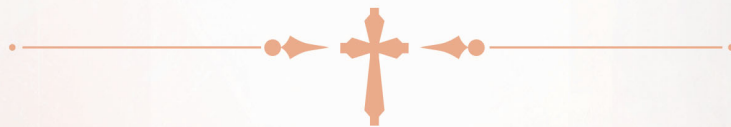




SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

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“Whoever enters through
the gate is the shepherd
of the sheep.”

JOHN 10:2

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Week at a Glance

		Intention		Requested By
Monday, April 27	Mass	8:30 am	Dick Hofstetter Emery Mapes Herbert & Mary Schrack Norm Wasz Jeff Hemminger	The Westerhoff Family Jesse & Claire Presley The Westerhoff Family Barb Hemminger
Tuesday, April 28	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Wednesday, April 29	Mass	8:30 am	Mike Konstant	The Konstant Family
Thursday, April 30	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, May 1	Mass	8:30 am	Lindsey Carr	Patty Lannan
Saturday, May 2	No Mass No Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	First Holy Communions Frank Rizzo Mary & Joseph Simeoni and Santa Snieg John Gleason	The Rizzo & Costello Families The Simeoni & McLaughlin Families Kathy Gleason
Sunday, May 3	Mass	7:30 am	Alvin & Marcella Hermesdorf	Sr. Marci
5th Sunday of Easter	Mass	9:00 am	Maureen Pipal	Pam Oplawski
	Mass	11:00 am	Terrence John Cox	Pete & Barbara Tomaino
	Mass	5:00 pm	Marianne Kwiatek	The Kurzawski Family

Presider's Schedule for May 2-3, 2026

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Chrzan

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please Note: Due to First Holy Communions on Saturday, May 2, there will be no 8:30 am Mass or 9:00 am Reconciliation.

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio Poppy Booth George Braasch Vivian Brickhouse Leonard Bruce John Clinch Tom Davis 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 Nora Lou Kampe Deb Kash Terri Bergen Klein Ella Mae Kuzel Laura Leide Mickey Manos Kathleen McElroy	John McMurray Jan Meyers Amy Miller Katie Miller Aldo Mitri Brandon Moffett Christopher Moon Patrick Morgan Bill Mroz Pat Murphy Ann Marie Nidos Connie O'Dette Cathy O'Leary Mark Reilly Amy Robison Joseph Sanuw 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:

Richard Bohne
Brother of Joseph Bohne

Mary Pat Peterson
Mother of Sheila, Christine & Megan

Weddings



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 Katie Smigielski & Cameron Fedor
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Pastor's Letter

Dear friends in Christ,

Last Saturday evening, our school and parish community gathered for the Ignite fundraising event at the Marriott in Burr Ridge, and what a remarkable evening it was. With more than 300 people in attendance, the room was filled with energy, generosity, and a shared love for St. Francis Xavier School. We were especially honored to recognize Patsy Brown, who served our school with such dedication as a teacher, and who was present with her husband, Chuck Shifley, and their family. It was a fitting tribute to someone who has given so much to the life of our school and parish.

Events like Ignite don't happen on their own. They are the result of countless hours of planning, collaboration, and generosity. I am deeply grateful to the members of our School Advisory Board, our dedicated parent volunteers, and our faculty and staff who made the evening possible. In a special way, we thank event co-chairs Laura Claxton and Emily Czuba, Principal Jimmy Bajner, Katie Adams, Erin Smith, and so many others whose leadership brought the entire event together so beautifully. Their commitment is a powerful witness to the strength and vitality of our school community.

The generosity of the evening was nothing short of extraordinary. During the paddle raise alone, more than \$130,000 was pledged, exceeding the goal by over \$50,000. It was a moment that truly captured the spirit of the night: people coming together to support the mission of Catholic education and to invest in the future of our children. The live auction added its own memorable touches, from a Notre Dame football experience to a couple of festive "Steak and Bubbles" evenings at the rectory, which Fr. Rich and I now very much look forward to hosting!

But as joyful and successful as that evening was, it also points to something deeper. Our parish is not defined only by its biggest events, but by the faithful, everyday ways we support each other and pass on the gift of faith. Ignite was a celebration of a grace-filled school year that is already drawing to a close, and a reminder of the community we are called to be: not only in moments of celebration, but in the steady daily work of living our faith together. For that, and for all of you, I am truly grateful.

In the Risen Christ,
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



Attention **NEW** Altar Servers Entering Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth GRADES For the 2026-2027 School Year

If you are interested in becoming an altar server (and I hope you are).

Training is required for all **NEW** servers only.

Please return this form by Tuesday, April 28th.

WEEK ONE

Thursday, April 30th

WEEK TWO

Thursday, May 7th

WEEK THREE

Thursday, May 14th

Time: Following your schools dismissal

Altar Server Name _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Grade in September: _____ School: _____

All scheduling communication is done through Email.

Please call or email Mrs. Westerhoff at the rectory (708-352-0168) or sfxing@sfxlg.org with any questions.

Please [click here](#) to register.



Easter Giving at St. Francis Xavier

We are grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. You can make an Easter gift by accessing this QR code or using an envelope at the church entrances. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate.



Scouting for Food Drive

St. Francis Xavier Cub Scout Pack 33 and Scout Troop 33 will hold their annual *Scouting for Food Drive* on **Sunday, May 3**, from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the **Jewel-Osco** in **LaGrange Park** (507 East Woodlawn Avenue across from Memorial Park).

Donations will support local food pantries serving families in need.

Suggested items: Canned meats or fish, pasta or rice, canned or dried fruit, powdered or shelf-stable milk, peanut or sunflower butter, soups, canned vegetables, coffee or tea, baby items, paper products, and personal hygiene items.

Especially helpful: Pop-top cans and specialty items (gluten-free, kosher, etc.).

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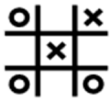
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Engage Community – Event Building Community with Neighbors and Friends



April 30: Monthly Meeting & Game Night

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

Details: We'll choose what to play based on the group's size and interests.

You may also bring snacks or a beverage to share. **RSVPs are encouraged.** 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.

St. Francis Xavier Men's Club

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!
Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 5

Contact:
Peter Brown pbrown@sfxlg.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 8:00 pm
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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?
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Religious Education News

**Registration for our 2026-2027
K—8 Religious Education Program is open!**

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2026-2027 school year.

Our options are:

- In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Our virtual asynchronous grade level program has lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays and is best for families with busy schedules.

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 as classes fill up fast!

***Families who registered to enter into a raffle for free tuition.
The drawing will take place at our last class in person event on Sunday, April 26th.
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Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:

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ALL PARISH SERVICE DAYS!

June 2-6, 2026

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Kick off your summer by being part of an outreach team
with family, friends and fellow parishioners!

Registration will begin May 8th.

SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE PARTNER	PROJECT	TEAM LEADER(S)
SFX Food Pantry (6/2)	Serve Pantry Guests	Mary Freeman
Cara Collective (6/3)	Sort & Organize Clothing Closet for Job Seekers	Jerry Spearman
Rosary (6/4)	Pray in Mary Garden	Katie Kanzer
Fisher House (6/?)	Deliver Prayer Shawls and Tour Fisher House	Barbara Schumacher
Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants (6/5)	Pray The Rosary at Broadview Detention Center	Heather Fitzpatrick
Fill A Heart for Kids (6/5)	Assemble Care Packs for Children who are Homeless	Terese Kartholl Mary Eileen Jones Ana Cristina Sisson

SATURDAY JUNE 6 ACTIVITIES

BEDS	Prepare Lunch for Motel Guests and Pack Shelf Stable Meals	TBD
Bemis Woods	Clean-Up	Kevin McGann
Blood Drive	Donate Blood in SFX Gym	Mark Azzi
Catholic Charities Food Pantry (Summit)	Serve Pantry Guests	Katie Filbin
Challenger Baseball	Play ball with a buddy at Sedgwick Park	Paul Saladino
Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)	Write notes at SFX	Marge Branecki
Congregation of St Joseph	Clean up CSJ plots at Queen of Heaven Cemetery	Clare Pasquesi
First Congregational Saturday Meal Program	Prepare and Serve Lunch to Neighbors in Need	Ana Dimailig Sara Whittleton
Helping Hand	Garden Cleanup at a home in LaGrange area	Greg Schuler
Project CURE (Commission on Urgent Relief & Equipment)	Sort and Organize Medical Supplies for Countries in Need	Jim Tvrdik
Ronald McDonald House	Prepare, Serve and Clean Up Meal for Residents	Megan Fletch
Mission OLA (Our Lady of Angels)	Distribute Food, Clothing and Household Items	Matt Kanzer Chrissy Alagna
Random Acts of Kindness	Repurpose flowers at SFX and deliver to Bethlehem Woods & Plymouth Place	Margie Hull Rebecca Riven
SFX Food Pantry	Sort & Stock Food	Mary Freeman
SFX Garden	Help plant annuals around the church	Cathy Skokna

If you have questions, please contact:

Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

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
- **Capt. Sean Kampe, U.S. Army**—grandson of Nora Lou Kampe, nephew of Anne & Rob Knez, cousin of Sarah Dybalski and Rachel Patterson
- **Capt. Michael Shriber, U.S. Army Reserves**—friend of the Mackey Family

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

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Deacon
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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
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.

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