



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



**Follow Up
Weekend**

**Together
we bring hope**



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal
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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 24	Mass	8:30 am	Fred Ferber Herbert & Mary Schrack	Nancy & Joe Cummings
Tuesday, February 25	Mass	8:30 am	Mimi Grimes	James Ertle, Don & Bernadette Turner, and Leola Perkins
Wednesday, February 26	Mass	8:30 am	Damian Stites	Patrick Daly
Thursday, February 27	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Bill Purcell Keeley Johnson	The Bock Family Jerry & Nancy Johnson
Friday, February 28	Mass	8:30 am	Maureen Kallal	Susan Devitt
Saturday, March 1	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Louis Marasovic Edwin Adams	April Pesut The Adams-Scotty Family
Sunday, March 2	Mass	7:30 am	Ninu Sunu	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	Thomas J. Murphy	The Blouin Family
	Mass	11:00 am	George O. Saleh	The Saleh Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Sue McKee	The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for February 22-23, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

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

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:

David Twomey
Son of the late Helen and John

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



*To love your enemies, to do good
to those who hate you
This is what it means to be a
follower of* **CHRIST**



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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.

Last weekend was 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 took place last weekend, when Fr. Bill lead 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.



Leave a Legacy to Bring Hope to the World

Please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by including a bequest in your will or trust for St. Francis Xavier Parish or School. In the past 10 years, our parish has been blessed to receive bequests ranging from \$1,000 to \$750,000! If you would like to explore a bequest, please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust.

If you have already made these provisions, our parish would greatly appreciate receiving notification by contacting Jennifer Zeisloft or visiting the Stewardship section of our website and [filling out this form](#).



Giving back never tasted so good.

Get in on the FUNdraising by ordering online or dining with us on the evening of your groups event.

- * Log in to your Noodles rewards account. Not a member? Joint Noodles Rewards today at noodles.com/rewards.
- * Place your order and **enter coupon code Giving25 at checkout.**
- * If ordering in-restaurant simply mention your organization when ordering.

**This Sunday, February 23, 2025
4:00-8:00 pm**

**25% of qualifying sales will directly benefit:
SFX Religious Education**

ENTER COUPON CODE: GIVING25

**1 East Burlington Avenue
LaGrange**



**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.

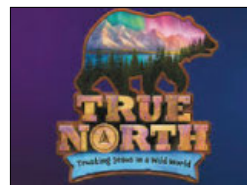
Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 12 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:
April 10 from 7:00-8:00pm
May 7 from 7:00-8:00pm

**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.

Nametag Sunday Volunteers Needed!

Hello
my name is...

Help make Nametag Sunday possible! We are looking for volunteers to help at the next Nametag Sunday, March 1 and 2. Volunteers arrive at mass about 20 minutes early, grab a clipboard at one of the entrances, and greet parishioners with a smile. We'd love your help continuing this ministry of welcome at our parish!

To volunteer, please [click here](#)
or scan the QR Code.



Music Notes...

SFX Parish "First Communion" Children's Choir

An invitation goes out to all SFX Parish children who like to sing in **grades 1, and 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8**, who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir, to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** Children are NOT required to sing at all three Masses.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY SINGING IN ONE OF THE PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, THERE IS NO NEED TO RE-REGISTER. Rehearsals will begin the week of March 24th. Please see below for the breakdown:

- Grades 1 & 3.....Tuesdays: 3:40 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
First Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 25th
- Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.....Thursdays: 3:40 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
First Rehearsal: Thursday, March 27th

Please use the link below to register!

<https://forms.gle/TT8Tr3vgiwpY2NBE9>

SFX OPEN GYM

\$ 5 PER KID |
\$10 PER FAMILY
CASH AT DOOR

**FUN ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, AND MUCH MORE FOR
AGES 4 - 8 YEARS OLD**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**



RSVP with this
QR Code or
[click here!](#)



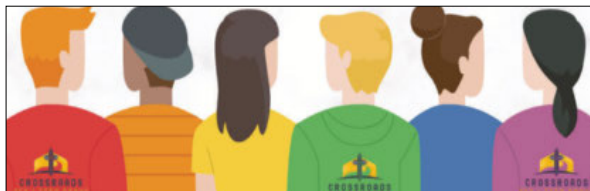
PLEASE NOTE PARENTS MUST STAY DURING THE OPEN GYM
YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME BUT WILL HAVE TO STAY ON BLEACHERS
WAIVER MUST BE FILLED OUT PRIOR PARTICIPATION



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, March 2, Sunday, March 16,
and Sunday, April 13**

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

<https://bit.ly/SFXCrossroads>



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

New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social



Let's gather for a prayer service in church on Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30pm, for a special Newcomer Blessing presided by Fr. Rich.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for socializing in Unity Hall. Alpine subs, salad, fruit and cookies will be served.

Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

Who is invited?

Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish; those who have considered joining officially and have not yet; individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us; and families with children of all ages. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7:00pm, or BOTH!

Questions


Call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079
or email lauraduelm@gmail.com.

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



PRAY40 LENTEN PRAYER CHALLENGE

Join St. Francis Xavier Parish on Hallow this Lent for Pray40 as we mediate on the writings of St. Josemaria Escrivá, author of the spiritual classic *The Way*.

Together, we'll hear Escrivá's powerful advice and spiritual direction brought to life through the story of Servant of God Takashi Nagai, a Japanese Catholic convert who miraculously survived the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in 1945. In a moment he lost everything, but through it he surrendered himself and his city to the Lord.

To join the prayer challenge, visit our parish page on the **Community tab** of the **Hallow app**. If you're brand new to Hallow, visit www.hallow.com/parish to get set up.

We look forward to praying with you.

JOIN THE LENT PRAY40 CHALLENGE

Dive deeper into prayer this Lent with Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God.

HALLOW.COM/PARISH

Holy Yoga


Come join us for an evening of yoga and prayer, focusing on settling and connecting mind, body and heart as we journey through lent. We will practice breathing and movement as well as open ourselves to the Spirit through scripture. No prior yoga or prayer experience required! Yoga will be led by Freya Smith, an experienced yoga instructor who is skilled at working with a wide range of abilities.

Thursday, March 20, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Unity Hall (enter through doors between church and school)

Please bring a yoga mat, water bottle and large towel or blanket for extra support in some of the stretches. Comfortable clothing recommended.

Register by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code. There is a \$20 suggested donation per registrant.



Little Black Books for Lent

Little Black Book devotionals are available by each church door for your Lenten prayer. Please feel free to take one with you!



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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Ladies Day Out
2025

Make some memories!

Join as we celebrate the feminine spirit of SFX. Connect with other women of the parish and build lasting friendships as you enjoy an afternoon of live music, delectable appetizers, beers, wines, soft drinks - plus **BINGO!**

Feeling lucky? You might win a fantastic raffle prize like these:

Two- Night Stay at Beachwalk Vacation Home

Tickets to the Salt Shed

A Private Party at Bottle & Bottega

Pino & Pilates Private Event

Mini Session with Kristin Janiszewski Photography

- and much more!

SAT. MARCH 1

3PM - 6PM

La Grange Country Club

620 S. Brainard

Can't attend? You could still win one of these great prizes!
Just order your raffle tickets and email your raffle selections to:
cwctreasurer@sfxlg.org

Tickets and details at sfxlg.org





Fundraising Opportunity Until February 28th for the SFX Theatre Department

Looking for something new to experience on a chilly weekend or evening? Dave and Buster's is a fantastic experience for the entire family; one of the largest, most exciting arcade/VR locations in the surrounding area! SFX Theatre Program is looking to raise funds for the Fine Arts production of Annie, Jr. that will be performed on May 8th, 9th, and 10th. The money raised will help us with costs for costumes, set design, and sound for the shows. \$10 of every \$20 card purchased will go to us! The \$20 Dave & Buster's Power Card comes loaded with 100 chips. The standard activation fee is waived. Enjoy your favorite arcade games, virtual reality, billiards and more, redeemable nationwide at a Dave & Busters near you!



<https://www.daveandbusters.com>

SFX Theatre Proudly Presents Annie, Jr.

Follow the unforgettable journey of Annie, the spunky orphan who never gives up hope! Packed with iconic songs like, "Tomorrow" & "Hard Knocked Life", this production will warm your heart and have you singing along! Come out and experience a heartwarming musical for the whole family!

Thursday, May 8 - 7:00 pm

Friday, May 9 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 10 - 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm



LOVE and you fulfill the whole law



COMMUNITY ASSISTED RIDES

Join us for an evening of mixing and mingling, sipping and shopping with special deals in support of CARS!

Tickets include beer, wine and appetizers with proceeds benefiting CARS.

Click here to get your tickets:

<https://tinyurl.com/Antique-Mall-Fundraiser>

Bring in a gift card for Amazon or any gas station (\$10 minimum) to receive a coupon for 10% off your next visit to LaGrange Park Antique Mall. Good for any item up to \$100!

Costume jewelry repairs will be available, up to 3 per attendee, with a donation to CARS.

Dixie Belle Paint furniture refinishing demonstration.

LaGrange Park Antique Mall
800 East 31st Street
LaGrange Park

Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years yet many of our parishioners are not aware of this outreach ministry.

If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please contact **Susie Lehuta** at 708-354-6380 or lehutams@gmail.com.

Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.

That Man Is You Men's Group



All men are invited to join the Spring Sessions of *That Man is YOU (TMIY)* on Tuesdays, 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.



SFX Children's Stewards

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 continue doing:

TIME

Going to Mass, helping my Noni while her knees hurt, feed my cats, helping others, praying every night, helping my family, shoveling snow.

TALENT

Using my talents in soccer, football, Irish Dancing, Swimming, Music to bring joy to others, sharing, being kind, making a birthday card for my friend.

TREASURE

Our children gave \$125 of their treasure in the month of January. Thank you for your generosity!

Keep up the amazing stewardship young parishioners!



SFX DONATION DRIVE

Let's help local organization -

CatNap from the Heart

by collecting donations throughout the month of February
Please drop off at the Main Religious Education Office.

Questions: telizabethgump@gmail.com

Acceptable donations:

- Wet cat food (any kind)
- Dry cat food - Iams Kitten chow (purple bag)
- Dry cat food - Iams cat chow (orange bag)
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Bleach
- PineSol
- Laundry Detergent (any kind)



Cash accepted!
Donations should notate
SFX Religious Ed

TEEN DATING AWARENESS MONTH



February is Teen Dating Awareness month. The Archdiocesan Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry supports building healthy relationships to reduce teen dating violence and prevent its harmful, long-lasting effect. Find events and social media/infographics on Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month on the DVO website.


www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

Prison Ministry Mother's Day Needs

Over 16,000 Christmas cards were sent to Illinois prisoners. An example of the responses we received is "I just wanted to thank you for letting me know that someone out there cares. You are a light in a dark place."

And now we already are preparing for Mother's Day.

We need:

Stationery, Mother's Day cards, thinking of you cards, blank note cards – but there must be NO glitter, nothing glued, no stickers, no crayon or markers used. These cards are NOT to be signed—they are for prisoners to send to their mothers and grandmothers. Forever postage stamps. Paper lunch bags. Gallon zip-lock bags. Reams of colored paper, but NO construction paper.

Mother's Day materials must be dropped off at church **before February 28**.


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.

RETROUVAILLE OF JOLIET ILLINOIS

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who are struggling. You will learn how to communicate calmly and respectfully, and then learn tools for handling conflict and other stresses together in a way that strengthens and uplifts your marriage! We've helped tens of thousands of married couples rebuild their marriages, and we can help you too if you are willing to work hard. Our next weekend program is: **February 28-March 2** at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL.

 Call us at 815-246-2060, or email us at Jolietregistrqation@helpourmarriage.org, or visit us at www.HelpOurMarriage.org for more information.



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!



At-Home Lenten Retreat

Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00pm–Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm. Begin your Lenten journey with a communal Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, including the distribution of ashes and a reflection by Sr. Pat Bergen. Throughout this three week retreat, make space each day for half an hour of prayer and meet with a retreat director for five half-hour sessions. The retreat will conclude with a group gathering on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm.

Format: In-Person or Zoom

Location: The Well Spirituality Center or via Zoom Spiritual Directors: Sr. Pat Bergen, CSJ, Sr. Celeste Cotter, CSJ, Barbara Boyd, Sr. Evelyn Lobo, SSpS, and Sr. Mary Lou Pleitner, CSJ.

Learn more & register: <https://csjthewell.org/programs/at-home-lenten-retreat/>

St. Francis Xavier
Senior Women's Group

Dan Spain and The Elm

Wednesday, March 5
9:00-11:00am
Unity Hall

No RSVP Needed

All Are Welcome

Join us as Dan Spain reveals his
story and the building of The Elm.



Engage Community February Event

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

Pantry address: 9030 Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield.
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 to the email below.

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.



Food Pantry Gratitude

*Thanks to everyone for the cereal donations!
Please keep them coming!*

A special thanks to **St. John of the Cross** for another amazing donation -- **5 van loads!**
We are so grateful to partner with the SJC faith community to feed our neighbors in need!

We received another SOUPER donation from the **SFX Day School!** The clients were so grateful for the wonderful variety of soup on these cold winter days. We appreciate this wonderful school tradition around the Super Bowl.

SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025*

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

*Events will be available June 2-7, 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.

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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



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
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilynn 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
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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

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Education Ministry

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

Jimmy Bajner
Janice Carr
Jeanne Grimes
Joni O'Halloran
Erin Smith
Brooke Cermak
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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.

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Food Pantry

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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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