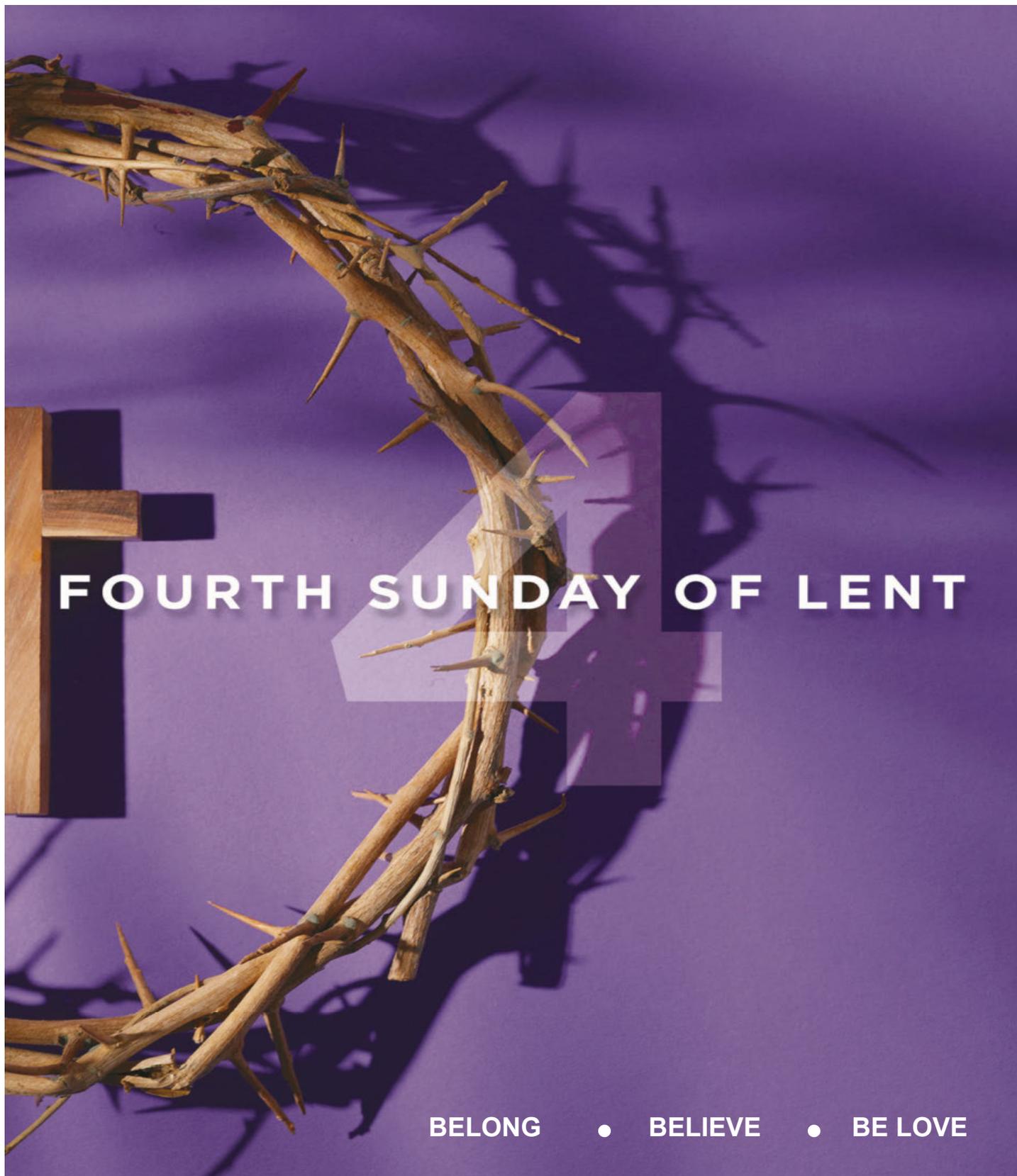




**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**  
**March 30, 2025**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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## Week at a Glance

|                    |                                |                               | Intention  | Requested By                           |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Monday, March 31   | Mass                           | 8:30 am                       | Ed Barrett<br>Special Intention John & Joyce Yelnick | Dave Grimes<br>Scott & Jill Burson     |
| Tuesday, April 1   | Mass                           | 8:30 am                       | Louie Marasovic                                      | April Pesut                            |
| Wednesday, April 2 | Mass                           | 8:30 am                       | Meg Duranty  | The Grimes Family                      |
| Thursday, April 3  | Rosary<br>Mass                 | 8:15 am<br>8:30 am            | John Godlewski                                       | Family                                 |
| Friday, April 4    | Stations<br>Mass               | 7:45 am<br>8:30 am            | Barbara Dinan Shifley                                | Patsy Brown & Chuck Shifley            |
| Saturday, April 5  | Mass<br>Reconciliation<br>Mass | 8:30 am<br>9:00 am<br>5:00 pm | People of the Parish<br><br>Antonio Fiordirosa       | <br><br>Antonietta Fiordirosa & Family |
| Sunday, April 6    | Mass                           | 7:30 am                       | Dennis Schumacher                                    | Peggy Smith                            |
| 5th Sunday of Lent | Mass                           | 9:00 am                       | John Stevenson, Jr.                                  | Barbara & Peter Tomaino                |
|                    | Mass                           | 11:00 am                      | George O. Saleh                                      | The Saleh Family                       |
|                    | Mass                           | 5:00 pm                       | Dinie Pasquinnelli                                   | Your Workout Friends                   |

### Presider's Schedule for March 29-30, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

### Please pray for . . .

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 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   |
| Mateo Gomez            | Laureen Rabe     |
| Vincenzo Guzzo         | Mark Reilly      |
| Junie Haase            | June Sheehan     |
| Mateo Herhold          | Juan Silva       |
| Angela Hill            | Sheila Slonskis  |
| Jessi Rita Hoffman     | Gregg Stephenson |
| Patricia Jones         | John Stopka      |
| Tiffany Kahn           | Sophie Stratton  |
| Michelle Kram          | Olivia Tarsney   |
| Ella Mae Kuzel         | Chuck Witte      |
| Randy Lange            |                  |

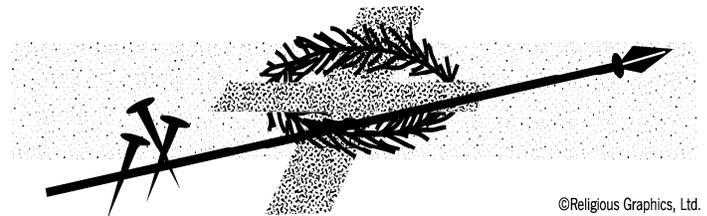
To add a name to the prayer list who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

### Born Into Eternal Life



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

**Kathleen Campbell**  
Wife of Mike  
Mother of Edward & Sherry



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## Pastor's Letter

*"A man had two sons...."*  
Luke 15:11

This begins one of the most familiar of all the parables of Jesus. Most of us can tell the basic story. The younger son demands his share of his inheritance while his father is still living. The older son remains home and handles all the hard work of his father's estate. The younger son quickly squanders all his wealth and ends up hungry, penniless, and with the lowly job of feeding another man's pigs. Then the younger son realizes that he would be better off if he were working for his father as a hired hand. He formulates a rehearsed apology and heads home. But the younger son never gets to deliver his rehearsed speech. Instead, the father runs to him, embracing his son, and orders that his son be given new clothes, sandals, and a ring, and that a feast be held to celebrate the son's return. However, the older son resents his father's actions and refuses to enter the feast. As the parable ends, the younger son is warm and joyful in the father's house. The older son remains in the cold and dark, hungry and bitter.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is proclaimed this year just past the midpoint of our Lenten journey. Jesus challenges us as his crucifixion draws near: Where will we be when we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday; when we walk the road to Calvary on Good Friday; and when we gather in the dark to welcome the new light of Resurrection at the Easter Vigil? Will we join the feast that welcomes us home to Easter joy? To enter, we need only humble ourselves, admit our failures to remain faithful to the commands of love, and allow God to embrace us once more. Or will we stubbornly remain in the cold and dark with the elder son? We can choose to remain bitter and resentful that God would celebrate anyone we consider unforgivable; or we can ask God to help us forgive.

Forgiveness is not an easy road to travel. We sometimes struggle to admit our own need for forgiveness, or to humbly accept that God already has forgiven us before we even ask. *All that we need do is admit our need* for the grace of forgiveness and allow God to embrace us and welcome us home. At other times, we struggle to forgive those who have harmed us; we may resent God for forgiving them; or we resent that God would forgive people we do not even know, but whom we consider "the enemy." Thankfully, *God does not wait for us to come to God; God comes to us* in the cold and dark and pleads that we come into the warmth and joy of the feast that God has prepared. God will not and cannot force the grace of forgiveness upon us; love cannot be forced upon the beloved. *God leaves the door open* and allows the time and space we need to forgive, or to seek the grace of God that will enable us to forgive. *No matter how long it takes* for us to tire of the cold and dark of resentment, *God patiently waits for us to come home*.

The children in the parish elementary school and our School of Religious Education have been celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in recent weeks. We all will have two opportunities for Communal Reconciliation with Individual Absolution: Monday, April 7, at St. Francis Xavier Parish, and Monday, April 14, at St. Cletus Parish. God waits eagerly to welcome you home to the feast. The decision to accept the invitation is yours. Invite your friends to come in from the cold and the dark with you. This feast is not to be missed!

Lenten Blessings,

*J. Bill*

## Reflection for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 2025

Liturgy Planning Team #1

Marge Branecki, Jude Dumfeh, Tricia Jacobs, Ed & Michelle Mirecki

“The question is not ‘How am I to find God?’ but ‘How am I to let myself be found by Him?’, according to Henri Nouwen in his book, “The Return of the Prodigal Son”. All of us at some point have been the younger son or the older son.

The younger son “squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation”, before coming to his senses. The older son appeared faithful to the father on the surface, but harbored resentment at not feeling appreciated, not even getting “a young goat to feast on with” his friends. The father’s extravagant celebration of the younger son’s return was the last straw for him. At the core both sons “needed healing and forgiveness. Both needed to come home. Both needed the embrace of a forgiving father,” according to Henri Nouwen.

The father was awaiting the return of the younger son and ran out to meet him. When the older son in anger refused to come inside, it was the father who “came out and pleaded with him” to come inside. In both instances the loving father makes the move towards his undeserving sons. Whether we are consumed by the guilt of our failures or blinded by our self-righteousness, our heavenly Father is not waiting for us to come to Him. He continues to reach out first to save us. We have to open the doors of our hearts to let him in and allow ourselves to be found.

Our God is not interested in patchwork but wants total transformation. He longs to make us into “a new creation” in Christ, where “the old things have passed away”. Dying to our old ways is painful but needed. That is how we become Christ’s hands and feet, his “ambassadors” in “the ministry of reconciliation” in a world desperately in need of healing!

### *Holy Week Services 2025*

**Living Stations —April 11th**  
9:00am

**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  
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)



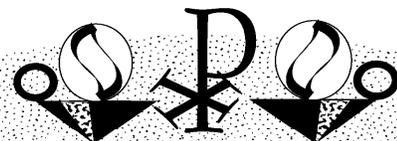
### **Stations of the Cross**

Join us on the Fridays of Lent for the  
Stations of the Cross at 7:45 am on:  
April 4 and April 11

**Living Stations**  
Friday, April 11 at 9:00 am

### **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.



*All who are in Christ  
are a new creation*

## 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](http://www.hallow.com/parish) to get set up.

We look forward to praying with 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.

### Lenten Reconciliation Prayer Service

**Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM**  
**St. Francis Xavier Parish**  
**124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange**

**Monday, April 14 at 7:00 PM**  
**St. Cletus Parish**  
**600 West 55th Street, LaGrange**

### Edythe Ministry Spring Clean Up



The Edythe Ministry would like to invite all who are interested to help us with our spring clean up on Saturday, April 5 after the morning Mass. In case of rain that morning we will plan on Saturday, April 12. We hope you are able to join us. I would also like to thank all those who planted over 100 bulbs last fall around the St. Francis grounds that are starting to pop up and soon will bring their color and beauty.

Any questions, please let me know, Cathy Skokna  
708-253-3164.

Be reconciled  
to GOD



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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 with 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 Final Meeting of the year 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](mailto:greg.ozark@gmail.com) or [lauraozark@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:pjzadeik@gmail.com).

## 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**

Helping my mom and dad, tutoring younger children in Math as part of the Tutoring Club at Park, Going to Mass, Praying, helping my family, Making Valentines for sick people.

### **TALENT**

Using my talents in Irish Dancing, Swimming, helping others with Math, being kind and caring for all, helping my Noni bake cookies.

### **TREASURE**

Our children gave \$132 of their treasure in the month of February. Thank you for your generosity!

**Keep up the amazing stewardship young parishioners!**





## 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>



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## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com) for more information.

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**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



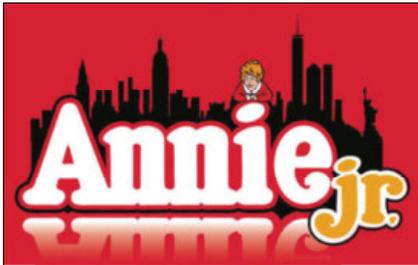
Our next meeting dates are scheduled for  
**April 10 from 7:00-8:00pm**  
and

**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



## 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@sfxlq.org](mailto:slovera@sfxlq.org). Your support will make a huge impact on our show—thank you in advance!

## 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@sfxlq.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlq.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.



**April 26, 2025  
6:00PM  
Countryside Banquets**



Ignite brings together nearly 400 parents, alumni, parishioners and friends for an evening that includes entertainment, a live and silent auction, a premium bar with heavy hor d'oeuvres and more!

This year, our annual Ignite Medal Award will be given to our beloved Coach John Mulholland, who served as our Cross Country & Track coach for over 20 years. He was a leader, coach and mentor - fully embodying the SFX mission.

Ignite is about celebrating the SFX family and our hope is to raise the funds needed to give our teachers well deserved bonuses for the second year in a row.

**Thank you for supporting SFX!**



Learn more & register:  
<https://csjthewell.org/programs/>

**The Dream of the Earth Book Group on Thursdays, April 10, 17, 24 and May 8, 15, 22  
AM Sessions (Zoom or In-Person) or PM Sessions (Zoom)  
\$60 | Facilitator: Katie Gozum**

Discover Thomas Berry's landmark work, *The Dream of the Earth*, first published by Sierra Club Books in 1988. This transformative book offers a visionary framework for planetary well-being and redefines our relationship with the Earth.

**Painting the Journey Lenten Art Retreat on Friday, April 11 at 4:00 PM - Sunday, April 13 at 12:00 PM  
\$500 Overnight | \$300 Commuter | Facilitator: Dr. Ann Viernes**

Join a three-day retreat to immerse yourself in the intuitive creative process of painting your future self, using art as a healing practice. Through this journey, you'll gain fresh insights, identify what needs healing, and let your authentic self flow onto the canvas, guided by the wisdom of your envisioned future.

**Celebrating Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00 PM In-Person  
FREE | Facilitator: Ellen Wiggins**

Earth Day is an invitation to come together and collectively honor our relationship with creation. Through prayer and ceremony we give thanks and witness to each other and to the Earth that sustains us.

**Evolution of Catholic Teaching on the Death Penalty and Our Part in Living It on Saturday, April 26  
from 3:00 - 5:00 PM  
\$35 | Zoom or In-Person at St. John of the Cross Parish Center**

Come join us for a talk by Sister Helen Prejean on how the catechism of the Catholic church's teaching on the death penalty has changed, and how we respond to it.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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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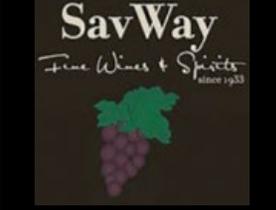
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