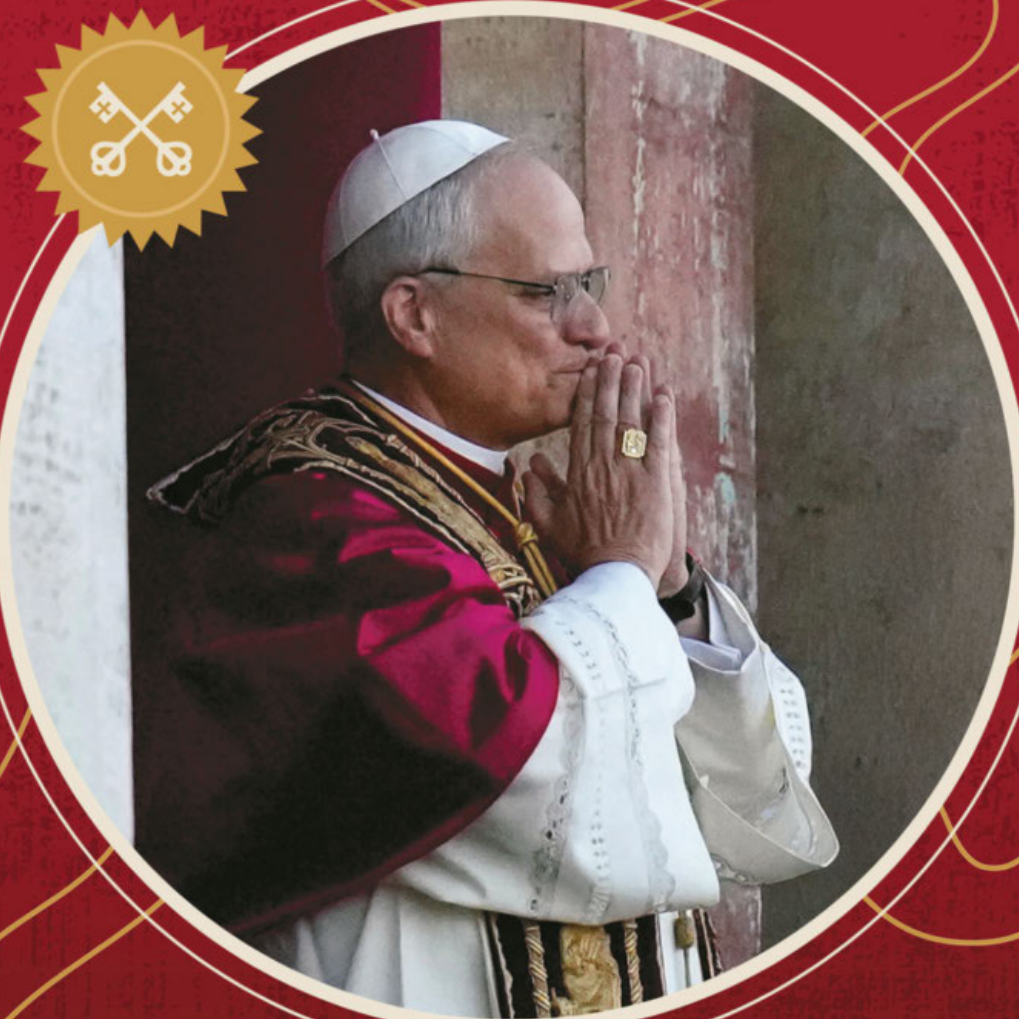




# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 5th Sunday of Easter

### May 18, 2025



# POPE LEO XIV

Vicar of Jesus Christ  
*Vicario de Jesucristo*

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## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 19	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Tuesday, May 20	Mass	8:30 am	Theresa Toher	Clare & Ernie Froemel
Wednesday, May 21	Mass	8:30 am	Colette C. Kramer Michelle Mikula	Sharon Sims The Driscoll Family
Thursday, May 22	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, May 23	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Saturday, May 24	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 pm 5:00 pm	People of the Parish  Andre Eagle	  Mother
Sunday, May 25 6th Sunday of Easter	Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Living Intention John Strzynski Mike Doyle Theresa Ann Ringhofer <b>No 5:00 pm Mass</b>	The Zavala Family Bob & Bridget Hamilton Trudi Kessler

## No Sunday 5:00 PM Mass Memorial Day Weekend

### Presider's Schedule for May 17-18, 2025

**5:00 pm** Fr. Tkachuk

**7:30 am** Fr. Tkachuk

**9:00 am** Fr. Milek

**11:00 am** Fr. Milek

**5:00 pm** Fr. Cyscon

### Please pray for . . .

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

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.

### Weddings

Maggie McEldowney & John Slowey  
Mary O'Callaghan & Justin Chaney  
Alison Crivlare & Mitchell Ciszewski  
Kate Hanfland & David Nyren



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



## Pastor's Letter

*They reported what God had done.*  
Acts 14:27

Luke recounts the end of the church's first missionary journey. Paul and Barnabas return to the community that had sent them on their mission and share the news of what God has done.

Thirty years ago, this parish sent me out on mission. I returned in 2015 and in 2017 became the tenth pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish. In between, I served as administrator for a parish that was dealing with the removal of their pastor due to allegations of sexual abuse that were deemed credible. I was named the second pastor of a young parish that was learning how to become a parish of two languages and three predominant cultures. I next served as pastor of a parish that was seeking deeper unity amid a diversity of language, culture, and opinions on what it means to be church.

Each assignment required things that I had learned from you all. *We are the Body of Jesus*, a communion in Christ formed from our willingness to listen to one another, to appreciate differences, to be sensitive to hurts and vulnerabilities, and to trust that all is possible when we allow the Spirit to dwell among us.

I have been supported and enriched by a staff of women and men who collaborate with one another to serve the vision and needs of this parish. I have been guided by the perspectives of parish leaders through their generous offer of time and talent. Thirty years ago, you restored my love for priesthood; over the past ten years, you restored my love of pastoring. God has done great things for, with, and through us. I have no doubt that you will be as much a blessing for Fr. John as you have been for me. I look forward to hearing the stories yet to be lived.

Easter Peace,

*F. Bill*

### A word about our next pastor...



Each week leading up to July 1<sup>st</sup>, when Fr. John begins his assignment at St. Francis Xavier, the Transition Team will share a fun fact we have learned about him in this column, helping us all get to know our new pastor a little better. Once he arrives, Fr. John will have many chances to share much more about his life and journey. For now, here's a little snippet:

Fr. John Chrzan *loves to travel*. He has visited all the states except Hawaii and Alaska. Just last week, he crossed New Mexico off the list! Fr. John is also known for planning pilgrimages with and for parishioners. He had scheduled one more pilgrimage with the people of St. Gilbert Parish before he learned that he would be coming to St. Francis Xavier this July. From September 1-10, he will guide a tour to Rome, Assisi, London, and the home parish of St. Gilbert in northern England. Now that our parish is his newest destination, we can't help but wonder...*could a pilgrimage with our parishioners be in his future?*

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### 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, Fr. John, do the same, listening to your Spirit with courage and openness as you lead us to one another. Amen.*



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop  
835 North Rush Street  
Chicago, IL 60611-2030  
312-534-8230  
archchicago.org

May 9, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In just two short weeks we have said goodbye to our beloved Pope Francis, entered a time of uncertainty and now have a remarkable event to celebrate as Catholics, Chicagoans and people of good will. The fact that more than 130 cardinal electors from more than 70 countries could come to a decision in less than 24 hours is a clear sign of the unity, so needed in a world torn by division and conflict.

Many here know Pope Leo XIV as Robert Prevost, a classmate, friend and neighbor. Our pride in him as a native son is exceeded only by our pride in his service to the People of God and to our Church.

A missionary, Pope Leo knows firsthand the needs of those at the margins and holds them close. We expect he will carry on the regard for the poor so associated with Pope Francis but will lead us and teach us in his own way. His choice of name recalls Pope Leo XIII who defended the dignity of workers at a time when concern for their rights was scarce. This earlier Pope Leo, generally considered the father of Catholic social teaching, placed our church firmly in the world, speaking against injustice and for peace. As wars and discord continue and some deny human dignity with their words and deeds, such a voice is clearly needed.

I hope you will take a minute to say a prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit who surely was with us in this time. Let us rejoice that he has once again given us a Holy Father who will represent our values boldly and lead us to greater closeness with Jesus.

Know that I am deeply grateful for the prayers you offered for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. The outpouring of condolences, including from people of other faith traditions was remarkable. His example of a happy death was his last gift to us. It is my wish that people of the Archdiocese of Chicago and beyond now offer their prayers for Pope Leo XIV as he takes up the work of lighting the world with God's love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Blase Card. Cupich".

Archbishop of Chicago



## Fuller Center Collection May 17-18

The second collection at this weekend's masses supports the parish's annual mission trip to Clarksdale, Mississippi with The Fuller Center for Housing (formerly Habitat for Humanity.)

This summer, St. Francis Xavier will send a group of volunteers to the Mississippi Delta. Your donation will help cover the cost of building materials and other costs necessary for SFX volunteers to provide affordable housing for a Clarksdale family currently living in substandard conditions.



To make a donation,  
use this QR code or [Click Here](#).



"Clarksdale is a really cool place  
and I would not have seen it  
had it not been for this trip."



"I learned about the  
community by working  
alongside community members."

**THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT!**

Questions about  
volunteer opportunities?

Please contact  
Chris O'Hea at  
[chris.ohea@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.ohea@yahoo.com).

### 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](mailto:chris.ohea@yahoo.com).

Join us for this fun and fulfilling experience!

### An Evening of Prayer and Reflection

- ◇ June 18, 2025
- ◇ 7:00 PM



*Hospitality To Follow*

**St. Cletus Parish  
600 West 55th Street  
LaGrange**

**Special Guest Speaker: Fr. Jerry Boland  
Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Glenview, IL**





## Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday, Christmas, and Easter Collections through April

This Year:	\$ 1,659,045
Last Year:	\$ 1,580,910
Total Annual Offertory Budget:	\$ 1,930,000

Our Easter offertory through April totaled \$77,366  
(budget of \$80,000).

If you would still like to make an Easter gift,  
please use the QR code below.

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Our Mass is the heart of our FAITH. Our Parish School and Religious Education students are ONE IN COMMUNITY as they participate, by grade level, in Mass together each month from September through March. At each of these Masses we had six students from our Parish School and six students from our Religious Education Program engaged as lectors, commentators, gift bearers, and ushers. Many others were involved in the Parish Children's choir. These liturgies were child-focused, and the children's lectionary was used for all the readings so that it was easier for the children to understand the Word of God in their terms and to feel the love of Jesus. Each Mass was a wonderful monthly gathering for our SFX children, with beautiful and lively Masses.

This year we also introduced offertory envelopes to our students, and they were asked to bring them weekly to Mass and especially to these Children's Masses. Children were asked to write ways that gave of their time and talent during the week or month to give as their offering at Mass, and some even put in their own monetary donations, too.

Elis Guidice, our Director of Religious Education and Sacramental Prep shares: "These Masses have helped our students devote time to prayer with their peers, families, and their parish community. Through these Masses they are learning about the different ministries they can continue to be a part of as they grow in the Church. I am always in awe of our students who get up at the ambo and lector or sing; this is not something easy to do, not even for adults, yet our SFX Parish School and Religious Education students made it look so easy. I am proud of all of our students and the time and talent they put forth in our Parish Grade Level Masses this past school year."

Your offertory donations support this prayer-filled formation of our precious children. God bless you for your stewardship!



Make a gift to Sunday  
offertory with this QR  
Code or [click here](#).  
Thank you for your  
stewardship!







**TOGETHER LET'S HONOR AND CELEBRATE  
THE RETIREMENT OF OUR BELOVED  
PASTOR**

**FR. BILL TRACHUK**

**Join us to wish him a future filled  
with Blessings and Joy**

Sunday, June 29, 2025

11am Mass

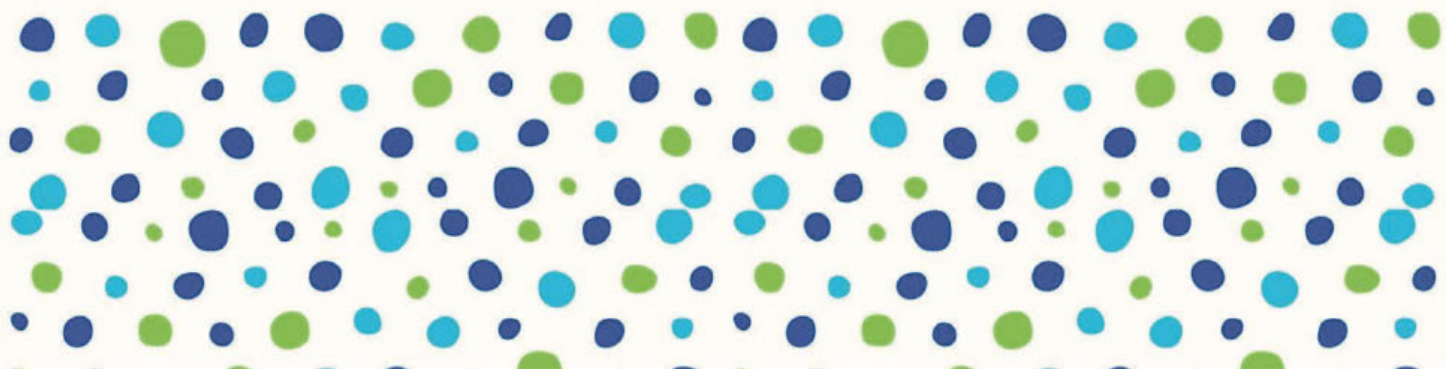
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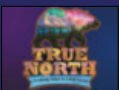
Joyce Hall

12:45pm

Burgers, Hot Dogs and Salads will be served

**KINDLY [CLICK HERE](#) TO RSVP**





## 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](mailto:olson.karl@gmail.com) or Phil Zadeik at [pjzadeik@gmail.com](mailto:pjzadeik@gmail.com).



We, at Hitzeman Funeral Home, are excited with the announcement and the installation of the Pope Leo XIV, especially with his Chicago ties. In his honor, we wanted to help you celebrate. We have commissioned Pope Leo announcement prayer cards and have supplied St. Francis Xavier Church with these Pope Leo prayer cards to distribute at Mass.

They have been found to be more popular than anticipated. The first run ran out prior to getting through the second weekend Mass. We are supplying an additional allotment shortly this week. If the church runs out and you miss the opportunity to pick one up at Mass, please feel free to stop by Hitzeman's to pick one up. Ask for one or more to share at Hitzeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 9445 31st Street in Brookfield, 708-485-2000 or [www.HitzemanFuneral.com](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com).

It's an exciting time and here's a chance for you to celebrate our Chicago-born Pope. God Bless!

— SAVE THE DATE! —



**SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

Old Oak Country Club  
14200 Parker Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491  
QUESTIONS? ROB & LISA PAROLIN at  
[sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com)

— FIND YOUR FORESOME! —



# 11th ANNUAL ALL PARISH SERVICE DAYS!

June 3-7, 2025

*Doing God's Work in the World*

Kick off your summer and celebrate Pentecost  
by being part of an outreach team with family, friends and fellow parishioners!

Teens, get a jumpstart on your  
Confirmation and high school service requirements!

Registration is open! [Click Here](#)

## SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE PARTNER	PROJECT	TEAM LEADER(S)
SFX Food Pantry (6/3)	Serve pantry guests	Mary Freeman
Fisher House (6/5)	Deliver Prayer Shawls	Barbara Schumacher
Rosary (6/5)	Pray in Mary Garden	Katie Kanzer
Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (6/6)	Pray at Broadview Detention Center	Mary Freeman
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 7 ACTIVITIES</b>		
BEDS	Prepare Lunch for Motel Guests and Pack Shelf Stable Meals at SFX	Katie Filbin
Blood Drive	Donate Blood in SFX Gym	Mark Azzi
Challenger Baseball	Play ball with a buddy at Sedgwick Park	Paul Saladino
Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)	Write Notes at SFX	Marge Branecki
Congregation of St Joseph	Clean up CSJ plots at Queen of Heaven Cemetery	Emily Bersnak Clare Pasquesi
First Congregational Saturday Meal Program	Prepare and Serve Lunch	Rachel Peterson
Helping Hand	Garden Cleanup at a home in LaGrange area	Lisa Radville Greg Schuler
Mission OLA (Our Lady of Angels)	Help distribute food, clothing and household items in Chicago	Matt Kanzer
Random Acts of Kindness	Repurpose flowers at SFX and deliver to seniors	Margie Hull Rebecca Riven
SFX Food Pantry	Sort & Stock Food	Lynn Regan Alice Vida
SFX Garden	Help plant annuals around the church	Kathy Skokna

If you have questions, please contact:

Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



## 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.

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

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.

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.



### 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](http://hallow.com/parish).

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

Scan the QR code to sign up  
[hallow.com/parish](http://hallow.com/parish)



## FREE SENIOR BASEBALL OUTING SPONSORED BY: **CONBOY'S WESTCHESTER FUNERAL HOME** 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025  
Schaumburg Boomers vs. Windy City Thunderbolts  
at the Schaumburg Boomers Stadium

**INCLUDED:**  
FREE bus transportation to and from the game  
FREE admission tickets to the game  
FREE lunch w/ soft drinks served inside  
the Schaumburg Stadium Club

**SCHEDULE:**  
-Departure will be at 11:15 a.m. sharp  
From the Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home  
-Boarding of the buses will begin at 11:00 a.m.  
-Game time is 1:00 p.m.  
-Return time to Funeral Home is approximately 5:00 p.m.

**SIGN UP NOW** (limited tickets)

Call Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home **708-562-5900**  
Please provide your Name, Address, and Phone Number

Postcards will be sent approximately 2 weeks before  
the event with more info and YOUR BUS NUMBER



SATURDAY

JUNE

7

10:00AM - 2:00PM

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



1-800-786-4483

## St. Francis Xavier 'All Parish Service Day' Community Blood Drive

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

To make an appt., call 1-800-786-4483, visit  
<https://tinyurl.com/v7zsfyzu> or scan the QR code



32 Donors needed at this drive!  
Sign up & give to help supply lifesaving blood to patients at 80+ local hospitals.

Ope. It's in our blood. Donate and receive a one-of-a-kind Midwesterner t-shirt, while supplies last.



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[The Examen & The Enneagram](#) on Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 6:00-8:00PM. Cost \$100 on Zoom with Facilitator: Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin. This four-week workshop explores how the Ignatian Examen and the Enneagram can work together to foster spiritual growth and self awareness. Discover valuable insights to help you navigate your journey with greater self-understanding and a deeper connection to God.

[Painting the Journey Retreat](#) on Friday-Sunday, June 20-22. Cost \$500 Overnight; \$300 Commuter supplies included, Scholarships Available with Facilitator: Dr. Ann Viernes. This three day retreat where you will immerse yourself in a gently guided intuitive creative process of painting your own portal to your future self. Learn how art can be medicine.

[Wild Belongings: Summer Solstice](#) on Sunday, June 22 from 2:00-4:00PM In-Person. Cost Free with Facilitators: Ellen Wiggins & Bob Kent. Wild Belongings invites us into a deeper experience of Divine revelation through relationship with the land and creatures near us.

All are welcome as we gather to honor the longest day of sunlight in the Northern Hemisphere. We will be guided by poetry and chant, as well as exchanging wisdom with the land, its inhabitants and each other. Recognized in many circles as the beginning of summer, let's give thanks for the warmth and benefits of Light.

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

## 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, June 3

Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or

Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.

## Engage Community Spring Event

Our meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 29**  
from **7:00-8:30 pm** in **Unity Hall**.



### Game Night

Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. We'll choose what to play based on the group's size and interests.

You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine). RSVPs are encouraged.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com).

All are welcome. Engage is for adults of all ages; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

## Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps!

### Want to Make a Difference? Want to Grow in Your Faith?

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) matches the skills and experiences of adults 50+ with Chicagoland nonprofits dedicated to walking with and assisting those most in need. IVC supports members in deepening their faith through formation opportunities rooted in the Ignatian tradition.

**Learn more by attending an upcoming information session.**

St. Francis Xavier Parish (LaGrange) - June 10, 2:00 pm

St. John of the Cross Parish (Western Springs) - June 24, 2:00 pm



## 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!



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

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Deacon  
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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