



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### July 21, 2024



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday July 22	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Paul Flood Raymond Rodier Victor Copp	The Flood Family The Van Gorp Family Scott & Jill Burson
Tuesday, July 23	Mass	8:30 am	Lois Allison	Tony
Wednesday, July 24	Mass	8:30 am	John Madden	The Burke & Reilly Families
Thursday, July 25	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, July 26	Mass	8:30 am	Besse & Dick Parlon Jeanne Marie Davis	Pam Oplawski The Byrnes Family
Saturday, July 27	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Sally Burson  Betsy Prosapio Mary A. Cawley James Stevens	Scott & Jill Burson  The Mackey Family The Hayes Family Mary & Pete Kennedy
Sunday, July 28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Patrick Doyle Jodi McMahon Patricia Bissell People of the Parish	The Burke & Reilly Families The McMahon Family Carol Corelli & Family

### Presider's Schedule for July 20-21, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

### Please pray for . . .

Orlando Ares	Tiffany Kahn
Ed Barrett	Eleanor Love
Kevin Brooks	Patrick Morgan
Nick Caputo	Bill Mroz
Blake Donegan	Rosemary Nash
Barbara Doyle	Ann Marie Nidos
Matthew Doyle	Laureen Rabe
Pat Eaton	June Sheehan
Nancy Egan	Michael Smith
Thomas Flynn	Loraine Solineno
Kathy Gleason	Rita Mae Spearman
Lilli Gregory	Gregg Stephenson
Vincenzo Guzzo	John Stopka
Junie Haase	Linda Sullivan
Angela Hill	Olivia Tarsney
Jessi Rita Hoffman	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

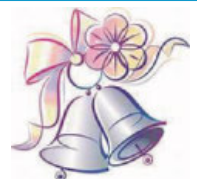


Please remember in your prayers,  
those who have died,  
as well as their families:

**Nancy Duffy**  
Sister of John Hill

### Weddings

Sydney Newman & Matt O'Hara  
Lia Cucinella & AJ Cotsiomitis  
Kathleen Flavin & Andrew Mikes



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## Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Total Sunday, Christmas and Easter Collection:	\$ 1,820,622
Total Collected during Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 1,761,074
Total Annual Offertory Budget:	\$ 1,846,000

Our fiscal year has ended. On behalf of all the parish staff, THANK YOU for your amazing generosity in helping us reach our Christmas and our Easter budgets, as well as your response to our appeal for an increase in regular Sunday offertory. In combination, total offertory increased about \$60,000 (3.4%) over last year. The business office is working on finalizing the parish's operating results. We will have a full report for you in the annual report, which is expected to be published in October.

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

Jennifer Zeisloft  
Director of Stewardship and Development

Help us start out the new fiscal year strong!  
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!*



### \$20,000 Raised for Building Projects!

Each year, the SFX Catholic Women's Club hosts events to raise funds for the benefit of the parish, including the School of Religious Education, the elementary school, and capital projects to maintain our campus facilities. CWC events include the Yule Flip and Santa's Workshop (December 2023) and Ladies Day Out (February 2024), as well as others.

I am so excited to announce that, in June 2024, the CWC contributed over \$20,000 to the parish's building fund! This summer, these funds will enable us to replace our air conditioning in the rectory offices, residence, and meeting spaces. The many volunteer groups who meet in the rectory, as well as the rectory staff, are VERY grateful! In addition, these units will be much more efficient and better for the environment than our old ones.

And a huge shout-out in gratitude for Lauren Desmond, the outgoing CWC Chairperson, for an incredible year at the helm of the SFX Catholic Women's Club. I am also very excited to welcome Katie Gallagher, the new chair! God bless you and all the women who show their love of SFX Parish in so many ways!



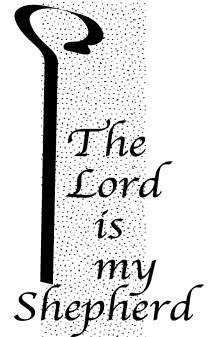


### St. Agatha Needs School Supplies

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 St. Agatha's.

Thank you for your consideration.



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## Music Notes...

# Summer Weekend Mass Schedule *with musical styles...*

### Saturday (Vigil)

**5:00 pm Organ/Piano/Traditional-Mix**

### Sunday

**7:30 am Organ/Piano/Traditional-Mix**

**9:00 am Organ/Piano/Traditional-Mix**

**11:00 am Piano/Contemporary**

**5:00 pm Piano/Contemporary**

## Summer Blessings!



## ARSENIC & OLD LACE



LATTE Theater proudly brings you the original "twisted sisters" from Broadway's favorite, ARSENIC AND OLD LACE! Crazy runs in the family...it practically gallops! Picture yourself coming home to visit your darling elderly aunts—and discover they have a penchant for murder as a "community service". With a recipe for poisoned wine, and a room to rent, the possibilities are endless. The "graveyard" in the basement is swiftly filling. Add their naïve, successful, confirmed bachelor nephew, the sweet, spunky girl next door, and...a brother who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt! Just when you think it can't get any crazier, a long absent, psychopathic sibling arrives with her alcoholic plastic surgeon from a mental institution. What could possibly go wrong?

### WHERE:

Plymouth Place Auditorium  
315 North LaGrange Road  
Entrance through the Pillars  
LaGrange Park

### SHOW TIME:

7:00pm Friday, July 26th  
2:00pm Saturday, July 27th  
7:00pm Saturday, July 27th  
2:00pm Sunday, July 28th

\*Actor Talk Back follows Sunday Matinee

### TICKETS:

\$5 Students/Seniors  
\$15 Adults  
[www.lattetheater.com](http://www.lattetheater.com)  
(708) 655-0989

## Summer Faith Formation Series

Turn, Turn, Turn: Spirituality in Different Life Stages  
Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm in Unity Hall

July 25      **“Finding Work that has Meaning—  
Both Inside and Outside of a Job”**

August 1     **“The Keys to Kingdom Parenting”**

August 8     **“Retirement as a New Vocation”**

Gather to enjoy theological and scriptural insights, self-reflection, and conversation with others about living our faith across different life stages, facilitated by Mary Lamont (*The Knocking Door.*)

Registration preferred, not required.

Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) or scan the QR code to register.



**SFX All Parish**  
**BLOCK PARTY**

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The Men's  
and Women's Clubs

**Friday, August 23rd**  
**SFX Parking Lot**  
**5:30-8:30pm**

## Engage Community-Summer

### Summer Outings:

**Thursday, August 1:** Volunteer at Feed my Starving Children in Schaumburg from 12:00-2:00pm. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious **MannaPack®** meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. Carpooling is available if you need a ride or want to help others. Please **RSVP by July 25** and let us know if you need a ride.



**Concerts in the Park:** (no need to RSVP. Join the email list for updates).

**Tuesday, July 23:** American English (Beatles Tribute Band) at Hillside Commons, 4950 Washington Street in Hillside. Concert starts at 7:30pm, Classic Car show and Food trucks start at 5:00pm.

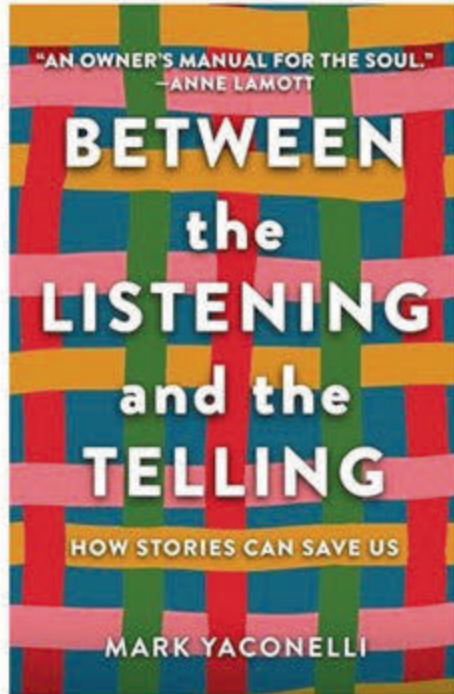
**Tuesday, August 20:** Ides of March, at Hillside Commons. Concert Starts at 7:30pm, Classic car show and food trucks start at 5:00pm.

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.



# West Suburban SUMMER READ 2024



Join Us for a Book Discussion!

**September 24, 2024**

**6:30-8:30pm**

St. Francis Xavier Courtyard Room  
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

Light Refreshments will be served

RSVP to Maureen Windmoeller [maurwind@gmail.com](mailto:maurwind@gmail.com)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

“Storyteller, author and activist” Mark Yaconelli brings “an eloquent, impactful treatise on the need to tell and listen to stories...Yaconelli offers practical ideas based on his real-life work in cultivating storytelling for the purpose of forming identity, resolving differences, and finding healing.”

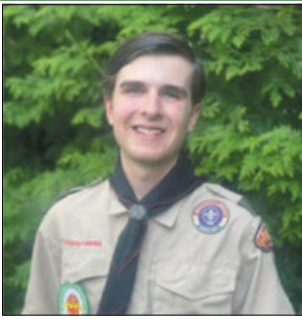
~Josh Olds, LifelsStory.com

“This is how stories can save us: we step into the reality of another person’s existence and instead of judgment feel kinship.”

#### **Organizations Invited to Participate (partial list):**

- Baha’is of LaGrange
- Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange
- First Cong. Church of LaGrange—Ministry of Missions
- First United Methodist Congregation of LaGrange, IL
- Learning Anti-Racism Together (LART) (Western Springs)
- Pizza and Social Justice (Glen Ellyn)
- Redeemer Lutheran Church of Hinsdale
- St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry, LaGrange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, LaGrange Park
- Together Is Better Alliance (Chicago)
- Unitarian Church of Hinsdale—Racial Equity Team
- Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Park

Author interviews, other resources [HERE](#)



## Eagle Scout Project

SFX Troop 33 Scout Sean Parkes is conducting his Eagle Scout project to benefit Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox. He will be constructing four wooden carts that will carry activities for patients and visitors at the hospital. There are two ways parishioners can help support this project. There will be a donation box in the back of the church, where one may donate new or gently used books, word searches, crosswords, games, and other activities that would be appropriate for people of all age ranges. Additionally, monetary donations will be accepted to purchase the building materials for the carts themselves. Please place these donations in sealed envelopes marked "Silver Cross Activity Carts" and deliver them to the rectory mail slot. Donations will be taken until Monday, July 29. Thank you for your support!

## 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 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 2024-2025 school year at [sfxreligious@sfxlq.org](mailto:sfxreligious@sfxlq.org)

**Register Today!**

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

The School of Religious Education is accepting registration for the 2024-2025 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.
- 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:

<https://www.sfxlq.org/vnews/display.v/ART/5955b1f231468>

## 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 5th.

Our hope and prayers are for a safe and 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!**



# JESUS CHRIST Shepherd & King

# 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).

We are also hiring for the position of:

## ✦ School Administrative Assistant



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to apply!



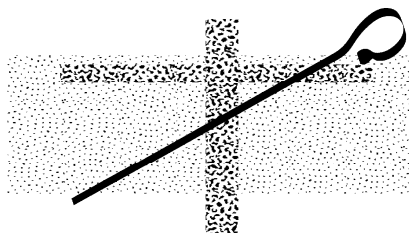
## Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

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, August 6  
Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



*Though I may walk in the  
valley of darkness no evil  
will I fear for you are at my  
side with your rod and staff  
that give me courage*





## Looking For Volunteers

St. Francis is blessed with volunteers who help beautify our Church grounds with planting flowers, trimming trees, mulching, and much more. For the months of July and August, the Edythe Ministry is open to extra helping hands in the areas of watering, weeding and deadheading flowers in the morning or evening. If you are interested in spending an hour or so around the Church one day a week, please text Becca Voith at 302-775-6493 or email [Beccacoox@gmail.com](mailto:Beccacoox@gmail.com).

Thank you, The Edythe Ministry, Cathy Skokna, 708-253-3164



## Adult Open Gym Basketball Ministry

St. Francis Xavier has a year-round, adult open gym basketball ministry. If interested, the gym doors are open to you. Here's how to connect to the program. On a weekly basis, a person interested can be added to an email thread and is invited to participate to either the Saturday morning session, Sunday evening session or to a special Summer session on Tuesday evenings. Players are asked to RSVP to make sure enough players can attend a session and no more than 15 can participate for each session.

For information, you can text or call Kevin McGann at 708-408-8731 or email him at [kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com) or Josh Pasquesi at [joshua.pasquesi@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.pasquesi@gmail.com).



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

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

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

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## Education Ministry

Parish School Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Administrative Assistant  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment  
Office Operations/Events Manager  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Jimmy Bajner  
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## Parish Office Staff

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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, 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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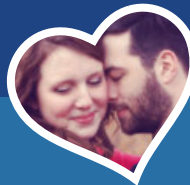


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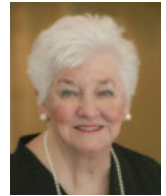
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