



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Together at the table



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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 12	Mass	8:30 am	Andrew Newman Eileen M. Daly George, Jim & Roman Herbert & Mary Schrack	The Newman Family Patrick Daly The Wives
Tuesday, February 13	Mass	8:30 am	Jennifer Buchta Raymond & Marie Ann Barry	John Lowrey The Zahorik Family
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday	Mass Mass Service Service Mass	7:00 am 8:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm		
Thursday, February 15	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Ed Muir	The Rodgers Family
Friday, February 16	Mass	8:30 am	Andrew Kieta	The Cooley Family
Saturday, February 17	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	John Rokavec James A. Surek	Scott & Jill Burson The Kostrewa Family
Sunday, February 18 1st Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Patricia Joyce John Dvorak People of the Parish Betty Lukanich	The Burke Family Bob & Bridget Hamilton Paul & Katie Filbin

Presider's Schedule for February 10-11, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

No 5:00 pm Mass

Please pray for . . .

Dave Armstrong	Eleanor Love
John Baggio	James Lowry
Ed Barrett	John Madden, Sr.
Albert Boemo	Darren Masier
Angela Bowman	Patrick Morgan
Dorothy Burnicks	Rosemary Nash
Dick Callahan	Josephina Pangan
Blake Donegan	Geri Pflugger
Barbara Doyle	Laureen Rabe
Matthew Doyle	Rita Mae Spearman
Pat Eaton	Steven Stirn
Kathy Gleason	John Stopka
Lilli Gregory	Catherine Stubitsch
Angela Hill	Richard Szatkowski
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Olivia Tarsney
Tiffany Kahn	Theresa Toher

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



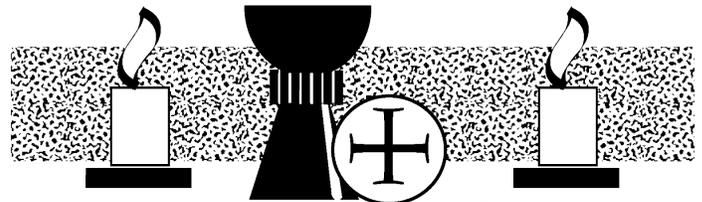
Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families:

Eugene Bastedo

Friend of Brian Lisek

Dorothy Mattas

Mother of Nancy & Bill



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Pastor's Letter

*"If you wish, you can make me clean."
"I do will it. Be made clean."
Mark 1:40-41*

The healing of the man with leprosy is the last event in the first chapter of Mark's gospel. As the chapter ends, the healing of the man and his restoration to family and community result in Jesus having to remain "outside in deserted places." Ironically, the healed and the healer have traded places. In giving this man freedom, Jesus has surrendered some of his own.

Are we willing to "step outside" for a time if that is what is necessary to welcome another person in? That is not to say that we walk away or disengage from our mission. We are told that Jesus continued to minister to those who sought him "on the outskirts." He allows this man healed from leprosy to *step into the light and tell his story* so that he may draw others to Jesus. Part of being a *welcoming community of missionary disciples* is a *willingness to make room for others*, even if that means stepping back a little. If someone comes to us eager to engage in the ministries of this community but comes to feel that their help is not needed, or that there is no place for them, they may wander away and/or seek a place where they feel a sense of belonging. Are we willing, like Jesus, to step back so that another may step in?

This weekend Cardinal Cupich invites Catholics throughout the Archdiocese to participate in the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. This annual appeal supports the mission of the Archdiocese in areas with limited resources; it funds ministries across parishes that rely on the administrative support of the Pastoral Center. And a portion of these funds goes to Catholic Relief Services to support their efforts on our behalf in areas of the world suffering because of war, natural disaster, or other disruption to the basic needs of living. I support what the Annual Catholic Appeal accomplishes for parishes and people across the Archdiocese and beyond. I am grateful to be able to offer my financial support to this effort. I ask you to consider what your household can contribute this year, either as a one-time gift or as a pledge to be paid over the coming months. In this bulletin and on the parish website, you will find several ways to contribute via a one-time payment or a pledge. Our blessings increase as we share them.

I recently learned that the number of teens currently registered for this year's **Summer Mission Trip** for high school teens is unusually low. Within the next few weeks, the three participating parishes must decide whether there are enough teens registered to make the trip cost effective for everyone. Parents, please encourage your teens to **register now** if they want to participate in a week of service in Louisville, Kentucky the second week of June. Both Fr. Rich and I have each participated in a past trip and found them rewarding and inspiring. You will find more information in this bulletin and on the parish website.

In a few days we begin the Lenten journey once more. How will you make use of *this* Lent to deepen your relationship with Jesus and to serve the mission entrusted to us as Church. What invitation might God be extending to you for the coming weeks. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides one opportunity to practice *stewardship of treasure* to support the mission of the Church in the wider Chicago area. *Stewardship of talent* may come through naming your God-given gifts and then using them in service of family, friends, neighbors, or the wider community. Throughout this bulletin you will find ways to practice *stewardship of time* through prayer, formation, and faith sharing opportunities. Perhaps this Lent is a time not so much for you to "giving something up" as it is a time for "giving forward" what God has so generously given you to share. Set aside some time this week to allow the Spirit's to lead you into Lent.

Remember, **there is no Sunday 5:00PM Mass this weekend** due to the Super Bowl. Have a great evening, however you choose to spend it.

Happy Mardi Gras and Paczki Day!

J. Bill

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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together
at the table



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The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to come “together at the table.” Cardinal Cupich writes: “This year, our theme...evokes the Last Supper and the story of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus who are together at the table with the Lord. In these images, we know ourselves as gathered together, as fed by the Eucharist, and as missionary disciples sent into the world.” This is Commitment Weekend; the Archdiocese and St. Francis Xavier Parish encourages giving at all levels to support the appeal. **This year’s ACA goal is \$123,275.** God bless you for supporting the ACA in the past and in years to come!

GIVING OPTIONS: The Archdiocese offers the following ways to Make ACA Gifts:

1. **Use the Reply Form received in Cardinal Cupich's direct mailings.** Letters from the cardinal were mailed by the Annual Catholic Appeal and contained a pre-addressed return envelope to mail in cash, check or credit card gifts.
2. **Donate Online using your credit or debit card at www.annualcatholicappeal.com.** There is a dedicated annual appeal giving form accessible online. This year’s updated online giving form offers various ways to donate via pledge, one time, or recurring payments.
3. **In-pew envelopes.** Our traditional Commitment Weekend will take place during Mass this weekend.
4. **Charitable Gift or Donor Advised Funds.** If you would like to give in this method, contact Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Director of Stewardship and Development, in the rectory for assistance.

Together at the table

What the Annual Catholic Appeal Funds

These projections are based on anticipated needs and are subject to change. The list below is meant to summarize the far-reaching impact of the Appeal, and so is not a comprehensive list of all the archdiocese's ministries.

Low-income parishes and schools	31%	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
Parish-based incentives	24%	After a parish reaches goal, donated funds return to the parish for local use
Archdiocesan ministries	15%	Outreach initiatives for young adults, families, children and others
Spiritual renewal efforts	8%	Transforming parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
Priest formation	6%	Education and development for seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago
Scholarships	5%	Tuition assistance for disadvantaged Catholic school Families
Catholic Relief Services	4%	Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world
Cost of the Appeal	7%	Printing, postage, procession costs for the Appeal

How Your Gift Will Be Used

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Scholarships **5%**

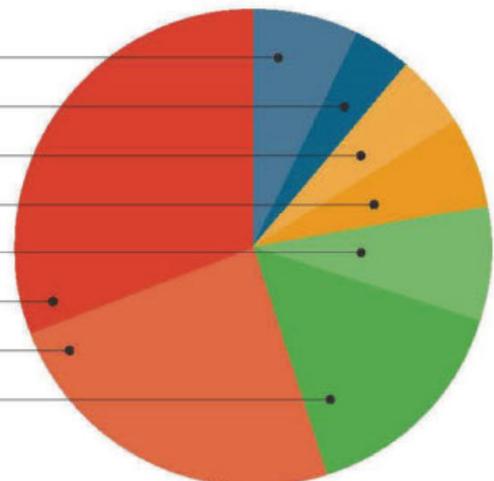
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Lent 2024

Begins February 14th!

Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish, are you looking for a more meaningful Lenten devotion this year?

Gather with other men of the parish to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. By living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain us on this spiritual journey, we will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God.

Meetings will be Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM in Unity Hall starting on February 13. Scan the QR code or [click here to register](#)—or just show up anytime!

Questions? Contact Ernie Froemel at ernie.froemel@gmail.com



33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

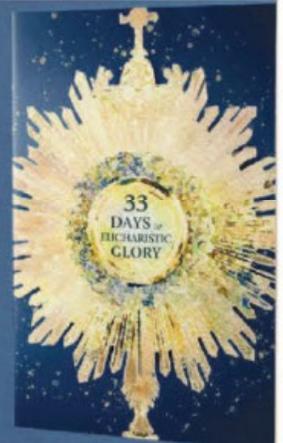
Gather with fellow parishioners on a journey of Eucharistic Consecration—a journey towards a deeper experience of Mass, a deeper relationship with Jesus, and the great joy of encountering God's relentless love for YOU.

The consecration involves a daily reflection, weekly faith conversation by zoom on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm beginning February 21, and flexible opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.

This isn't just another book.

IT IS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRED JOURNEY—

a Spiritual Pilgrimage



Zoom Conversations: Wednesdays, 8:00-8:45pm beginning February 21

Meeting ID: 845 7546 2404

Passcode: 013531

Register via the QR code, by emailing Heather Fitzpatrick (heatherfitzwelcome@gmail.com), or by clicking [this link](#).

Little Black Books for daily reflection

Available for free at all church entrances!



Pray every day this Lent on Hallow



Stations of the Cross from Mary's Point of View

Details to come—stay tuned for an exact date!

Collection on Ash Wednesday For the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Support the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Help #BuildTheFuture for generations of Catholics to come. Learn more at www.usscb.org/ccee. Please be as generous as you are able.



Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:00 am Mass
8:30 am Mass
12:00 pm Service
3:00 pm Service
7:00 pm Mass



Music Notes...

New Hymnals!

The SFX Music Ministry is happy to announce the arrival of new updated hymnals, which will be in place and ready to use for the start of the Lenten liturgical season. We will begin using the new Gather (4th edition) hymnals on Ash Wednesday...February 14th, 2024, as a Lenten message of our continued journey of faith and renewal of heart through sung prayer...old and NEW.

*"Let us worship the Lord, our light and salvation,
rock of foundation, faithful and true!
Let us worship the Lord, whose mercy and kindness
free us from blindness and make **all things new!**"*

We would like to extend an expression of gratitude and blessings for **Dr. Gary and Mrs. Karen Gibbs** who very generously donated the funds needed to purchase the hymnals. Thank you, Gary and Karen!



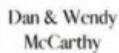
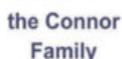
BE the LIGHT for the FUTURE!

It is our pleasure to introduce St. Francis Xavier School's main fundraising event, *Ignite '24*, formerly know as the 'auction.' On April 27 at Countryside Banquets, we hope to inspire the St. Francis community towards the growth of our students and school's future. At *Ignite '24*, alumni, current and past parents, and grandparents will come together to celebrate SFX. Guests will enjoy an evening of entertainment, live and silent auctions, all while enjoying a premium bar with gourmet heavy hors d'oeuvres and much more!

This year, our goal is to raise \$200,000 to allow us to invest in our faculty, staff, and aid families in need of financial assistance. We are grateful for the many benefactors, volunteers, parents, faculty and staff who help make the evening a huge success.

Please join us with your support of *Ignite '24* so that we may be the 'light' that shines for the future of St. Francis Xavier School.

Thank You to Our Sponsors



SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

INDIVIDUAL TICKET: \$150

Available online today

<https://onecau.se/sfx2024>

OR

email us at ignitebenefit@sfxlg.org



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Grace Reilly Burke '02 & Marie Hanson

Conversations in the Spirit

*Thanks to everyone for joining us!
The room was filled with HOPE and a desire to answer our
baptismal call of co-responsibility for the needs of our Church!*

SFX Discerning Deacons Synod Team:

Mary Freeman, Martie Lukanich, Maggie McMahon, Katie Mulcahy and Maureen Windmoeller



We had over 50 people representing many different parishes. Thanks to all who attended our Conversations in the Spirit and shared thoughts on the following question - ***Where have I seen or experienced successes and distresses within the Church's structure/organization/life that encourages or hinders the mission?***

In October, 2024, Pope Francis hosted the first General Synod Assembly in Rome during which Synod delegates (cardinals, bishops, priests, religious, deacons, lay women and men) gathered for a month of Conversations in the Spirit. They took up critical issues. **Of the 81 proposals put forth during the Synod, only one was affirmed as urgent:** *"It is urgent to ensure that women can participate in decision-making processes and assume roles of responsibility in pastoral care and ministry."*

(Women in the Life and Mission of the Church, Section 9.m, Synthesis Report, Oct 2023)

As participants left the gathering, we asked them to ponder ***What would need to change in order for those who feel excluded to experience Church as more welcoming?*** for future Conversations in the Spirit.

To learn more:

www.synod.va/en.html

<https://www.usccb.org/synod>

www.discerningdeacons.org

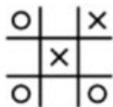
Maggie McMahon, Pastoral Associate
mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

Katie Mulcahy, Organizer Discerning Deacons
katie@theowensfdn.org

*"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*



Engage Community February Event



Game Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 29th for a board game/card night.

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

When: February 29 from 7:00-8:30pm

Who: All are welcome: married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

What: 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.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com

One of Our Own



On Tuesday, March 5, the Senior Women's Group of St. Francis Xavier invites you to meet Diane Walsh. Diane has been an active parishioner for many years. She has been a reader and Eucharistic minister. She has worked on a liturgy team and conducted Word and Communion services. She has served on the RCIA team and the Parish Pastoral Council. On March 5, Diane will tell us about her "other" life. After earning her law degree, Diane was a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney, prosecuting both bench and jury trials. She is currently Chief Legal Officer for the Juvenile Justice Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Diane will give us a look at the structure of the criminal justice system, the youth involved in the juvenile justice system, and its goals. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. Please meet in Unity Hall after the 8:30am Mass for fellowship and light refreshments. The program will begin about 9:25am.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 21st

Cocktails 11:30am

Lunch 12:00pm

**Plymouth Place
315 North LaGrange Road
LaGrange Park**

Reservations required
By Tuesday, February 20th

RSVP to the rectory 708-352-0168

2023 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2023 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk were emailed to all parishioners the week of January 26. The email comes from notifications@ondemandmail.com and has the subject line of "St. Francis Xavier Contribution Statement".

Please contact Parish Accountant, Jane Bandyk, at jbandyk@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.



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.



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park for questions call 708-482-5048. To register visit our website to see our entire lineup of winter programs and retreats, please register in advance at: www.csjthewell.org/offerings/.

Yoga to Nourish the Self on Tuesdays, February 13, 20, 27; March 5 from 1:00-2:00pm with Facilitator Nina Ginocchio. Slow, mindful yoga is a wonderful tool to help us cultivate calm in our lives and nourish the self. In this course, we will begin with our breath and then layer in movement and quiet focus to release tension and bring a greater sense of ease to the body, beginning with chair yoga and possibly progressing to a mat yoga class depending on the goals and facility of the participants. Hybrid - Cost: \$60 series.

Restorative Art Retreat on Friday, February 16 at 9:00am through February 18 at 4:00pm. Sunday, February 18 from 9:00am-12:00pm with Facilitator Gillian Romano. Through everything, Love is the string. Love is the constant. Love is infinite. Love is the expansion, the unfolding. Creativity is the act. Through destruction, through suffering, through joy, Love is the constant force. As we witness our unique and intuitive marks unfold on our paper, we will experience just how magical, supportive and restorative listening to our own deeper knowing can be. We will play with tempera paint to practice our expressions. All levels welcome. Our job is to let go into it. Cost: \$300 includes supplies and lunch.

Interfaith Career Network

Acing the Job Interview What Recruiters Want to Hear

Job seekers understand that interviewing successfully is one of the trickiest aspects of the job search process. The call for an interview can come at any time after job seekers have applied to a vast number of job positions. Our speaker, Nicole Magats, Lead Recruitment Consultant at Hirewell, has interviewed countless candidates. She will walk you through methods to prepare for success in an interview, and let you know how to give the answers that wow the interviewers. Nicole also coaches candidates preparing for interviews and will share her advice and tips on how to prepare for your next interview. Get an insider's advice, and feel confident that you will be the best prepared candidate to land the position you are looking for. Join us Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 pm in St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs for an interactive session with a very entertaining and informative speaker. This program is open to all and there's no cost to attend. We hope to see you there!

Quarterly Resume Review

Join us on Saturday, February 17 from 9-11 am for a helpful 20-30 minute one-on-one conversation with an HR or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could refresh or enhance your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street in LaGrange.

Visit <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com> for more resources.

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, January 21-April 7 in Unity Hall, St. Francis Xavier
(with St. John of the Cross & St. Cletus Youth Ministry)

Scan QR code to RSVP (and vote for food!)

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.



SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned

All Parish Service Day 2024

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact: Mary Freeman, Director Of Community Outreach mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

Save The Date
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. [click here](#) or go to our website for more information and to access the registration link. We require a \$150 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. We need to know by the end of February how many teens are interested. We do not yet have enough teens registered to make the trip affordable.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

Our scheduled meetings in Unity Hall are as follows:

Wednesday, March 13 from 7:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, April 11 from 7:00-8:00 PM

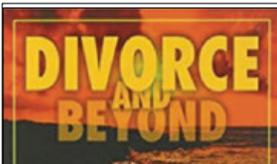
Wednesday, May 8 from 7:00-8:00 PM

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.



Renew your spirit at the Lord's table



2024 Divorce and Beyond Support

Winter Series
Tuesday Evenings (7:00-8:30pm)
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.



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 24th (Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm) 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 5th grade children. 6th through 8th 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 for further information about VBS and volunteer opportunities at this time.

Lenten

Morning of Meditation

Finding the Fruits of Meditation
in Your Nervous System
Speaker: Laura Bauhof, PhD

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23

Saturday, February 17
St. John of the Cross Parish Center
9:30am-Noon
Hospitality at 9:00 am

The morning will include periods of meditation and discussion.

Sponsored by the SJC Christian Mediation Groups
(wccm-usa.org, wccm.org)

Free will offering appreciated
Reservations requested but not required
Contact: Joan Binder 708-699-1002 or
billjoanbinder@sbcglobal.net

Dr. Bauhof is a licensed clinical psychologist and mediator, who practices in the western suburbs. She will present her case for mediation as a holistic practice that connects the body and mind with the spirit.



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.) Questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.



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
- **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
Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. William Tkachuk
Rev. Richard Milek
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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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