



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Christ the King

November 24, 2024



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
- Jn 18:37

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 25	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Tuesday, November 26	Word Communion Service	8:30 am		
Wednesday, November 27	Mass	8:30 am	Lorraine Ovnik R. Alex Westhoff	Judy Ovnik The Zahorik Family
Thursday, November 28	Rosary	8:15 am		
Thanksgiving Day	Mass	10:00 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, November 29	Mass	8:30 am	Cookie Hofstetter	The Westerhoff Family
Saturday, November 30	Mass	8:30 am	Eileen Daly	Patrick Daly
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Marie Capellani	Pat DeMars
Sunday, December 1	Mass	7:30 am	Jennifer Buchta	John Lowrey
1st Sunday of Advent	Mass	9:00 am	James Holt	The McKenna Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Mark Valle	Steve & Debby Dybas and Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Barbara J. Anderson	The Potsch Family

Presider's Schedule for November 23-24, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Milek 7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk 9:00 am Fr. Milek 11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk 5:00 PM Fr. Ilo

Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravalo
Orlando Ares
Vincent Austrebich
Ed Barrett
Angela Bowman
Vivian Brickhouse
Kevin Brooks
Aiden Curtis
Blake Donegan
Pat Eaton
Tom Flynn
Bob Fredriksen
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia
Lilli Gregory
Vincenzo Guzzo
Junie Haase
Mateo Herhold
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf
Angela Hill
Jessi Rita Hoffman

Tiffany Kahn
Brenda Kardatzke
Michelle Kram
Ayanna Kucera
Eleanor Love
Jill Miller
Patrick Morgan
Bill Mroz
Rosemary Nash
Ann Marie Niedos
Laureen Rabe
Aldona Ruppert
Darshana Shah
June Sheehan
Sheila Slonskis
Michael Smith
Lorine Solimeno
Gregg Stephenson
John Stopka
Amanda Szila
Olivia Tarsney

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:

Jean Comer

Wife of the late Thomas
Mother of Aileen, Joe, Mary Kate,
Tommy & Sarah

Geri McMahon

Sister of Bob & John

Weddings

Angelina Timm & Ian Rodnick
Megan Koerner & Nick Saleh



Thanksgiving Day Holiday

In observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, the rectory office will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

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



Pastor's Letter

*"My kingdom is not here. I came into the world to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
John 18:36,37*

These are the final words of Jesus in John's gospel before his last words on the Cross. Pilate cannot grasp either the *kingdom* of which Jesus speaks or the *truth* he proclaims. Pilate lives in the world of politics, in which "truth" tends to be what best supports *my* position. This truth changes with the times and requires those who seek power to adjust the "truth" accordingly. I write this is not as a cynical or a judgment view of the politics of *our* day. Pilate voices a political reality that existed long before the Romans came to power. The security of his position as procurator relies on his adherence to this understanding of truth as a convenient variable. A kingdom based on a deeper, unchanging truth is beyond his comprehension.

Jesus insists that his disciples must listen to and follow the deeper truths that are not determined by who is in power or what best suits my preferences. He will soon offer his life to the truth of God's deep love for us: a love *more powerful than death itself*. Jesus proclaims a *kingdom of love and communion* that embraces and unites all who choose to belong: men and women, young and old, friend and stranger, of all races, social positions, ethnicities, immigration status, and ways of life. In his kingdom, the unborn child is no more or less treasured than the young adult or the person near death. The person sleeping on the street is worthy of equal dignity with the one living in a mansion. The person without citizenship status deserves the same depth of compassion as the child of the third or fourth generation of former immigrants.

This is the message that Jesus gives to us, his *missionary disciples*, as we journey amid the complex challenges we face as a nation and for which there are no simple solutions. How do we who are brought together as a communion in Christ embrace the deeper truth that allows us to *listen and remain bound to one another*? How do we work to advance the common good of all God's children rather than a personal definition of what is "right" and a refusal to listen to the truth spoken by Jesus?

This Thursday, most of us will gather with family or friends and give thanks for the blessings in our lives. Amid all the diverse opinions and intense emotions of those we will be with, we are called to make a *conscious choice to focus on the blessings* as individuals, families, communities, and as a nation. Through word and gesture, we are called to focus on those deeper truths that unite us. For at least one day, one weekend, and maybe even one season, we set aside the self-serving truths that deceive us, separate us, and stir fears that threaten our communion. Jesus reminds us that *our kingdom is not of this world*. We are called to strive for something deeper and larger than the limits of our disparate thoughts and positions. We are sent forth as *voices of hope*, which rise from our shared belief that God journeys with us and seeks to guide us *both* in the easy times *and* the challenging ones.

I am blessed to share one more day of thanks with this community that God has allowed me to serve. You are a beacon of hope in a world needing communion and peace. Thanks be to God for all with which we have been blessed. Or as the Book of Revelation says,

*"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen."*

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Fr. Bill

ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. John of the Cross Parish will host the Advent Communal Reconciliation Service on Saturday, December 7, beginning at 9:30 AM. Parishioners from St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier Parishes are invited to participate in this service, which will be the only communal service during the season of Advent. Since both Fr. Bill and Fr. Rich will be assisting at that celebration, there will be no private Reconciliation at St. Francis Xavier following the 8:30 morning Mass on December 7. Take advantage of this opportunity to prepare your heart to celebrate the Birth of Jesus.

THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MUSIC MINISTRY
PRESENTS A...

CLARINET *RECITAL* *(2)

*Previous performance: Saturday, October 19th – 7p.m.



Allen Sterwalt, clarinet

Mark Bilyeu, piano

...with Claire Jakubisin, voice

24 SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2024

3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION!
Free-will offering baskets
will be placed at the doors
in support of the
SFX Music Ministry.
Thank you!





THANKSGIVING COLLECTION FOR BEDS

BEDS PLUS Mission is to help vulnerable individuals stabilize their lives through housing and supportive services.

SFX is grateful for the partnership we have with BED (Building Ecumenical Discipleship through Sheltering):

- (1) we work with BEDS to find emergency shelter and permanent housing for individuals in our outreach ministries who are experiencing homelessness.
- (2) many SFX folks prepare meals for clients who are living at motel-based shelters as well as the medical respite center in Summit.
- (2) BEDS asked us to accompany a family for one year who has resettled in the Chicagoland area. Volunteers visit the family on a regular basis to meet basic need and make them feel welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at mfreeman@sfxlq.org.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful community partner for our neighbors in need!



To make a donation, please go to:
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/167/event/32141>
or scan the QR Code to lead you to the donation site.



GIVING TREE Our Tradition Continues!

Tags for both gift cards and specific items will be available at all the masses December 7 and 8. We ask that gifts and gift cards be returned to Unity Hall by noon on December 15.

Online monetary donations will be collected through
December 15 via Give Central.
[Click here](#) or you can scan the QR code to make a donation.

The Giving Tree will support
St. Simon of Cyrene (formerly St. Agatha's)
Food Pantry families and migrant and refugee families.

Thank you for continuing to spread Christmas Cheer!



Any questions, call 708-352-0168 or email Merry Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlq.org.



OPLATKI

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available at the Rectory.

The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.

The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

St. Francis Xavier Parish presents:
YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IN JOYCE HALL



**Plus the return of Santa's Workshop
 In The Gym**

(More Details to come. Please note workshop fees are separate from breakfast and determined by workshop vendors.)

**Sponsorship Opportunities Available:
 Reach out to Sarah Becker at
 Srbeck525@yahoo.com for more information**

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THE YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST! PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RECTORY OR PAY DIRECTLY AT GIVE CENTRAL THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW.

Name: _____

Regular Admission: _____ x \$12 = _____

Children 12 & Under: _____ x \$5 = _____

Seniors 65 & Older: _____ x \$10 = _____

Total = _____



Please return this form with payment Cash or Checks (payable to St Francis Xavier Parish) to the rectory by December 5th. Any questions contact the Rectory at 708-352-0618

You may also pay and make reservations by scanning the QR Code and paying directly through Give Central

Please help our cooks by selecting from the below an expected time of arrival.

- 8:00 am - 8:30 am
- 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- 9:00 am - 9:30 am
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am
- 10:30 am - 11:15 am
- 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE SFX CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE



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What's this I HEAR? We are getting a new church sound system?

Yes! Our church is poised to replace its decades-old sound system! This new mixing/processing system (the “brains”), inputs (microphones) and outputs (speakers) will bring our beautiful worship space to a whole new level of liturgical experience. Please check out the Frequently Asked Questions section below and in the upcoming bulletin articles to learn more.

The system will cost \$150,000. To date, I am thrilled to announce that 15 parishioners have pledged \$117,000! We hope that YOU will consider joining this mini campaign to help us raise the additional \$33,000. Options include:

1. Pledging a contribution; we ask that all pledges be paid in full by March 1, 2025. Consider a donation from your IRA or donor advised fund. Please reach out to me by December 13, 2024, if you would like to make a pledge.
2. Using the QR Code below or [click here](#) to donate to the building fund via Give Central.
3. Send a check payable to SFX Church to my attention, indicating it is for the audio system.

Please reach out to me with any questions. God bless you for your stewardship!

Jennifer Zeisloft
jzeisloft@sfxlq.org or 708-352-0168 Ext. 515



Antonio Franceschi, our Facilities Manager, provided the following information:

When will this system be installed?

Starting in December, Procom will be working in and around our church space replacing our old analog equipment with new upgraded digital equipment. During the upgrading process, a temporary system will be put into place while the overall completion of the project is done. This will allow us to continue our regular church services and other activities while the work is completed.

How was our contractor selected?

SFX selected 5 contractors who have worked in and been approved by the Archdiocese of Chicago for church audio systems. Three of the 5 responded to our requests for bids, and we selected Procom Sound Systems. We have been working with them over the past year in designing a new state-of-the-art digital sound system that would dramatically improve our audio experience in our church space, with infrastructure that could be expanded to enhance our video experience as well.

I use hearing aids. Will the new system link into them?

Yes - a WiFi-based assistive listening system will be installed. To use the system, a parishioner would download an app on their cell phone, then log into the dedicated assistive listening system WiFi network. Once logged in, the user would be able to enjoy a personal listening experience from anywhere in the church via their own personal ear buds or via their Bluetooth-enabled hearing aid.

FUNDRAISE WITH PIZZA? You betcha!



Support our Religious Education Program with Little Caesars!

We're selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Meal Deal Codes until December 1st to raise money for SFX Religious Education Program. We are happy to bring back a beloved fundraiser. Help us to raise funds by purchasing some delicious Little Caesars items that will be delivered right to your home. To reach our goal, we need everyone's help. It's easy to join the fun!

Click this link: <https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/products?support=1521a961-88af-4373-9d14-588f55cc437f&c=5> to place your order or scan this QR code to order.



Religious Education News

Our Registration for the In Person Program is now closed, but registrations for our 1 – 8 Online Program is still open until November 30th.

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!

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:

<https://www.sfxlq.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>

Attention St. Francis Xavier Classes of 2017 and 2020!

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board invites SFX graduates from the classes of 2017 and 2020 for pizza at Lucca's Pizzeria & Ristorante on Thursday, December 26, 2024 from 6:00-9:00 pm.

Start your night with us—have a slice and say hello to classmates and Falcon Friends!

Lucca's is located at 108 West Burlington Avenue, LaGrange.

Questions, please email SchoolBoard@sfxlq.org.



SFX Children's Stewardship Corner

All SFX Religious Education and Parish School students in Grades 1-8 received a box of offertory envelopes this year and are asked to place their offertory envelope in the basket as it is passed around church when they come to Mass. On these envelopes we ask that they write their message of time or talent and how they expressed this during the week in their homes and community.

Here are some of the AMAZING things that our young parishioners are doing:

TIME-Cleaned pet's water and food bowl, walked the dog, Being kind to others, Staying behind to help clean up my classroom, Helped with chores, Hanging out with my grandparents, Welcomed a new student to class, Packed blessing bags for the homeless and learned about homelessness, Was a welcome greeter at church, Visited my dad in the hospital, Shared snacks from my lunch with a classmate who didn't have any, Helped my mom make food, helped my mom with laundry, Called my brother in college, Held the door for someone, Visited a 97 year old relative in a nursing home.

TALENT-Being a classroom helper, Prayed, Helped a friend with a math equation, Band Rehearsal, Made a Welcome Home Sign for my Dad, Made a card for my teacher's dad, Called my Grandma, Helped my little sister with soccer, made cards, Played football with my 6 year old neighbor.

TREASURE-Our children gave \$428 of their treasure between 9/16/24 to 11/4/24.

Crossroads SFX Teen Group

Attention all high school teens: Are you looking to grow stronger in your Faith? Are you looking for ways to navigate the challenges and complexities of your high school years? Do you wonder how our Faith fits into a world which often seems to dismiss or be disrespectful to our Faith? Please join a group of like-minded teens to explore these issues at Crossroads. We meet twice per month on Sunday nights to explore faith, build community, and share perspectives. We will also have some outreach/volunteer opportunities.

All meetings take place in Unity Hall after the 5pm mass, from 6:00-7:00pm and include dinner. This program is in its second year at SFX and we are excited about being able to support the faith journey of our teens. We welcome all high school students regardless of faith/parish, so bring your friends. The remaining dates this year are: December 1 and December 15. More dates in the new year!

Please reach out to Laura and Greg Ozark with any questions: greg.ozark@gmail.com or lauraozark@yahoo.com.

NEW FAMILY ENROLLMENT BEGINS DECEMBER 4

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. This year, we are holding our 15th annual Service Day!



CONTACT US TODAY! ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG



Transition Prayer

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we seek our new pastor, we entrust our community to your Holy Spirit. You know the heart of our congregation and the unique gifts and challenges of our parish. May we remain united in your grace and rejoice in the promise of your will to bring the "fullness of joy." May our future pastor do the same, listening to your Spirit with courage and openness as you lead us to one another. Amen.




Music Notes...

Upcoming Music Ministry Events!

January 4th, 2025 – 7:00 pm:
Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight Service

**Free-will offering suggested to benefit the SFX Music Ministry.*

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

Fall Into Giving

**Tuesday
November
26
3:00-7:00 PM**

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a
healthy meal and
drink plenty of
water before
donating.**

Please bring photo ID.

800-7TO-GIVE

St. Francis Xavier Parish Community Blood Drive

St. Francis Catholic Church-Gym, 145 N. Waiola
(Ogden & Waiola) La Grange, IL 60525

To make an appt., call 1-800-7TO-GIVE, visit
Tinyurl.com/mr3au25 or scan the QR code



Donate blood to support 62% of area patients
who require blood products at 85 Chicago-area
and NW Indiana hospitals.



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Blood Center of IL & NW IN



13th Annual Warm Clothing Drive
Start: November 17 (Sunday)
through November 24 (Sunday)

In the spirit of Thanksgiving for all our blessings, we ask you to share with others in need.

“Without charity the rich man is poor, and with it the poor man is rich.” St. Augustine

Please donate your gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc.

OPTIONS TO DONATE:

1. (St. Francis Church)

Donation boxes will be at church entrances between **November 17-24** to deposit your clothing articles.

2. (Drop-Off @ SFX Parking Lot)

On **Sunday, November 24** from **9:00am to 1:00pm**, you can drop off your donations in the parking lot behind St. Francis Xavier Church (124 North Spring Avenue) Knights of Columbus volunteers will accept your donations from your car; you do not need to leave your car!

3. (Cash Donation)

If a cash donation is more convenient, simply scan the QR code below (point camera at the QR code to lead you to the donation website).

Cash Donations Accepted.
 Tax Receipts upon request.
 Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions: 708-306-2114.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

**Knights of Columbus
 LaGrange Council 6483**



Charity is at the heart of our faith and the work of the Knights of Columbus. If you're a Catholic man from age 18 to 78 with a calling for service by focusing on others, live a life of faith in action. Jesus calls us to bear fruit. Become a Knight. **YOUNG LEADERS WANTED.** We've got good work to do in our community. Text or call Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to learn how you can help us serve those with the most need. To Knight!

**“Keep Christ In Christmas”
 Poster Contest**



The LaGrange Council 6483 Knights of Columbus is inviting the students of St. Francis Xavier Day School and Religious Education Program from First Grade through Eighth Grade to participate in the organizations international “Keep Christ In Christmas” poster contest.



The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing to District, State, National and International levels. The winning entries will serve as a basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage deeper understanding of the holiday. Entry forms will be available through school. Posters must be submitted to St. Francis Xavier Day School and Religious Education Program by **Friday, December 6th.**

**Thank You
 2024 Neighbors Helping Neighbors
 Food for Families Fall Food Drive**

The LaGrange Knights of Columbus held their Fall Food for Families Drive on October 26. We appreciate the Jewel stores in LaGrange Park and Countryside for allowing us to return and collect at their locations. All of our volunteers worked very hard to make this drive the most successful in our history. We collected 590 bags of food and monetary donations of \$688.55, which totaled 8,372 pounds. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for giving their time to this worthy cause. We could not have done this without you!

To anyone who gave us food or monetary donations, please know that your support is critical to assisting people in need. We appreciate your charitable contributions! The St. Francis office staff were helpful in publicizing the drive and providing assistance. Everyone working together makes our community a living example of faith in action.

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, December 3

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com or
 Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
 for more information.

BEGIN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PRAYER AND HEALING:

HEALING WOUNDS & RELATIONSHIPS

FREE ALL-PARISH PRAYER
CHALLENGE BEGINS NOV 13
ON OUR PARISH PAGE



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With over 10,000 guided prayers, meditations, and sessions, Hallow puts over 2,000 years of Catholic tradition at your fingertips, helping you grow in faith, build a habit of daily prayer, and discover different types of prayer.



Scan the QR code to sign up
hallow.com/parish

Already on Hallow? Join your Parish!

Log into **Hallow**

On the bottom right, tap **Community**

Enter your parish's zip code

When you see your parish's name, tap **Join Parish**

New to Hallow?

Receive full access to Hallow for just \$1 by scanning the QR code below or visiting hallow.com/parish. Once you've signed up, follow the steps above to join your parish!



**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
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **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
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Sean Kramer, U.S. Army**—friend of the Cooley Family
- **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Niedos

**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
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Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
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Director of Religious Education
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Parish Web Site.....www.sfxlg.org

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

Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 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.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, Bennett Ferguson, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone at 312-880-7606.



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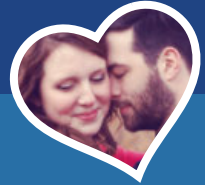
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