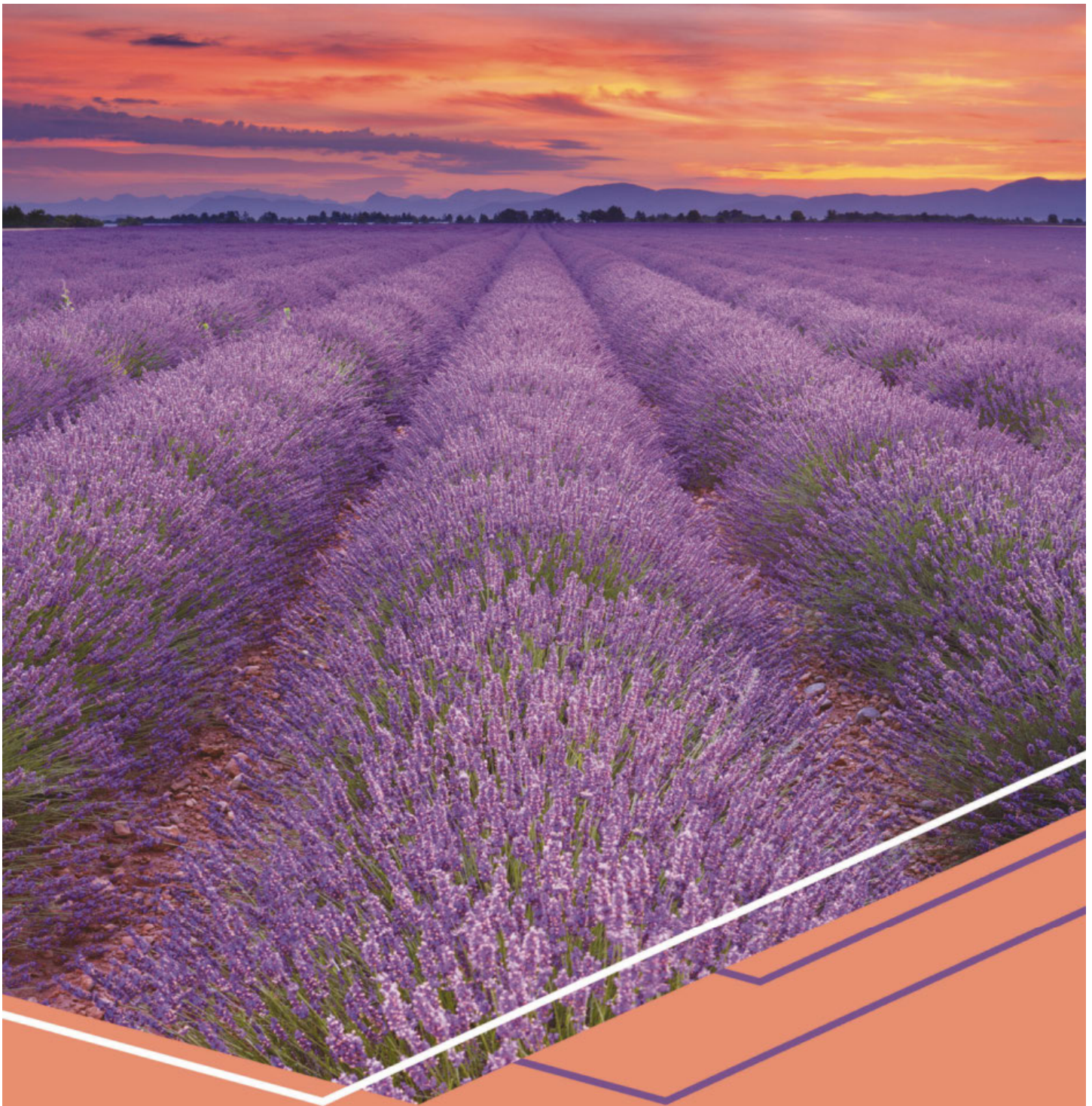


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

April 27, 2025



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, April 28	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack John Yelnick	Scott & Jill Burson
Tuesday, April 29	Word & Communion Service	8:30 am		
Wednesday, April 30	Mass	8:30 am	James M. Daly	Patrick Daly
Thursday, May 1	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Mary Beckenbach	The Edwards Family
Friday, May 2	Mass	8:30 am	Karen Brennan Mike Konstant	The Jim Donahue Family The Konstant Family
Saturday, May 3	Mass	8:30 am	Alvin & Marcella Hermesdorf Louie Marasovic	Marci Hermesdorf April Pesut
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 pm 5:00 pm	Mary & Joseph Simeoni Frank Rizzo	The Simeoni & McLaughlin Families The Templeton & Costello Families
Sunday, May 4	Mass	7:30 am	Francis & Ruth Roti	The Roti Family
3rd Sunday of Easter	Mass	9:00 am	Dewey Ware Special Intention	Jenne Doherty Pat Urycki
	Mass	11:00 am	George O. Saleh	The Saleh Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Anna Russo	The Freeman Family

Presider's Schedule for April 26-27, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

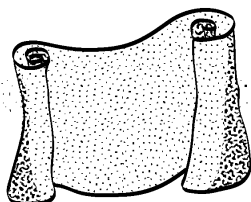
5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Vivian Brickhouse
Mary Ann Curry
Blake Donegan
Ernie Froemel
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia
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 Niedo
Connie O'Dette
Laura O'Malley
Laureen Rabe
Mark Reilly
Amy Robinson
Sheila Slonskis
Rita Mae Spearman
Gregg Stephenson
John Stopka
Sophie Stratton
Olivia Tarsney

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.



Once I was dead, but now
I am alive forever, therefore,
John,
write on the scroll
what you see.

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Born Into Eternal Life



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

Pope Francis

Kenneth Uhlir

Ex-Husband of Christine
Father of Carlyn, Franklin & William

Weddings

Maggie McEldowney & John Slowey
Mary O'Callaghan & Justin Chaney



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Regular Sunday Offertory
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Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

John 20:21

The Risen Christ imparts peace on his disciples as they tremble behind locked doors; he breathes upon them the Spirit of peace. One week later he again appears to them and offers Thomas whatever he needs to dispel his doubts. We are told that Jesus appears to his disciples several times over forty days to deepen their faith in what God has done.

Yet Jesus desires even more. He is preparing them to go out as missionaries; to carry to others the good news of his words and deeds and the significance of his Resurrection. The Spirit eventually will push them beyond the locked doors into Jerusalem and the Mediterranean world. Within a short time, they will have established small Christian communities throughout the eastern Mediterranean.

So I send you. Jesus now sends us. We receive the gifts of the Spirit through Confirmation and continue to be formed by Word and Eucharist. Our tongues *must not be silent*. **We are sent** as a voice for those in the womb and those near death; those who live with physical or mental limits; the poor, the vulnerable, and the immigrant; all who are judged by society as less worthy of dignity and respect. Some may judge this message as political. Nonetheless, **we are sent to stand for and with** those whom Jesus embraced as blessed.

Our mission is not a political platform. Nor can we exclude any individual or group. **Our communion** is the peace that Jesus breathes upon us and that the world cannot give. **This is the peace** that heals divisions and mends broken relationships. **This is the peace** that no one can take from us if we embrace it.

We awoke on Easter Monday to the news that Pope Francis had died. Good Pope Francis spoke often of the challenges that missionary disciples face in a polarized society. Yet he insisted that this is not an excuse to avoid or water down our mission. On Easter Sunday, he offered words of hope and joy to those assembled and made his way through the crowd in St. Peter's Square.

I am sad for what the Church has lost and pray that Pope Francis rests in peace. I *give thanks* for his life, his words, and his example of a missionary disciple. He opened church doors and human hearts with humble actions and compassionate words for the marginalized, the outcast, and the oppressed.

Pope Francis called us into a spirit of *synodality*, in which *all* members of the Church seek to listen to one another and to honestly and respectfully share their hopes and concerns. He believed that our mission *requires* people of many different viewpoints who listen and seek to understand one another. **Each person brings something to the conversation**.

Pope Francis saw and responded to the need for women to have positions of greater authority in the Church. He removed Church leaders who failed to appreciate the deep pain of clergy sexual abuse survivors and prevent further abuse. He also made it clear in the face of opposition that *each person* who seeks a blessing from the Church should receive that blessing simply because *each person is a beloved child of God*.

Where will the Spirit lead the Church in the days to come? We pray for Pope Francis, and we pray for the Cardinals who will gather to name his successor.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Easter Blessings,

J. Bill



Easter
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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.



PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY WITH FR. JOHN CHRZAN

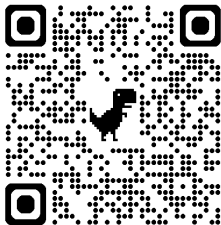
Our next pastor, Fr. John Chrzan, had scheduled a pilgrimage for St. Gilbert Parish before he was asked unexpectedly to leave St. Gilbert one year early. He is leading the pilgrimage, which offers him an opportunity to bring closure to his time as pastor of St. Gilbert Parish. The pilgrimage includes a trip to Rome for the Jubilee Year, a trip to Assisi, a few days in London, England, and a trip to the home parish of St. Gilbert in northern England. The pilgrimage departs from O'Hare Airport on September 1 and returns on September 10. If you would like to join the pilgrimage, all are welcome. However, registration closes soon. For more information and to sign up, go to www.petersway.com and follow the link for Jubilee Tours 2025 to the specific listing for the St. Gilbert Pilgrimage in September.

Church Audio Update—Adaptive Audio System

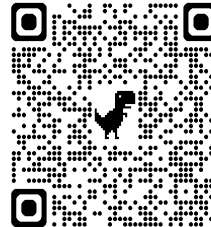
SFX has installed a Bluetooth accessible Listening System. To access this new system you must have a smartphone along with earphones or Bluetooth capable hearing aids. Follow the steps to connect your device.

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

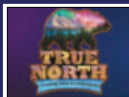


Step 2) (In SFX Church) Download the Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection by scanning the provided QR Code below. Please make sure to turn on Wi-Fi for auto detection in your settings.

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 sfxing@sfxlg.org to set up an appointment.



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!



Religious Education News

*Register today for our 2025- 2026
K – 8 Religious Education!*

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!**

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:
[Click Here](#) or scan the QR Code to take you to the registration page.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUNDRAISER

Join us to celebrate the end of the Religious Education School Year This Weekend
Sunday, April 27th, 2025 from 1:30PM – 3:00PM in Joyce Hall.

You can also pick up your pre-ordered
Aracely's Tamales in the Gym that day too.



We will be selling Water, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, and Snow Cones for \$1 each and
Hot Dogs for \$2 each on day of event.

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**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.*



Join Your Parish in Prayer on Hallow

Hallow is the #1 Catholic prayer and meditation platform in the world and is home to the largest digital community of Catholics online.

With over 10,000 guided prayers, meditations, and sessions, Hallow puts over 2,000 years of Catholic tradition at your fingertips helping you grow in faith, build a habit of daily prayer, and discover different types of prayer.

Already on Hallow? Join your parish!

Log into **Hallow**; on the bottom right, tap **Community**; enter your parish's zip code. When you see your parish's name, tap **Join Parish**

New to Hallow? Receive full access to Hallow for just \$1 by scanning the QR code below or visiting hallow.com/parish.

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

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New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Monday, April 28th, at 6:30pm**, for a special Newcomer Blessing.

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

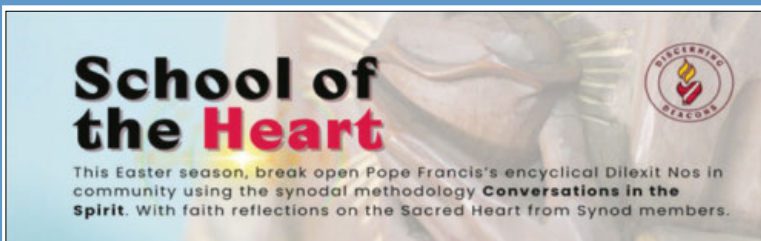
Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

Who is invited? Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish * Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet * Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us * Families with children of all ages * ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

If you are able, **please RSVP** to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

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



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 7:00pm 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.

THE TALK

PART TWO

THUR
MAY 1ST
7PM-8:30PM



The Kind Exchange

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!

All Parish Service Days

Doing God's Work in the World 5pm Mass
St. Francis Xavier Parish Pentecost
June 2-7, 2025

We hope you'll celebrate Pentecost by being a part of an outreach experience with family, friends and fellow parishioners.
Registration will begin in early May

PAST SERVICE DAY REFLECTIONS

I am thankful for the opportunity to make a positive difference in the world!

One of the best experiences! Enjoyed it so much!

I really felt God's presence as we packed meals.

Many hands truly do make light work and there's no greater gift than to be blessed with the hands to do it.

A purpose larger than ourselves is truly the key to a blessed, happy life.

I really enjoyed reconnecting with fellow parishioners.

I love helping others and making a difference. It's so fun putting together flowers.

It was fun to do with my friends and know how many people we are helping.

SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

BEDS

Bethlehem Woods

Blood Drive

Broadview Detention Center

Challenger Baseball

Companions Journeying Together

Congregation of St Joseph

First Congregational Church Meal Program

Fisher House

Food Pantry

Helping Hand

Mission Our Lady Of Angels

Plymouth Place

Rosary

QUESTIONS? Contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or [708-352-0168](tel:708-352-0168)



Church Women United LaGrange/Western Springs Unit To Celebrate May Friendship Day, Friday, May 2

Church Women United LaGrange/Western Springs Unit invites all area women to a program, "Friends Love at All Times," on Friday, May 2 at St. Cletus Parish/Parish Center/east entrance, 600 55th Street, LaGrange. Bible Study will begin at 10:00AM, followed by a formal program at 11:00AM and concludes with a salad luncheon, for which reservations are requested by Monday, April 28th. Donation for lunch is \$15.

The program will feature Rev. Noris Cabán addressing the topic: "Friendology: The Science of Friendship." Rev. Cabán is Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange and has been in pastoral ministry for almost 30 years. She is bilingual, bicultural and a native of Puerto Rico. With her husband and two children, she currently resides in LaGrange Park.

In keeping with the theme, attendees are asked to consider bringing donations to benefit the Kid's Shop at the Hope and Friendship Foundation in Lemont. Suggested items include: journals, pens, art supplies, fun socks, personal care items. Any youth friendly fun item is appreciated. The Kid's Shop is a rare opportunity for young friends to select items not affordable for a struggling home.

For more information and reservations, please call 708-710-0644 or email cwulgws@gmail.com.



Additionally, we are thrilled to announce our special event, Praise Be! 10 Years of Laudato Si', on Friday, May 9. We will gather as one community to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si', with prayer, art, readings, music, and reflection! Let's celebrate all we have accomplished and continue to create a future that honors our connection with each other to protect and care for our common home.

Learn more & register:

<https://csjthewell.org/programs/>



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!

PEACE

Be with you



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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, May 6

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com
or

Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.



LaGrange Babe Ruth

Hello Church League Basketball families! Is your athlete looking for some more action after hoops? Without giving up your summer or spending thousands? Look no further than LaGrange Babe Ruth Baseball! Whether your player has gotten after it since t-ball, played travel, or is newer to the game, LaGrange Babe Ruth celebrates youth baseball the way it should be: local, fun, competitive, and affordable. The league features a Junior Division for players aged 12-15 and a Senior Division for 16-19 year-olds. The season starts mid-May and lasts until late July, and games are played in LaGrange at beautiful Sedgewick Park.

Register now at www.lagrangebaberuth.com.

The league offers financial assistance on request.

Thank you, and we hope to see you at the ballpark!

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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Call our office today to learn how you can become a volunteer driver!

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**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
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- **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 Nidos
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux

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

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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
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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

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