



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything
and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 10	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Pat Stadick	Jack Coleman
Tuesday, February 11	Mass	8:30 am	James Barton Leonard, John & Eunice Stanczyk	The Cooley Family The Stanczyk Family
Wednesday, February 12	Mass	8:30 am	Carol Knudson Mildred O'Brien	The Kiekow Family Nancy & Joe Cummings
Thursday, February 13	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Jennifer Buchta	John Lowrey
Friday, February 14	Mass	8:30 am	Meg Duranty Raymond Barry & Marie Ann Barry	The Oplawski Family The Zahorik Family
Saturday, February 15	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Mary Warner Helen Adams Jim Foscett	The Miller Family Mike & Maggie Murzanski Patsy Brown & Chuck Shifley
Sunday, February 16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am	Dennis Schumacher The Deceased Members of the McCormick & Urycki Families	Bill & Diane Quinlan Pat Urycki
	Mass Mass	11:00 am 5:00 pm	Robert E. Lynch Terry Metzger	Jack & Karen O'Keefe The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for February 8-9, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

NO 5:00 PM MASS

This Sunday, February 9 Due to Super Bowl there will Not be a 5:00 PM Mass

Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravalo	Alice Krol
Orlando Ares	Richard Lavers
Jack Bernauer	Eleanor Love
Vivian Brickhouse	Marge McDevitt
Kevin Brooks	Greg Molinari
Nick Caputo	Patrick Morgan
Mary Kate Corrigan	Bill Mroz
Mary Ann Curry	Ann Marie Niedo
Mark Davis	Connie O'Dette
Blake Donegan	Mark Reilly
Tom Flynn	Joyce Schmitz
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	June Sheehan
Allen Godlewski	Juan Silva
Vincenzo Guzzo	Sheila Slonskis
Junie Haase	Gregg Stephenson
Mateo Herhold	John Stopka
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Sophie Stratton
William Hesselgrave	Olivia Tarsney
Angela Hill	Chuck Witte
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Lauren Zaide
Michelle Kram	Mila Zaide

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:

Ed Barrett

Father of Ed, Jr., Christopher, Brian and Daniel

Bud Hoekstra

Brother of Kathy Hoekstra

Marianne Hurley

Aunt of Carol Aronson
Mother of Rev. Tom Hurley

Nancy Johnson

Wife of Jerry
Mother of Jerry, Tim & Judi

Weddings



Mary Konstant & Stephen Agin
Emily Titzer & Daniel Dlugosz
Caitlin Phelan & Steve Pochron

Make a gift to the
Regular Sunday Offertory
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Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

*"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said, "send me."
Isaiah 6:8*

We hear God's call to **three men**, each of whom feels unworthy at the moment he is called. The prophet **Isaiah**, who will become the greatest prophet of the Old Testament, receives his call at a time when the divided kingdom of Israel is in a period of decline. People have turned away from God's covenant with Israel. The northern kingdom will soon be conquered, and invading armies will reach the walls of Jerusalem soon after that. Isaiah is overcome with an awareness of his own sinfulness until a messenger of the Lord touches his lips with a red-hot coal. This act frees him from his sinfulness and gives him the confidence to accept God's call. **Paul** presents himself as one who persecuted the early church and is therefore the last and least of the apostles. He insists that it is by the grace of God alone that he has become an apostle with the strength to carry the message of God's salvation in Christ to the Gentile world. Finally, **Peter** offers his boat to Jesus on a day on which the crowds became so large along the shoreline that Jesus must preach to them from a short distance offshore. Peter and his partners then follow the command of Jesus to lower their nets for a catch, despite what had been an unsuccessful night of fishing. When they find their nets filled to overflowing, Peter falls to his knees at the bottom of the boat and proclaims his unworthiness to even be in the presence of Jesus. At this very moment, Jesus tells Peter not to be afraid and calls Peter to follow him.

Three calls to three men who each confess their unworthiness to receive God's call. Three men who receive healing and the grace and then follow where God leads them. What is God asking of each of us this day? If we are honest with God and ourselves, we, too, will acknowledge that we do not merit the call to discipleship because of our own efforts. We are imperfect human beings who too often reject God's way of love to pursue our desire of the moment. Isaiah, Paul, and Peter witness to us that we are made worthy for whatever God asks of us *by the grace of God*, freely given to us in love. God desires to do great things through us. *God will provide* the gifts and the grace to do what God asks of us. **Our willingness to do God's will is all that God asks of us.**

What is God's call to you this day? How does God invite you to take part in building the kingdom of God? You may not receive the call of Isaiah to lead an entire society to conversion of heart. Yet you may be called to change the hearts of those closest to you by the example of your life. You may not receive the call of Paul to carry the message of Jesus to all parts of the world. Yet you may be called to witness to your faith in the way you interact with friends, neighbors, and coworkers. You may not receive the call of Peter to leave everything behind to follow Jesus. Yet you may be called to grow deeper in faith by journeying with Jesus in prayer, study, or service.

This weekend we celebrate all who volunteer their time and talent in one of our parish ministries. Your willingness to offer your gifts in service to Jesus is critical to the vitality of this faith community. Your gift is a blessing that we deeply appreciate.

Remember that there is **no Sunday 5:00 PM Mass this Sunday** due to the popularity of the Super Bowl. Enjoy the game; enjoy the commercials, or enjoy a good book as you choose!

Peace,

J. Bill



Together
we bring hope



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal
annualcatholicappeal.com



Please Make Your Gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

The struggle to find hope and to claim God’s gift of hope inspired Pope Francis to name the theme of the Holy Year of 2025 *Pilgrims of Hope*. Here, in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have echoed that in our theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal *Together we bring hope*. Through our words and the witness of our lives, we can be ambassadors of God’s hope to a world so much in need of confidence and direction. Our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal can also be a tangible way for us to bring hope to those who need it. The Appeal supports parish life, Catholic schools, programs of religious education, and various archdiocesan initiatives that include respect for life and violence reduction.

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend. The goal for SFX is \$127,444. Last year, our parishioners generously gave \$125,525.64 – God bless you!

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

1. **Use the Reply Form received in Cardinal Cupich’s direct mailings.** Letters from the cardinal were mailed by the Annual Catholic Appeal and contained a pre-addressed return envelope to mail in cash, check or credit card gifts.
2. **Donate Online using your credit or debit card at www.annualcatholicappeal.com.** There is a dedicated annual appeal giving form accessible online.
3. **In-pew envelopes.** Our traditional Commitment Weekend will take place during Mass on February 15 and 16, 2025, when Fr. Bill leads the congregation with the in-pew process.
4. **Charitable Gift or Donor Advised Funds.** If you would like to give in this method, contact Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Director of Stewardship and Development, in the rectory for assistance.



A Tax-Savvy Way to Support St. Francis Xavier Parish or the Annual Catholic Appeal

As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God’s gifts and help ensure that God’s good work on earth continues by making a direct gift of securities and mutual funds that have appreciated in value and have been held for more than one year.

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to St. Francis Xavier Parish and/or the Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact Jennifer Zeisloft at 708-352-0168 or jzeisloft@sfxlq.org for stock transfer assistance.

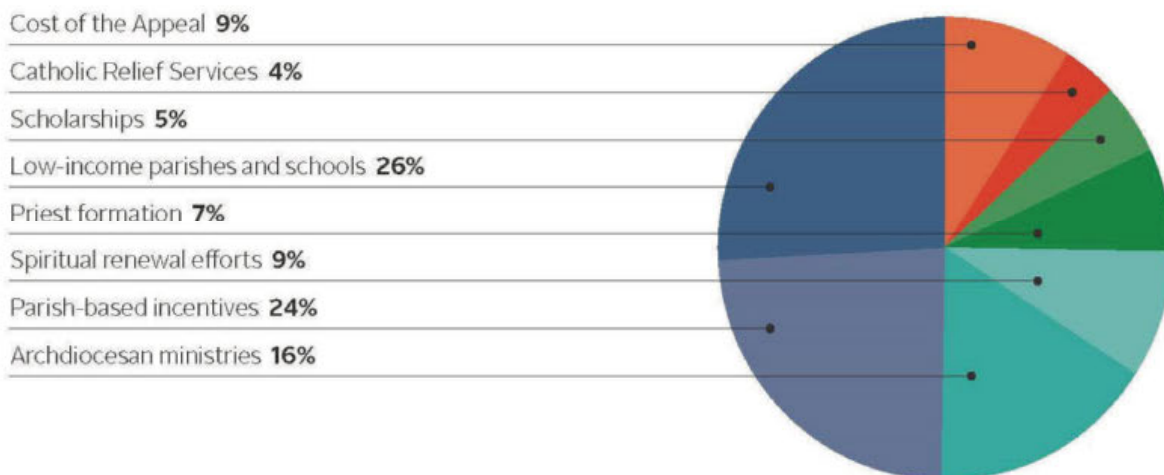
Together we bring hope

What the Annual Catholic Appeal Funds

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

Low-income parishes and schools	26%	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
Parish-based incentives	24%	After a parish reaches goal, donated funds return to the parish for local use
Archdiocesan ministries	16%	Outreach initiatives for young adults, families, children and others
Spiritual renewal efforts	9%	Transforming parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
Priest formation	7%	Education and development for seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago
Scholarships	5%	Tuition assistance for disadvantaged Catholic school Families
Catholic Relief Services	4%	Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world
Cost of the Appeal	9%	Printing, postage, procession costs for the Appeal

How Your Gift Will Be Used



SFX CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Ladies Day Out

Saturday, March 1, 3-6PM

La Grange Country Club

An afternoon of fun, fellowship and laughter.



You're invited to gather with the incredible women of SFX where you can forge lasting friendships while supporting our beloved parish! Relax in the distinctive atmosphere of the newly-renovated La Grange Country Club as you enjoy fantastic live music, great conversations, and a spectacular raffle with prizes like these:

- Tickets to the Salt Shed
- A Private Party at Bottle & Bottega
- Pino & Pilates Private Event
- Mini Session with Kristin Janiszewski Photography
- and much more!



Scan for tickets

Tickets include appetizers, wine, beer, High Noons, and BINGO!

More info at sfxlg.org



Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday and Christmas Collection through January:

This Year:	\$1,165,463
Last Year (<i>includes an extra Sunday</i>):	\$1,086,864
Total Annual Offertory Budget:	\$1,930,000

Receiving God's grace through the sacraments is a core of our Catholic faith. This past weekend we celebrated the Rite of Enrollment of our 7th Grade Students in both the Parish School and the Religious Education Program. Students received their blessed Confirmation pins as a sign of their commitment to preparation here at SFX as they embark on their journey to become fully initiated young Catholic adults next year. Our Confirmation Program has seen a few changes over the past few years as we now do all the catechetical preparation of the students in their 7th and 8th grade years. This includes attending Sunday Mass and participating in ministries during Mass (especially the 5PM Sunday Mass), as well as engaging in service with their families and sponsor. In the fall of their freshman year, they will come together for their Confirmation retreat, and then receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November 2026.

M.E. Kennedy, 7th grade parent and 7th grade catechist for the past two years shares, "What a joy to see so many young people take the first step on the path toward receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! It was a privilege to witness their verbal commitment, and I am honored to be one of the people who will walk alongside them as they move forward in their faith. Stay the course, young friends! Fix your eyes on our Lord and He will guide you forever. I am praying for all of you!"

God bless you for your generosity in supporting our sacramental preparation here at St. Francis Xavier Parish!



Make a gift to Sunday offertory
with this QR Code or [click here](#).
Thank you for your stewardship!





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.

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 includes 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:
Sunday, February 16 and Sunday, March 2**

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

<https://bit.ly/SFXCrossroads>



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

Prayer Shawl Ministry



CORRECTION

Our new meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, February 13** from **4:00-5:00pm** in the Rectory Courtyard Room. Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

Our next meeting dates in the Courtyard Room are:

March 12 from **4:00-5:00pm**
April 19 from **7:00-8:00pm**
May 14 from **7:00-8:00pm**

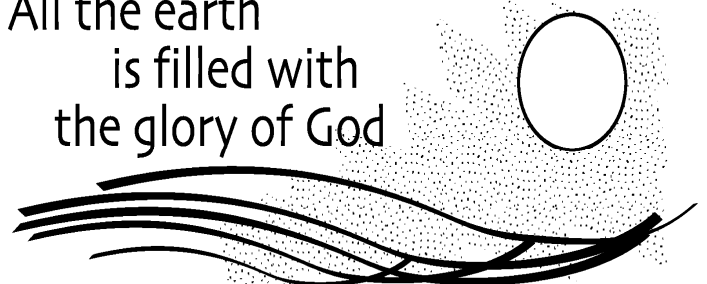
Undone Women's Retreat

Do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you looking for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the JPii Healing Center's "Undone" women's conference. where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation! The event will be held at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale on March 27-29, 2025. It will be offered both in person and virtually via livestream.

Please check out the link below for more information about how to register for either the in person or virtual experience. Registration is now open. This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Questions?
Email JPiiHCRetreatHinsdaleIL@gmail.com

All the earth
is filled with
the glory of God



Food Pantry Need



Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, Day School, Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Scouts, Men & Women's Clubs, Nazareth Academy, Grace Lutheran, St. John of the Cross and other community partners, we collected **3,054** boxes of cereal in 2024.

We distribute about 400 boxes each month. *The power of 1 box--one act of generosity--fills our shelves.* Our food pantry clients appreciate all the wonderful choices!

Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory side door (off Church parking lot) on Mondays 9am-noon or at the side altars of Church.

We are always in need of cereal!

Thanks so much for your continued generosity!

SAVE THE DATE 2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-27



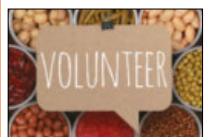
We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was a great success last summer. Attendance was up significantly due to support and participation from the SFX community.

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.



Family Outreach Ministry Volunteer Event

Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program. Our next date of service is **Saturday, March 15** and there are two time slots from which to choose:

- 9:00-11:00 AM: Food prep and cooking
- 11:00 AM-1:00 PM: Food serving & clean up

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years old if accompanied by an adult.

To volunteer, please [click here](#).

Questions?

Contact Ana Dimailig apd3@core.com or Rachel Peterson petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.

MULTIPLICITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Sunday, February 16

All Saints Episcopal Church
4370 Woodland Avenue
Western Springs

Doors open at 1:30pm
Music from 2:00-3:30pm

Barb Kalnes.....Vocals
Tom Kalnes.....Piano
Gary Swiontek.....Bass
Rick Vitek.....Drums
Michael Levin.....Reeds

There will be a free-will offering collection for cash donations as well as a box for non-perishable food items. Any items collected will be donated to the Westchester Food Pantry. Light refreshments will be provided.

That Man Is You Men's Group



All men are invited to join the Spring Sessions of *That Man is YOU (TMIY)* Which started on Tuesday, February 4 at 8:00pm in the school chapel (enter at Unity Hall)

THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. Christ didn't say, "Behold, I make new things." He said, "Behold, I make all things new."

A new day is dawning for Catholic men. Now is our hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising!

Interested?
Scan the QR code
or [click here](#) to register.



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!

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, March 4

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



Toddlers Together Connecting parents with kids 5 and under

Upcoming Events:

Sunday Morning Playtime & Social on **Sunday, February 9** from **10:00 to 11:00am** (**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.

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 [Toddlers Together - SFX Parents of Littles](#).

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddlers Together group) (subject to change each month)

When: 8:00pm we will meet on **Wednesday, February 12** rather than the first Wednesday of the month. (Location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or the bulletin each month.)

What: Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration!

Email Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for the home address!.

SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 2-7, 2025

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

All Parish Service Day 2025

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

Interfaith Career Network

Converting Self-Doubts to Self Confidence

Join us on Thursday, February 13, 7:00-9:00pm. You'll discover how to turn your mindset into a powerful tool for interview success and career growth.

Do you ever feel like you do not deserve the career opportunities you are pursuing, even when you are well-qualified? Imposter Syndrome can undermine your confidence, especially during interviews. This presentation will explore the roots of Imposter Syndrome, how it affects job seekers, and practical strategies to silence self-doubt. You will learn how to recognize and celebrate your achievements, confidently present your skills, and communicate with authenticity and self-assurance. Our speaker, Nicole Magats, is the Talent Acquisition Partner at TransChicago Truck Group with 9 years of in-house recruiter and consultant experience in startups to Fortune 500 organizations, interviewing countless candidates. Nicole also works as a Career Coach, providing clients with tangible strategies to streamline their job search, create a resume that reflects their skillset and articulate their value in interviews. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome, there is no cost to attend.

Visit interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.



Engage Community February Events

Our next informal get-together is a lunch outing at the **Grapevine Restaurant on Wednesday February 19 at noon** (separate checks). Please RSVP at the email below by February 16 so that we can provide accurate reservation information.

Restaurant address:

9 West Hillgrove Avenue • LaGrange, IL 60525

Website: <http://grapevinelagrangec.com/index.html>

Our next formal meeting will be a volunteering session at the **Share Food Share Love Food Pantry** in Brookfield **Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

Address: 9030 Brookfield Ave Brookfield, IL 60513

Website: <https://www.sharefoodsharelove.org/>

We will be providing some sweat equity for the pantry operations. All capabilities welcome.

So that we and the pantry can plan, please RSVP at the email below by February 22.

For questions or to RSVP for either event, please email Jane at 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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

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

Open Meeting: Sex Addiction and Recovery for the Addict and the Spouse/Friend

Sexaholics Anonymous and S-Anon Family Groups of the Chicagoland Area present an Open Meeting for anyone wanting to learn more about the disease of sexual addiction and its partners of betrayal.

WHEN: Saturday, February 15, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

WHERE: St. Francis Xavier Church 145 North Waiola Avenue, LaGrange, IL
(Enter from Waiola Avenue. Parking available in school parking lot.)

WHO: This meeting is open to the public and is intended to provide information for counselors, physicians, clergy, sex addicts, friends and families of sex addicts, and anyone interested in learning about the 12-Step Programs of Recovery. A speaker from each program will share his/her experience, strength and hope by sharing what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now. Literature from each program will be available for purchase. After the speakers' presentations, there will be time for fellowship, during which SA and S-Anon Members will be available to answer questions individually and provide area meeting information.

Sexaholics Anonymous is an anonymous fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover. Our primary purpose is to stay sexually sober and help others to achieve sexual sobriety. S-Anon Family Groups is an anonymous fellowship for relatives and friends of sexaholics. S-Anon has but one purpose: to help the families of sexaholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps of S-Anon and by welcoming and giving comfort to families of sexaholics.

For questions Chicago SA Hotline: 630-415-0341 Chicago S-Anon Hotline: 779-324-2324



**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.**

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Deacon
Deacon
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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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