



**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Happy Father's Day**  
**June 16, 2024**

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

*From sunrise  
to sunset,  
let the Lord's  
name **Be**  
**Praised**  
—Psalm 113:3*



## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday June 17	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Edna Barry Jacquie Flood Jerry Frustaci Leonard J. Timpone	The Zahorik Family The Flood Family Gina Frustaci The Timpone Family
Tuesday, June 18	Word & Communion Service	8:30 am		
Wednesday, June 19	Word & Communion Service	8:30 am		
Thursday, June 20	Rosary Word & Communion Service Adoration	8:15 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, June 21	Mass	8:30 am	Marilyn & Arthur Patterson	The Patterson Family
Saturday, June 22	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Ginger Mago  Mary & Bill McLaughlin Thomas A. Wood	The Hannigan Family  The McLaughlin Family The Hannigan Family
Sunday, June 23 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Mary Lou Novicki Jim Branecki Nancy Joan Townsend Pamela Stack	Nancy & Michael Kalkowski Marge Branecki Ashley Augustyniak The Cooley Family

### President's Schedule for June 15-16, 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 . . .

Orlando Ares	Eleanor Love
Ed Barrett	Frances Marzo
Albert Boemo	Patrick Morgan
Kevin Brooks	Bill Mroz
Blake Donegan	Audrey Olson
Barbara Doyle	Laureen Rabe
Matthew Doyle	June Sheehan
Pat Eaton	Rita Mae Spearman
Kathy Gleason	Gregg Stephenson
Lilli Gregory	Steven Stirm
Angela Hill	John Stopka
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Olivia Tarsney
Tiffany Kahn	Sally Witz

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:

#### **John Madden**

Husband of the late Lenore  
Father of Mary, John, Marty, Lenore and Ed

#### **Michelle Pasko**

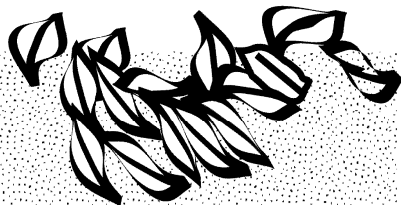
Dear Aunt of Fr. Rich Milek

### Weddings



Kaitlyn Olsick & Adam Gdowski  
Jessica Chia & Joe Morris  
Jessica Skorzewski & Alexander Luberdia  
Alice Moskal & Christian Baczynski

Grow  
in Faith



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# Pastor's Letter

*"It is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day, and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how."*

Mark 4:26,27

"Summer Time" is an important part of the natural cycle. Flowers bloom, grass grows, cicadas sing and plant eggs for future arrivals, and newborn cattle, sheep, and deer grow toward maturity. The warmer air tends to slow us down, and the extended daylight allows us to spend time outdoors. Some of us will be travelling; some will be taking part in summer camps and Vacation Bible School; and others will simply enjoy time on the porch or in the backyard. When we reach September, many of us will realize that we have changed during the summer months: a different outlook, a new friend, a new hobby, or a renewal of body or spirit. We probably will not notice the changes from moment to moment; yet summer will have changed us.

Jesus uses an image of hidden growth to describe the coming of the kingdom of God. The first disciples were anxious to know the when, where, and how of the arrival of the kingdom. They were frustrated that so little progress seemed to be made as Jesus travelled from town to town, preaching and healing. At the time of his death, and even for a while after his resurrection, the disciples remained unsure of whether God had accomplished anything in Jesus. So, Luke left us the *Acts of the Apostles*; stories of the early communities of believers and the surprising and miraculous occurrences in those first decades of Christianity. The destruction of Jerusalem and the persecution of Jewish disciples of Jesus *pushed believers out* to carry their message to Africa, Asia, and Europe. Persecutions and martyrdoms spurred the growth of the early communities rather than its extinction. Believers came to trust in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to accomplish, in and through them, the seemingly impossible. In retelling their stories, they realized what God had been doing among them while they were "asleep."

**How will this community of believers grow and change this summer?** What will the Spirit be doing among us as we move at a slower pace with fewer meetings and activities? What will we come to realize when we reach September? New families to our community will have stopped in to "try us out", and many will have remained. We may have developed some new relationships with parishioners through block parties and strolls through the neighborhood. People and events may have caused us to move in new directions or to go deeper into our relationship with Jesus. The kingdom will have grown within and among us.

**Happy Father's Day** to all called to the vocation of fatherhood: fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, godfathers, mentors, teachers, and coaches. Blessings on all men who share their wisdom and hope with a younger generation and whose voices may come in our minds to guide us at key moments. Four parish men bless us this weekend with their reflections. We give thanks for the fathers and father figures in our lives. We ask for peace of heart for all fathers who have experienced the loss of a child. We pray for the healing of fathers who have experienced broken relationships due to their own limits or the limits of others.

This is my last column until late summer. The priests of the Archdiocese come together out of town this week for three days of rest and renewal; lay leaders will offer morning communion services on Tuesday through Thursday. One of my nephews gets married in early July; and I will travel to Cape Cod with a classmate again this August. **What will you be doing while God is quietly at work within and among us?** Allow time to enjoy the blessings of summer. Slow down, relax, enjoy time with family and friends, and be aware of the blessings in your life. And set aside some extra quiet time with God.

Summer Peace,

*J. Bill*



## Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report July 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024

Total Sunday, Christmas and Easter Collection:	\$ 1,691,716
Targeted Offertory Budget:	\$ 1,721,615
Total Collected through April Last Year:	\$ 1,636,481
Total Annual Offertory Budget:	\$ 1,846,000

Our fiscal year ends in two weeks. This monthly article celebrates your generous stewardship by highlighting a ministry here at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our role as missionary disciples is one ministry we ALL live out in myriad ways, from quiet example to witness and conversion. Father Bill shares this story:

“One of our catechumens, Dominick, came to the Catholic faith through the witness of his Catholic grandparents, through what they believed and how they lived their faith; they invited him to join them – no strings attached. Once he began to attend Mass, he knew he wanted to become part of us. He found people here willing to answer his questions and help him come to know the Catholic faith. The parish provided support to him and his family, welcoming them into a relationship with Jesus and the parish. His journey has led others to reengage with their relationship with God and the church. Dominick has experienced who we hope to be as a community of faith as he has come to **belong, believe, and be Love** among us.”

God bless you for your financial support of the parish this year! Our ministries thrive here because of YOU!



Two more weeks until the end of our fiscal year!  
Make a gift to the regular Sunday Offertory with this QR Code or [click here](#).  
Thank you for your support of our mission!  
*Belong. Believe. Be Love!*





## **Weekday Masses June 17-20, 2024**

Priests serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago will gather for their biennial convocation from June 17 through June 20. This gathering is an important and necessary time of spiritual renewal for the priests, so that they can better serve the People of God.

The priests have been asked to clear their schedules, so that they can fully participate in this experience. Consequently, during those four days, there might not be weekday Masses celebrated in some parishes. However, there will be prayer services to be determined by each parish. In cases of emergency, parishioners can contact parish staff who will make whatever referral is appropriate.

The people of the Archdiocese can support their priests in several ways. Their patient understanding of scheduling changes is very important. Even more important is the prayerful support they extend to priests who have prayed for them and with them. Please use the prayer found at the end of this announcement as a personal prayer or a family prayer.

As the priests gather for their convocation know that they bring you and your families in their hearts to this important time of prayer and reflection.

LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross  
and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit  
gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice.  
Hear our prayer for all the priests of this Archdiocese of Chicago,  
especially as they gather in convocation.

Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood  
may be ever more conformed to you,  
the divine Master, the Good Shepherd.

May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience.  
Let them be shepherds according to your own Heart,  
single-minded in service to you and to the Church  
and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care  
to the fullness of eternal life  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

## Juneteenth

In observance of Juneteenth, a Federal Independence Day the Rectory Office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 and will reopen on Thursday, June 20 at 8:30 am.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States.

On June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger led the Union Soldiers to Galveston, TX, to announce the end of the war and the freedom of all enslaved people.



## Thank You

Thanks to everyone who generously supported our migrant clothing drive! We invited three families living in our community to select items. They were so grateful for the wonderful variety of clothes! We delivered **63** hefty bags of clothes to Catholic Charities in Cicero. A special thanks to team leaders Karen Boyd and Joan Stopka and their volunteers for sorting and packing the clothes and offering hospitality to our guests. Thanks for *Welcoming the Stranger!*



**Please Note:** additional clothing donations can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes in our church parking lot.

## Religious Education News



*Registration for our 2024-2025  
K-8 Religious Education Program is now open!*

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2024-2025 school year.

Our options are:

- In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Our virtual asynchronous grade level program has lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays and is best 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:  
<https://www.sfxlq.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>

Click the quick link:

“RE Registration Information for 2024-2025” on the left-hand side of the page to register.

## Engage Community

### Summer Outings:

**Wednesday, June 19:** Dinner at Mattone's in LaGrange Park at 6:00 pm. Separate checks. **RSVP by June 16** to 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, July 2.  
Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.

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VICARIATE V

## Vigil Mass and Eucharistic Devotion

Saturday, June 29, 2024 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish  
8245 West 111th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465

Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic  
Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Vicariate V invites you to join us for our Vigil Mass  
at 4:30 p.m., Adoration and Benediction at 5:30 p.m.,  
and Reception at 6 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Droel at  
[droel@sacredheartpalos.org](mailto:droel@sacredheartpalos.org)

To learn more and register for this event,  
please visit [EucharisticRevivalChicago.org](http://EucharisticRevivalChicago.org)



## Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2024-2025 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more. Join the fun and reach out to 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.

## Interfaith Career Network

### Helpful Advice From HR While Conducting Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, June 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm. This is an opportunity to unlock your job search potential by harnessing AI creatively. This dynamic presentation will guide job seekers on how to leverage AI for success. Covering essential AI skills for job seekers, it will delve into crafting AI enhanced resumes and maximizing AI tools to streamline the job hunt, empowering individuals to navigate the modern employment landscape with confidence and innovation. Our presenter, Tiffany Sharkey, brings a wealth of expertise to the table as an HR Consultant at Acrisure, specializing in managing the full spectrum of an employee lifecycle. With a background spanning recruitment, onboarding, terminations and offboarding, she has provided support to companies of all sizes and stages across multiple states. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

### Quarterly Resume Review

Join us on Saturday, June 22 from 9:00-11:00 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. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

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

*Lord, it is good  
to give you thanks*

## Our 2024 Summer Kairos Reunion Retreat

Teens and adult leaders who have been on some of our most recent Kairos Retreats gathered together again to start their summer off right, with Mass, faith sharing, Eucharistic Adoration, good food and great fun!

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

Our next Kairos Retreat (K43) will be November 14-17, 2024. Watch for information and registration in late September.



## Thank You



Thank you to the Parish community for donating their worn American flags for proper retirement. Over 100 were collected. This is what community is all about! If you need a new flag, contact Tina Rigler with Troop 33 at [tinarigler@comcast.net](mailto:tinarigler@comcast.net) or 708-257-8312. Flags are 3 x 5 and available for \$20 to support Troop 33.



# WE ARE HIRING JOIN OUR TEAM!

## ✦ Development Associate

SFX is looking for an Associate Director of Development who is responsible for the management and success of St Francis Xavier School's fundraising efforts. This individual reports to and works closely with Jennifer Zeisloft, the Parish Director of Stewardship and Development, to guide fundraising efforts and actively communicate with other members of the school and parish staff to coordinate fundraising activities and donor stewardship.

The Associate Director of Development will also work in partnership with the school principal and school board to collaborate and ensure efficiency and effectiveness in all fundraising efforts. To apply, visit our website, at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org).



Scan here  
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## 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
- **Capt. 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
- **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
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta

**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  
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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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 the Claret Center by calling 773-643-6259.



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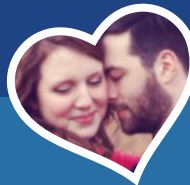


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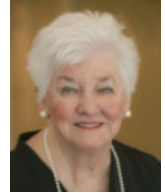
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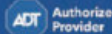
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