



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### February 8, 2026



“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

**BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE**

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 9	Mass	8:30 am	Alvin Hermesdorf Anna Russo John McAndrews	Sr. Marci The Metzger Family Monica McAndrews
Tuesday, February 10	Mass	8:30 am	Ann Marie Pultorak	Jim & Anette Pultorak
Wednesday, February 11	Mass	8:30 am	Carol Cecchin	Mary & Tom Schramka
Thursday, February 12	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Andrew Newman	The Newman Family
Friday, February 13	Mass	8:30 am	Jennifer Buchta	John Lowrey
Saturday, February 14	Mass	8:30 am	Raymond & Marie Ann Barry	The Zahorick Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Don & Joann Kelly	The Kelly Family
Sunday, February 15 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	Doris R. Kaps	The Kaps Family
	Mass	11:00 am	David Twomey Living Intention Jordan Cronin	Maureen & Bob O'Hearn Her Loving Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Rita Bourjaily Abbey Doherty	The Morsch Family The Cooley Family

### Presider's Schedule for February 14-15, 2026

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Chrzan

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Chrzan

5:00 pm Milek

### Please pray for . . .

John Baggio Bob Barrett Poppy Booth George Braasch Irene Brewick Vivian Brickhouse Dennis Callahan Joe Canepa John Clinch Blake Donegan John Donegan Craig Eaton Nathan Emkow Lupe Baker Garcia Allen Godlewski Vincenzo Guzzo Junie Haase Angela Hill Jessi Rita Hoffman Richard Holbach Michelle Jackson Patricia Jones Nora Lou Kampe Terri Bergen Klein Ella Mae Kuzel Laura Leide	Eleanor Love Baby Grace Mangano Robert McMahon John McMurray Amy Miller Aldo Mitri Brandon Moffett Patrick Morgan Bill Mroz Ann Marie Nidos Connie O'Dette Cathy O'Leary Mark Reilly Richard Reveles Amy Robinson Rita Mae Spearman Gregg Stephenson John Stopka Sophie Stratton Catie Sullivan Olivia Tarsney Joe Vargas Baby Emma Wallace Liz Wilk Frank Zolfo, Jr.
---	---

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:

***Maria Kossman***

Mother of Barbara, Raymond & Thomas

***Maureen Pipal***

Mother of Kevin & Brian  
Sister of Kathy, Mike & Tim

***Bob Roach***

Husband of Patricia

***Aldona Ruppert***

Wife of Robert

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



**This Sunday, February 8 due to Super Bowl Sunday we will Not have a 5:00PM Mass.**



## Prayer for Peace, Healing and Love

God of justice and mercy,  
You created every person in Your image  
and call us to honor the sacred dignity of all human life.  
We lift before You all communities and groups who are hurting.  
Move our hearts to solidarity with all those burdened by  
violence, injustice, fear, and division.

In Your Church, remind us that we **belong** to one another  
as brothers and sisters in Christ.  
Strengthen our faith so that we may **believe**  
in the power of Your grace to overcome hatred and despair.  
Send us forth to **be love** in a wounded world—  
rejecting violence, seeking understanding,  
and working for peace rooted in justice and truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

"Let me be clear:  
the Church stands with  
migrants...Families are being  
torn apart.  
Children are left in fear and  
communities are shaken by  
immigration raids and  
detentions...our parishes and  
schools will not turn away  
those who seek comfort,  
and we will not be silent  
when dignity is denied  
in the enforcement of the law."

Cardinal Cupich

# COME, FOLLOW ME



THE 120 PRESENTS

## Lent Bible Study for High School Teens

March 1<sup>st</sup> after 5 PM mass  
March 8<sup>th</sup> after 11AM mass  
March 15<sup>th</sup> after 5 PM mass  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> after 11 AM mass  
March 29<sup>th</sup> after 5 PM mass (two hour session with adoration and  
confession).



**Knights of Columbus  
Super-Big Game-Day  
Pancake Breakfast  
This Sunday, February 8  
8:00 am to 12:30 pm  
St. Francis Xavier School  
Joyce Hall**



You flipped for our pancakes and sausages in December, so join us again in February by leaving breakfast to us on this super-big game day!

Adults and teens ... Just \$10  
Kids ages 5 to 12 ... Just \$5  
Kids under age 4 ... No charge  
Same-day blood donors  
from SFX gym ... No charge

Pay in advance by Venmo  
(@Brian-Lisek) or Zelle (630-939-2626)



**girl scouts**



**Calling all Scouts!**

Please join the St. Francis Xavier Scouting units for our Annual Scout Mass this Sunday, February 8 at 11:00am. This special liturgy celebrates the enduring bond between Scouting and Catholic faith formation for the youth of our parish. All are welcome!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**



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

Our next meeting is scheduled for  
**Thursday, February 12—4:00-5:00pm**  
in the Rectory Courtyard Room.  
Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

**Save the Date!**

**Blood Drive Details**

**St. Francis Xavier  
Parish Blood Drive  
This Sunday, February 8, 2026  
9:00am-1:00pm  
145 North Waiola Avenue  
(Ogden & Waiola)  
LaGrange**

Drive Goal: 18

Schedule appointments:

[https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11624098](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



**Interfaith Career Network  
February 19 at 7:00pm**

"Put Free Career Tools and Services to Work - How College of DuPage Can Empower Your Job Search" - Christine Kickels, Presenter

Expand your job search at the College of DuPage Library, a resource available to the entire community as well as current students. Hear about the top-notch tools they offer for researching industries, identifying local employers, and job searching in the age of AI.

Christine Kickels is a Professor and Reference Librarian at the College of DuPage with over 25 years of experience connecting people with high-level business and legal resources that are often difficult to access.

We look forward to seeing you at the **St. John of the Cross Parish Center**, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.



## New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

The Welcome Committee invites you to gather for a prayer service in church on **Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30pm** for a special Newcomer Blessing.

We would love to include any special intentions you may have. Feel free to send them to [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com) by Friday, February 6th.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for socializing in Unity Hall. Alpine subs and cookies will be served.

If you are able, please RSVP by February 6th to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

To RSVP or if you have any questions, please call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com).



## Engage Community Events Building Community with Neighbors and Friends



**February 12:** Lunch Get-together

**Where: 12:30pm, Stix & Stones**

Wood-fired pizza and more!

<https://www.eatstixandstones.com/>

505 Village Center Drive, D9, Burr Ridge.

Separate checks.

**RSVPs, at the email below, are required by February 11.**



**February 26:** Monthly Meeting Special

Guest Speaker Fr. Rich

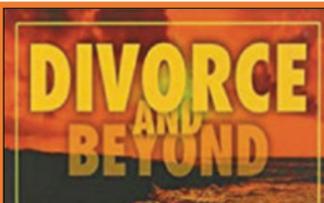
**Where: 7:00-8:30pm, Unity Hall.**

**Details:** Tour of SFX church and rectory/rooms. Come learn about the history of our beautiful building and how it came to be followed by refreshments and a Q&A session with Father Rich. You can ask anything you have always wondered about the parish, Catholic faith, traditions, or whatever is on your mind. We will also use this opportunity to discuss Catholic Social Teachings, with some Hallow sessions as background (more to come about that).

To help Fr. Rich and plan our discussion, we would like to share some of your questions with him in advance. **Please send any questions you have for Fr. Rich to Karen at [krpatena@icloud.com](mailto:krpatena@icloud.com) by February 19.** Please indicate if you want me to share with him anonymously if you are shy about your question. You can still ask questions at the meeting as well.

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



## 2026 Divorce and Beyond at Saint Francis Xavier Sunday Evenings 6:00-7:15pm February 15 through March 22



The Divorce and Beyond ministry provides faith-based pastoral support to those who are divorced or experiencing divorce. Sessions are led by divorced lay persons committed to fostering the personal and spiritual growth of all participants. SFX will offer six weekly no-cost evening sessions in the parish rectory, 124 North Spring Avenue in LaGrange starting on February 15. A discussion guide will be provided at the first meeting. To register, please contact Maggie McMahon at 708-352-0168 or use the attached QR Code.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



# TOGETHER WE BRING LIGHT



© Vatican Media

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme for 2026 is *Together we bring light*. It stems from Jesus' words to his early disciples and to us: "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) We understand our responsibility to bring light to a world that seems often covered in darkness. Contributions to the Appeal enable us to bring light to those in need. We do not do this alone but together as the Body of Christ. Our Church finds the fulfillment of her mission when we support the Appeal and the ministries of teaching, sanctifying, and bringing pastoral care to those in need. Truly, together we do bring light.

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself, and for your loved ones.

**To make a gift by phone:** 312.534.7959

**To mail:**

835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611

**To give online:**

**[annualcatholicappeal.com](https://annualcatholicappeal.com)**



**APRIL 18, 2026  
MARRIOTT BURR RIDGE  
6:30-11:30PM**

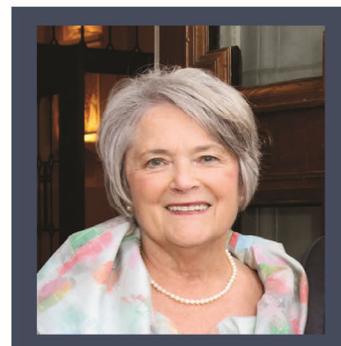
Ignite brings together nearly 400 parents, alumni, parishioners and friends for an evening that includes entertainment, a live and silent auction, a premium bar with heavy hors d'oeuvres and more!

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS, BECOME A SPONSOR, OR DONATE AN ITEM, SCAN BELOW!**



**IGNITE MEDAL  
AWARD HONOREE:  
PATSY BROWN**

This year, the recipient of our annual Ignite Medal Award will be Patsy Brown. Patsy, the founder of the SFX Enrichment Program in the 1990's and former School Advisory Board member, continues to be a bright light in the parish.



St. Francis Xavier Parish

# RETIRED MEN'S LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 10th

Cocktails 11:30am Lunch 12:00pm

*Plymouth Place  
30 North Restaurant  
315 North La Grange Road  
La Grange Park*

Reservations and entrée selection required  
By Friday, February 6th

## Menu Selection

Grilled Chicken Sandwich  
Chimichurri Steak Sandwich  
Cobb Salad

**Cost:** Free Will Offering

**RSVP to the rectory (708) 352-0168**

## Arts & Environment Committee Chair Volunteer Leadership Opportunity

A leadership role is opening up within our Arts & Environment Ministry, and we are seeking someone to step into the position of Committee Chair. For the past nine years, Celine Heraty has given her time and the joy of guiding this ministry at St. Francis and collaborating with a wonderfully creative team of volunteers. Together, they have prepared the Church and Unity Hall for every liturgical season - moving from Fall to Winter and Spring into Summer with beauty and intention. We appreciate all of their work and dedication to enhancing our environment. We are looking for Celine's successor to continue this beautiful ministry.

Ideal qualities of this Committee Chair include: flexibility in scheduling, creativity and artistic sensibility, strong organizational skills, ability to coordinate volunteers and parish staff with enthusiasm, openness and a generous spirit. Celine will guide and support the new chair through the first year of seasonal transitions, or until they feel fully confident in the role. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please feel free to contact Celine directly. We look forward to a smooth and grace-filled transition. Celine Heraty—Arts & Environment Committee Chair Email: cmheraty@gmail.com | Phone: 708-261-5742.

Thank you for your consideration, Bernadette McMahon, Liturgy Planning Chair Email: bbmcmahon@comcast.net | Phone: 312-315-7769.

## SFX DONATION DRIVE

Let's help local organization -

### CatNap from the Heart

by collecting donations throughout the month of February  
Please drop at the main Religious Ed office.  
Questions: telizabethgump@gmail.com

#### Acceptable donations:

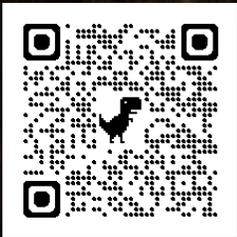
Wet cat food (any kind)  
Dry cat food - Iams Kitten chow (purple bag)  
Dry cat food - Iams cat chow (orange bag)  
Paper Towels  
Cleaning Bleach  
PineSol  
Laundry Detergent (any kind)



Cash accepted!  
Donations should notate  
SFX Religious Ed



# LENT + PRAY40



All-Parish Prayer Challenge  
begins Feb 18 in the Hallow App!  
[Scan or click for more info.](#)

Join the prayer challenge above or gather **IN CHURCH** for any of the following events this Lent:

## MONDAYS at 7pm

*hosted by the Alpha Team*

- |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Feb 9                          | Witness Workshop ( <i>Unity Hall</i> ) |
| Feb 23                         | Praise, Worship, Witness Night         |
| Mar 9                          | Embracing Forgiveness                  |
| Mar 23                         | Praise, Worship, Witness Night         |
| <i>Continuing into Easter:</i> |  |
| Apr 20                         | Embracing the Holy Spirit              |

### Area Reconciliation Services this Lent:

- |        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| Mar 10 | St. John of the Cross (7PM) |
| Mar 16 | St. Francis Xavier (7PM)    |
| Mar 30 | St. Cletus (7PM)            |

## WEDNESDAYS at 7pm

- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| Mar 4  | Women's Preaching <i>Slam!</i>                                     |
| Mar 11 | Near Death Experiences: Evidence of the Soul ( <i>Unity Hall</i> ) |
| Mar 18 | Stations of the Cross with the Immigrant Jesus                     |
| Mar 25 | Stations of the Cross through Mary's Eyes                          |

### Little Black Books

Little Black Book devotionals are available by each church door for Lenten prayer.  
Please feel free to take one with you!



# At-Home Lenten Retreat

## **Retreat beginning: Ash Wednesday Prayer Service**

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 PM CST | Free will offering. In-person or Hybrid

Location: The Well chapel

Distribution of ashes and reflection by Sr. Pat Bergen, CSJ.

## **At-Home Directed Lenten Retreat**

Fee: \$150 (SFX Parishioners \$50)

Location: The Well—enter side door across from Nazareth main entrance

**Registration due by 2/14**

In the chaos of our time, are you experiencing a call to prayer, a longing to come closer to Christ and more deeply rooted in God? If so, start Lent by joining SFX and The Well Spirituality Center in our At Home Directed Retreat. Our retreat begins with the Ash Wednesday Prayer Service including Ashes listed above (Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 PM). Participants commit to pray 1/2 hour a day and meet with an assigned Spiritual Director for 1/2 hour 4 or 5 times during the first two weeks of Lent. The retreat closes with a group gathering on Friday, March 6, 7 PM. (Spiritual Directors: Sara Connelly, Sr. Pat Bergen, CSJ, Sr. Celeste Cotter, CSJ, Tom Marthaler and Therese Byrne)



The Well Spirituality Center and St. Joseph Retreat Center are communities that foster an awakening to our Unity with the Divine, One Another, and all Creation.

They are Members of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network.

Register with this  
QR Code or visit  
our website  
[csjthewell.org](http://csjthewell.org)



[https://web.charityengine.net/  
at-home-lenten-retreat-opening](https://web.charityengine.net/at-home-lenten-retreat-opening)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

*Ladies Day Out*

2026



**SATURDAY, FEB. 28  
3-6PM**

**LA GRANGE  
COUNTRY CLUB**

All women of the Parish are warmly invited to LADIES DAY OUT - it's a wonderful opportunity to step away from daily routines to share laughter and enjoy each other's company, along with delicious food & drinks, music, raffles and BINGO! You'll be helping to support our parish, too. We hope you'll attend - and invite your friends!

Reduced ticket pricing for ladies 65+- if you purchase before 2/1/26.



**SCAN FOR TICKETS - OR  
VISIT [WWW.SFXLG.ORG](http://WWW.SFXLG.ORG)**





## That Man Is You

All men are invited to join the Spring Sessions of *That Man is YOU (TMIY)* Which started on Tuesday, February 3 at 8:00pm in St. Francis Unity Hall/ SFX School Music Room

*THAT MAN IS YOU!* is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. Christ didn't say, "Behold, I make new things." He said, "Behold, I make all things new."

A new day is dawning for Catholic men. Now is our hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising!

Interested? Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register.



## SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22-26, 2026

We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was again a great success in 2025.

We are excited that our partnership with Grace will continue in 2026. This year's theme is "Rainforest Falls". The dates for the summer 2026 VBS are June 22-26. The program runs each day from 9:00am-Noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 to 4th graders. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that spends the week organizing a variety of service projects including a morning at the SFX Food Pantry.

The success of VBS relies on teen and parent volunteers. Hours spent volunteering can be used for required service hours. We will provide more details about these opportunities when registration opens.

VBS is an amazing, faith based program that provides many benefits for children and volunteers. We hope you can participate! Registration details will be provided early next year.

Any questions please contact: Phil Zadeik at [pjzadeik@gmail.com](mailto:pjzadeik@gmail.com) or Karl Olson at [Olson.karl@gmail.com](mailto:Olson.karl@gmail.com).

## Friends of St. Brigid

### Our Mission

Inspired by the spirit of St. Brigid, this welcoming community celebrates women's contributions to the history and vitality of our Catholic faith, empowering lay Catholics to advocate for expanded leadership roles for women in our church.

### Upcoming Event

BRIGID 2026

To Heal Our Wounds and Green the Earth Again  
A Lenten Day of Reflection

Hosted by Still Point Community with Speakers from Solas Bhride Christian Spirituality Centre in Kildare, Ireland

**Saturday, March 7 at 8:15AM-4:00PM**  
**Brookfield Zoo's Treetop Grand Vista Room**

This Lent, spend a day exploring how St. Brigid models Pope Francis' call for an ecological conversion of the heart and mind (Laudato Si). Through shared reflection prayer, animal encounters, and woodland walks, embrace the sacredness and interconnectedness of all living beings. Listen to speakers from Solas Bhride (Light of Brigid) and share stories of spiritual and ecological healing that leads to justice while discerning the steps you take to care for our common home.

There is an \$85 fee for the retreat with options for scholarships to offset overall costs.

Register at [www.bit.ly/Brigid-Reflection](http://www.bit.ly/Brigid-Reflection). For questions, email [friendsofstbrigid@oldstpats.org](mailto:friendsofstbrigid@oldstpats.org) or Al Gustafson [algustafson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:algustafson@sbcglobal.net). For more information visit [www.bit.ly/FriendsOfStBrigid](http://www.bit.ly/FriendsOfStBrigid) or use the QR.

REGISTER



## SFX PINK RIBBON COMMUNITY

Connect with Breast Cancer Survivors at SFX for fellowship & 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, March 3

Contact: Peter Brown [pbrown@sfxlq.org](mailto:pbrown@sfxlq.org)

## Catholics Are Responsible Environmental Stewards (CARES)

PEACE



C  
O  
R  
N  
E  
R

An environmental ministry in collaboration with St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus.

**CARES** is called to protect all of Creation and our Common Home. With a Christ-Centered focus, **CARES** models, promotes, and integrates environmentally sustainable and socially protective actions and practices throughout the parish and surrounding communities.

**Advocacy: Raise awareness and inspire transformative actions**

**Education: Provide educational resources and opportunities**

**Programs: Organize events and plan initiatives**

**CARES** follows the directives and guidance from the 2015 Laudato Sí Papal Encyclical, Catholic Doctrine, and Social Justice teachings, and the Chicago Archdiocese Office of Parish Vitality and Missions.

[https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=543577&type=d](https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=543577&type=d)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH 2, 2026—7:00pm St. Francis Xavier Unity Hall

Presenter: Dave Lloyd, Bemis Woods South Steward, on environmental and ecological outreach efforts for all people of goodwill to care for our common home. More details to follow.

Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities in Bemis Woods during All Parish Service Week in June.

Any questions, contact SFX CARES Rep. Kevin McGann at [kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATE!

### ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026\*

Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead  
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned

\*Events will be available June 1-6, 2026

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact: Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach  
[mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



#### Join our Toddler Moms'

**Groupme!** Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to get updates on upcoming events and connect with other toddler moms'.



#### Join our Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

**Groupme!** Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to get updates on upcoming events and connect with other young adults.

## Church Audio Update—Adaptive Audio System

SFX has installed a Bluetooth accessible Listening System. To access this new system you must have a smartphone along with earphones or Bluetooth capable hearing aids. Follow the steps to connect your device:

Step 1) (At home or at SFX) Download the Listen Wi-Fi App from your app store or scan the provided QR Code below.

### Apple Users



### Android Users



Step 2) (In SFX Church) Download the Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection by scanning the provided QR Code below Please make sure to turn on Wi-Fi for auto detection in your settings.

### Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection



We plan to have non-Bluetooth options available in the upcoming months. For assistance please call the rectory at 708-352-0168 or email [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org) to set-up an appointment.



## Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—niece of Jon Peterson
- **Capt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Niedos
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux
- **Capt. Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene and Mary Pat Sullivan

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...and please let us know when friends and loved ones return from their deployment Overseas.**

**Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Weekend Sacramental Clergy

Rev. John Chrzan  
Rev. Richard Milek  
Andrew Allison  
Phil Gianatasio  
Margaret McMahon  
Rev. Stan Ilo  
Rev. Phil Cyscon  
Rev. Tom McCarthy, OSA  
Rev. Bill Tkachuk

jchrzan@sfxlg.org  
rmilek@sfxlg.org  
aallison@sfxlg.org  
pgianatasio@sfxlg.org  
mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

## Liturgical Music Ministry

Director  
Associate Musician  
Associate Musician

Allen Sterwalt  
Ann Maney  
Bob Voves

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

## Community Outreach Ministry

Director

Mary Freeman

mfreeman@sfxlg.org

## Parish Office Administration

Director of Operations  
Director of Stewardship and Development  
Finance Manager  
Parish Secretary/Receptionist  
Staff Secretary/Bulletin Editor  
Facilities Manager

Peter Brown  
Jennifer Zeisloft  
Jane Bandyk  
Melissa Westerhoff  
Debra Soulje  
Antonio Franceschi

pbrown@sfxlg.org  
jzeisloft@sfxlg.org  
jbandyk@sfxlg.org  
mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org  
dsoulje@sfxlg.org  
afranceschi@sfxlg.org

## School Education Administration

Parish School Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Administrative Assistant  
Front Office Coordinator (Morning)  
Front Office Coordinator (Afternoon)  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment  
Special Events and Development Manager  
Business Operations/Virtus Coordinator  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant  
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Jimmy Bajner  
Janice Carr  
Jeanne Grimes  
Joni O'Halloran  
Betsy Sullivan  
Erin Smith  
Katie Adams  
Brooke Cermak  
Jane Bandyk  
Elis Guidice  
Cindy Johnson  
Christina Alagna

jbajner@sfxlg.org  
jcarr@sfxlg.org  
jgrimes@sfxlg.org  
johalloran@sfxlg.org  
bsullivan@sfxlg.org  
esmith@sfxlg.org  
kadams@sfxlg.org  
bcermak@sfxlg.org  
jbandyk@sfxlg.org  
eguidice@sfxlg.org  
cjohnson@sfxlg.org  
calagna@sfxlg.org

## Contact Information

Parish Office 124 N. Spring ..... 708-352-0168  
St. Francis Xavier Day School ..... 708-352-2175  
School of Religious Education ..... 708-352-4555  
S.P.R.E.D. (Special Religious Education) ..... 708-352-0168  
Fax Number ..... 708-352-4904  
e-Mail ..... sfxinlg@sfxlg.org  
Main Day School e-Mail ..... sfxmain@sfxlg.org  
Main Religious Education e-Mail ..... sfxreligious@sfxlg.org  
Parish Web Site ..... www.sfxlg.org

## Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30 am-7:00 pm  
Friday ..... 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Saturday ..... 9:00 am-12:00 pm

## Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

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

## Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

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

## Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

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

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

## Bulletin Deadline

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

## Domestic Violence Resources

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

## Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory (Door #5).

## Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

## Infant Baptisms

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

## Marriage

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

## Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our counselor, Benjamin Horen, from the Claret Center. Please call for an appointment at 630-923-8380.

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider | **SafeStreets** | **833-287-3502**

**@properties** | CHRISTIE'S INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

**Heraty Christensen Group**  
Celine Heraty & Jean Christensen  
Real Estate Brokers & Home Stagers  
Proud Sponsors of the 2025  
**LaGrange Area Home & History Tour**  
YourSuccessOurGoal.com

Call Us For a Complimentary Consultation  
Celine: 708.261.5742 | Jean: 708.218.1390

**THREE SOUTH WAIOLA AVE., LA GRANGE**  
**ROBERT T. CORTE, D.D.S.**  
PARISH MEMBER

**DENTAL CARE**  
www.cortedental.com | 708-354-1003

**HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**  
HONORING THE LIVES OF LOVED ONES SINCE 1904

*Call us to discuss pre-funding today!*

www.HitzemanFuneral.com | 708-485-2000

9445 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Brookfield, IL 60513

**CONBOY'S-WESTCHESTER**

**FUNERAL HOME**  
Family owned and operated since 1885

Peter Conboy, Matthew Conboy  
Jean Conboy Hanson

10501 W. Cermak Rd, Westchester  
**708-562-5900**

www.ConboyWestchesterfh.com

**NAZARETH ACADEMY**

**7th Grade Shadow Days**  
February - May (select dates)

nazarethacademy.com

**AM LOCAL.**  
Live Local. Sell Local.

CONTACT US TODAY at 312.533.0882

@properties | CHRISTIE'S INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

**DUPLIX ELECTRIC**  
708-387-9400

Expert Troubleshooting  
Electrical Rehab/Repair

Greg Fiflis - Parishioner  
www.duplexelectricservice.com

**Innovative COUNSELING PARTNERS**

Depression • Anxiety  
Child & Family Therapy  
Grief/Trauma Counseling  
Marriage Counseling

773-312-3612  
www.InnovativeCounselingPartners.com

**Linnea Jewelers**

- Expert Jewelry & Watch Repair
- Exquisite Diamonds & Colored Gems
- Affordable Restylings & Restorations
- Religious & Children's Jewelry

Tues-Fri 10-6 • Sat 10-3 • Closed Sun & Mon

23 S. Ashland Ave.  
Downtown La Grange, IL  
**708.482.0007**

Since 1981 • Unique Designs  
Friendly Professional Service

**Brookfield Breakfast**  
3755 Grand Blvd. Brookfield, IL  
**708-905-5960**  
Open 7 Days

**Serving Breakfast & Lunch**

**La Grange Breakfast Cafe**  
24 W. Burlington Ave. La Grange, IL  
**708-469-7319**  
Closed Mondays

www.brookfieldbreakfast.com • www.lagrangebreakfastcafe.com

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE**

**MDMedAlert!** STARTING AT \$19<sup>95</sup>/mo.

- Ambulance
- Police/Fire
- Family/Friends
- GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW! 800.809.3570 • md-medalert.com

Sun - Thurs 11am-11pm  
Fri - Sat 11am-12pm

**YORK TAVERN**  
630 323-5090  
3702 York Rd Oak Brook

www.yorktavernoakbrook.com  
-Carry Out & Delivery Available-

**PLUMB SQUAD**  
For All Your Plumbing Needs!  
312-278-7900  
www.plumb-squad.com

Thinking About Buying or Selling A Home?

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOMESERVICES** | CHICAGO

**Michael Lampariello** - REALTOR  
20 years of Construction Expertise  
Let's have a cup of coffee & talk Real Estate  
Call or Text: 708-299-2000

**THE ELM** est. 2020

Restaurant | Bar | Private Events

(708) 639-4068  
events@theelmlagrange.com  
www.theelmlagrange.com

FROM 5-500, WE HOST IT ALL!

- Weddings
- Christenings
- Baby Showers
- Celebrations of Life
- Bridal Showers

**Advertise in Our Church Bulletin!**

Contact Jeff Hansen  
jhansen@4LPi.com  
(800) 950-9952 x2683

Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!

Receive a \$100 Visa gift card with your FREE in-home estimate

**\$99 Installation\***

Call today for your FREE estimate and in-home demonstration  
**CALL NOW 708-462-6373**

\*Guaranteed not to clog for as long as you own your home, or we'll clean your gutters for free.

**ENGLERT LeafGuard**  
Get it. And forget it.™



### ASPIRED LIVING OF LA GRANGE

a Senior Lifestyle community  
Experience Comfort and Connection Every Day

Offering Assisted Living and Memory Care Services

35 Shawmut Ave, La Grange IL 60525  
(708) 206-9899



Donahue Insurance Agency Inc.

Parishioner 1005 E. 31st St.  
La Grange Park, IL 60526

708-354-1616  
jimdonahue.com



Theresa Sullivan Travel Consultant  
773-592-7155 | www.petersontravelgroup.com  
tsullivan@petersontravelgroup.com  
Personalized journeys, seamless planning.  
Relax before your adventure begins.



Specialist in Creating Tax Advantaged Retirement Income Solutions

Mike Corrigan 708-482-3800 Parishioner

913 Hillgrove LaGrange, IL.  
mike@corriganfs.com

Working with Families & Business Owners Since 1980

## catholicmatch® Illinois



CatholicMatch.com/IL

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE  
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.  
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE



The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph are inviting lay individuals to live with them at Joseph House, 1515 W Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park. Assisted living apartments now available.

For a tour contact us at  
708.482.1279 • www.csjinitiatives.org/la-grange-park/



Life is for living. Let's partner to help you make every single moment matter. We care as much about why you're investing as what you invest in. Our personalized approach to investing is what sets us apart.

We'll partner with you every step of the way. As your needs evolve throughout your life, we'll strive to help you build the future you desire. So you can enjoy all the special moments life has to offer.

Our process? We listen. Really listen. Stop by. Bob Burns - Financial Advisor  
4705 Willow Springs Rd Ste 107 • La Grange, IL 60525  
708-354-1250

### Ed the Plumber Ed the Carpenter

708.652.1444  
Best Work • Best Rates  
PARISHIONER DISCOUNT



Fine Wines & Spirits  
St. Isaac Jogues Parishioner  
Owned & Operated

Over 5,000 Wines Available  
Extensive Craft Beer & Whiskey Selection

Present this Ad for 10% OFF  
Any Non-sale Item

On York Road • 1/2 Block North of Ogden Ave.  
630.325.6550  
www.savwaywines.com

Honesty, Heart, Home



Elizabeth McManus  
SFX Parishioner  
and Catechist  
708-805-1524



SENIOR CAREGIVER/COMPANION  
Parishioner for 30 years  
WORK WITH SENIORS NEEDING HELP OR COMPANIONSHIP  
Bathing, Dressing, Laundry, Cooking  
Transportation, Grocery Shopping  
Doctor's Visits or Socializing & Outings  
Available 7 Days | 773.744.9841 | www.caregiverlg.com

WOODFORD CONSTRUCTION  
CONTRACTOR  
New Construction & Remodeling  
10% PARISHIONER DISCOUNT  
FREE ESTIMATES • 708-670-2179



Experience matters  
Joe Thorne  
St. Francis Parishioner  
708-205-9028

Areas: La Grange, La Grange Park,  
Western Springs, Brookfield,  
La Grange Highlands, and surrounding areas



@properties



Quality Work - Reasonable Prices

## DEMMIS PLUMBING & SEWER



Ask for a PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

708.420.0806 EMERGENCY SERVICE  
www.demmisplumbing.com



Robinson Accounting & Tax, LLC  
Victoria A. Robinson  
Accountant | Parishioner  
Office: (708) 937-9366 Fax: 866-375-5652  
Accounting, Payroll & Tax Services  
915 55th St. Ste #101 | Western Springs, IL 60558  
victoria@mcgrealrobinson.com | robinsontaxllc.com



DeSitter FLOORING  
CARPET • RUGS • HARDWOOD  
LUXURY VINYL  
WOOD REFINISHING  
La Grange - 708.813.2933  
DeSitterFlooring.com

## Our Caregivers Care Deeply, Serve Humbly, and Bless Many

Personal care • Dementia care • Up to 24/7



Parishioners Brian & Dominica Davis



RATED #1 IN ILLINOIS.



Home Helpers®  
Home Care  
630.323.7231

CertaPro Painters®  
708 / 588 / 9705  
• Residential • Commercial  
• Interior • Exterior  
certapro.com/lagrang

## RUZICKA'S HOME MAINTENANCE

"Quality Work at Reasonable Prices"

Carpentry • Electrical • Painting  
Plumbing • Flooring  
Basement, Kitchen & Bath Remodeling  
Soffit • Fascia • Misc. Jobs

PROFESSIONAL HOME MAINTENANCE SPECIALISTS  
PAUL RUZICKA • 708-602-9366  
STICKNEY, IL 60402

## Little space. Big impact.

Advertise here  
Call 800-950-9952

Larry's  
Plumbing • Sewer • Electrical  
Residential & Commercial  
847-455-4150  
24 Hour - Emergency Service

## Let Go. Let God.



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Francis Xavier Church, La Grange, IL

01-4054