



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT



BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 9	Mass	8:30 am	Stanley & Maria Abromavicius	
Tuesday, March 10	Mass	8:30 am	Suzanne Griffin	The Michael Griffin Family
Wednesday, March 11	Mass	8:30 am	Bob Lang Frank Cratrambo	The McAuliffe Family Nancy Cozzi
Thursday, March 12	Rosary Word Communion	8:15 am 8:30 am		
Friday, March 13	Stations Mass	7:45 am 8:30 am	Angeline Rizzuto Claire Sharkey Lorraine Pietras	The Cannon & Rizzuto Families Jerry Johnson
Saturday, March 14	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Margaret "Meg" Heydorn	 Friends & Family
Sunday, March 15	Mass	7:30 am	Jack Kiley	Rich & Sheila Hayes
4th Sunday of Lent	Mass	9:00 am	Virginia Wielgosz	Teri Meeusen
	Mass	11:00 am	Eileen West	Pam Oplawski
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Presider's Schedule for March 14-15, 2026

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

7:30 am Fr. Chrzan

9:00 am Fr. Chrzan

11:00 am Fr. Ilo

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio Bob Barrett Poppy Booth Robert Borchardt Kent Borkovec George Braasch Irene Brewick Vivian Brickhouse Leonard Bruce Joe Canepa John Clinch Blake Donegan John Donegan Craig Eaton Nathan Emkow Dale Friedman Lupe Baker Garcia Allen Godlewski Vincenzo Guzzo Junie Haase Elizabeth Dodd Henley Angela Hill Jessi Rita Hoffman Richard Holbach John Hronec Michelle Jackson Nora Lou Kampe	Deb Kash Terri Bergen Klein Ella Mae Kuzel Laura Leide Mickey Manos John McMurray Amy Miller Aldo Mitri Brandon Moffett Patrick Morgan Bill Mroz Ann Marie Niedos Connie O'Dette Mark Reilly Joseph Riden, Jr. Amy Robinson Juan Silva Rita Mae Spearman Gregg Stephenson Gary Sterwalt Jean Sterwalt John Stopka Sophie Stratton Olivia Tarsney Joe Vargas Liz Wilk
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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:

Dennis Callahan
Father of Maureen Rimlinger

Eleanor Love
Sister of Jan Mose

Richard Mauman
Father of Laura Schmidt

Gerard Walsh
Husband of Natalie
Father of Madeline



**Stations
of the
Cross
Every Friday
at 7:45 am**

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



Pastor's Letter

Dear friends in Christ,

Last weekend, I had the joy of standing with our OCIA catechumens and candidates at Holy Name Cathedral for the Rite of Election with Bishop José Maria Maldonado. The cathedral was filled with hundreds of women and men from across the Archdiocese of Chicago, each one responding to God's call and preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. It was deeply moving to see so many people publicly profess their desire to follow Jesus and to belong fully to His Church. In that sacred space, surrounded by prayer and hope, we witnessed faith alive and growing.

The Gospel that afternoon echoed in our hearts: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Bishop Maldonado spoke beautifully about deepening our friendship with Jesus and with one another. The Rite of Election reminds us that faith is never accidental. Long before our candidates ever thought about joining the Church, Christ was already choosing them and gently leading them here, to this parish family of St. Francis Xavier. Their "yes" is a response to a love that has always come first.

The whole parish joins Maggie McMahon, the OCIA Team and me, in giving thanks for Tim, Stacy, Brian, Sam, Carmen, Ivan, Gabriela, Julie, Jacob, Michaela, Mayra, Mark, Sarah, Aracelia, Lily and Alejandra. Their journey of faith is not theirs alone; it's all of ours together. They now walk more deeply into the life of our parish community, where we belong, believe, and become love for one another. May their courage renew and strengthen our own faith. May their longing for God rekindle our gratitude. As we approach Easter, may we remember that Christ continues to choose us again and again, to bear fruit that will remain.

Peace,
Fr. John

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



St. Francis Xavier Parish
Lenten Season

3/26/26: 6:30-8:00pm

Lenten Witness: Fr. Larry Dowling, Fr. Graff and Rev. Michael Woolf
The Role of Faith in Turbulent Times

The Well Spirituality Center - 1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park 60526

Contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlq.org if you would like one of 10 free tickets available OR to purchase your own \$35 ticket [Click Here](#),

Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #2

Carol Aronson, Margie Goc, Bernadette McMahon, Diane Redmond, Amy Salvetti, and Joan Stopka

We need water to survive in this life and in our eternal life.

In the first reading, the people with Moses are dissatisfied and at the point of revolt due to the lack of water. They fear death. In the gospel, Jesus assumes the role of an interrogator. He speaks to a woman, a Samaritan, an outcast at the well. She is also seeking water. He asks for a drink. He tells her that his water is the source of eternal life. At the end of their conversation, Jesus reveals himself to her, "I am he, the one speaking to you." She runs to tell others, and they too are converted. On both occasions, Jesus looks past the anger, the rejection, the laws of his time. His ministry knows no bounds.

How wonderful is our Lord, open to all, willing to share his water of eternal life.

Disciple Maker Index Survey—We need your perspective!

This Lent, St. Francis Xavier will launch our second run of the "**Disciple Maker Index**" survey, which last ran in 2023. The 10-15 minute survey can be accessed via [THIS LINK](#) from February 18 through March 29, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. This survey is an essential part of our understanding and meeting the spiritual needs of the parish. We greatly appreciate your time and attention in responding.

Lenten Season

Unless otherwise indicated, the following events will occur in the church:

MONDAYS at 7pm

hosted by the Alpha Team

- Mar 9 Embracing Forgiveness
Mar 23 Praise, Worship, Witness Night

Continuing into Easter:

- 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 11 Near Death Experiences: Evidence of the Soul (*Unity Hall*)
Mar 18 Stations of the Cross with the Immigrant Jesus
Mar 25 Stations of the Cross through Mary's Eyes

NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES: EVIDENCE OF THE SOUL

MARCH 11TH AT 7:00 PM IN UNITY HALL

Gather for a powerful presentation exploring the intersection of science and faith in Near Death Experiences.

Definition of a Near Death Experience: "A lucid experience associated with perceived consciousness apart from the body occurring at the time of actual or threatened imminent death."

JOSEPH KHASHO



Joseph Khasho is an officer and board member of the Near-Death Experience Research Foundation (NDERF) with over twelve years of experience researching thousands of NDE accounts. He specializes in bridging scientific study with spiritual inquiry, often serving as a liaison to religious institutions. Outside of his research, Joseph is a wealth advisor who enjoys science, technology, and playing guitar.



Music Notes...

Upcoming Music Ministry Event!

Saturday, March 14th—5:00 pm Mass

The Irish-American Heritage Musicians

***with Mike Macken, SFX parishioner**

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



COME, FOLLOW ME

THE 120 PRESENTS

Lent Bible Study for High School Teens



March 8th after 5 PM mass
March 15th after 5 PM mass
March 22nd after 5 PM mass
March 29th after 5 PM mass (two hour session with adoration and confession).

SPRING FORWARD



**This weekend, don't forget to
Spring ahead one hour as Daylight savings time will begin.
Be sure to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.**

Make Yourself at Home This March!

This March we invite you to take a simple step that helps us stay connected: officially register with the parish or update your information.

Registration isn't just paperwork — it's how we care for you, include you, and walk with you in every season of life. When you're registered, we can keep you informed, celebrate milestones with you, and make sure you never miss opportunities to grow in faith and community.

Young adults

Did you grow up here and recently age out of your parents' registration? We're so glad you're still with us! As you step into adulthood, we'd love to recognize you as your own parish household. Registering helps us personally invite you to gatherings, service opportunities, and events designed just for young adults.

Families who worship, attend school, or participate in religious education

If you've been part of parish life but haven't officially registered, this is your moment! We would love to formally welcome you into the parish family and keep you connected to everything happening here — from faith formation to fellowship events.

Volunteer

Did you know we host a volunteer appreciation celebration each year? We truly want to thank you for your generosity. Keeping your information current ensures those invitations (and thank-yous!) reach you.

Those who've moved or changed contact information

A new home? New email? New phone number? Updating your information helps us stay in touch and ensures you receive parish updates, ministry news, and special invitations.

Growing families

Have you welcomed a new baby or had a family member join your household? Let us update your family information so we can celebrate with you and support you in this beautiful new chapter.

At St. Francis, you belong. Registering helps us make sure you feel known.

To register use this link <https://www.sfxlq.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/598e3bbe64054/FamilyRegistrationForm.html> or the QR Code at the right.



Be the Sunshine!

Looking for a way to bring sunshine to others' lives this summer? Join fellow parishioners for a week in Clarksdale, Mississippi, building homes for families in need. You'll be part of a St. Francis Xavier tradition that started in 1997 with Habitat for Humanity, and continues today with The Fuller Center for Housing. We are currently sending 2 groups this summer...space is still available in both trips:

Group 1: July 18-24

Group 2: July 25-31

No prior carpentry experience is needed. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you are interested, please contact Chris O'Hea at chris.ohea@yahoo.com.

For more information, scan the QR Code.



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, April 7

Contact: Peter Brown pbrown@sfxlq.org
for more information.



That Man Is You

All men are invited to join the
Spring Sessions of *That Man is YOU (TMIY)*,
on Tuesdays at 8:00pm
in St. Francis Unity Hall

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?
Contact Patrick McMahon at
patrick.mcmahon65@gmail.com
or scan the QR code or [click here](#)
to register.



SFX PINK RIBBON COMMUNITY

Connect with
Breast Cancer Survivors
at SFX
for fellowship & support.



VBS Registration Opens March 1, 2026!

Registration for VBS 2026 is opened! You can register by using the QR code or the link found below. The code and link will take you to the registration site. Here you will find some important information about VBS registration.

What is VBS: VBS is a faith based, week long adventure for children. Songs, crafts, stories, snacks and other activities are included. This years theme is "Rainforest Falls" and promises to be lots of fun for participants and volunteers!

When: VBS will run June 22-26 from 9:00am-12:00pm each day.

Who can register: Traditional VBS is open to children 4 years old to 4th grade. 5th and 6th graders can register for the "Service Crew." The Service Crew spends the week doing various service projects, some Bible study, other activities and of course snacks!

Where: All participants will meet at Grace Lutheran Church each day. The Service Crew will move to the Saint Francis Xavier Day School as base camp for their activities.

Cost: Cost of VBS is \$75 for one child. If you register 2 or more children cost is \$60 per child. If one parent volunteers for the entire week cost is 50% off.

Volunteering: A successful VBS requires a small army of volunteers. We expect each family to provide one or more volunteers in some capacity. The registration site lists the various volunteer opportunities available and a sign up option. We will be touch with you after registration to follow up. Opportunities range from a couple of hours to one week of time commitment. There are also before and after set up and break down opportunities as well. 7th, 8th graders, teens and college can also volunteer and earn service hours!

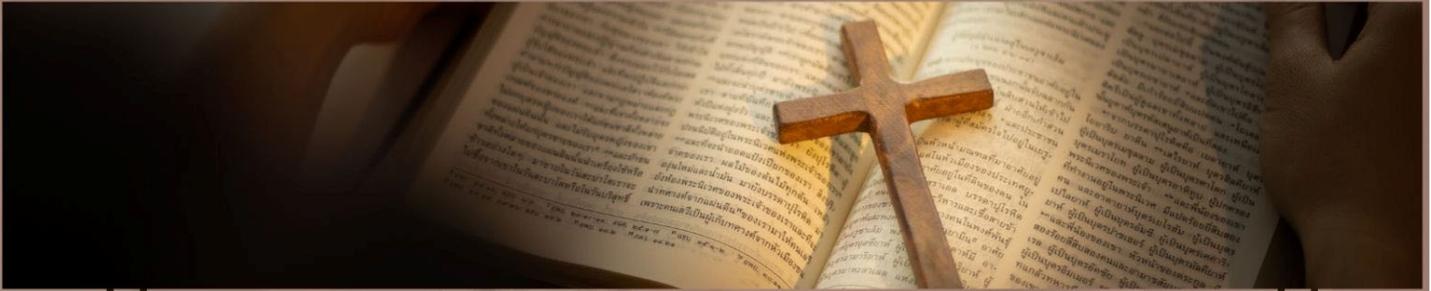
Questions: Contact Phil Zadeik pjzadeik@gmail.com for general questions. Contact Karl Olson regarding volunteer opportunities Olson.Karl@gmail.com.

To register go to vbspro.events/p/fa96ee or use the QR Code.

Space is limited and last year VBS sold out, so please register early!



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP



Presents

Rev. Bill Killeen

Pope Leo XIV and Vatican II



Wednesday, March 11, 2026

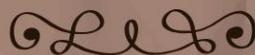
9:00 AM GATHERING

9:30 AM PRESENTATION

St. Francis Xavier Unity Hall

124 N. Spring Ave.

La Grange, Illinois



*Let's come together in
prayer, reflection, and hope.*

All are welcome No RSVP needed

Parish Women Relax and Reconnect at Ladies Day Out

It was an afternoon of fun, fellowship and fantastic raffle prizes on February 28 as the women of the parish gathered at the LaGrange Country Club for Ladies Day Out. Organized by the Catholic Women's Club. We enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing afternoon greeting old friends and making some new ones, too. We're grateful to our sponsors and raffle prize donors for making the day possible! The proceeds benefitted our youth ministry program.



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

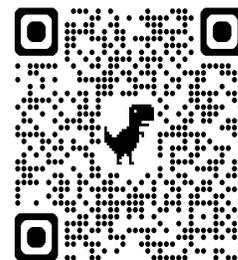
Ignite brings together nearly 400 parents, alumni, parishioners and friends for an evening that includes entertainment, a live and silent auction, a premium bar with heavy hors d'oeuvres and more!

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





**2026 Divorce and Beyond
at Saint Francis Xavier
Sunday Evenings 6:00-7:15pm
Started February 15 goes 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.



**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
Wednesday, March 11, 2026—4:00-5:00pm
Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

SFX OPEN GYM

**FUN ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, AND MUCH MORE FOR
AGES 4 - 10 YEARS OLD
COST IS FREE!**

**SATURDAY: MARCH 14
9:30—10:45 AM**

RSVP HERE!



**PLEASE NOTE PARENTS MUST STAY DURING THE OPEN GYM
YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME BUT WILL HAVE TO STAY ON BLEACHERS
WAIVER MUST BE FILLED OUT PRIOR PARTICIPATION**



**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.



**Join our
Toddler Moms'**

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



We're Looking For A Few Good Men

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

Do you have any interest in assisting the elderly, the disabled, the poor, and supporting the cause of life?

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

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

Engage Community – Events Building Community with Neighbors and Friends



March 11: Dinner Get-together

Where: 5:30pm, Café Salsa

Fajitas, Margaritas and more! 9932 West 55th street in Countryside, IL

<https://cafesalsa.com/>. Separate checks. **RSVPs, at the email below, are required by March 9.**



March 26:

Monthly Meeting – **Civil Discourse Practice**

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

Details: Looking to build your abilities to listen and talk about different viewpoints? Here's a low risk, high fun opportunity. We're holding a 'debate' about what makes either Christmas or Easter the most meaningful holiday to you. Participants will work as teams according to initial opinions (Christmas or Easter) so there's no pressure on any individual. Groups will present the merits and drawbacks of their group's choice. Afterward, each individual will anonymously "vote" as to whether their initial opinion changed. We will then review what we are taking away from the evening.

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.

Looking For A New Job?

Interfaith Career Network Presents "Career Ready – Using AI to Advance in the Job Search" by Pierre H. Michiels on Thursday, March 19th from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs.

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 knowledge and tools to confidently navigate an AI-enhanced job search. From optimizing resumes, to preparing for interviews, and even exploring new job paths, this session offers ways to integrate AI into every stage of the job search. Pierre H. Michiels, is a Career Specialist for the Career Services Center at College of DuPage. He is enthusiastic in supporting all job seekers to be successful in their job search. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.



The St. Francis Xavier School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board (SAB) that works throughout the year on behalf of our school and parish community. The purpose of the SAB is to:

- Review and recommend policies that govern the operation of the school;
- Advise the Pastor in hiring the principal;
- Review and comment on the annual budget and assist with the development of sources for school funding, including tuition rates;
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans;
- Help accomplish the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier Parish School Mission Statement;
- Participate in the implementation of the school Strategic Plan;
- Listen to and communicate with parishioners and school parents; and
- Promote and publicize the school.

The SAB currently consists of eleven (11) members who each serve a three-year term. Each member is assigned to one of the five standing committees of the SAB. The standing committees are listed below:

1. Catholic Identity Committee
2. Strategic Planning Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Development Committee
5. Marketing/Communications Committee

The SAB is looking for talented and energetic individuals to fill **four (4)** SAB openings for the 2026-2027 school year.

Interested in Becoming a School Advisory Board Member?

The School Advisory Board is currently accepting applications. Are you a:

- parent (guardian) of a school student? It's never too early or too late.
- parent (guardian) of a religious education student? We welcome your unique insights.
- parishioner? Possibly even an alumni of SFX? Candidates need not be parents.
- marketing, legal or educational (teaching and/or administrative) talent? We have a particular need in these fields.

The School Advisory Board requires a diversity of backgrounds and skill sets, *so any absence of the above characteristics **should not** discourage those whose talents lie elsewhere from applying.* All submissions for candidacy are valued!

For more information regarding the School Advisory Board and the application process, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can refer to the St. Francis Xavier School website (sfxlg.org) or contact School Advisory Board member Matt Thunander at matt.thunander@gmail.com or 708-837-5752. If you intend to apply, please notify Matt Thunander no later than **March 15, 2026**.

Let's Gather for a Ladies Night Out!

March 19, 2026 - 6:30pm—8:00pm

Uni Uni Bubble Tea

330 South State Street, Unit B7

Chicago, IL 60604

(872)368-2038



We will meet at the Uni Uni in the South Loop—owned and operated by parishioner and Kind Exchange founder, Evelyn Dumfeh.

The Kind Exchange has hosted The Talk (Parts I, II and III) at SFX to gather women together to share stories, listen deeply and build trust and connection across racial lines.



Scan QR code
to register

Questions? Contact Mary Freeman
mfreeman@sfxlg.org
Director of Community Outreach.

Volunteers Needed

My name is Jim Tvrdik, and I would like to introduce you to a benevolent organization by the name of Project C.U.R.E. PC (as I like to call it) was founded in 1987 to address the staggering shortage of medical resources around the world. Each week, PC delivers approximately four-to-five semi-truck sized cargo containers packed with medical equipment and supplies that are desperately needed to save lives in hospitals and clinics in resource-limited countries outside the United States. In this way, PC continues to address critical issues such as maternal and infant mortality, natural disasters, victims of violence and strengthening of healthcare systems. In addition, many healthcare professionals travel with PC to provide medical treatment and training to communities in need. Currently, PC is supported by over 30,000 volunteers annually and operates a local distribution warehouse in Woodridge, IL.



Personally, I have been volunteering for PC for over 7 years and find the time spent very fulfilling. Our warehouse team in Woodridge is continually looking for volunteers with flexible schedules to keep the mission moving forward; volunteer groups are also most welcome.

Please feel free to checkout www.projectcure.org for additional information, or feel free to send an inquiry email to chicagovolunteer@projectcure.org.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

TENEBRAE

A SERVICE OF DARKNESS



Presider/Lector: Susie Lehuta

Commentator: Thom Serafin

Music: PRAISE! Ensemble

Come, and be a part of a beautiful tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. This service, through music and scripture, portrays the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. Candles are extinguished one by one to symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The complete darkness at the end of the service portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

Wednesday, April 1st – 7:00 p.m.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
RETRouvaille
OF JOLIET ILLINOIS



Is your marriage on the WRONG track?

Retrouvaille can help you put your marriage back on the RIGHT track!

Our next marriage-saving weekend is April 24 – 26, 2026
at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darién, IL

All marriages have conflicts, and too often these conflicts drive a wedge between spouses and puts them on the path to disillusionment and misery. Retrouvaille gives couples the tools to resolve conflicts constructively, improve communication, and foster an environment in which love, trust, forgiveness, and commitment flourish. It's no wonder that the Joliet Diocese and Archdiocese of Chicago recommend Retrouvaille – a program that has helped **over 200,000 couples** improve their marriages over the past 40+ years.

Don't be a statistic. Be a success story!

Call us at 815-246-2080, Email us at
JolietRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org, or



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 to set-up an appointment.



Please Pray for All Those Serving Overseas in the Military:

- **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.

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Weekend Sacramental Clergy

Rev. John Chrzan
Rev. Richard Milek
Andrew Allison
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Rev. Stan Ilo
Rev. Phil Cyscon
Rev. Tom McCarthy, OSA
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Director of Operations
Director of Stewardship and Development
Finance Manager
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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
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
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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

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