

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025



LET US
rejoice
AND BE
glad!

Psalm 118

BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

| | | | Intention | Requested By |
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| Monday, April 21 | Mass | 8:30 am | Antonio & Teresa Franzese Dave Armstrong Lora Gagliardi, RN Theresa Mary Gazdziak | His Bride James Donoghue The Hannigan Family |
| Tuesday, April 22 | Mass | 8:30 am | Rosa Perez | Ernie & Clare Froemel |
| Wednesday, April 23 | Mass | 8:30 am | Francisco Martinez Marrero | SFX Staff |
| Thursday, April 24 | Rosary | 8:15 am | Dory Crilly | Marilynn & John Lux |
| | Mass | 8:30 am | | |
| Friday, April 25 | Mass | 8:15 am | Jim Wilson | The Grimes Family |
| Saturday, April 26 | Mass | 8:30 am | People of the Parish | The Kanzer Family |
| | Reconciliation | 9:00 pm | | |
| | Mass | 5:00 pm | Elizabeth Fagan Living Intention | |
| Sunday, April 27 | Mass | 7:30 am | Richard Hofstetter | The Westerhoff Family |
| 2nd Sunday of Easter | Mass | 9:00 am | Norm Wasz Sylvester Rychlik | The Wasz Family Denise Carlson |
| | Mass | 11:00 am | Kenneth E. Callaway, III | The Jolly Family |
| | Mass | 5:00 pm | Meg Duranty | Mary & Scott Hoffman |

Presider's Schedule for April 19-20, 2025

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| (Church) 8:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk | 7:30 am Fr. Milek | 9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk | 11:00 am Fr. Ilo |
| (Gym) 9:15 am Fr. Milek | 11:15 am Fr. Tkachuk | | |

Please pray for . . .

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| Vivian Brickhouse Mary Ann Curry Blake Donegan Ernie Froemel Baby Lupe Baker Garcia Allen Godlewski Mateo Gomez Vincenzo Guzzo Junie Haase Mateo Herhold Angela Hill Jessi Rita Hoffman Patricia Jones Tiffany Kahn Michelle Kram Ella Mae Kuzel Randy Lange Richard Lavers | Eleanor Love Patrick Morgan Bill Mroz Rosemary Nash Ann Marie Nieves Connie O'Dette Laura O'Malley Lauren Rabe Mark Reilly Amy Robinson Juan Silva Sheila Slonskis Rita Mae Spearman Gregg Stephenson John Stopka Sophie Stratton Olivia Tarsney |
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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:

Barbara Doyle
Aunt of Jerry Spearman

John Hagan
Husband of Libbie
Father of Shelley, Brian and Kevin

Gerald Patera
Husband of Chris
Father of Laura, Ryan & Bethany

Weddings



Michelene O'Neil & Christopher Dugan
Katie Saladino & Mark Montgomery

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Pastor's Letter

*"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?
He is not here, but he has been raised."
Luke 24:5-6*

Several women from Galilee come to the tomb at daybreak to anoint the body of Jesus. Two beings in dazzling garments suddenly appear and announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women rush to tell the apostles what they had seen and heard. "But their story seemed like nonsense, and they did not believe them." Yet the women persisted.

The Resurrection of Jesus was not easily embraced by the first witnesses. Jesus appeared to them many times over forty days. He called them to believe, reassured them, forgave them, fed them, breathed peace upon them, and promised to be with them always. They slowly began to tell their story to others, and the number of believers grew. Then the Holy Spirit filled them and sent them to people across the Mediterranean basin. As we grow in faith, we continue to tell their story to family, neighbors, and friends.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! This traditional Orthodox Easter greeting is exchanged when two believers meet or enter the home of another. I first learned this dialogue as a child in the Orthodox dialect of my Eastern European grandparents. We Catholics have no similar Easter greeting. We dress in our Easter finest and sing "Alleluias" in church. However, once we leave the church, we seem to drop any mention of Christ and his resurrection.

"Happy Easter!" is a joyous greeting, as is the celebration of the early morning arrival of the Easter Bunny. Yet we tend to omit our reason to celebrate: **Christ is Risen!** Jesus conquered the power of sin and death through his death on the Cross. His resurrection opened the path to heaven for us all. Easter eggs symbolize the tomb out of which came new life even though it seemed empty. Baskets filled with treats remind us of God's abundant blessings. The foods in the special Easter baskets brought to be blessed overflow with foods that celebrate a return to abundance at Easter dinners.

At the Saturday Easter Vigil, we welcomed **Angela Diaz, Caleb Hurtado, Jason O'Brien, John Rateike, William Shufflebarger, and Keith Spence**, into the Church through **Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist**. We fully initiated as Catholics **Golriz Connolly, May Goshorn, James Liebenson, Ian Matthews, and Jeremy Tyner through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist**. Next Sunday, we will celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist with one remaining candidate, **Nicole Pohl**. These women and men give witness to the activity of the Spirit among us and the willingness of parishioners to invite others into our journey with Jesus. Welcome, sisters and brothers, joined with us in Christ. May you continue to be a blessing for us.

I pray that this Easter Day includes time for you to be joyful and give thanks. **I thank you** who regularly bring life to our place of worship and to our mission in Christ. Blessings to you who are new to us, who are with us only occasionally, or who are "testing the waters." **Your presence is important to us.** You make us more complete by choosing to be with us; you belong here! I pray that you will always feel at home *in this space and among us*. This is the mission Christ has given us. Finally, welcome to you who are visiting with family or friends. **It is good for us to be together. Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Alleluia!**

Easter Blessings,

J. Bill



Rectory Closed

In observance of the Easter Holiday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, April 21. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 at 8:30am.

Easter Sunday 2025

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)

*This mass will be live-streamed.

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Easter 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For more than a thousand years, the Church has sung five words that capture the message of Easter: *Christ our hope has risen.*

This simple phrase powerfully expresses the conviction that our hope is the very person of the Risen Christ. He not only rose from the dead two-thousand years ago but is present and active in our world today. As the Risen One, he shares with us his victory and triumph over sin and death, drawing us into the fullness of life that God has ever desired for humanity. Yes, indeed Christ our hope has risen. We recall this core belief in this Jubilee Holy Year when Pope Francis has called us to be *Pilgrims of hope*. This is an invitation to be a people who journey together, confident that we are sustained by this closeness to the Risen Christ as we face the challenges of life. As pilgrims of hope, we walk with the Risen One and lean on his presence for personal support, but we also discover the power to bring hope to our world, our families, communities, workplaces, and nation. This is a great grace and responsibility.

May our Easter faith that Christ our hope has risen grow stronger, so that we will join in his work of bringing hope to our world with new enthusiasm, putting aside all of our fears and anxieties, in the knowledge that by conquering death, the Risen Lord has given us the sure hope and promise that we too have risen with him and will live forever. Yes, Christ our hope has risen and so have we. Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

From The Family of John Mulholland (an excerpt)

Dear SFX Community,

On behalf of Coach John Mol's family, we extend our deepest gratitude for the love and support you have shown in honoring and remembering John.

We always knew how devoted John was – often, to our dismay, family gatherings had to be planned around not only races and tournaments but even practices, as he was committed to being ever-present for his cross-country and track teams. In fact, none of us can recall a recent conversation with John that didn't include a mention of his beloved athletes. It was clear how much joy he found in working with the kids, the coaches, and the entire SFX staff. Watching him discover his true calling in retirement – when many might settle for a good book and a rocking chair – was truly inspiring.

Since John's passing, we discovered his wish for a Trophy Case at SFX to showcase the kids' achievements. Once his estate is settled, we will be making a donation on his behalf to support this vision.

Thank you for all you have done for us in John's honor and for your continued dedication to serving God, the community, and today's youth.

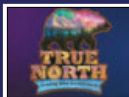
With sincere appreciation,
Nora Mulholland, Ed Mulholland,
Susan Nodot, and Alex Nodot

Thank You

On behalf of the retired religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the St. Francis Xavier parish community for your generous contribution of \$1,225 towards the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the year.

Gratefully,
Sr. Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.
Retirement Fund for Religious Coordinator



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.

VBS IMPORTANT UPDATE

VBS registration is going very well. We are pleased to report that the 5th and 6th Grade "Service Crew" is reaching capacity so if your child has interest in participating please sign up soon. There is still room for the 4 year olds to 4th grade but spots are going fast!

We also encourage any 7th and 8th Graders who would like to volunteer as crew leaders to sign up as well-there is a need for you and you will receive service hours!

We still need adult volunteers for the various activities so if you have not yet signed up for set up or activities during the VBS week please do so. Check the site for volunteer opportunities.

There will be meeting on Wednesday April 23rd at 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran for all volunteers or those interested in volunteering. Zoom will be available for those who cannot attend in person.

Any questions please contact Karl Olson at olson.karl@gmail.com or Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.

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.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

On Sunday May 4th, the 5:00PM Mass will be celebrating the parish's 2025 High School Graduates. You are encouraged to wear a t-shirt highlighting your next adventure. The parish will be providing pizza in Unity Hall after Mass. All graduates are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meeting date is scheduled for
May 7 from 7:00-8:00pm
in the Rectory Courtyard Room.
Anyone with crochet or knitting skills
is welcome!

Your Gift, God's Hands

A Stewardship Witness
by Parishioner Lisa Parolin

Belong, Believe, Be Love



In the spring of 2012, my family planted roots in La Grange Park, and from the very beginning, we knew we wanted to build a life filled with faith, community, and tradition. My husband Rob and I quickly registered at St. Francis Xavier Church. For us, becoming part of a parish wasn't just a formality—it was a heartfelt priority. With two young daughters, we wanted to create a foundation of belonging, comfort, and faith that would guide them through life, just as my own childhood parish, St. William, had done for me. Growing up on the Northwest side of Chicago, my church was more than a building—it was the heartbeat of our neighborhood. It defined who we were, where we came from, and how we connected with others. St. William Church was my anchor, my compass, and the backdrop of my most cherished memories.

I wanted my children to experience that same sense of belonging—a place outside our home where they could turn in times of joy, sorrow, celebration, and prayer. At St. Francis Xavier, we've found that and so much more. But like any meaningful relationship, what you give is what you receive. Devoting time in prayer at Sunday Mass with my family was a beautiful start, but I felt called to do more.

For the past nine years, I've had the privilege of teaching Religious Education, and now, my daughter co-teaches with me. It's a joy to help nurture the faith of our children and witness their spiritual growth. I've also joined the hiring committee for our next Youth Ministry Coordinator because I believe in the power of our youth to carry our faith forward. When my youngest daughter transferred to SFX's elementary school this year, the community welcomed her with open arms. And in the spirit of giving, my husband and I are honored to chair this fall's SFX School Golf Outing—a small way to give back to the parish that has given us so much. Our family has been blessed to participate in the Teen Mass, with my daughter lending her voice to the Spirit Choir. From holidays to the sacraments, St. Francis has been the setting for countless milestones and memories in the making.

Yet, there's one more essential piece to our stewardship: Treasure. Time and talent are invaluable gifts, but the programs, staff, and activities that make our parish thrive also require financial support. Our beautiful church cannot sustain itself without the resources to maintain it. I often think back to my childhood, when my mom or grandmother would hand me a dollar or an offertory envelope to place in the collection basket. I like to think that those small contributions helped keep my childhood parish alive to this day. Today, many Catholic parishes have closed or merged, but St. Francis Xavier remains a vibrant and active community—not by chance, but because of the commitment of its members. My family has chosen to make a recurring online donation through Give Central, ensuring that even when life gets busy, our support for the parish remains steady. In a world where we subscribe to so many services—Netflix, Spotify, gym memberships—I invite you to consider a “subscription” to St. Francis Xavier this Easter season. Your contribution, no matter the size, includes unlimited Mass, prayer, community, traditions, and lifelong memories for your family!

Together, through our Time, Talent, and Treasure, we can ensure that St. Francis Xavier continues to be a place to *Belong, Believe and Be Love* for generations to come. Let's build a legacy of faith that our children will one day look back on with the same warmth and gratitude that I feel for my childhood parish. This is our opportunity to give, to grow, and to create a home for all who seek it.



GIVING AT SFX

We are grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. You can make an Easter gift by accessing this QR code or using an envelope at the church entrances. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate.

Easter
Collection

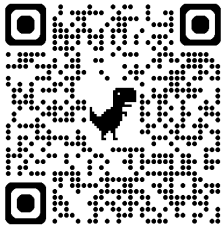


Church Audio Update—Adaptive Audio System

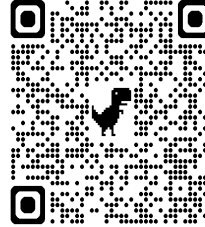
SFX has installed a Bluetooth accessible Listening System. To access this new system you must have a smartphone along with earphones or Bluetooth capable hearing aids. Follow the steps to connect your device.

Step 1) (At home or at SFX) Download the Listen Wi-Fi App from your app store or scan the provided QR Code below.

Apple Users



Android Users



Step 2) (In SFX Church) Download the Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection by scanning the provided QR Code below. Please make sure to turn on Wi-Fi for auto detection in your settings.

Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection



We plan to have non-Bluetooth options available in the upcoming months. For assistance please call the rectory at 708-352-0168 or email sfxnlg@sfxlg.org to set up an appointment.

Lost In Yonkers



Find your seat now for LATTE's fresh take on Neil Simon's *LOST IN YONKERS*. This Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning masterpiece is a comical and poignant look at family ties.

Neil Simon's nostalgic memory play takes us back to the summer of 1942: World War II is on, and Eddie, flat broke, leaves his sons with their grandmother while he struggles to pay off his debts. The two boys are left to contend with an ill-tempered Grandma, the sweet but damaged Aunt Bella, and Uncle Louie, a small-time hoodlum in a strange new world called Yonkers. Directed by parishioner, Felicia Pfluger.



Showtimes:

7:00PM Friday, May 2nd
2:00 and 7:00PM Saturday, May 3rd
2:00PM, Sunday, May 4th
TICKETS \$5 - \$15

Purchase tickets at: www.lattetheater.com or call 708-655-0989.

Plymouth Place Auditorium, 315 North LaGrange Road in LaGrange Park.

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**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!



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 today Sunday, 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!

**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—7:00pm**



**Clarksdale Area Fuller
Center for Housing
(Formerly Habitat for Humanity)**



Looking for a super rewarding volunteer opportunity this summer? Need service hours? For the past 27 years, St. Francis Xavier has been sending volunteers to the Mississippi Delta to build a better world...one house at a time! Come and be a part of the tradition — we have groups heading to Clarksdale, MS the weeks of:

**July 12 – 18, 2025
July 19 – 25, 2025**

No carpentry skills required. Volunteers must be 14 or older, and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you'd like to join one of these two groups, or put together your own team for a different week, contact Chris O'Hea at chris.ohea@yahoo.com.

Join us for this fun and fulfilling experience!

**Divine Mercy Sunday
APRIL 27, 2025**

**2:00 PM RECONCILIATION
IN SFX CHURCH**

**3:00 PM—HOLY HOUR WITH THE
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



(REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY,
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER,
SILENT ADORATION, AND BENEDICTION).

*The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday
has been celebrated in many countries,
dioceses and parishes for many years.
Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals,
Bishops and Priests
who have read the diary of St. Faustina have
come to appreciate the significance of this feast.
But now, ever since the Holy See had decreed
that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be
known as Divine Mercy Sunday,"
many more are seeking to go more
deeply into the words of
Our Lord to St. Faustina
that were meant for all humanity.*

*Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization
of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said:
"Jesus shows His hands and His side.
He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion,
especially the wound in His Heart,
the source from which flows the great wave
of mercy poured out on humanity".*

*The image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy,
is to have a special place of honor
on the Feast of Mercy,
a visual reminder of all that
Jesus did for us through
His Passion, Death, and Resurrection...and
a reminder, too, of what
He asks of us in return—to trust
Him and be merciful to others.*

*The Eucharist is the "Fountain of Life".
The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God,
longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.*



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Once you've signed up follow the steps above to join your parish!

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THE TALK

PART TWO

THUR
MAY 1ST
7PM-8:30PM



The Talk: Part Two – Connection, Trust, and Building Relationships
Join us for an honest conversation about building real, trusting relationships across racial lines. We'll explore what it takes to move beyond kindness into courageous allyship, emotional safety, and deep connection.

Hosted by: **Evelyn Dumfeh and Katie Mulcahy**
Location: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish
124 N Spring Avenue
La Grange, IL 60525
Refreshments will be served

Please [Click Here to Register for The Talk](#) on Thursday, May 1st!

School of the Heart

This Easter season, break open Pope Francis's encyclical *Dilexit Nos* in community using the synodal methodology **Conversations in the spirit**. With faith reflections on the Sacred Heart from Synod members.



School of the Heart: Easter Season Faith Sharing Series on Zoom

Join us this Easter season for "School of the Heart," a seven-week journey exploring Pope Francis' beautiful encyclical on the Sacred Heart, *Dilexit Nos*, "He Loved Us."

Hosted by our SFX St. Phoebe Circle, this series offers a chance to embrace Pope Francis' invitation to "return to the heart" through meaningful conversation and reflection.

What: Practice "Conversations in the Spirit," while reflecting on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The series includes inspiring reflections from members of the global Synod assembly.

When: Monday evenings at 7pm from April 28 to June 16 (no meeting on Memorial Day).

Where: On Zoom

Jesus' Sacred Heart offers us a roadmap to living in active hope, even amid fear and suffering. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, come together with fellow members of our community in prayer and transformational encounter.

To register or learn more, email Maureen Windmoeller at maurwind@gmail.com.

Engage Community – Spring Event

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, April 24 from 7:00-8:30pm in Unity Hall**. Cathy Skokna and a couple other plant experts of the SFX Edythe Gardeners ministry will lead a presentation/discussion about spring planting

For questions or to RSVP, 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.

Interfaith Career Network

Energize Your Job Search Using Your New LinkedIn Profile with Denis Curtin, Presenter
LinkedIn is more than just a job board - it's a powerful tool that can help, and accelerate your job search, grow your professional network and accelerate your career growth. Don't just wait for opportunities to come to you...take control of your career journey by building an exceptional LinkedIn profile, engaging with your network, and staying active within your industry.

Denis Curtin is a LinkedIn Trainer and Coach who helps jobseekers and companies optimize their LinkedIn profiles. He has been assisting jobseekers at the Holy Family Job Support Group in Inverness for the past 25 years, and is recognized as one of the leading LinkedIn experts in the Midwest.

Join us on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. There is no cost to attend. Everyone is welcome!

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for more resources.



SISTER HELEN PREJEAN

Evolution of Catholic Teaching on the Death Penalty

AND OUR PART IN LIVING IT



**Saturday April 26
3 - 5 PM**

No cost for St. Francis Parishioners when using
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Zoom or In-Person at St. John of the Cross
Parish Center in Western Springs, IL



Register with this QR Code or
visit our website csjthewell.org

Join us for an inspiring talk by
Sr. Helen Prejean, renowned globally
for her advocacy against the death
penalty and her book *Dead Man
Walking*. Learn how the catechism of
the Catholic Church's teaching on
the death penalty has changed and
discover how we can respond.



Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

The Knights of Columbus thank all parishioners who helped make the Easter Food Drive to benefit the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry a success last Saturday. The Knights also congratulate the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) who are receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist this weekend. Welcome to membership in the Catholic Church. OCIA men, you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus to continue your journey of faith in action through service leadership in events like our Easter and Thanksgiving food drives, Intellectual Disabilities Fund drives, and much more charity, unity, and fraternity. Simply contact Brian Lisek by text message to 630.939-2626 for more information ... to Knight!



Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

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**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...and please let us know when friends and loved ones return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

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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
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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.

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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

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.

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Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

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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

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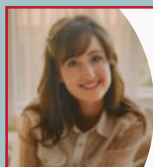


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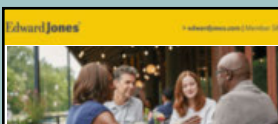
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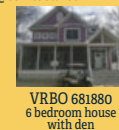
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