



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2025

**We congratulate the following young women and men
of our parish who confirmed their faith in the
Catholic tradition on Saturday, November 8th.**

Nellie Ahrens
Leila Kaylie Alba
Alexander Barrett
Margaret Betlinski
Avery Bloedorn
Maura Brennan
Nicholas Buenrostro
Genevieve Burda
Adriana Caballero
John Callahan
Joseph Callahan
Gannon Carin
Quinn Carroll
Shannon Carroll
Francesca Casamassimo
Delia Casiple
Dante Chierici
Luke Cisek
Madeline Clark
Molly Collins
Mary Connors
Chloe Cortese
Emily Culin
Mira Cuthbert
Olivia Cuttitta
Henry D'Apice
Alejandro Davila
Luke Deditz
Maeve Deuter
Nicole Di Braccio
Peter Dillenbeck
Julian Dominguez
Landon Donoho
Alice Doyle
Katelynne Drolenga
Chelsea Dudek
Mollie Dwyer
Sophia Egbert
Luca Eorio
Michael Erickson
William Evans
Matthew Fekrat
Charles Fitzpatrick
Declan Flynn
Benjamin Fries

Patrick Gabriel
Clara Giese
Victoria Guidice
Benjamin Hartman
Nelly Herrera
Anna Hertz
Ava Hoag
Harlow Hoehn
Joseph Jacobs
Jordynn Janiszewski
Luke Janiszewski
Caylee Kayastha
Mia Kmiec
Lucia Knapp
William Kramer
Joy Kubly
Aleksander Kuzniar
Gabriel Kuzniar
Ellinor Lach
Audrey Leahy
Erik Lech
Hannah Lee
Nicholas Longfield
Rosemary Longfield
Ava Maciasz
Elizabeth Mackenzie
Samantha Maloney
Allie Maresso
Grant Martens
Owen Martin
Audrey McCormick
William McLaughlin
John McMahon
Maria Elena Melendez
Jane Merchant
Julia Merchant
Grace Mogensen
Emma Murphy
Colin Nielsen
Elliot O'Brien
Molly O'Brien
Michael O'Connell
Luke O'Reilly
Erin Owen
Owen Paquet

Mary Peterson
Olivia Pora
William Powell
Alexander Prenger
William Prenger
Grace Quinn
Matthew Reilly
John Remiasz
Nathan Remus
Lily Reynolds
Robert Riboul
Aiden Rivan
Renata Rivero Copado
Dante Rodriguez
Jakob Roman
Layla Rucinski
Emily Ryan
Meike Sanchez
Samantha Schmidt
Nora Schultz
Beatrice Scouffas
Michael Shaver
Peter Siffermann
Katherine Smolen
Cristina Strama
Alyse Strayer
Linden Stritch
Brendan Sullivan
Declan Sullivan
Kaitlyn Sullivan
Sadie Thomas
Noelle Thornton
Chloe Turek
Emmett Van Vuren
Maximus Van Vuren
Ellie Warren
Emma Washburn
Bridget Webster
Maeve Wysocki
Emily Young

Adult Candidates
Maria LaVerne Craddock
Alejandro De La Cruz

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 10	Mass	8:30 am	Ed Welsh Herbert & Mary Schrack Jean Hansen Comer Jean Hansen Comer Rosemarie Agnello	Jill Topf Joan Callaghan & Bob Comfort Molly Hoester Yvonne Agnello Adams
Tuesday, November 11	Mass	8:30 am	Francis E. Napleton Michael C. Doody Vergil & Phyllis Kuta	The Robert J. Napleton Family John & Charla Mattern and Family The Broderick Family
Wednesday, November 12	Mass	8:30 am	Jessica Barry Kay Malec	The Zahorik Family Julie Malec
Thursday, November 13	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Wanda Pralowski Denise Graney	Marge Branecki Michele Grubish
Friday, November 14	Mass	8:30 am	Steven Kent	The Grimes Family
Saturday, November 15	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	John Danaher, Jr. Bridget Lyons Mary T. Discipio	Patrick Daly The Kisla Family Joe Discipio
Sunday, November 16 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Jeanne Roggensack Baby Mariano Steven Kent Dr. Ted Brasky	Dave Grimes The Mariano Family The Scriba Family Dr. Nancy Cozzi

Presider's Schedule for November 8-9, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

7:30 am Fr. Chrzan

9:00 am Fr. McCarthy

11:00 am Fr. Chrzan

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio	Amy Miller
Poppy Booth	Brandon Moffett
George Braasch	Greg Molinari
Vivian Brickhouse	Patrick Morgan
Joe Canepa	Bill Mroz
Baby Caroline Cliggett	Ann Marie Nidos
Mary Ann Curry	Jim O'Brien
Bruce Dold	Connie O'Dette
Blake Donegan	Mark Reilly
Nathan Emkow	Richard Reveles
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Amy Robinson
Allen Godlewski	Deborah Schwartz
Vincenzo Guzzo	John Shramek
Junie Haase	Rita Mae Spearman
Angela Hill	Lyle Sprat
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Gregg Stephenson
Richard Holbach	Barbara Stewart
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	Tracy Walsh
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:



Judy Closius

Mother of Margaret, Betsy & Phillip

Oriano Nomellini

Husband of Mary
Father of Anne & Mark

Weddings

Emma Veon & Dan Donahue
Ann Devitt Harris & Michael J. Kallal
Claudia Esparza & Hugo Ortiz



Make a gift to the
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Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

The Church That Reminds Us Who We Are
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome - November 9, 2025

This Sunday, we celebrate a feast that might sound curious at first - the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. It's not a saint's day, nor does it commemorate an event in the life of Christ, but rather the consecration of a church building. Yet this feast carries a message that reaches far beyond bricks and mortar: it reminds us who we are as God's living temple.

The Basilica of St. John Lateran was founded in 324, and is the oldest basilica in the Western world. Its official title - a total of thirty-seven words long! - reflects its place as the "mother and head of all churches in the city and the world." Built on land once belonging to the noble Laterani family, it was given to the Church by Emperor Constantine and became the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope himself. At the far end of the sanctuary stands the papal cathedra, the Pope's official chair of teaching authority, signifying that this is the true cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome.

Above the main altar, enclosed in an ornate, cage-like structure, rest two silver reliquaries said to contain the skulls of St. Peter and St. Paul - a striking reminder that the faith proclaimed by those apostles continues to echo through the centuries. Beneath its vast arches lie the tombs of twenty-two popes, including Pope Leo XIII, whose resting place is tucked above the doorway into the sacristy.

I've been privileged to visit the Lateran many times, most recently this past September. Each time I cross its threshold, I'm struck by the same sense of awe - not just at its artistic and architectural grandeur, but at the living reality it represents. Beneath its gilded ceilings, pilgrims from every nation pray side by side, all part of the same divine story. The Lateran is more than stone and mosaic - it is a heartbeat of faith, a visible sign of the Church's unity across the ages.

This feast reminds us that we, too, are God's temples. The Spirit dwells not only in basilicas of marble and gold, but within the humble architecture of the human heart. Every time we gather here at St. Francis Xavier, we become - in our own way - a small reflection of that same living Church that has stood in Rome for over 1,700 years.

May we give thanks for the sacred walls that shelter us, and even more for the grace that binds us together. The most beautiful cathedral, after all, is the one God builds within us - a dwelling place radiant with love.

"You are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Peace,
Fr. John



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>



**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.

Welcome New Parishioners

We invite all parishioners who registered with the parish to stop by Unity Hall after the 9:00am Mass this Sunday, November 9th to receive a special Christmas ornament blessed by Fr. John. Join us for coffee, donuts, and a chance to connect with other parishioners. We hope to see you there!

—The Welcome Committee



Veterans Day Mass and Reception

The 5th grade students at Saint 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!



SPECIAL INVITATION FOR SFX VETERANS

**Saturday, November 15th
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Joyce Hall
3:30–5:00 PM**

On November 15th, Religious Education students will participate in a special service event focused on honoring veterans and learning the importance of gratitude and service.

We warmly invite SFX Veterans to join us and engage in informal conversations with students during the event.



If you would like to attend, RSVP to Terese Kartholl at terese.m.kartholl@gmail.com or 773.551.2117.



Catholics Are Responsible Environmental Stewards (CARES)

Breaking Free from Single-Use Plastics

Monday, November 10 from 7:00-8:30pm~St. John of the Cross Parish Center

Join us for an inspiring and informative talk featuring Kay McKeen, founder of SCARCE* a leader in environmental education and advocacy. Discover practical ways to minimize plastic waste and reduce your family's exposure to harmful microplastics. This event is sponsored by St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier area CARES Ministry. For more information visit stjohnofthecross.org/CARES.

*School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education.



Jim Donahue State Farm Cereal Collection For St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry



To celebrate the season of giving, Jim Donahue State Farm is collecting breakfast cereal for the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry for the month of November. Cereal is one of the most requested items at food pantries, and our office has partnered with St. Francis Xavier to help those in our community impacted by food insecurity. Cereal boxes of all varieties and sizes welcome. Donations can be dropped off Mondays through Fridays, 9:00am to 5:00pm at our office located at 1005 East 31st Street in LaGrange Park.

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 CHRISSEY (OUR YOUTH MINISTER): CALAGNA@SFXLG.ORG



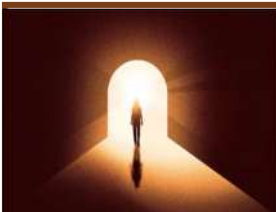
CHURCH LEAGUE

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW (COACHES NEEDED!)

Church League is a group of local churches that organize a basketball season for high school teens who are not playing on a high school team. This is a great opportunity for teens to work together as a team, bond, and create community!

closes November 15th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL Calagna@sfxlg.org



Our “Spooky Season” Hallow Prayer Challenge Began on October 19th! *Near Death Experiences*

Journey with those who’ve been to the after-life and back as they tell their stories of heaven, hell and what lies beyond. 8 million Americans have reported having a near-death experience, but stories of people who were clinically dead claiming to have seen Heaven can leave us skeptical. What if we could verify these stories? Join us in a conversation with Father Robert Spitzer, S.J. as he helps us explore the scientific evidence for near-death experiences and introduces us to the stories of those who have lived them. Where does scientific exploration of life after death lead us? We’ll spend these seven days seeking the answer together.

Our Prayer Challenges are always free! Join via the Saint Francis Xavier parish page on Hallow: go to hallow.com/parish and enter zip code “60525” to find Saint Francis Xavier, LaGrange. Parishioners also receive all premium content at 25% discount after a 6 month free trial. Email parishsupport@hallow.app for help.



Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday Collection

This Year through October 2025: \$ 534,340
Last Year through October 2024: \$ 491,933

Annual Offertory Budget: \$2,013,000



At St. Francis Xavier Church, stewardship is more than a word. It is a way of life. Each offering of time, talent, and treasure unites us more closely as a faith community. This is clearly and beautifully reflected in the ministry of our parish choirs. Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music, shared his thoughts about the choirs:

"Our choirs' stewardship enriches the prayer life of our parish. As our choir members begin rehearsals for the Advent season, their commitment once again reminds us that music is both a gift and a calling. Week after week, these volunteers give generously of their time in sung prayer and sharing of musical talent, often after long workdays or busy family schedules, to rehearse, refine, and prepare music that lifts hearts and minds toward God. Their voices, united in harmony, become an offering of gratitude and praise—one that transforms our liturgies into moments of deep communal prayer.

For the choir members themselves, this ministry is far more than singing notes on a page. It is a spiritual journey. Through rehearsals and worship, they pray together, encourage one another, and grow in faith and friendship. The shared experience of preparing music for Mass—especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons—draws them into the mystery of Christ's coming with renewed wonder and devotion. In serving others through song, they too are strengthened in spirit.

For the parish community, the fruits of this ministry are deeply felt. Music shapes our worship, opening hearts to the Word of God and deepening our participation in the sacred mysteries. When the choir leads us in song—whether through the joyful proclamation of 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' or the quiet reverence of 'Silent Night'—our collective prayer is enriched, our sense of unity deepened, and our celebration of faith made more vibrant."

As the Advent season approaches, we give thanks for the dedicated members of our choir who continue to share their gifts so faithfully. Their stewardship of time and talent is a powerful example of how service, offered in love, becomes an act of worship that blesses the whole community. May their music continue to inspire us all to lift our hearts in praise to Christ our King of love. God bless you for your stewardship of this vibrant ministry here at St. Francis Xavier Parish!



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





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 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! www.KofCLaGrange.org.

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 for \$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 this 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.

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, December 2

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A Special Thanks to our Prayer Shawl ministry members for sharing their gifts with those in need of comfort and healing.

We distributed **97 shawls and blankets** at our blessing weekend. Please know that you can come to the Rectory anytime to select a shawl or blanket for someone in need.

Next meeting:
November 12, 2025 4:00-5:00pm,
Rectory Courtyard Room

Ministry Members: Rita Baumgart, Marge Branecki, Lorraine Donegan, Barb Foreman, Dolores Frankiewicz, Marilu Halm, Nancy Klaud, Michaeline Kruszynski, Susie Lehuta, Michelle Mirecki, Bernadette Pickens, Theresa Rodgers, Barbara Schumacher, Barbara Szulc, Trudi Urchell, and Sarah Zavala.

Interfaith Career Network

Looking for a new Job? Interfaith Career Network offers **FREE** assistance—open to all! Join us on Thursday, November 20th from 7:00-9:00pm. "The Seven Deadly Sins of Job Search and How to Overcome Them." Join career coach John Gagliardi for [a practical guide to identifying and eliminating](#) the behaviors that sabotage job search success. Drawing from over 10 years of volunteer coaching experience, John reveals the most common pitfalls job seekers face—from treating job search casually to over-relying on passive approaches—and provides actionable strategies to transform your approach for successfully landing your next great role. Join us for this practical and informative presentation at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome! There is no cost to attend.

Resume Review

On Saturday, November 22nd from 9:00-11:00am at St. Cletus Parish Center, 600 West 55th Street in LaGrange. Seeking input on your resume? Need assistance on your LinkedIn profile? Questions related to your job search strategy? Sit down with an HR professional for an individual conversation and guidance. There is no cost and all are welcome. Coffee will be served.

WELCOME, OCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process of questioning and conversation for non-Catholics who wish to know more about the Church and for Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. This year we have 12 participants preparing for the sacraments of initiation: six catechumens (not yet baptized) and six candidates (already baptized Christian).

This Sunday at the 9am Mass we will formally welcome and accept these candidates and catechumens into the next “phase” of the OCIA process, the Catechumenate, through which they will grow in their understanding of the Catholic Church and the catechism (the teachings) of the Catholic Church.

Catechumens



Brian Goodman

“I look forward to becoming fully established in my faith and the Catholic lifestyle.”



Carmen McCullum

“I am most excited to finally enter fully into the Catholic faith that has guided my spirit and shaped my heart since childhood.”



Sam Morrissey

“I’m really excited to fully encapsulate myself in Catholicism and be a part of this great community.”



Gabby Malave

“I’m excited to learn how strong my faith grows with God and how I use it in my daily life.”



Alejandra Sandoval

“I am most excited to learn about the history behind the holidays and celebrations.”



Tim Brandys

“I am most excited to learn what it means to be Catholic.”

Candidates



Aracelia Alanis

"I am most excited to learn about the Eucharist."



Sarah Williamson

"I am most excited to embrace the beautiful traditions of Catholicism."



Mayra Lopez

"I'm excited to embark in this journey and to deepen my faith. "



Stacey Davis

"I am most excited about growing closer to God with my family and receiving the Eucharist."



Mark Troyer

"I am most excited to learn how to live my faith with conviction, compassion, and a clearer sense of truth."



Julie Goshorn

"I'm most excited about learning things I don't know; the Saints, the reverence of Mary, praying the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, communion, just everything! "

We, the parish community of St Francis Xavier, affirm through the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance our prayerful support of these women and men as they seek and follow Jesus Christ. Please add the candidates and catechumens to your prayer lists! And if you see any of them around, feel free to introduce yourself and welcome them to the St Francis Xavier community.

St. Francis Xavier Parish presents:

YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH IN JOYCE HALL

8:00 AM - 12:30 (LAST SEATING AT 12:15)



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THE YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST!
PLEASE PAY DIRECTLY AT GIVE CENTRAL THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW.



Regular Admission: \$12

Children 12 & Under: \$5

Seniors 65 & Older: \$10

Any questions contact the Rectory at
708-352-0618

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SANTA'S WORKSHOP

IN THE GYM FROM 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

ENJOY VISITS WITH SANTA - BRING YOUR WISHLIST!

Create a Festive Christmas Ornament

Make Cozy Scarves and Cheery Christmas Cards for our Food Pantry Families

THERE IS A SEPARATE FEE FOR THE FOLLOWING SANTA'S WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

(PAYMENT IS HANDLED IN THE GYM)

Paint-Your-Own Mini Canvas with Bottle & Bottega \$10 Each

Christmas Cookie Decorating \$3 per Cookie

** please note there are no advanced reservations for Santa's Workshop Activities

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Catholic Women's Club
St. Francis Xavier - CWC





YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH



Name: _____

Regular Admission: _____ x \$12 = _____

Children 12 & Under: _____ x \$5 = _____

Seniors 65 & Older: _____ x \$10 = _____

Total = _____



Please return this form with payment Cash or Checks (payable to St Francis Xavier Parish) to the rectory by December 4th. Any questions contact the Rectory at 708-352-0618

You may also pay and make reservations by scanning the QR Code and paying directly through Give Central

Please help our cooks by selecting from the below an expected time of arrival.

- ☐ 8:00 am - 8:30 am
- ☐ 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- ☐ 9:00 am - 9:30 am
- ☐ 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- ☐ 10:00 am - 10:30 am
- ☐ 10:30 am - 11:15 am
- ☐ 11:15 am - 12:15 pm



GIVING TREE Our Tradition Continues!

Tags for both gift cards and specific items will be available at all the masses the weekend of December 6 and 7. We ask that gifts and gift cards be returned to Unity Hall no later than 11:00AM on December 14.

Online monetary donations will be collected through
December 14 via Give Central.
[Click here](#) or you can scan the QR code to make a donation.

The Giving Tree will support
St. Simon of Cyrene (formerly St. Agatha's)
Food Pantry families and migrant and refugee families.

Thank you for continuing to spread Christmas Cheer!



Any questions, call 708-352-0168 or email Merry Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org.



Prayerful Pause

No matter where we are in the world, we are ONE Community and we need each other. Meets weekly on Mondays, 9:00–9:15am, Wednesdays, 9:00–9:15am, and Thursdays, 4:30–5:00pm. Free will donations encouraged. Drop in and connect with others via Zoom only.

Reiki Circle

Join us for our in-person Reiki Circle to activate the healing energy you were born with, feel more calm, optimistic and empowered. Monthly; second Tuesdays; In-Person at The Well. Facilitated by certified Reiki practitioners. Meets Monthly: second Tuesdays: 10:00–11:00am. Free will donations encouraged. In-Person Only.

Learn more & register:

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

BLOOD DRIVE COUNTDOWN

1 MONTH

Your Blood Drive is One Month Away!

Blood Drive Details:

St. Francis Xavier Parish Blood Drive
November 25, 2025
3:00-7:00pm
145 North Waiola Avenue
(Ogden & Waiola)
LaGrange

Drive Goal: 18

Schedule appointments:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11624098

- ◆ Helpful tips before donating:
- ◆ Get a good night's sleep
- ◆ Eat a healthy meal before donating
- ◆ Be well hydrated
- ◆ Make sure to bring your ID, such as your driver's license

Engage Community – Events Building community with neighbors and friends



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 and Game Night

Where: 7:00-8:30pm, 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 and 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: 4:00-5:30pm 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: 7:00-8:30pm, 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.

Latte Theater Presents *The Screwtape Letters*

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.



Plymouth Place, 315 North LaGrange Road, LaGrange Park

Show Times:

November 20~7:00pm, November 21~7:00pm and November 22~2:00pm and 7:00pm

Tickets \$5-\$15 www.lattetheater.com/tickets/

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
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Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

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

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