



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Lk 17:5-6

BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

| | | | Intention | Requested By |
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| Monday, October 6 | Mass | 8:30 am | Colleen Pora David Ehrich, Jr. Michelle Mikula Special Intention Thomas Lynch | Gary Lewis The Ehrich Family The Driscoll Family Matt & Laura O'Malley & Family |
| Tuesday, October 7 | Mass | 8:30 am | Mary Alice Gregorchuk | Gary Lewis |
| Wednesday, October 8 | Mass | 8:30 am | Special Intention for Joseph & Virginia Schmisser (Living) | Ron Skupien |
| Thursday, October 9 | Rosary Mass | 8:15 am 8:30 am | Julia Koziol | Ferber & Douglas Families |
| Friday, October 10 | Mass | 8:30 am | People of the Parish | |
| Saturday, October 11 | Mass Reconciliation Mass | 8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm | People of the Parish Meg Duranty | The Westerhoff Family |
| Sunday, October 12 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mass Mass Mass Mass | 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm | Mimi Grimes Betty & Bernard Martin George O. Saleh Marie Ann Barry | Dave Grimes The Martin Family The Saleh Family The Zahorik Family |

Presider's Schedule for October 4-5, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan 7:30 am Fr. Milek 9:00 am Fr. Ilo 11:00 am Fr. Milek 5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan

Please pray for . . .

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| John Baggio | Eleanor Love |
| Poppy Booth | Robert McMahon |
| George Braasch | Amy Miller |
| Vivian Brickhouse | Greg Molinari |
| Joe Canepa | Patrick Morgan |
| Baby Caroline Cliggett | Bill Mroz |
| Mary Ann Curry | Ann Marie Niedo |
| Blake Donegan | Connie O'Dette |
| Baby Lupe Baker Garcia | Mark Reilly |
| Allen Godlewski | Amy Robinson |
| Vincenzo Guzzo | Sheila Slonskis |
| Junie Haase | Rita Mae Spearman |
| Angela Hill | Lyle Sprat |
| Jessi Rita Hoffman | Gregg Stephenson |
| Richard Holbach | John Stopka |
| Michelle Jackson | Sophie Stratton |
| Mary Carroll Jacques | Catie Sullivan |
| Patricia Jones | Olivia Tarsney |
| Nora Lou Kampe | Joe Vargas |
| Terri Bergen Klein | Baby Emma |
| Michelle Kram | Wallace |
| Ella Mae Kuzel | Eileen West |
| Randy Lange | Liz Wilk |
| Richard Lavers | Denise Witt |

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:

John Gleason
Husband of Kathy
Father of Shawn & Mary Kate

Weddings

Carolan O'Connell & Mike Sinickas
Shannon Lyons & Justin Supple
Alexandra Gamboa & Nicholas Lazzarotto
Emma Veon & Dan Donahue
Claudia Esparza & Hugo Ortiz



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Christifideles Award

Dear Friends,

Blessings and congratulations to Frank Mungo, our parish's recipient of the Christifideles Award this year. This award is bestowed upon a Catholic layperson who has demonstrated outstanding participation in parish life, answering the call to ministerial renewal expressed in the Papal Exhortation Christifideles Laici. Frank's stewardship - offered through prayer, sharing his talents, and giving of his time and treasure - is a shining witness to our parish mission: Belong, Believe, and Be Love.

For more than a decade, Frank has been an extraordinary presence in parish life at St Francis Xavier. As a dedicated member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, he has played a vital role in major projects, including the construction of Unity Hall and the renovation of Joyce Hall and the gymnasium. He continues to bring his professional expertise in heating and cooling systems to every corner of our parish campus - church, school, and rectory - most recently assisting with the STREAM lab in the school.

Frank is also a respected leader in the Knights of Columbus, where he served as Grand Knight several years ago. In recent years, he has been instrumental in restoring the beloved parish tradition of the Advent pancake breakfast. His generosity is also well-known: he personally grilled more than 250 hamburgers for our parish family celebration at Fr Bill Tkachuk's retirement party this past June.

In addition, Frank has faithfully served as an usher at our Sunday 11 AM Mass for over a decade. His weekly commitment to this ministry reflects his deep devotion to both parish and liturgy. His warm, welcoming presence is felt not only at the church doors, but also throughout the liturgy, where his joyful personality and deep love for the faith are an inspiration to all.

Fr Rich and I were honored to join Frank at the Christifideles Award prayer service and ceremony on Sunday, September 28, at Holy Name Cathedral. Surrounded by his family and the wider Church, we joined Cardinal Cupich in giving thanks for the many gifts Frank shares so generously with our community.

Please join me in celebrating and congratulating Frank Mungo on this well-deserved recognition.

In Christ,
Fr. John Chrzan



"Thy Kingdom Come" Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm in Unity Hall

Jesus did not say, "I've come to save you from Roman oppression and taxation." Christ did not promise a worldly kingdom. In fact, He said, "My kingship is not of this world...My kingdom is in your midst...My kingdom is within you!" The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is there is His Kingdom. Let us live with an eternal perspective.

[Click here to register, scan the QR Code, or contact \[mike.jakubisin@gmail.com\]\(mailto:mike.jakubisin@gmail.com\) for more information.](#)

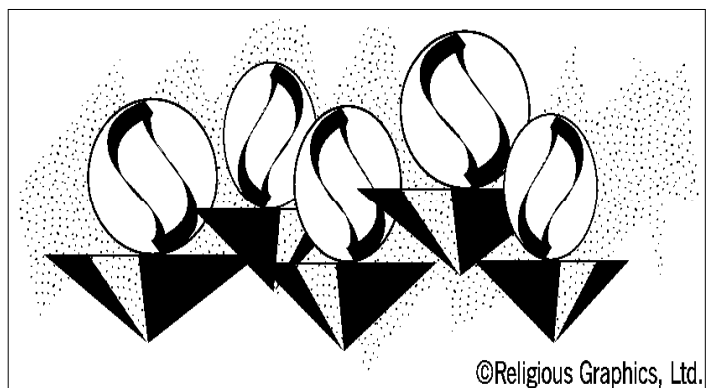
Participants at Saint Francis Xavier Say:

"It was an amazing experience. Better than expected. Really enjoyed getting to know the men in the group and growing in our faith journey together."

"Very positive experience! It was my first participation in a men's group. I was somewhat reluctant but was surprised by interaction and discussion in a very positive way."

"Men's faith discussion group this year often leaves me still thinking on the small group prompts even after the session. I felt I was able to open up in TMIY in a format that made it easy and comfortable to share and listen. I've got more out of TMIY in my faith than my Sunday Mass attendance – very engaging."

"We've covered quite a few topics, where, upon discussing, I found I wasn't alone in either a struggle or 'best practice.' The program has helped me reflect on my role and actions as a father and husband."



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



A special thanks to Fr Chuck Dahm for coming to St Francis Xavier to speak about domestic violence at all the Sunday masses last week. See the 9am mass link if you missed it! Thanks to everyone who met the following evening to discuss ways that St Francis can improve our parish response to this issue that occurs in **all communities** at nearly the same rate regardless of religion, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, age or education. **Stay tuned for another meeting later this month.**



Domestic Abuse is a pattern of behavior that seeks power and control over an intimate partner. There are many forms of abuse including: physical, emotional, verbal, economic, sexual and stalking.

FACTS

1 in 3 women is physically or sexually abused or stalked by an intimate partners at some point in her life.

This occurs every **6 seconds** in the US

Nearly **1 in 5** girls between 11 and 17 years has suffered physical or sexual abuse by a dating partner.

Children raised in families with domestic violence are at a greater risk of being victims or perpetrators and are more likely to experience low academic performance, school drop-out, drug and alcohol abuse, emotional instability and even suicide.

CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHING

The US Catholic Bishops state: **"Violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justifies, and it is a sin and often a crime...No One is expected to stay in an abusive marriage."** Letter: When I call for Help, 2002

Contact:

Fr Chuck Dahm: cdahm13@gmail.com 312-371-7752

Pillars: 24 hour hotline: 708-485-5254

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of September:

Mackenzie & Emily Beideman
Jeffrey Cizek & Carissa Calascibetta
Anthony Clarke & Gladys Velasquez
Jacob Gowin & Kristen Jozsa
Garrett & Carlye Kawa
Jim & Shannon Keating
Robert & Dana Kellerman
Brett & Emily Lundberg
Steven & Lorena Maggio
Kathleen Marshall
Leslie Martinez
Miguel & Jacquelyn Martinez
Carolyn Moore
Isabella Nelson
George & Cinzia Sarris
Fitzpatrick & Caroline Stadler
Liana Talavera
John & Julia Walz
Garett & Sandra Witt



 **24/7 Mental Health
Support & Crisis Care**



La Grange | Summit

FREE English & Spanish Services Available

Available 24/7: The Living Room

Need a safe place to breathe,
talk, or just be?

The Living Room is open 24/7,
365 days a year, in Summit
(bilingual available!) and
LaGrange for adults (18+)
facing mental health challenges. Peer led, free, and
welcoming, no insurance or appointment needed.
Just walk in.



[708-524-2582](tel:708-524-2582)

Where is The Living Room?

- 4731 Willow Springs Road, LaGrange, IL
- 7602 63rd Street, Summit, IL (*services available in English or Spanish*)

[View More Info Here](#)



Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group Wednesdays Beginning October 1

If you are in need of consolation after the death of a loved one, this Christ-centered, faith sharing group is for you. We will meet for six Wednesdays, beginning October 1.

Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at 6:30pm in the school library.

Please email Therese Byrne theresebyrne1989@gmail.com to register or for more information.



9th Annual Living Rosary

In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, parishioners and members of the community are invited to gather outside with SFX students, faculty and staff to pray the Rosary.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 following the 8:30am
morning Mass (weather permitting)
in the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot.

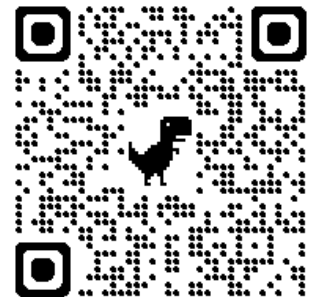


Pink Ribbon Community

A group for women at St. Francis Xavier who share the firsthand experience of hearing, "You have breast cancer." We will build community based on the foundation of our faith and our common diagnosis, focusing on supporting each other at all stages of the journey. We also will establish a network for reaching out to other women in the parish who find themselves grappling with a breast cancer diagnosis.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code to express your interest in this new community.

Questions? Email Shannon Nowak at shwood13@gmail.com.



LIVING IN UNITY WITH SPIRIT, EARTH, AND ONE ANOTHER

Discovering Your Personality Pathways and Your Unique Path to Grace with the Enneagram

We will explore how the Enneagram can be a pathway to experiencing God's presence with us. Join us on this journey of self-discovery, growth, and grace as we explore the wisdom of the Enneagram together.
Facilitator: Dr. Brendo Babin

Friday Evening-Sunday Morning, November 7-9
Overnight registration fee: \$350
Commuter registration fee: \$250

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

“We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a ‘Gospel of life.’ It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly in respect for human dignity.”

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB

RESPECT LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Month of October: Donations for the *Women’s Care Center and Aid for Women*

Baby Bottles and Envelopes available at the church doors. Please drop off to the rectory or the collection baskets. Online donations can be made at:

www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/

<https://give.helppaidforwomen.org/donate/give>

Sept 24 – Nov 2: 40 Days for Life. Help save lives through the power of prayer. <http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove>

Oct 5, 2:30-3:30pm: National Life Chain. Each year, since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of October to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life and form a “Life Chain” across the country. Representatives from St. Cletus typically meet at the corner of LaGrange Road and Ogden Avenues. Parishioners from St. Isaac Jogues will be at the corner of York and Ogden Ave.

Oct 11-12: After all masses

Prayer Shawls and Blankets available to comfort those who are sick (while supplies last).

RESOURCES

Women’s Care Center | 136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange | 708-352-5000

Provides free, confidential counseling, support, education, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Since opening in May 2018, the La Grange WCC has welcomed and supported thousands of babies and their families.

PILLARS | Hotlines | Domestic violence: 708-485-5254 | Sexual assault: 708-482-9600

Provides health and social services. Domestic and sexual violence staff serve clients through free 24-hour hotlines. 708-PILLARS for all services including mental health.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): The Living Room | 4731 Willow Springs Rd, La Grange | 708-524-2582

Provides free peer counseling to anyone feeling scared, anxious, angry, sad, or just needs someone to talk to. Open every day 1pm - 9pm, must be 18 or older.

Aid for Women | 8 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1418, Chicago | 312-621-1107

Since 1978, helps thousands of women each year in the Chicago Metro Area who find themselves facing unexpected pregnancies. Each woman receives the emotional, practical and spiritual support she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and provide a better future for her and her child. Services include: 24 hour helpline, pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams, support groups and maternity homes.

GOSPEL OF LIFE PRAYER

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life.

- St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*

HEARTS ON FIRE

THE 120: YOUTH GROUP

LIVES ON MISSION



HIGH SCHOOL TEENS & PARENTS

The 120 exists to lead young hearts into a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, rooted in prayer, community, and mission. This high school youth group (9th-12th) is inspired by the early Church. We gather to grow in faith, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and be sent out as bold witnesses to the Gospel by:

- Coming together as a community in social events
- Dedicating time to serve the community
- Taking on leadership roles
- Leading each other through prayer
- Supporting each other in faith and friendship

WANT TO JOIN THE 120?

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE AND CLICK THE YOUTH MINISTRY TAB FOR MORE INFORMATION.

YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL CHRISSY (OUR YOUTH MINISTER):
CALAGNA@SFXLG.ORG



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SFX Religious Education

October 8th, 2025

Buona Countryside

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Upon checkout, please show this flyer to cashier. Email fundraising@buona.com to plan your Buona Fundraising event. Not valid with online, app, phone order, catering orders or gift card purchases. Promoting on Buona's premises is prohibited.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, October 9 from **4:00-5:00pm**
in the Rectory Courtyard Room.

Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

The shawls and blankets created by our Prayer Shawl Ministry members will be blessed at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 11, 2025.

If you know of anyone in need of comfort, you are welcome to select an item from the Altar after all the Masses free of charge.

Nazareth Academy Open House

All families are welcome to discover Nazareth Academy at their **Open House** on Sunday, October 19, for a 10:00am presentation or Monday, October 20 for a 6:30pm presentation to explore more about how a Nazareth education sets students on a path to success. Space is limited and Registration is required at www.nazarethacademy.com. Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

Religious Education News



Our Registration for the In Person Program is now closed, BUT registrations for our 1 – 8 Online Program are still open until November 30th.

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!

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:

<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>



Senior Women's Group

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Gathering: 9:00am

Presentation: 9:30am

What's Happening At Our Libraries?

Gabe Oppenheim

**Executive Director of the
LaGrange Park Library**



**St. Francis Xavier
Unity Hall
No RSVP Needed**

2025-2026

St Francis Xavier Community

Hallow Prayer Challenges

OCTOBER



Near Death Experiences
Begins Oct 19

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



Advent Challenge
Begins Nov 30

JANUARY

FEBRUARY



Lenten Challenge
Begins Feb 18

MARCH



Lenten Challenge
Concludes Apr 5

APRIL



Easter Challenge
Begins Apr 5

MAY



JUNE



Mere Christianity
Begins June 14

UP NEXT: Near Death Experiences

Begins Oct 19th - join the list now!



Prayer Challenges are always free! Join via our parish page: go to hallow.com/parish and enter "60525" to find SFX, La Grange Parishioners also receive all premium content at 25% discount after a 6 month free trial. Email parishsupport@hallow.app for help.



Wanted

Our parish's fathers whose youngest child is now in high school (or beyond) where ol' Coach Dad is now available to bear more fruit in our community.



The Knights of Columbus (www.KofCLaGrange.org) will be conducting a youth multi-level state free-throw contest this winter and we'd like our biggest basketball fans to join us to help make it great.



We're a fraternal Order that is an international Catholic men's ministry that is first in support of those with the most 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 more with you involved, and we're inviting you to join us. It's easy. Simply send a text message to Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to get started. Today. To Knight!



Announcing Our Next Event

Our all you can eat pancakes and sausage breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 19 from 7:00am to 12:30pm in Joyce Hall.

Let's Begin A Christmas Tradition in the Greater LaGrange Area Too

Since 1953, nearby Elmhurst has had a custom known as the "Front Yard Christmas Tree Tradition" where its residents stake small, freshly cut Christmas trees in their front lawns or parkways, decorated with lights and ornaments, to create a community glow of Christmas cheer. Modest 6 feet tall Christmas trees transform entire blocks into twinkling wonderlands.



Our Knights council thinks we can match that spirit. Order your 6 feet tall freshly cut Christmas Tree (\$65) today by contacting Brian Lisek at brian.lisek@me.com for delivery directly to your home during the beginning of Thanksgiving week by the LaGrange Council Knights Community Faith In Action team with no delivery charge.

The ordering window closes on Monday, November 10. These K of C Christmas trees are cut down at the Wisconsin tree farm on Sunday, November 23, making them the freshest trees available. So why not order your inside Christmas tree as well? Heights up to 12 feet (\$150) are available. Our team will deliver both directly to your home, just in time for Thanksgiving weekend decorating with no delivery charge. Each Christmas tree purchased helps the Knights do more in our community.



Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Fall Food Drive October 25, 2025

*"For it is in giving that we receive."
St. Francis Assisi*

How Can I Help? Feed the Hungry

Look for the Knights of Columbus volunteers at your Jewel store in LaGrange Park from the hours of 8:00 am-6:00 pm and add a food or monetary (cash or check) donation to our storefront collection!

Be a Financial Giver

Your cash donations benefit those in need. The need is great.

Any amount donated is appreciated.

Donate Online to St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry at <https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families> or point your phone camera at the top QR code to the right and tap on the pop up.



Donate Online to the Chicago Food Depository at <https://myfooddrives.org/team/408834> or the bottom QR Code.



For more information, please call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930. This good cause, which occurs twice each year in spring and fall, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the local community. Thank you for your support!

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO SFX!



Joyce Hall

Tuesday, November 4
3:15 pm to 8 pm

Wednesday, November 5
8 am to 12 pm

Visitors must sign in with the school office





We're Looking For A Few Good Men

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

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!

Saint Francis Xavier 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, October 7

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



Family Outreach Ministry

Join the St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program.

The dates are:

November 8, 2025,
January 3, 2026,
March 7, 2026,
May 2, 2026



There are two time slots from which to choose:

- 9:00-11:00 am: Food prep and cooking
- 11:00 am-1:00 pm: Food serving & clean up

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years old if accompanied by an adult.

Register, [click here.](#)

Questions? Contact Rachel Peterson
708-870-8808, petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net or
Ana Dimailig 312-339-5955, apd3@core.com.

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Party First Wednesday of the Month at 8:00pm!



Location rotates between homes. Email Claire Jakubisin claire.jakubisin@gmail.com or join the Toddler Together Group on the parish Hallow page to stay up-to-date on the location.

Interfaith Career Network

Help Job Seekers in Our Community Interfaith Career Network, a local group of volunteers supporting job seekers in their career search, is growing our volunteer team. Join us for an information meeting to learn how you can use your skills, encouragement, and connections to make a real difference. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your involvement matters. This is a community-wide, interfaith effort, and we welcome your talents.

At this session, you'll discover how to:

- ♦ Mentor and encourage job seekers
- ♦ Share career advice and build connections
- ♦ Strengthen our community together

Make a Difference – Volunteer with Us! Come to our Volunteer Information Meeting: Tuesday, October 14 from 7:00-8:30pm, St. Cletus Parish Center.

"Career Ready – Using AI to Advance in the Job Search" on Thursday, October 16th, Pierre Michiels, Presenter. In today's rapidly evolving job market, artificial intelligence (AI) is playing a transformative role in how employers recruit and how candidates prepare. This presentation equips job seekers with the knowledge and tools to confidently navigate an AI-enhanced job search. Learn how employers use AI—from resume screening through applicant tracking systems (ATS) to video interview analysis—and why understanding these technologies is essential for standing out. Participants will be exposed to practical ways to access and use AI tools to their advantage. This session offers ways to integrate AI into every stage of the job search.

Pierre Michiels is a Career Specialist for the Career Services Center at College of DuPage. He holds an M.A. from Northern Illinois University. Join us for this informative presentation at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, on Thursday, October 16, 7:00-9:00pm. All are welcome. There is no cost to attend.



Catholic Women's Club
— St. Francis Xavier - CWC —

WED. OCTOBER 8
7-8:30PM
UNITY HALL

fall social
& PLANNING MEETING

- MEET OTHER WOMEN OF THE PARISH
- LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB & PARISH EVENTS
- HELP PLAN THE 2026 LADIES DAY OUT FUNDRAISER


PLEASE RSVP -
KATIEAHUSTON@YAHOO.COM

PREACHING SLAM!
in honor of **St. Phoebe**
Catholic Theological Union

Thursday, October 9 | 6:00 pm
5416 S Cornell Avenue
Chicago, IL 60615
Free and open to the public | In-person only




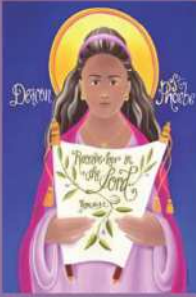
Join the CTU community for an evening of preaching in celebration of St. Phoebe! St. Phoebe the Deacon has become a symbol of hope for those who feel called to ministry, especially the ministry of preaching. We'll hear 5 different women break open the Beatitudes, alongside food, prayer and fellowship.

REGISTER HERE



or by clicking [here](#)

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Embracing The Struggles Together Bereavement Group

Open to all widows/widowers with kids (toddler through college age) residing in the Lyons Township High School district

October 8 - December 3, 2025
Wednesday evenings
7 - 8:30 pm in La Grange

Free session

With the guidance of a certified grief educator, widows/widowers will come together in a safe space to discuss topics like:

- Solo Parenting
- How To Find A Path Forward
- Building A Support Network
- Self Care
- Coping Strategies
- How To Plan For Your Future

Scan QR code to register or visit Event tab of our website. Email info@thelegacyguild.com with q's.



"Walking through the door on the first day was very hard, but each week I felt more supported and more confident. I have learned so many things that have helped me emotionally, financially, and spiritually."

TheLegacyGuild.com - Prior Session Attendee



Saturday, October 25

RACE!

Opportunities for the whole family!
Run & Walk & Stroller 5K
Kids Fun Runs (100m and 1/2 mile)

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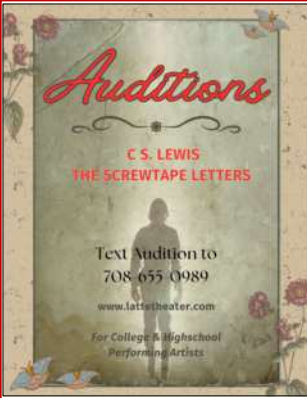
BEFORE/DURING/AFTER

If you are not running please check out where your help is needed, because it's needed!

SUPPORT!

1. Buy a support sign to cheer on the Falcons! Hurry, they are going fast! \$150 each.
Go to: SFXFalcon5K.com -> Become a sponsor page -> then select Course Marker "shout out!"
2. Donate cereal or oatmeal to the SFX Food Pantry. Drop off at packet pick up or day of!

LATTE Theater



Did the devil make you do it? Before "The Good Place", C.S. Lewis wrote ***The Screwtape Letters***. Step into Hell's bureaucracy, as demons' tempt human weakness where the stakes are high.

A senior devil from hell, has delegated some authority to a junior fiend, whose assignment is to seize the soul of a very loveable human. The rather charming Wormwood is being critically supervised in this, his first case, by the extraordinary devil, Screwtape. Advice from this old hand from hell is devastatingly perceptive of human foibles and, our young protagonist is cluelessly in terrible danger. With a dazzling resolution, we all learn something important about hell, heaven, religion and humanity. It's eat-or-be-eaten in this sinfully delicious, fiendish comedy of dramatic proportions.

Rehearsals: 6:00-9:00pm Tuesday, 6:00-9:00pm Wednesday and 12:00-3:00pm Saturday.

Mandatory heck-week and performances runs Friday November 14th-23rd. Acceptance of a role means your commitment to shine in the spotlights with us!

Text Audition to 708-655-0989. Forms: <https://share.google/Nz8NO9fAZIlgMchNw>

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Thursday 8:15 am

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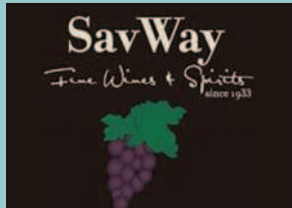
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