



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025



Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 13	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Patrick Welch	Patrick Daly
Tuesday, October 14	Mass	8:30 am	Steven Kent	Clare Froemel
Wednesday, October 15	Mass	8:30 am	Ernie Froemel	Carolyn & Terry Mahoney
Thursday, October 16	Rosary Mass Adoration	8:15 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	John Danaher, Jr.	Patrick Daly
Friday, October 17	Mass	8:30 am	Marge McDevitt	Phil Hannigan
Saturday, October 18	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lawrence Redd Kelly McArdle Martin	The Mattern Family Rich & Sheila Hayes
Sunday, October 19 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Ed Barrett Marge McDevitt Deceased Members of the Class of 1975 Evelyn Freeman	Marilynn & John Lux The Medvec Family The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for October 11-12, 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. Ilo

Please pray for . . .

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

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:

Nancy Filip
Aunt of Mary Wejrowski

Mary Carroll-Jacques
Mother of Michael Perlongo

Nancy Joan McCarthy
Sister of Mary Spain

Weddings



Alexandra Gamboa & Nicholas Lazzarotto
Emma Veon & Dan Donahue
Claudia Esparza & Hugo Ortiz

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Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day

In observance of the Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day holiday, the office will be closed starting on Friday, October 10 at 4:30pm through Monday, October 13. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 14 at 8:30am.

Pastor's Note

October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

Dear Friends,

October has long been celebrated in the Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary - a time when the faithful are encouraged to rediscover this simple yet profound form of prayer. The Rosary, as we know it today, took shape through the devotion of the Dominican Order. In the 13th century, St Dominic and his followers helped popularize it as a way for ordinary people to meditate on the life of Christ and the mysteries of salvation. Through its joyful, sorrowful, luminous, and glorious mysteries, the Rosary remains one of the Church's most beloved and accessible paths to contemplation.

For some, the repetitive nature of the Rosary can seem daunting or monotonous. Yet that repetition is precisely what gives it its spiritual power. Like the steady rhythm of breathing or waves on the lakeshore, the cadence of the Hail Mary's and Our Fathers quiets the mind and opens the heart. The words fade into a gentle backdrop as the soul begins to enter the mysteries themselves - to walk with Mary through the life of her Son. Prayed with patience and attention, the Rosary becomes not mere recitation, but true meditation.

Recently, Pope Leo XIV reminded the whole Church of the Rosary's power for healing and peace. During a General Audience he said, "I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace - personally, in the family, in community." As we take up this invitation, we pray for peace in our world, especially in Gaza, Ukraine, and all places torn by conflict. We pray for peace in our own nation - an end to violence, a renewed spirit of mutual respect, and reconciliation among all people. And we pray for peace within our homes, our families, and our Church.

May this October be for us a month of quiet prayer, of meditative rhythm, and of renewed hope in Mary's intercession. Through her, may we come ever closer to the Prince of Peace.

In Christ,
Fr. John Chrzan

World Mission Sunday Collection

Next weekend we will take up a second collection for World Mission Sunday. It is important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. As we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

To donate, [Click Here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "World Mission Sunday Collection" and drop it off in the church collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

A PRAYER FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

CREATOR OF ALL,
WE THANK YOU FOR THE LAND, THE WATERS, AND THE SKIES,
FOR THE WISDOM AND TRADITIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
WHO HAVE STEWARDED THEM FOR GENERATIONS.
GRANT US HEARTS OF RESPECT AND REVERENCE,
TO LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO HAVE WALKED
THIS EARTH BEFORE US,
AND TO CARE FOR YOUR CREATION WITH JUSTICE, HUMILITY,
AND LOVE.
GUIDE US IN HEALING THE WOUNDS OF HISTORY,
AND INSPIRE US TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER
AND WITH THE WORLD YOU HAVE MADE.
IN YOUR NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN.



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“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.helpaidforwomen.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 11-12: After all masses

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

RESOURCES

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.

Migrant Ministry

For more information contact: www.catholiccommunitiesofaokpark.org

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.

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.

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.

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*



Christmas Midnight Mass CHOIR: New Singers Welcome!

A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been waiting to join, but just haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an ear and a love for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at 12:00am on December 25th. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth.

This will also be coupled with participation in the Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 3rd at 7:00pm. There will be a mandatory CONCERT run-through rehearsal on Friday, January 2nd at 7:00pm.

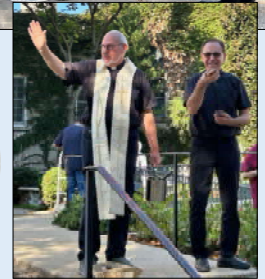
REHEARSALS will begin on Tuesday, October 21st—7:00 to 8:00pm, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 16th.

If you have an ear and a skill for choral singing, please consider this invitation, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of the year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music, before the first rehearsal on October 21st at asterwalt@sfxlg.org.

Pet Blessing

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, our Parish hosted a heartwarming Pet Blessing, celebrating the joy, love, and companionship our pets bring into our lives. Parishioners gathered with their beloved animals as Fr. John and Fr. Rich extended blessings of gratitude and protection for each of our four-legged friends.

It was a beautiful reminder of the gift of creation and the special bond we share with our animal companions. Be sure to check our parish pages on Facebook and Instagram to see more photos of those who joined in this joyful celebration!



Save The Date

FOR THE SFX PARISH YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Proceeds benefiting the School of Religious Education

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30PM

LOCATION: JOYCE HALL

Santa's Workshop will be back this year in the gym!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

Reach out to Sarah Becker at Srbeck25@yahoo.com
for more information

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— St. Francis Xavier - CWC —



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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



All Saints Day Masses~Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2

Please join us at St. Francis Xavier Parish for the holy day of obligation at the weekend Masses as we remember all Saints.



All Souls Day Mass~Monday, November 3 at 7:00 pm

We extend to you and your family an invitation to join us at St. Francis Xavier Parish for All Soul's on Monday, November 3 at 7:00 pm. We will be remembering, in a special way, all family members and friends of parishioners who have died since November 1 of last year.

If you plan to be with us, please consider bringing a framed picture of your loved one to set on a table in front of the altar when you enter.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

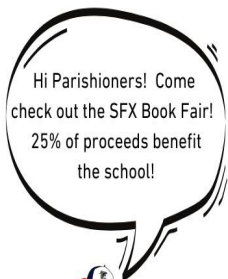
If you know of anyone in need of comfort, you are welcome to select an item from the Altar after all the Masses free of charge.

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 Toddling Together Group on the parish Hallow page to stay up-to-date on the location.

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

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



Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group Wednesdays Began 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.

To register or for more information, please email Therese Byrne theresebyrne1989@gmail.com.



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.





**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2025**

**REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!**



**REGISTER TODAY
VIA QR CODE OR AT
SFXFALCON5K.COM**

8:00 AM KIDS' FUN RUN (~0.5 MILE)
8:20 AM JR. FALCON 100 YD. DASH
8:30 AM 5K (3.1 MILE) RUN/WALK

Great event for families- strollers, walkers & all ages welcome!

Age-Group awards and prize for "Best SFX Spirit Costume!"

Post-race celebration with treats from local vendors

USATF certified*, chip-timed, flat, tree-lined La Grange Park neighborhood course

Sign up by 10/5 to receive a 5K Run/Walk & Kids' Fun Race Shirt!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!





Corner Bakery Café LaGrange! 39 North LaGrange Road, LaGrange



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25% Donate Back

**Sunday, October 19th
7:30am-7:30pm**

Use Promo Code 659 In-Café or at conerbakerycafe.com before checkout.

Veterans Day Mass and Reception



The 5th grade students at St. Francis Xavier School would like to invite any Veterans and Active Duty Service Members, and their families, to a mass honoring their service to our country. The mass will be held at 8:30am on Monday, November 10, with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 3 to Erin O'Brien, eobrien719@gmail.com or 708-227-3746 We hope to see you there!

Be good stewards
of God's creation



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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.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Know the indicators of an unhealthy or abusive relationship

Healthy relationships are not perfect, but healthy relationships

- make both people feel respected, supported and safe
- problems can be safely addressed
- and conflict and disagreement can lead to productive change

Healthy Relationship	Unhealthy Relationship
Respect	Disrespect
Trust	Jealousy
Honest	Betrayal
Individuality	Control
Equality	Manipulation
Encouragement	Belittling
Self-confidence	Intimidation
Non-Violent relationship	Physical violence

Being in a *healthy relationship* means...

...loving, respecting, and taking care of yourself and your partner...respecting individuality...doing things with friends and family and having activities independent of each other...discussing things, allowing for differences of opinion, and compromising equally...trusting your partner...listening to each other without judgment...taking responsibility for your actions and feelings...respecting each other's need and right for privacy...resolving conflicts in a peaceful and nonviolent way...sharing decisions about things affecting both partners...and learning more about each other. www.dvrc-or.org/

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

Pillars: 24 hour hotline: 708-485-5254

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.

You did it!

The call went out for volunteers to spread mulch around the church landscaping, and you stepped up, dug in, and raked. Our plants are now snug & ready when winter arrives.

Thank you to the 20+ people who helped on Sept 20 and to those who contributed their baking expertise to keep the team energetic and hydrated. If you didn't get to join this time, please connect with someone who did so that you can hear the tales of comradery and teamwork. There is always next year...



This was about half of the much pile.



A portion of the hearty crew.



Thank You

From The Edythe Ministry

Engage Community – Events Building community with neighbors and friends



October 15: Dinner Get-together

Where: 5:30 pm Uncle Bub's Barbecue, 132 South Cass Avenue Westmont, IL 60559

Details: Uncle Bub's Hickory Smoked BBQ Restaurant was born in 1997. Uncle Bub's remains family owned and operated, carefully attending to every detail. <https://unclebubs.com/>. Separate checks. RSVP to Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com by October 13.



November 13: Museum tour and lunch

Where: Elmhurst History Museum - special exhibit, followed by lunch in a local restaurant.

Meet at the Museum at 1:00pm

Details: ***World of Tomorrow: A Century of Progress.*** The exhibition will delve into how the 1933-1934 world's fair, Chicago's second fair in 40 years, symbolized optimism and hope, illustrating Chicago's evolution from a frontier town to a sophisticated metropolis. This fair was one of the most successful in history, drawing a record-breaking 39 million attendees and featured a distinctive design aesthetic. RSVPs are encouraged.



November 20: Monthly meeting & Game night

Where: 7:00-8:30 pm, Unity Hall.

Details: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. We'll choose what to play based on the group's size & interests. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine). RSVPs are encouraged.

December 7: Deck The Halls *Presented by* West Suburban Symphony

Where: 4:00-5:30 pm at Hinsdale Central Auditorium,

5500 South Grant Street, Hinsdale.

Details: ***Sparkling sounds of the season.*** Tickets for general admission seating are \$35, discounted to \$30 for seniors age 65 and up and to \$10 for teenagers. Children 12 and under are admitted free with a ticket and an accompanying adult. Advance sales by phone or online at <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/westsubsymphony/1734>. Participants must buy their own tickets. **PURCHASE tickets EARLY!** Seating is unassigned so we'll try to meet-up before the concert and, if interested, grab a beverage afterward at the York Tavern. RSVP's strongly encouraged.



December 18: Christmas treats and "White Elephant" exchange,

Where: 7:00-8:30 pm, Unity Hall.

Details: Have you received a gift that just isn't at home in your home? Now is your chance to give it to someone who might appreciate it. We're having a **White Elephant Party!** Bring a wrapped gift and a sense of humor! Refreshments will be potluck. RSVPs by December 18 or just join us!

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.



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' tall Christmas trees transform entire blocks into twinkling wonderlands.



Our Knights council thinks we can match that spirit. Order your 6' 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, www.KofCLaGrange.org.

Prisoner Christmas Cards

"I was in prison and you visited me."

We will meet in Unity Hall on Saturday, October 18 at 9:00am to sign Christmas cards for prisoners. Bring cards if you have them, but it's not necessary. We will just write a short cheerful greeting in the cards in order to extend Christ's love to those in need.



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.



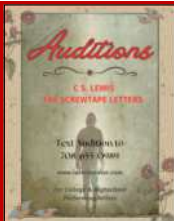
For more information, please call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930. This good cause, which occurs twice each year in spring and fall, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the local community. Thank you for your support!

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, November 4

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



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/Nz8NO9fAZIlqMchNw>

Where? 9008 Fairview Avenue, Brookfield, IL (Parking lot entrance of Cornerstone Church)

Felicia Pfluger, Producer/Artistic Director/Founder LATTE Theater www.lattetheater.com 708-655-0989.



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
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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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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.

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Food Pantry

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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

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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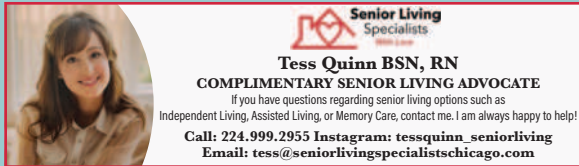
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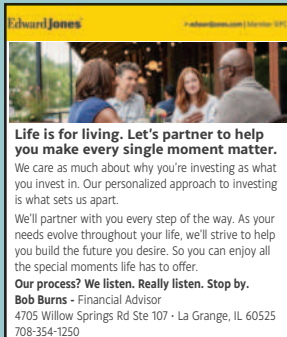
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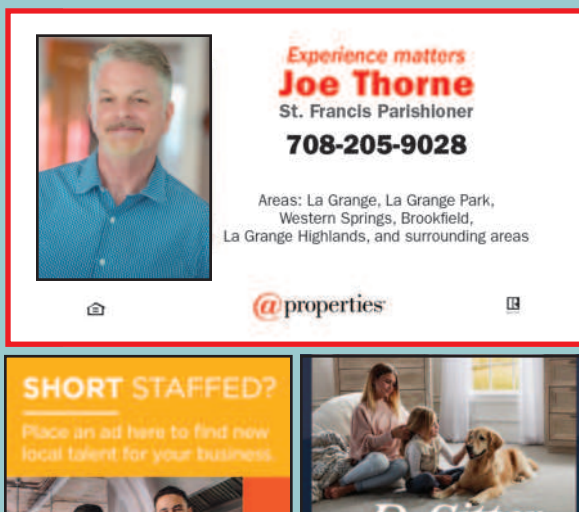
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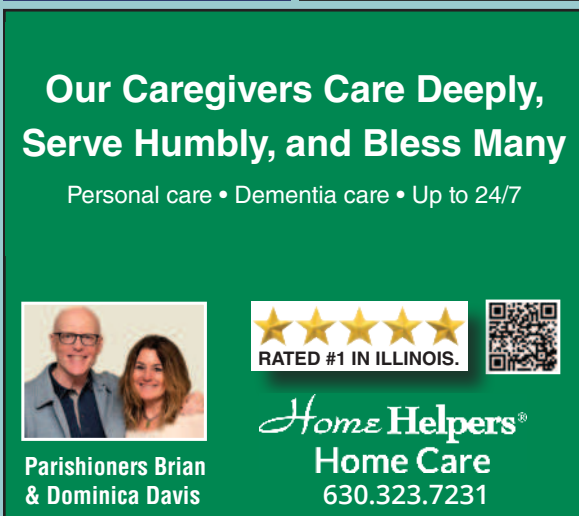
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