



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 24	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Michael & Elizabeth Fagan Living Intention	The Kanzer Family
Tuesday, March 25	Mass	8:30 am	Kenneth Perkins Zachary Joseph Holly	Leola Perkins Christine Holly
Wednesday, March 26	Mass	8:30 am	Greg Gauthier	Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Thursday, March 27	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Hank Kielbowicz Kim Qualizza	The Maria Girls The Shanley Family
Friday, March 28	Stations Mass	7:45 am 8:30 am	Kyle James Higgins	The Mattern Family
Saturday, March 29	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Meg Duranty Ronald Malec	Kathy Martino The Malec Family
Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Living Intention John Strzynski Greg Gauthier Edward Barrett Evelyn Freeman	The Szulc Family The St. Francis Xavier Staff Bill & Sally Carrano The Catherine Avenue Neighbors

Presider's Schedule for March 22-23, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo

Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravalo	Richard Lavers
Jack Bernauer	Eleanor Love
Vivian Brickhouse	Amy Miller
Mary Kate Corrigan	Greg Molinari
Mary Ann Curry	Patrick Morgan
Blake Donegan	Bill Mroz
Barbara Doyle	Rosemary Nash
Matthew Doyle	Ann Marie Niedo
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Connie O'Dette
Allen Godlewski	Laura O'Malley
Vincenzo Guzzo	Laureen Rabe
Junie Haase	Mark Reilly
Mateo Herhold	June Sheehan
Angela Hill	Juan Silva
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Sheila Slonskis
Patricia Jones	Gregg Stephenson
Tiffany Kahn	John Stopka
Michelle Kram	Sophie Stratton
Ella Mae Kuzel	Olivia Tarsney
Randy Lange	Chuck Witte

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:



Kevin Brooks
Husband of Katie
Father of Jack & Molly

Charlotte Hrubes
Mother of Karen Flom

Jack Kiley
Husband of Josie

Jesus Christ Son of God & Savior

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Pastor's Letter

*For the foolishness of God is
wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God
is stronger than human strength.*

1 Corinthians 1:25

When we attempt to converse with God in ways that are most familiar to us, we tend to fail. Saint Paul explains that many of the Jewish people could not accept who Jesus was because he did not show them the *signs* they expected of the Messiah. They took Jesus literally when he proclaimed that he would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days; such a thing was not humanly possible and therefore not a sign of the long-awaited Messiah. The Greek world at the time of Jesus valued wisdom and sought to deepen their understanding of the world beyond the physical through ongoing dialogue with one another. The words of Jesus were foolish and not to be considered seriously. Yet this seeming foolishness, Paul insists, is the deeper wisdom of a God who operates beneath and beyond the limits of human wisdom. The weakness that the world will perceive in the death of Jesus as a condemned criminal is but an expression of the strength of God bringing life to all through the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

We have never witnessed a crucifixion in person. In the Roman world, crucifixion was both a death penalty and an instrument of deterrence. It was a torturous and humiliating death, as much for the observers as for the one being crucified. The person on the cross hang, barely clothed and struggling to breathe. Their limbs would weaken until they could no longer sustain a position that would allow them to breathe. However, this was only the immediate effect of crucifixion on the observers. Crucifixions were staged near the entrances to cities or along well-travelled roads. Bodies were usually left on the cross to be scavenged by birds of prey; what gradually fell to the ground would then be scavenged by other animals until only the bones remained. This displayed both the power of the Romans and the consequence of rebelling against Roman rule.

Yet the early Christians boldly held up a cross as proof of *God's power* over suffering and death. The world had done its worst to demonstrate its power over human life. God brought Jesus back from the dead and restored life. The cross had become a sign of *God's* victory; the seeming weakness of Jesus on the cross proved stronger than human strength. The seeming foolishness of God's actions made complete foolishness of human wisdom. The death of Jesus on the Cross indeed became the destruction of the Temple and its former purpose. The resurrected Body of Jesus would bring new life and communion between God and humankind.

The next three Sundays of Lent direct us toward Jerusalem and Holy Week. Will we join our early Christian brothers and sisters and embrace the Cross as the symbol of God's wisdom and power? Are we willing to sit quietly with God and invite him into the ways in which the Cross is part of our lives at *this* moment? Where does God invite me to trust that *God's power* is greater than that which we fear? And as we face suffering in our world, often caused by the misuse of power, do we believe that *God is more powerful*? Are we willing to learn *God's wisdom*? Despite what the world might want us to believe, **are we willing to believe in God's power over suffering and death and become missionary disciples of the Resurrection of Jesus?**

Lenten Blessings,

J. Bill

Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #6

Susie Lehuta, Susan Lindsay, and Sue Martin

In today's first reading, God surprised Moses, heard the cries of his people and promised them the land of milk and honey. In our lives, God surprises us, hears our prayers and promises us salvation. There is a caveat: we must turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. This Lent, what is your response?

Holy Week Services 2025

Palm Sunday—April 12th & 13th

Masses at 5:00pm Saturday and
Sunday at 7:30, 9:00*, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Wednesday—April 16th

Tenebrae 7:00 pm
Church open until 9:00pm

Holy Thursday—April 17th

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Living Stations 9:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
Church open until 11:00pm

Good Friday—April 18th

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 and 7:00pm

Holy Saturday—April 19th

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Blessing of Food Baskets 1:00pm
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm
(No 5:00pm Mass)

Easter Sunday—April 20th

Masses at 7:30, 9:00* and 11:00am—Church
Masses at 9:15 and 11:15am—SFX School Gym
(No 5:00pm Mass)

Stations of the Cross



Join us on the Fridays of Lent for the
Stations of the Cross at 7:45 am on:

March 28

April 4

April 11

When Are They Installing The New Church Sound System?

We were notified by our contractor, Procom, that the equipment for the new church sound system has been delayed coming out of California. Because of timing and scheduling issues, Procom will begin the major installation after Lent and Easter Week. All scheduled events and ceremonies for the month of March and early April will continue as planned. Once the equipment arrives, we will adjust the schedule from that point forward. We appreciate your patience.



Music Notes...

SFX Parish "First Communion" Children's Choir

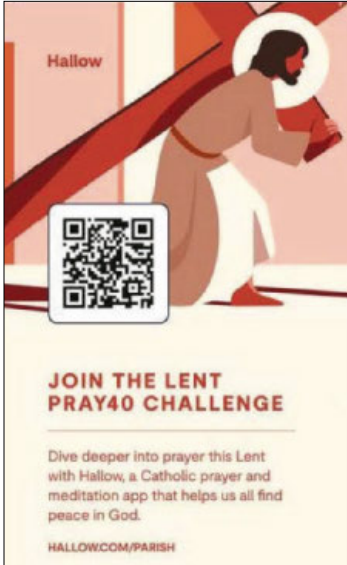
An invitation goes out to all SFX Parish children who like to sing in **grades 1, and 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8**, who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir, to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.**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

PRAY40 LENTEN PRAYER CHALLENGE



Join St. Francis Xavier Parish on Hallow this Lent for Pray40 as we meditate 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.



Lenten Mission Speaker Sr. Faustina Marie, C.Ss.S. Today, March 23rd from 9:15 to 10:45AM in Joyce Hall

Sr. Faustina Marie, C.Ss.S., is the sister of one of our parishioners and a missionary with the *Consagradas del Santísimo Salvador* (*Consecrates of the Most Holy Savior*), a community founded in Mexico to bring the Good News to the poorest and most abandoned through popular missions and retreats. Sr. Faustina grew up in Plainfield, IL and graduated from Joliet Catholic Academy. While spending a volunteer year teaching English to the Sisters in Mexico after high school, she had an encounter with Jesus that changed her life and inspired her to later join the Sisters. She now lives and evangelizes with her community in Argentina, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires.

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

Lenten Reconciliation Prayer Service

Monday, April 7
7:00 PM

St. Francis Xavier Parish
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

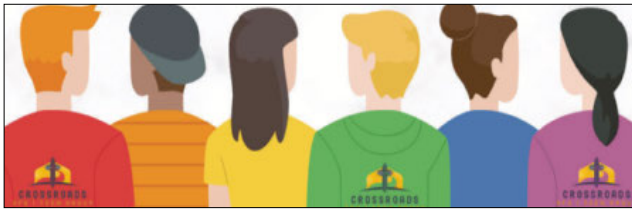


STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FROM MARY'S POINT OF VIEW

Monday, April 14
7:00 pm
Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

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 next Meeting with dinner included
is scheduled for:
Sunday, April 13**

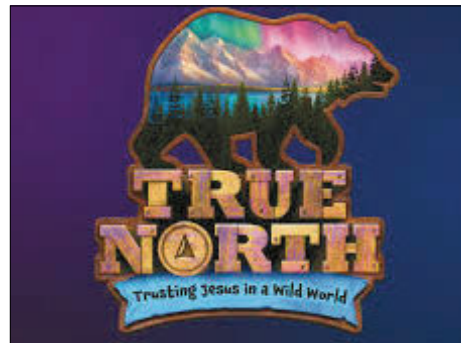
**Please use link or QR code to sign up
and also for more information including
upcoming dates and details!**

<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

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



We are pleased to announce that registration for Summer 2025 is now open. As you may know from previous announcements, SFX is partnering again with Grace Lutheran for this summer's VBS program. The VBS program will run June 23-27 (Monday-Friday) from 9:00am-12:00 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 series of service projects.

The little ones will attend VBS at Grace Lutheran. The service crew will be based at SFX school this year. Due to space constraints attendance will be capped at 150 for the little ones and 30 for the service crew so please register early.



Here is the link you can use to register your child or children and also learn about and sign up for volunteer opportunities, please [click here](#), or by using this QR Code.

A successful VBS program is not possible without the help of parent, teen and middle school volunteers. The registration form will describe the various volunteer opportunities available and provide sign up information. Not all opportunities require a five day commitment. Volunteering is not required but one volunteer per family is highly encouraged. Also for teens and middle schoolers, you do not have to have a sibling in VBS in order to participate and you can earn service hours! In particular we need adult and teen volunteers to support the service crew.

Last year's VBS was a great success and we appreciate the chance to partner with Grace Lutheran once again. If you have any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.

I AM

This is my name for all generations



Religious Education News

**Registration for our 2025- 2026
K—8 Religious Education Program is now open!**

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2025-2026 school year.

Our options are:

- In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Our virtual asynchronous grade level program has lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays and is best for families with busy schedules.

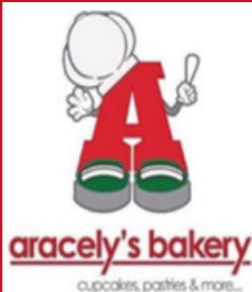
Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for “car ride” home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

Please don't delay in registering your children today as classes fill up fast!

***Families who register by April 23rd will be entered into a raffle for free tuition.
The drawing will take place at our last class in person event on April 27th.
You must be present at the event to win!***

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

<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education%7CRegister/Pay%20Tuition/Calendar%3E%3ERegistration%20Info%20for%202025-2026>



Religious Education Fundraiser

The SFX Religious Education Program is once again partnering up with Aracely's Bakery and selling their delicious tamales for our end of year fundraiser. We hope for this to be our biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will support our program and students. We are asking all our families and community for support. We will be taking pre-orders for the tamales and will only have a limited quantity available for sale the day of pick up.

4 Tamale Options: Pork in Red (Rojo) sauce
Chicken in Green (Verde) sauce
Vegetable (Squash/Carrots)
Bean and Cheese

You can order in quantities of a dozen or a half dozen



Order deadline is April 20, 2025



[Click Here](#) for the link or scan the QR code to your left and it will take you directly to the order form page to order and pay for your tamales.

Pick up for the tamales will be at our End of Year Religious Education Event which will be held in the Education Building. Pick up for Tamales will be in the Gym on Sunday, April 27th from 1:30-3:00PM. Thank you so much for your continued support!



Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Spring Food Drive April 12, 2025



The Sun will come out tomorrow....bring some sunshine to someone else's tomorrow!

How Can I Help?

Feed the Hungry

Drop off donations in the St. Francis Xavier Church parking lot on April 12 between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Look for the Knights of Columbus volunteers at your Jewel Food Stores at 507 East Woodlawn Avenue in LaGrange Park or 5545 South Brainard Avenue in Countryside on April 12 from 8:00 am–4:00 pm and add a food or monetary (cash or check) donation to our storefront collection!

Be a Financial Giver

Your cash donations benefit those in need.

The need is great.

Any amount donated is appreciated.

Donate Online to the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families>

or scan the QR code to the right and click.



Donate Online to the Chicago Food Depository at:

<https://myfooddrives.org/team/408834>

or the scan QR Code to the left.

For more information, please call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930. This good cause, which occurs twice each year in Spring and Fall, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the local community. Thank you for your support!



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, April 1

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

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DONATE BLOOD

**St. Francis Xavier Parish
Community Blood Drive**

**Sunday
April
6
9:00AM-1:00PM**

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

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

To make an appt., call 1-800-7TO-GIVE, visit
<https://tinyurl.com/46cj82xu> or scan the QR code



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Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meeting dates are scheduled for
April 10 from 7:00-8:00pm
and

May 7 from 7:00-8:00pm

in the Rectory Courtyard Room.

Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

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!

May 8—7:00PM
May 9—7:00PM
May 10—8:00PM
May 11—7:00 PM



Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where:

Claire Jakubisin's
please call or text
Claire at 708-743-8358

When:

Wednesday, April 9
8:00pm

What:

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

Any questions, email Maggie McMahon
at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org!

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.



Calling All Carpenters/Handy People!

We need your skills to help bring *Annie Jr.* to life! Our production requires some basic set pieces, including walls, stairs, and bunk beds, and we're looking for volunteers to help build them as soon as possible.

If you or someone you know has carpentry experience and can lend a hand, please reach out to us at slovera@sfxlg.org. Your support will make a huge impact on our show—thank you in advance!

THANK YOU, CHURCH LEAGUE COACHES!

The 2024-2025 Boys and Girls Church League Basketball seasons ended with the boys' championship games this past weekend. Church League allows high school students from various Christian churches in the area to compete against one another in an extra-curricular setting. The League is coordinated by John Buhle, who dedicates many hours helping faith communities form teams, setting regulations and schedules, and dealing with any issues that arise during the season. Of course, the League would not be possible without the men and women who volunteer to coach our youth from November through the middle of March. 87 young men and 26 young women from our parish were able to participate on one of 10 teams that represented St. Francis Xavier Parish this season. This is due to the generous gift of time and talent of the following 20 men and women:

**Justin Aram, Pat Brennan, Tim Coenen, Craig Dickman, Tom Downey,
Matt Duffy, Jim Dunne, Mark Farnan, Sarah Gojdas, Julie O'Brien,
Heather and Craig Peterson, Jim Pilat, Lyle Prempas, Brian Robinson,
Patrick Sullivan, Steve Tullis, Jason Wolf, Larry Wolf, and Matt Wood.**
Thank you!

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.

Legacy Gifts For Our Parish Please Consider "Insuring" Our Parish

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? Please consider instructing your life insurance agent to include St. Francis Xavier Parish as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policy.

It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and will mean everything to our future parish community.

For more information, please contact your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. If you have additional questions, please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, jzeisloft@sfxlg.org, 708-352-0168 or contact Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-995-0686 or gvogt@archchicago.org.



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Road in Darien on April 25-27, 2025. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it!

For information visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com or 630-222-8303 for details.

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 by phone at 708-354-6380 or by email lehutams@gmail.com.

Engage Community Spring Events

Cheese Tasting! Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 27, 7:00-8:30pm in Unity Hall.** Join us for a Cheese Tasting! We'll sample and learn about cheeses (and maybe try a new variety or two). If you want to expand your taste horizons, just join us on the 27th.



Art Tour at Queen of Heaven Cemetery Mausoleum Sunday April 6, 2:00 pm

Located at Wolf and Roosevelt Roads, Hillside

Queen of Heaven mausoleum, the world's largest Catholic mausoleum, contains a stunning display of artwork. Within its chapel, hallways and crypt rooms are 217 stained glass windows, dozens of statues, intricate mosaics, exotic hardwoods and 48 types of marble. Gothic Revival meets the 1950's in this sandstone fortress featuring art from the classical forms to modern.

The tour is free (see note below) and will last about 2 hours.

Note: If you are interested in attending, you must complete the "hold harmless" form required by the cemetery/mausoleum that we'll email to you once you express interest.

If you have a printer, please printout and sign the form, then scan and send to the email below OR drop off the completed form at the Rectory OR bring it to the cheese tasting, if easier. **RSVP and Forms must be received by March 27.**

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.

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.



**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
- **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 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 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 & 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
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Jane Bandyk
Maureen Pipal
Melissa Westerhoff
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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

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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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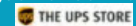
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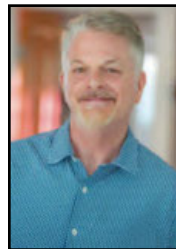


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