



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 20	Mass	8:30 am	Thomas Zahorik Antonio & Teresa Franzese	Tim & Sue Takash
Tuesday, January 21	Mass	8:30 am	Richard Parlon	Pam Oplawski
Wednesday, January 22	Mass	10:00 am	Donald Metzger	Ralph Metzger
Thursday, January 23	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Shirley Hamilton	The Hamilton Family
Friday, January 24	Mass	8:30 am	Rosemary Keating	The Cummings Family
Saturday, January 25	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Helen Adams People of the Parish	The Dybas Family
Sunday, January 26	Mass	7:30 am	Mimi Grimes	Patsy Brown & Chuck Shifley
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	Jim Eagan	The Byrne Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Bob O'Malley	The O'Malley Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Leo Smietanski	Rick & Susi Turk

Presider's Schedule for January 18-19, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

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	Richard Lavers
Ed Barrett	Eleanor Love
Vivian Brickhouse	Patrick Morgan
Kevin Brooks	Bill Mroz
Nick Caputo	Ann Marie Niedos
Mary Ann Curry	Connie Odette
Blake Donegan	Diana Pasquinelli
Tom Flynn	Mark Reilly
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Aldona Ruppert
Vincenzo Guzzo	Joyce Schmitz
Junie Haase	June Sheehan
Mateo Herhold	Sheila Slonskis
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Gregg Stephenson
William Hesselgrave	John Stopka
Angela Hill	Sophie Stratton
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Olivia Tarsney
Michelle Kram	Lauren Zaide
Alice Krol	Mila Zaide
Martha Lastres	

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.

Weddings

Abigail Wiiken & Kevin Maluso
Mary Konstant & Stephen Agin
Emily Titzer & Daniel Dlugosz
Caitlin Phelan & Steve Pochron



Born Into Eternal Life



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

Jim Wilson

Husband of the late Liz
Father of Lizanne, James, Mary and Cacky

Frank Edelmann

Husband of Barbara
Father of Robyn, Nicole & Danielle

Fred Ferber

Husband of Marilyn
Father of Chuck & Melissa

Sarah Kacey

Mother of Sallie & Dan

Doris Kaps

Mother of Jack Kaps

Ronald Malec

Father of Cathleen, Marirose, Julie,
the late Matthew, John, Danielle and Suzanne

Amanda Svilva

Niece of Erin & Dan Cooke
Aunt of Johnny & Billy

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



Pastor's Letter

*There are **different** kinds of spiritual gifts but the **same** Spirit,
there are **different** forms of service but the **same** Lord,
there are **different** workings but the **same** God
who produces **all** of them **in everyone**.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.
1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

Paul writes to an early Christian community that was known for its tensions and conflicts. Corinth was a prominent port city, and it attracted people from all parts of the Mediterranean. Corinthians were diverse in culture, language, beliefs, and priorities. Their diversity had become an obstacle to living and witnessing as the One Body of Christ. How could they achieve any semblance of unity or peace?

In his two letters to the Corinthians, Paul employs the image of the human body. Our bodies are comprised of many distinct members, each of which serves a particular purpose and function. In a healthy body, the many distinct members collaborate for the good of the whole. They avoid interfering with one another's functions except to support another member when problems occur. Illness or dysfunction occurs when one element of the body acts with a purpose contrary to that of another. Healing requires the various elements to return to a state of harmony.

This is how we are called to be church. Each member of the church has been given specific gifts by the Holy Spirit that are to be used for the good of the whole. If any one member is unable to function well, the "health" of the entire body is affected. If the various elements within the church community work at cross purposes and/or refuse to seek harmony and the common good, the entire body becomes ill and less able to fulfill its purpose. The community of the church must seek the healing power of the Spirit to restore and/or maintain harmony.

Paul's message also applies to people of faith as citizens. The 2024 election year intensified tensions and divisions that already existed among diverse points of view. Many issues are now "off limits" within families or among friends. Political leaders often refuse to seek common ground; they may even reject good ideas simply because they come from the "other side." Religious leaders, too, make various and even contradictory proclamations of "right" and "wrong" that leave many people confused, feeling that they no longer belong, or questioning their faith.

This Monday, we inaugurate our President on the same day that we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each inauguration offers a new opportunity to advance the dream of becoming a nation in which all God's children encounter a path to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We will never fully achieve this dream on earth; nonetheless, we continue to strive toward it. We recommit ourselves to the ideals of this nation amid the challenges of our economy, the environment, world tensions, just immigration policies, and a deepening respect for the dignity of every human life. This is not the work or responsibility of any one person. The Spirit has distributed among us all the gifts to act toward the common good with wisdom and compassion.

We continue to pray for the people of the Los Angeles area, especially those who have lost homes or loved ones and the firefighters who step into harms way to protect others.

Have you considered attending the new Alpha series that begins January 27? Do you know of others whom you could invite to attend with you? Who might be waiting for your invitation?

Winter Peace,

J. Bill



Rectory Closed

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 20. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 21 at 8:30 am.

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.

Your Parish Counselor

As the parish counselor, I am pleased to share that I will be starting a free therapy group aimed at supporting our community's emotional and mental well-being! To ensure the group is as effective and beneficial as possible, I have created a survey to better understand the needs and preferences of the St. Francis Xavier community. Your feedback will help shape the focus and structure of the group, ensuring it meets the unique needs of those who join. I invite you to take a few moments to complete the survey, and I sincerely appreciate your input as we work together to build a supportive space! Please click here for the link: forms.gle/McDb4ZkBuZsLkLHk7.

Bennett Ferguson, M.A.
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Claret Center
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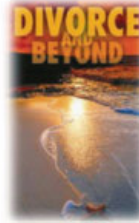


SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!
Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 4.

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



Divorce and Beyond is a faith-based program for adults designed to offer support, fellowship, and healing to those recently divorced or going through a divorce. Topics include stress, anger, forgiveness, and healing. There is no cost to attend.

The next six-week session begins January 16 at 7:00pm in the SJC Parish Center, at St. John of the Cross Parish, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Register on the St. John of the Cross Parish [website](#).

Collection for the Church in Latin America



The Collection for the Church in Latin America will be held January 25-26. The campaign promotes solidarity throughout the hemisphere by providing support for pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean through contributions to an annual collection.

Vocations to religious life are fulfilled through the prayers and contributions that sustain men and women religious in their mission. Helping the sisters at the Monastery of Saint Clare say yes to God's call is just one of the many positive impacts made by your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America strengthening the relationship between Catholics in the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information visit promoting solidarity throughout the hemisphere by providing support for pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean through contributions to an annual collection please go to www.usccb.org/latin.america.

To donate, please [click here](#) or visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Church in Latin America" and drop it off at the rectory or in a church collection basket.



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!



Mid-year Offertory Update

Last October in the annual report, we set forth our plan for a break-even budget, contingent on an offertory increase of \$110,000 (or 6%). After several years of operating at a deficit, a major goal was to achieve this 6% increase with a combination of increases in donations from those who have steadfastly given over the years AND from our parishioners who made the decision to regularly commit to financially steward our parish.

We are excited to announce that for the first 6 months of the fiscal year (through December 31), total offertory was \$997,547, an increase of \$73,314 (7.9%). This is GREAT news! Your financial investment is one way you demonstrate your commitment to each other. All of us know the importance of *community* to grow in our faith as disciples of Christ, sharing our joys and challenges with each other. **Belong. Believe. Be Love.** God bless you for your trust that our parish will steward your investment with these four words ever in mind.

Everyone's continued investment in our ministries will enable us to meet the needs of the community we serve. The spirit in which you give of your financial resources shows that you believe in our mission and see the fruits of our ministries. On behalf of the parish staff, please continue to pray and support the parish as you reflect on the value of our mission.

Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development

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



Fabulous news! The contractor has begun working on our new church sound system. Some temporary components are currently being installed as behind-the-scenes work happens, with completion by early April.

The system will cost \$150,000. To date, I am thrilled to announce that we have \$145,000 in donations! We have received feedback (and contributions!) from many of our beloved seniors who cannot wait to use their Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids, or from musicians who know what a new sound system will do to our already wonderful music ministry. You can still use the QR Code below or [click here](#) to donate to the building fund via Give Central.

The carpet color has been selected and the order placed, with a fabulous donation from De Sitter Flooring and Tom Cunningham (SFX parishioner and De Sitter Flooring co-owner).

Thank you to all who answered the call to bring this project to fruition!

Jennifer Zeisloft
Director of Stewardship and Development



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-

Prayed for my family, helped my mom and dad, decorated for Christmas, helped my mom make breakfast, helped my mom clean the house, helped my brother's boy scout troop make Christmas Cards for the elderly, made goodie bags and friendship bracelets for the mission at Our Lady of the Angels and kids at St. Catherine - St. Lucy, held the door for someone, volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, helped my brother make a ginger bread house, helped my Noni bake cookies, raked the yard, baked brownies with my mom, donated food, complimented people.

TALENT -

Using my talents in soccer, swimming, dancing, art, hockey, pottery to bring joy to others, being kind, playing my trumpet for my school, volunteered as an Usher on Christmas Eve, Standing up for my friend, Sang Christmas songs.

TREASURE -

Our children gave \$307 of their treasure between the months of November and December. Thank you for your generosity!



Attn: 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 5:00PM 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.

Our Meetings with dinner included are scheduled for:

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 19~Chipotle

Sunday, February 2~Lou Malnati's Pizza; and Sunday, February 15

Please use link or QR code for more information including dates and details and to sign up!

<https://bit.ly/SFXCrossroads>



Questions?

Please reach out to Laura and Greg Ozark at greg.ozark@gmail.com or lauraozark@yahoo.com



Kairos 44 Juniors and Seniors

Hosted by St. Francis Xavier Parish
St. Mary's Retreat House
14230 Main Street, Lemont, IL

February 20-23, 2025



Registration for the retreat is now open on the St. Francis Xavier website at www.sfxlg.org for the application and to register, please [click here](#). The deadline is January 31, 2025.

Please contact Laura Montegudo with any questions at Laura.Montegudo@gmail.com.

Engage Community – January Events

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

Game Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 30th for a board game/card night.

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

When: 7:00-8:30pm on January 30

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.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

10:00AM-12:30PM



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FROM
PRESCHOOL 3 THROUGH 8TH GRADE

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- ✓ STUDENT GUIDED TOURS
- ✓ ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS FAIR
- ✓ ROBOT PLAYGROUND: CODING DEMOS
- ✓ MEET THE FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION
- ✓ MEET MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
- ✓ VISIT CURRENT AND FUTURE CLASSROOMS
- ✓ CURRICULUM TABLE IN THE GYM

TUITION RAFFLE

MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN AT THE RAFFLE
TABLE IN THE GYM!

- EACH CURRENT SCHOOL FAMILY IN ATTENDANCE WILL RECEIVE ONE RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A \$250 TUITION CREDIT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
- RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKET FOR EACH PROSPECTIVE FAMILY THAT YOU BRING!!

**Bible Basics with
Sr. Maribeth Howell, OP
January 22 & 29
(Wednesday)
7:00 - 8:30PM
Unity Hall**

We say that the Bible is “the Word of God,” but what does that really mean? How did God’s Word come to our ancestors in faith? How are we to understand God’s Word today?

January 22, Session 1 - Explore how the Word of God was shaped by the events that God’s people were experiencing. What’s the difference between Exodus and Exile, and how can I relate to those experiences?

January 29, Session 2 - Other features of the Bible: Why are “Catholic” Bibles different from Bibles used by other Christian denominations? Why are there so many translations? Which Bible is best for me to read or pray with?

Join us for one or both sessions! There will be time for Q & A and table discussion. These two evenings are intended to help you feel *comfortable* with reading the Bible, and hopefully, they will encourage you to explore the Word of God more deeply.

RSVP requested (not required): scan the QR code, [click here](#), or email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.



Toddlers Together
*Connecting parents with
kids 5 and under*

**Upcoming Events:
Sunday Morning Playtime & Social
(Prek3 Classroom)**

Gather between the 9:00 and 11:00am masses for a playdate and social with other families with littles! Meet in Unity Hall after 9:00am mass (~10:00am) to walk to preschool classroom together.

February 9th, 10:00-11:00am

Joyce Hall Playdate on Saturday, February 22 from **9:30 to 11:00am**. Run those Saturday morning wiggles out indoors during this cold winter! Enter through the Waiola Avenue school doors and ring the "Joyce Hall or BASE" doorbell left of the door if no one is there to greet you!

Join our listserv by emailing mmcmahon@sfxlg.org **or find us on Facebook at** [Toddling Together - SFX Parents of Littles](#).

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25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH | 4-8PM
40 N LA GRANGE RD, LA GRANGE, IL, 60525

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **PJV6AJM**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

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For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

**SAVE THE DATE 2025
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 23-27**

We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was a great success last summer. Attendance was up significantly due to support and participation from the SFX community.

We are continuing our partnership with Grace for 2025. The dates for the summer VBS program are June 23 through 27, each day from 9:00am-Noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 through 4th grade. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that will spend the week organizing and conducting a variety of service projects.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities for high school students that count toward required service hours. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as well.

Registration information will be available early next year along with more details about volunteering. We are looking forward to another week of fun and faith based activities-this year’s theme is “True North Trusting Jesus in a wild world.”

Any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.

Got questions?

Try Alpha.



Mon, Jan 27th at 6:30pm

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

Each session includes free dinner, an engaging (and short) talk, then plenty of time to share your thoughts.

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

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers! Scan the code or visit sfxlg.org to RSVP.



All-Parish Hallow Prayer Challenge Begins Jan 20th on our Parish Page!

“The Science of Happiness & Routines”

Evaluate and commit to healthy new year's resolutions that are actually sustainable, life-giving, and lead you closer to God and true joy!

To join the parish page and access the free parish challenges, open the Hallow app, navigate to the Community tab (bottom right of screen), search for our parish by zip code, and join! Those who would like to access *all* of the app's premium content are able to do so for just \$1. If you would like to set up your \$1 year-long trial, visit hallow.com/parish or sfxlg.org



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Ladies Day Out
2025

Join us for a delightful afternoon of fun and fellowship at the La Grange Country Club. Connect with other women in the parish, build lasting friendships, and support SFX, too. Your ticket includes live music and a delectable selection of appetizers plus beers, wines, and soft drinks - and new this year: **BINGO!**

SATURDAY

MARCH 1

3PM - 6PM

Ticket to Ladies Day Out - \$90 (price is \$100 after Jan. 31)

Ticket & Raffle Bundle: includes 5 Raffle Tickets - \$140 (price is \$150 after Jan. 31)

Seniors 65 & Older - \$75 (price is \$90 after Jan. 31)

SCAN NOW FOR TICKETS!





Music Notes...

Upcoming Music Ministry Event!

Sunday, February 16 – 3:00-3:45 pm
Winter (Pre-Lenten)
ORGAN Recital

by our Director of Music, Allen Sterwalt, & friends!

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



NEW FAMILY ENROLLMENT BEGAN 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

BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS WINTER



**Sunday
February
9th
9:00AM-1:00PM**

**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/mr3aau25 or scan the QR code



Donate blood to support 62% of area patients
who require blood products at 85 Chicago-area
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**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 Nidos
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux

**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
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Director of Religious Education
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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

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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