528-1434 or [sjmcdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:sjmcdonal@yahoo.com) or [marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com)



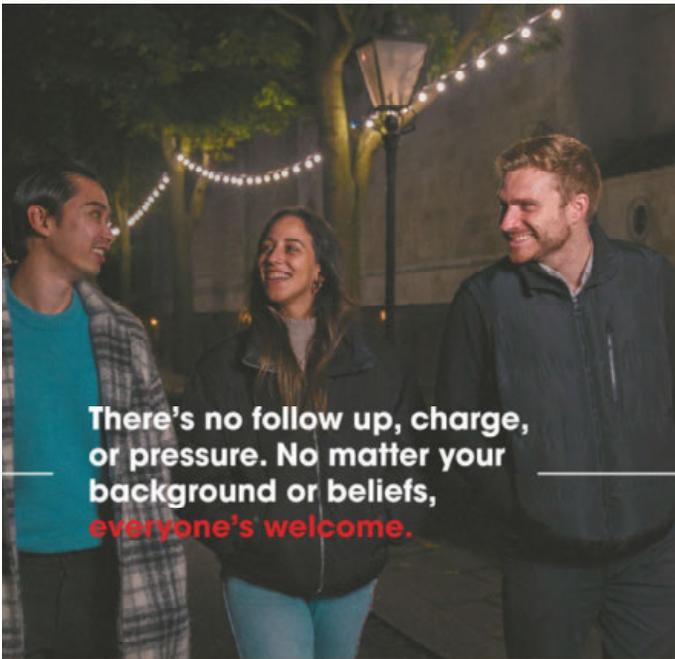
# What is Alpha?



Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith in an easy and friendly environment.



Each session starts with food and a short talk. Then there's plenty of time to share your thoughts.



There's no follow up, charge, or pressure. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone's welcome.

OUR QUESTIONS DRAW US CLOSER.

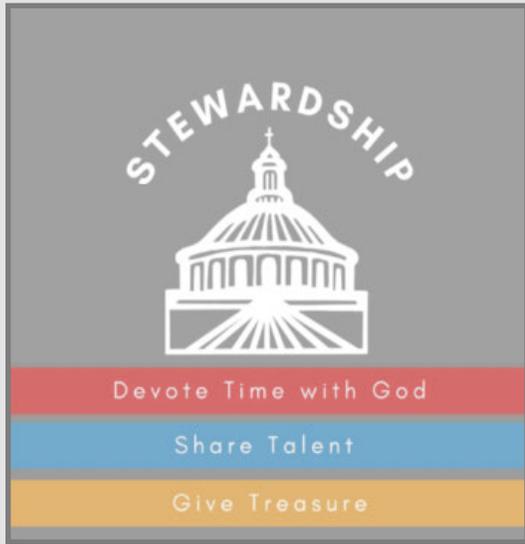
# WHO WILL YOU INVITE?

DINNER & DISCUSSION

JAN 22, 6:30PM  
UNITY HALL

SCAN OR EMAIL  
MMCAHON@SFXLG.ORG FOR MORE





## Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

### Total Sunday Collection through December:

This Year: \$758,334  
Last Year: \$748,241

### Total Christmas-to-Date

This Year: \$163,180 (amazing news!)  
Last Year: \$144,958

### Total Annual Offertory Budget:

\$1,846,000 (includes \$154,000 Christmas budget)

This month, we highlight the Resource Department in our elementary school. One of our Resource teachers, Kim Mattucci, has worn many hats during her time at St. Francis Xavier. As a graduate from the class of '73, to her 24 years as a teacher and as a parent of four SFX graduates, she is a longtime member of the SFX family. The last 13 years she has served as a Resource teacher and sees her role as her mission. Kim shares: "There is no place I would rather be. I have the best job in the world, at the best place in the world. Who could ask for more? If you are a part of SFX, you know and can feel that deep connection we all have. We don't just talk about being a family, we actually ARE a family."

St. Francis Xavier School uses iReady testing in the fall, winter and spring to help identify any students who might benefit from additional support. Diagnostic testing provides data in math and reading domains that helps teachers provide differentiated instruction, connect with students, and reinforce additional learning support in small groups.

Kim brings passion and commitment into building relationships with the students she works with as a Resource Teacher – a vital role that not all Catholic schools have. "When we bond with our students, they will perform to the best of their abilities. If they know we are here to help them and support them, they will give their very best because they know they are getting the very best from us!"



Janice Carr and Kim Mattucci,  
Two members of our  
Resource Team

Check out our Resource Room and meet our Resource Teachers during Catholic Schools Week Open House next Sunday morning!

A critical portion (about 15%) of the elementary school's annual revenue comes from your offertory gifts. God bless you for your generosity in supporting Catholic education as a vital ministry of the parish!

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



## Conversations in the Spirit

What happened at the Global Synod? Where do we go from here?

**Wednesday, January 31 from 7:00-9:00pm**  
**Unity Hall**

How did we get to LGBT blessings? Could there be a female diaconate? Experience the synodal way of creating space for these topics, the same synodal way that our church leaders practiced at the Synod in Rome!

- Parishioner Katie Mulcahy will share her experience of being in Rome during the Synod
- We will practice the “conversations in the Spirit” to which Pope Francis invites us
- We will carry this way of “being church” forward in preparation for the next synodal gathering in Oct 2024

To RSVP email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) or [click here](#).



For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

*“It is not enough to have a synod, you must be a synod.  
The Church needs intense internal sharing, between pastors  
and between the pastors and the faithful.” - Pope Francis*

**Giving**   
WARMS THE HEART  
**DONATE BLOOD**

**Save the Date!**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**LaGrange Local Council 6483**  
**Blood Drive**

**You are invited to donate at the blood drive below:**

St. Francis Xavier Church-Gym

**Sunday, January 21, 2024—9:00 am-1:00 pm**

145 North Waiola Avenue (Ogden Avenue and Waiola Avenue in LaGrange)

To make an appointment visit  
<http://tinyurl.com/3bh9k8m3> or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE  
or scan the QR Code with your smart phone’s camera.



\*Versiti is the blood provider for 83 local hospitals\* Giving warms the heart! Donate and keep warm this winter with a limited-edition Versiti beanie, while supplies last.



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

### Helpful tip:

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS *for* 2024-2025

CONTACT US TODAY! [ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG](mailto:ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG)

### WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus and others. We strive to instill and nurture the belief that God is found everywhere, especially in one another.



### WE LEARN

TWO time U.S. Dept. of Education NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL and recipient of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award.



### WE SERVE

Our All-School Service Program exemplifies who we are as a school.

National Catholic Education Association Maxine Donahue Award recipient for service.



COME TO OUR OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 28TH 1000AM-12:30PM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR:

- STRONG CORE CURRICULUM
- DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION
- INTEGRATED ARTS (ART, MUSIC, SPANISH, PE. AND LRC)
- ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES
- ESTABLISHED & MEANINGFUL USE OF TECHNOLOGY



## SUMMER 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IMPORTANT NEWS AND SAVE THE DATE!

The Parish Pastoral Council is excited to announce that SFX will be partnering with Grace Lutheran for a Vacation Bible School Program. The Summer 2024 VBS will run the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm) so mark your calendars now as you plan your summer activities.

Registration for VBS will open at the end of January. More details about how and where to register as well as volunteer opportunities will be provided early next year. In addition to parent volunteers we will be looking for teen volunteers, a great way to get service hours.

For those of you not familiar with Vacation Bible School, the program is a faith based, one week long (mornings only) filled with fun indoor and outdoor activities. It is open for pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders can participate in a "service crew" which spends the week doing service projects in the community.

The PPC is very excited about providing the opportunity to the SFX community. Watch the bulletin and the SFX Facebook page for more details. You can reach out to Phil Zadeik at [pizadeik@gmail.com](mailto:pizadeik@gmail.com) for further information about VBS and volunteer opportunities at this time. Thanks and have a Merry Christmas!

## 2023 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2023 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk will be emailed to all parishioners by January 26, 2024. The email comes from [notifications@ondemandmail.com](mailto:notifications@ondemandmail.com) and has the subject line of "St. Francis Xavier Contribution Statement". Please contact Parish Accountant, Jane Bandyk, at [jbandyk@sfxlg.org](mailto:jbandyk@sfxlg.org) or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.

**YOUTH NIGHTS @ ST FRANCIS**  
**SUNDAYS JAN 21 - APR 7**

**FOR TEENS BY TEENS**

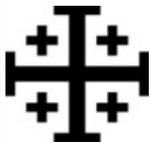
Bring your friends for: social time, dinner, a video, and small group (where you can share your thoughts or just listen.)

**All are welcome.** Bring your atheist friend from school, bring your Lutheran buddy, bring that new kid on your sports team. **Seriously, any teen is welcome.**

**Sundays at 6pm, Jan 21- Apr 7**  
**Unity Hall, St Francis Xavier**  
*(with St John of the Cross & St Cletus Youth Ministry)*

[Click here or scan QR code to RSVP \(and vote for food!\) for Jan 21](#)

**THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.**



## Save The Date

**Kairos 42**  
**February 22-25, 2024**

Kairos 42 registration has opened [click here](#) to register. We have limited spots.

**2024 Summer Mission Trip**  
**June 9-14, 2024 in Louisville, KY**

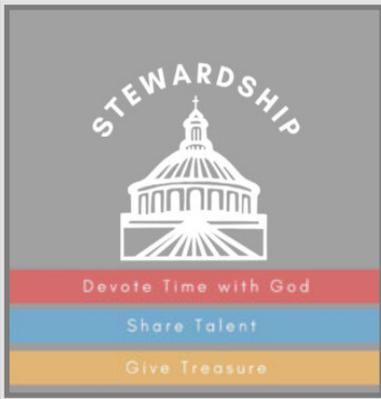
Rising Sophomores through Graduating Seniors join us for a life-changing week of service, faith and fun. St. Francis, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes are partnering for another Summer Mission trip to Love, Serve and Connect with Catholic Heart Workcamp in Louisville, Kentucky. We will join other teens from across the country as we serve community members painting, gardening, building, and volunteering with social service agencies. Teens will earn 30 hours of service for our Summer Mission Trip. Registration opened on December 20 at 9:00AM [click here](#) or go to our website for more information and to access the registration link. We anticipate these spots will go quickly; we require a \$150 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot.

## Youth Ministry...in the meantime

After a series of interviews over the past seven months, we have not been able to offer someone the staff position of Coordinator of Youth Ministry. This leaves us without current leadership for several important ministries to our high school teens, especially:

- ◆ Planning and directing our bi-monthly program for teens on the evening of the first Sunday of the month (we alternate with St. John of the Cross).
- ◆ the ongoing coordination of the SFX Church League teams.
- ◆ our Kairos Retreat team (in collaboration with St. John of the Cross).
- ◆ our team for the summer mission trip.

Your stewardship of talent in any of the above programs would be a great gift to our teens. We can provide staff guidance and resources. If you are interested in ministering to our teens in any of these ministries, please contact Fr. Bill ([wtkachuk@sfxlg.org](mailto:wtkachuk@sfxlg.org)).



## Leave Your Legacy Through a Bequest

As we begin the New Year, please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by including a gift to our parish in your will or trust.

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For sample bequest language, please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development - contact information is on the Personnel page of the bulletin.



## Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

**Where:** Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddlers Together group) (subject to change each month)

**When:** 8:00pm (every 2nd Thursday)

**What:** Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration! We meet on 2nd Thursdays of the month (location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or bulletin each month.)



## **Finding My Faith Story: A Half-Day Retreat**

January 27 from 9:00am - 12:30pm  
in Unity Hall  
(optional lunch to follow)

Using the four-door method of narrative spirituality, this retreat helps people find and tell their faith story by giving participants the spiritual tools to identify each of the following four elements in their own life story:

- a main character
- who encounters a compelling problem to solve
- identifies the power or talent needed to solve it, and
- takes action with this power to address the problem

Seeing our life story in these spiritual terms equips us to live the story in which we take action to use our own unique powers and talents to address the need that most touches our heart.

Retreat cost is \$10/person. [Click here to register!](#)

Any questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org).

PASSION INTO ACTION

SFX CWC  
Ladies Day Out

**BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY!**

FOR THE  
St. Francis Xavier  
Catholic Women's Club

LADIES DAY OUT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
THE ELM  
3:00 - 6:00 PM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:  
FIDDLE STICKS

For tickets and more information,  
please [click here](#).

## Prison Ministry

Thank you to all who provided Christmas cards for prisoners. Companions sent over 7,000 cards to prisoners and provided over 4,000 unsigned cards that the prisoners were able to send to their families. At SFX, we provided over 400 signed cards and over 100 unsigned cards. One response was "*I know there are thousands of inmates who appreciate the cards and letters as much as I do. You are a light in a dark place, showing us the way out.*"

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



New Year's blessings!

On behalf of the retired religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Francis Xavier parish for your generous contribution of \$5,826 toward the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the 2024 New Year. If you have any questions regarding the Retirement Fund, please don't hesitate to contact me at 312-534-8234 or [jzonsius@archchicago.org](mailto:jzonsius@archchicago.org).

Gratefully,  
Sr. Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.  
Retirement Fund for Religious  
Coordinator

## Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2023/2024 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](mailto:lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com) or Erin Thunander [erin.thunander@gmail.com](mailto:erin.thunander@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved.

## Engage Community – January



Our next get together:

**Thursday, January 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at SFX.**

- Bridget Sperduto, the Director of The Well Spirituality Center part of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network, will be presenting "**Our Sacred Universe: Where Science and Theology Meet.**"
- Discussion and fellowship to follow

RSVPs, at the email below, are requested.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com)

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.



## 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.

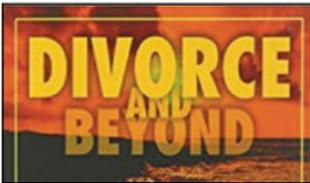
For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.

## 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, February 6

Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



## 2024 Divorce and Beyond Support

Winter Series

Tuesday Evenings (7:00-8:30 pm)

February 13 through March 19

In the School Library

Divorce and Beyond is a faith-based process for divorced adults designed to offer support, fellowship and healing to those who are divorced or going through a divorce. Topics include: stress, anger, forgiveness and recovery. There is no cost to attend. There is a participant guide that will be provided at the first meeting.

Register on line please [click here](#) or call Missy Westerhoff at 708-352-0168.



# Save the Date

## 4th Annual Building Inclusive Community Conference



### Keynote Speaker: DR. Rachael Mahmood

Dr. Mahmood was born a cultural mosaic of Russian Jewish and Indian Hindu heritage, and she later married a Pakistani Muslim. With humor, vulnerability and insight, Dr. Mahmood will share lessons from her life and experience as an educator on how we can create spaces that foster a sense of genuine belonging for all.

### SEVERAL WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM ON TOPICS SUCH AS:

Transgender Issues, Disability Etiquette, Bystander Intervention, Judaism/Anti-Semitism, Coping with Stress, Hate Crimes, Bridging Political Divides, Equity in the College Journey, and more.

*Plus Poet Luis Tubens will share some poetry, LTHS Steppers will perform and youth will lead small group discussions based on what an inclusive community means to all of us.*

For updates on the conference  
sign up here



[tinyurl.com/BICCrsvp](https://tinyurl.com/BICCrsvp)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024  
9:00A-1:00P | LTHS SOUTH CAMPUS  
4900 WILLOW SPRINGS RD.  
WESTERN SPRINGS, IL



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

- **Sgt. FC Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Special Forces Group**—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
- **Warrant Office 3 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
- **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
- **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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. William Tkachuk  
Rev. Richard Milek  
Andrew Allison  
Phil Gianatasio  
Margaret McMahon  
Mary Freeman  
Rev. Stan Ilo

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## Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm  
Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

## Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

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

## 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 7:00-8:00 pm

**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 9:30 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 sfxing@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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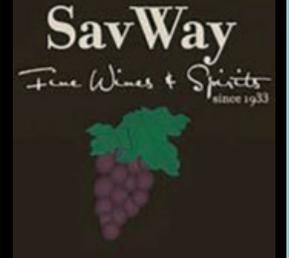


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