



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025



"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, July 28	Mass	8:30 am	Doris Toner Herbert & Mary Schrack Rosemary Sherman	Carolyn & Martin Rodgers The Sherman Family
Tuesday, July 29	Mass	8:30 am	Alex Marthaler	The Marthaler Family
Wednesday, July 30	Mass	8:30 am	Mary Ann Doyle	Susan Devitt
Thursday, July 31	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Maureen Owens Bernard Urycki	The Hannigan Family Pat Urycki
Friday, August 1	Mass	8:30 am	Chuck Wilson	The Schumacher Family
Saturday, August 2	Mass	8:30 am	Louie Marasovic Henry & Theresa Gazdziak	April Pesut The Gazdziak Family
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Tom O'Brien	The Burke & Reilly Families
Sunday, August 3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Dennis Schumacher Nancy Johnson	Jim & Donna Schoeder The Schwendner Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Elise Delaney	Jim & Mary Donahue
	Mass	11:00 am	George O. Saleh	The Saleh Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Presider's Schedule for July 26-27, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Chrzan

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Chrzan

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio	Brian McLaughlin
Poppy Booth	Amy Miller
George Braasch	Greg Molinari
Vivian Brickhouse	Patrick Morgan
Mary Ann Curry	Bill Mroz
Blake Donegan	Ann Marie Niedo
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Connie O'Dette
Allen Godlewski	Mark Reilly
Mateo Gomez	Amy Robinson
Vincenzo Guzzo	Juan Silva
Junie Haase	Sheila Slonskis
Angela Hill	Gregg Stephenson
Jessi Rita Hoffman	John Stopka
Michelle Jackson	Sophie Stratton
Patricia Jones	Anna Suero
Nora Lou Kampe	Olivia Tarsney
Michelle Kram	Joe Vargas
Ella Mae Kuzel	Eileen West
Randy Lange	Michael Westberg
Richard Lavers	Liz Wilk
Eleanor Love	Al Winkler

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:

Marion Berger
Aunt of Charis Lehnert

Maria Morales
Wife of Francisco
Mother of Irene, Luis, Marco & Ines

Colleen Pora
Mother of Raymond, Trisha, Catherine, Jacqueline
and the late Michael

Weddings



Meghan Schick & Michael Zicarelli
Dogmara Starzyk & Adam Stutzman
Linda Nguyen & Vinnie Cirolia
Colleen McCabe & Kyle Phillips

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Save the Date

Join us in welcoming Fr. John Chrzan

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Bishop Robert Fedek will install

Fr. John as our 11th Pastor

of St. Francis Xavier Parish at the 5 pm Mass

**Followed by our Annual SFX
All Parish Block Party**

More information to come!

Pastor's Letter



Enjoy your summer!

Peace, Fr. John Chrzan



Thinking about
**Becoming
Catholic?**

WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to start the conversation



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.



Your Gift and Talent is Needed!

Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person (Sundays & Wednesdays) this year by grade level twice a month, so we are looking for volunteers to step forward to join in this journey of faith with our youth. Please contact Elis Guidice, our Director of Religious Education, if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2025-2026 school year at sfxreligious@sfxlg.org.

ALPHA Reunion Invitation



To all past Alpha attendees—you are invited to join us for **Sunday evening Mass on August 17 at 5:00pm** for a special reunion get together. After Mass, we'll gather in Unity Hall for some light refreshments and good company. We'd love to see you there!



FALL ALPHA Series Please Join Us

This fall, we invite you to Alpha, beginning **Monday, September 8 at 6:30pm**. Each week includes a delicious free dinner, a thought-provoking video, and casual conversation with others who are exploring similar questions.

Please register at www.sfxlg.org.





A Tax-Savvy Way to Support St. Francis Xavier Parish

As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure that God's good work on earth continues by making a direct gift of securities and mutual funds that have appreciated in value and have been held for more than one year.

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to St. Francis Xavier Parish and/or the Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact Jennifer Zeisloft at 708-352-0168 or jzeisloft@sfxlq.org for stock transfer assistance.



Retreat in the Real World

An invitation to Discover The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius

The Spiritual Exercises, which are at the heart of Ignatian spirituality, is a collection of meditations, prayers, scripture readings, and contemplative and imaginative practices based on the experiences of Ignatius of Loyola. The particular version of the Exercises, called the 19th Annotation, takes place over about 30 weeks beginning in the fall, and aligns beautifully with the liturgical calendar. Often called a "spirituality for busy persons," the Spiritual Exercises invite those who are actively involved in the world to experience God in a deeper, more intimate way that supports everyday life—as the Jesuits often say—Finding God in All Things!

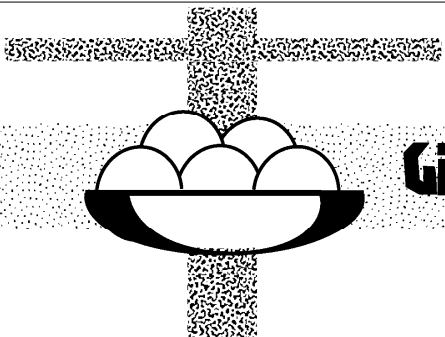
Perhaps you are looking for deeper peace and connection with God, or maybe you are longing for a transformational journey with Jesus without leaving your everyday commitments, or you may be looking for God's help in discerning a decision or embarking on a new season of life. These are just some of the reasons people are drawn to the Spiritual Exercises.

Here are a few initial guidelines:

- Retreatants commit themselves to about 45 minutes of personal prayer and reflection each day, for which scripture passages and resources are provided.
- Availability to meet once a week, either via video/remote conferencing or in person, with an Ignatian "guide" who facilitates helpful sharing about the ongoing experience. The weekly meeting is scheduled at a time convenient for both retreatant and guide.

Interested? Curious? Want to know more?

The UMI Midwest Jesuit Province trains spiritual directors to direct The Spiritual Exercises and will be offering the opportunity to make The Spiritual Exercises beginning this September 2025 accompanied by one of the intern spiritual directors at no financial cost. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lee Egan via phone or text: 708-785-5535 or email: lmegan435@gmail.com.



GIVE US THIS DAY, OUR DAILY BREAD

Engage Community Summer Events

Connect with neighbors and friends, new and old, this summer!



August 5, Summer Nights Concert

Where: Hillside Commons in Hillside

5:30pm **Infatuations** a Rod Stewart Tribute Band; 7:30pm **Lisa McClowry** a Cher Tribute artist. Also, a car show, local food vendors and local artisan pop up shops.



August 13, Noon—Lunch Gathering

Where: Chai Yo Thai, 10026 Roosevelt Road in Westchester

Details: Thai food with exhibition kitchen. Separate checks. RSVPs, at the email below, are required so that we can provide accurate reservation information.

<https://chai-yothaiwestchester.com/>

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.

Engage focuses on building Christian community through a variety of social and service activities. All are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners, adults of all ages and life stages.

SFX Food Pantry School Supply Drive



We are continuing a 10+ year Parish tradition of collecting school supplies to support our pantry families. Please drop off donations at the rectory through Monday, August 4th.

Our hope and prayers are for a safe and healthy school year!

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Binders
Spiral Notebooks
Lined Paper (College Ruled & Wide)
Pocket Folders
Highlighters
Pens (Blue, Black & Red)
Crayons
Colored Markers
Colored Pencils
Pencils
Erasers
Scissors
Glue
Backpacks

**Thank you for your continued
support and generosity!**



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Alpha men! TMIY men! Men's Club men! OCIA men! Former college-fraternity men!

Think back to this past Lent. Were you striving to be a better Catholic? Perhaps you're trying to lead your family back to the Catholic faith. Do you have any interest in assisting the elderly, the disabled, the poor, and supporting the cause of life?

Then, man oh man, this is your invitation to join the Knights of Columbus (www.KofCLaGrange.org). The energies of our parish's younger men (18 years old and up) are especially needed. It only takes all of us.

We're a fraternal Order that is the granddaddy of all Catholic men's ministries. Our Order is first in support of those, above, with the most in need. "Vivat Jesus!" has been our Latin motto since our 1882 founding because Jesus is central to our mission. Your home council has been leading good works in the greater LaGrange community since 1973. We could do much, much more with you involved, and we're inviting you to join us. It's easy. Simply send a text message to (our rush-chairman of sorts) Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to get started. Today. Tomorrow. To Knight!

Our next program event is the Intellectual-Disabilities Fund "Tootsie Roll" Drive on September 19, 20, and 21. It's a great time to join us.

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, August 5

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

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MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

LITURGY TRAINING



Description of presentation: These sessions provide training for Liturgical Ministers. **ALL trainees attend Monday, August 25** evening's Scriptural foundation, an overview of the liturgy, and discern their call to liturgical ministry. Tuesday, August 26, evening session, through prayer, reflection, and practice, participants will explore what it means to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. On Wednesday, August 27 evening session, participants will learn the theological and practical skills necessary to proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass.



Dr. Elizabeth-Anne Stewart is a Chicago-area teacher, writer, and spiritual guide. On faculty at *The Institute for Life Coach Training* and *St. Xavier University*, she launched *The Ministry Coaching Foundation* in 2023 to offer courses in ministerial development and personal enrichment; an experienced spiritual director and retreat

facilitator, she has written numerous books and articles on Christian Spirituality and publishes *Sunday BibleTalk*, a weekly E-letter based on the liturgical readings. A member of St. Pius V Parish in Pilsen and of St. Francis of Assisi, Orland Park, Dr. Stewart has been involved in lay ministry and ministry formation for over 40 years, not only in the Archdiocese of Chicago but also nationally and internationally. She holds a PhD in Theology from the *University of Malta* and is a board-certified life coach credentialed by the *International Coaching Federation*. Her most recent book, *Unlocking Epiphany Moments: A Primer for Life Coaches and Other Inner Guides*, will be released by Collective Ink, UK, in July 2025.

www.elizabeth-annestewart.com.

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

Initial Training for Liturgical Ministers

Date: Monday, August 25, 2025. **Part I -**

All Liturgical Ministers, everyone must attend

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: St. John of the Cross,
5005 Wolf Rd. Western Spring
Parish Center

Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 **Part II**

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: St. John of the Cross
5005 Wolf Rd. Western Spring
Church

Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 **Part II**

Lectors

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: St. John of the Cross
5005 Wolf Rd. Western Spring
Church

Contact: Mr. Steve Weigand, Pastor Associate SJC at sweigand@stjohnofthecross.org

All are welcome! There is no cost to attend, but for planning purposes please register at:

<https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>

SFX ANNUAL GOLF

OUTING



Join your friends and fellow parishioners for our annual outing, raffle and dinner!

On-Course Challenges
Putt for Prizes, Longest
Drive & Closest to the Pin

Annual Raffle
with amazing prizes to
be announced soon!

Putt with the Principal
SFX Principal Jimmy
Bajner will be back for
another round of
raising money!

New this year!

Beat the Pro and
Go for the Gold Game
(Golf registration required)

FRIDAY

September 12th, 2025

LUNCH & CHECK-IN
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

1:00 PM SHOTGUN

DINNER, AWARDS &
RAFFLES TO FOLLOW

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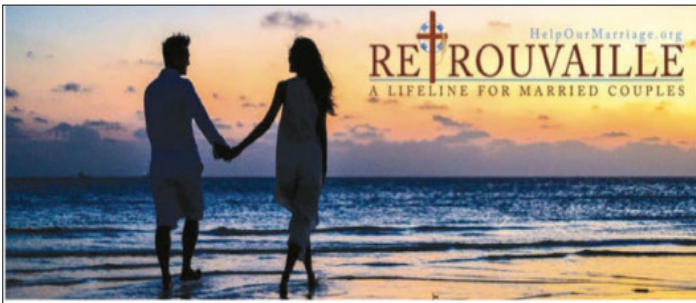
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parish and school.

**No in-person registration on the
day of the event.** All registration
payments due two days prior to the
event. All necessary guidelines will
be followed for the safety of the
golfers and the course.

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Old Oak Country Club 14200 Parker Rd, Homer Glen IL 60491
Questions? Email Golf Chairs Rob & Lisa Parolin at sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com

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Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who are struggling to stay together. You will learn how to communicate calmly and respectfully, and then you'll learn tools for handling conflict and other stresses together – in a way that strengthens and uplifts your marriage! Since its inception, Retrouvaille has helped over 200,000 married couples rebuild their marriages, and we can help you too if you are willing to work hard. Our next weekend program is:

September 19th – 21st, 2025 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL

Call us today at 815-246-2080, email us at JolietRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org, or visit us at www.HelpOurMarriage.org/Joliet for more information.



Taizé Prayer Service

Friday, August 8 at 7:00pm
St. John of the Cross Parish
5005 Wolf Road – Western Springs

Join us for an evening of quiet meditation, reflection, and prayer! Rooted in the tradition of the Taizé Community in France, this prayer service offers a peaceful space through simple, repetitive songs, silence, scripture, and candlelight. It's designed to help you slow down and reconnect with yourself, with others, and with God.



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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
- **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
- **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
- **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.

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Weekend Sacramental Clergy

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Rev. Richard Milek
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Business Operations/Virtus Coordinator
Tuition Accounts
Director of Religious Education
Religious Education Administrative Assistant
Youth Ministry Coordinator

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Parish Web Site.....www.sfxlg.org

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

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 (Door #5).

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms


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

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor


All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with a counselor, who will start in the Fall, from the Claret Center. Please call for an appointment at 773-643-6259.



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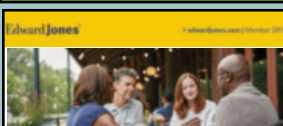
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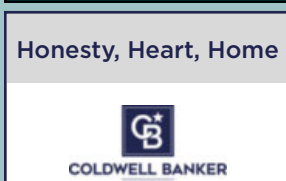



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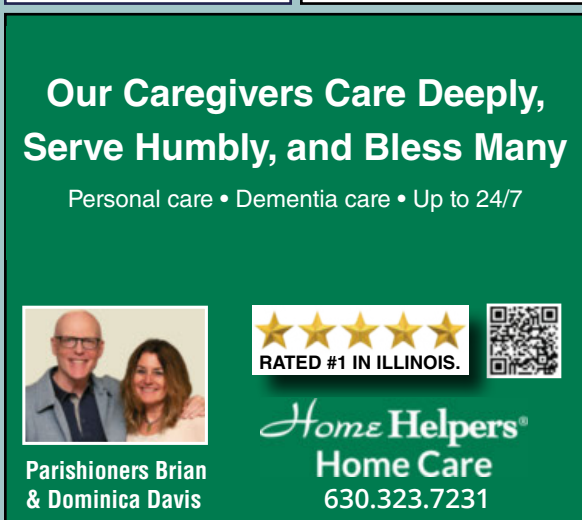
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