

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026



Our First Communicants

Henry Albazi
Finley Albi
Mattias Andalcio
James Arpaia
Maximiliano Barrera
Addison Barsema
Colin Bedell
Charlie Bender
Claire Bender
Nora Benka
Emma Bonichi
Finnian Brook
Cecilia Broughton
Owen Brummet-Kropp
William Burke Jr.
Caela Cantoran
Elena Carbone
Isaac Carey
Kellan Cervantes-Figueroa
Avery Chase
Reese Cheval
Evelyn Clarke
Hazel Claxton
Carter Condon
Thomas Cora
Ava Curtis
Thomas Czuba
Margaret Dahl
Evelyn Daly
Claire Davis
William Davis
John Dempsey
Cecilia Derus
Drew Diaferio
Jack Donahue
Joachim Dumfeh
Will Edmonds
Charles Espinosa
Peter Fiorentino
Katherine Florczak
Madeleine Florczak
Bridey Foster
Ava Frasca
Ulrik Fredriksen
Samuel Fron

Evelyn Gaede
Benjamin Garcia
Lela Garcia
James Gaul
Mayah Gowin
Charles Hanson
Owen Hanson
Lucille Hartung
Daniel Healy
George Heidemann
Audrina Hernandez
Braulio Hernandez
Jacqueline Hernandez
Harper Hicks
Will Horan
Charlotte Horrigan
Conor Johnson
Stella Johnson
Emmett Jones
John Kelleher
Oliver Kilkus
Benjamin King
Stefano Kostelancik
Kiana Krug
Finley Laga
Thomas Laidlaw
Rose Lech
Liam Leide
Ernest Lilek
Carmella Liva
Brianna Luna
Damian Luna
Josephine Lusignan
Jack Lutzow
Luke Mahr
Gabriel Marincus
Ella Marino
Owen Matthews
Shea McCormick
Theodore McDowell
Kaelie McHugh
Margaret McKeon
Blair Meinzer
Genevieve Merrell
Piper Metke

Sofia Moebus
Virginia Noland
Hunter O'Connell
Callie O'Connor
Fionn O'Reilly
Saoirse Olson
Michael Pasquesi
Viviana Pelayo
Rafael Perez
Vivian Perez
Viviana Perna
Jensen Petersen
Charlize Pizzolato
Clara Pizzolato
Catherine Pollard
Gemma Quenneville
Vincent Quinn
Genevieve Redel
Logan Rickert
Scarlett Rischow
Jeana Romano
Conor Rowan
Paige Schmid
Charlie Seidelmann
Kristopher Serra
John Shanley
Brendan Sloan
Bella Sosa
Gwendolyn Stetz
Leo Styler
Jaxon Swanson
Mary Szafarz
Thomas Thunander
Ella Van Landingham
Andres Vergara
Lucille Vertin
Paige Ward
Jane West
Sebastian Wojtasik
Siena Wolf
Kathleen Wood
Lukas Woolley
Emma Yedinak
Joseph Zaranti
Noah Zlatic

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 4	Mass	8:30 am	Jeffrey Gable Special Intention	The Metzger Family
Tuesday, May 5	Mass	8:30 am	Sr. Catherine Sarther, SSND	Clare Froemel
Wednesday, May 6	Mass	8:30 am	Algimantas Siliunas	The Stasaitis Family
Thursday, May 7	Rosary	8:15 am		
	Mass	8:30 am	Rosemarie Agnello	Yvonne Agnello Adams
Friday, May 8	Mass	8:30 am	Florence Voves Margaret Bregenzer	The St. Francis Xavier Parish Staff The Wright & Stanford Families
Saturday, May 9	Mass	8:30 am	Don Kelly	The Kelly Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Susanne Walsh	Pat DeMars
Sunday, May 10	Mass	7:30 am	Stan Humecke	Jerry Johnson
6th Sunday of Easter	Mass	9:00 am	Ann Russo	Anthony & Christina Palladino & Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Eileen West	The South Cove Pool Girls
	No Mass	5:00 pm	No Mass	Mother's Day

Presider's Schedule for May 9-10, 2026

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan

7:30 am Fr. Chrzan

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Ilo

No 5:00 pm Mass

Please Note: Due to Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10, there will be no 5:00pm Mass.

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 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 Robinson 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:

James Lilek
 Brother of David and Uncle of Paul & Grace

William Reed, Jr.
 Husband of Mary
 Father of Bill

Stephen Richards
 Father of Cori Cirolia
 Grandfather of Sophia, Vincenzo & Francesco

Joseph Sanuw
 Father of Lauren Sanuw

Mary Tinich
 Cousin of Charlie Brewick

Fred Zydel
 Brother of Letitia Challos & Diana Gilbertson

Weddings



Sonya Joseph & Raju Anthony Kolenchery
 Lauren Whelann & Andrew Stec
 Katie Smigielski & Cameron Fedor
 Imedla Avila & Christopher Brewin

Make a gift to the Regular Sunday Offertory by [clicking here](#) or using the QR Code.
 Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

Dear friends in Christ,

As we move into the beautiful month of May, there is so much in the life of the Church that fills us with joy and gratitude. May is a month of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a time when we celebrate First Communions, graduations and the many milestones that mark the lives of our families. It's also the time of year when ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood take place. These are moments of great hope and promise for the Church.

At the same time, it's important for us, as a parish family, to be aware of a reality that's significantly shaping the future of the Church, both here in the Archdiocese of Chicago and across the United States: the number of men being ordained to the priesthood has declined to the point where it no longer keeps pace with the number of priests who are retiring from active ministry.

This year, for example, we will see only a small number of ordinations to the priesthood in our archdiocese. Each one is a tremendous blessing, and we give thanks to God for these men and for their generous response to His call. At the same time, we also recognize that many of our priests who have served faithfully for decades are now reaching retirement. When we look at these two realities side-by-side, we begin to understand that the current model of parish life, one that depends on a larger number of priests serving individual communities, will continue to evolve in the years ahead.

There are many factors that contribute to this situation. One is the length and rigor of priestly formation. A young man discerning the priesthood typically earns his college degree and then enters a formation process that now takes seven years or more. This is a beautiful and serious commitment, and it forms men of deep faith and strong character. At the same time, it's also a significant investment of time and energy - one that, in our current moment, fewer young men feel able to make. In addition, we're living in a time when college enrollment overall is declining, which means the pool of potential candidates is smaller than it once was.

None of this is meant to cause concern or alarm, but rather to invite awareness and reflection. The Church has always adapted and grown in response to the needs of the time, and we are already seeing signs of that here in our own archdiocese. One of the most encouraging signs is the strength and vitality of the diaconate. The Archdiocese of Chicago is blessed with one of the largest and most active communities of deacons in the world. Our deacons and their spouses serve with dedication, compassion, and leadership in a wide range of ministries, and their presence is a tremendous gift to the Church.

Alongside this, we are deeply blessed by the extraordinary dedication of our lay leaders. Here in our own parish, many women and men serve with remarkable generosity, professionalism, and faith. Their work is not only necessary, it's truly outstanding. They help sustain the daily life of the parish, support its ministries, and bring the Gospel to life in countless ways. As we look to the future, it will be increasingly important to encourage and invite others to consider these forms of service. The call to ministry in the Church is not limited to the ordained; it's a call that reaches into the lives of many, and it's lived out admirably by our lay leaders and faithful.

Our response, then, begins with awareness, and it's rooted in hope. We pray for vocations to the priesthood, to the diaconate, and to all forms of service in the Church. We support those who are discerning a call, and we remain open to the ways the Holy Spirit continues to guide and shape the Church in our time.

This is both a moment of challenge and a time of grace. The Church has faced such moments many times before, and the Lord has always remained faithful. With that same trust, we move forward together: grateful for what has been, attentive to what is, and hopeful for what is yet to come.

In the Risen Christ,
Fr. John



Support Catholic Charities Today!

Over 60,000 moms in need come to us each year. At Catholic Charities we provide vital services like food, housing, and diapers for families throughout Cook and Lake counties. Offering support at a critical moment often changes the course of a mom's life. Your gift this Mother's Day gives hope to moms who need it most.

Read about Brianna*, a mother who found support through Catholic Charities:

Brianna, a 25-year-old single mom, spent the first two years of her daughter's life staying with friends, worrying every day they would be put out on the streets. Her two jobs could not cover all their expenses. Within a month of connecting with Catholic Charities, Brianna and her daughter had an apartment of their own, with the program paying a portion of her rent so she could start saving money, earn her GED, and get a better-paying job.

"For the first time, I could stop worrying about where we would sleep and start hoping for my daughter's future."

Please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day, May 10 or anytime at catholiccharities.net/mothers

**Names have been changed to protect privacy*



catholiccharities.net/mothers



Music Notes...

Friends in Christ,

I would like to inform you that our beloved Berghaus pipe organ is currently out of service as it undergoes necessary electrical repairs. This current repair process is expected to be extensive and will take some time to complete.

While the absence of the pipe organ will certainly be felt, especially given its rich role in supporting our worship and elevating our liturgical celebrations, I am grateful to share that a temporary replacement organ has been installed next to our Yamaha grand piano and will be used throughout this repair period. This instrument will allow the music ministry to continue providing musical leadership for our Masses and services without interruption.

I ask for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. Sacred music remains an essential part of our communal prayer, and while the sound may be different for awhile, our purpose remains the same: to glorify God and deepen our worship together through good Sacred music.

I will keep all of you updated on the progress of the repairs and look forward with great anticipation to the return of the Berghaus pipe organ in full voice.

Thank you for your continued support and for your prayerful participation in the life of our parish.

God's blessings,

Allen Sterwalt, Director of Church Music

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of April:

Aracelia Alanis & Ivan Lopez
Michael Amofa & Norma Amofa-Loza
Michael Bojko & Katherine Malik
Timothy Brandys
Mercy Brown
Thomas & Molli Cronin
Daniel DeLaTorre & Dominique Qualtier
Robert Edinger V
Daniel & Grace Espinosa
Ann Jones

Jacob & Michaela Just
Kevin Klima & Colleen Walter
Anthony & Holly Landrosh
Robert & Tara Murray
Oscar & Madeline Ochoa
Lilianna Patel
Tom & Caroline Prinske



Easter Flowers

In Memory of and In Honor of:

Brook & Rose Adkins
Luis Arboleda
Rosaria Arthos
Jock Brown
Marie Capellani
Leonardo Caricato
Nicole Caricato
Rose Caricato
Lucia Cipriani
Michael Cipriani
Theresa Cipriani
Michael Czubik
Frank & Laura DiSilvio
Charles & Dorothy Duranty
Joe Dykhuizen
David Ehrich
Dolores Escareno
Leandra Escareno
Barbara Faulk
Howard & Lillian Faulk
Greg Foath
The Gaffke Sisters
JP Garofalo
Pauline & Edward Gaska
John Gedutis
Edward Glynn
Jeffrey Godlewski
John & Lorre Godlewski
Mary Alice Gregorchuk
Lois Grove
John & Bernice Grzeslo
The Gurican Family
Terezie Hruby
Peg & Stan Humecke
Bob Jensen
Keeley Johnson

Nancy Johnson
Dorothy Jordan
The Kahover Family
Anthony Kalisz
Josephine Kalisz
The Kalkowski Family
Mary Moore Kearney
Pete & Eileen Kennedy
Janice Kesprzak
Andrzej Kesprzak
Michelle Kram
Mark Kramer
Pauline & Harold Kramer
Robert Kruszynski
Wanda Lanucha
Roy Leslie
The Lewis Family
Jack Lewis
Victoria Lewis
Albert Lilek
Alfonso Mangione
Antoinette Mangione
Louis Mangione
Joe & Peggy Manning
Richard Mauman
John & Agnes McAndrews
Bill & Mary McLaughlin
The McMahan Family
The McMurray Family
Robert Mical
Jack & Shirley Miller
Marie Morris
Howard Mota
Beatrice Nelligan
Kathy Ogg
Jerome & Elsie Pacicki

Besse & Dick Parlon
Anthony Petto
Ed & Lorraine Pietras
John Plzak
Robert Ptacek
Robert Reiter
Gilbert, Isabel & Richard Riess
Thomas Rocco Family
Charles Rubin
Rosemarie Russell
Marilyn Rutkowski
Paul Sannasardo
Florence, Bob & Rich Schmuhl
Wendell & Wilma Schroeder
David & Kelly Schumacher
Dennis Schumacher
Sam & Rose Schumacher
George Schwartz Family
Claire Sharkey
Barbara Shifley
Joseph & Mary Simeoni
Mae Smith
Santa Snieg
James & Rose Stevens
Henry Stoklosa
John Thoms
Robert Troike
Wladyslawa Turele
Bronislaw Turele
Jim & Viv Tvrdik
Marcy Wal
Carl Walsh
Susanne Walsh
George & Rita Zola
Therese & Rich Zola



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MASS

MAY 3RD | 5PM MASS | WEAR YOUR COLLEGE OR NEXT-
STEPS MERCH!



**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE INVITED TO
STAY FOR PIZZA IN UNITY HALL AFTER
MASS**

the 120 high school group presents

ICE CREAM HANG OUT

May 17th | 6PM - 7PM

Meet by God's Garage and we'll walk to
Tates together!



 Tate's Ice Cream Shop



High school Teens
join our GroupMe!

EVENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON WEATHER

YOUNG LIFE PRESENTS: TIMBER WOLF LAKE SUMMER CAMP

4909 N MOREY RD, LAKE CITY, MI 49651



QUESTIONS AND
INFORMATION
CONTACT ETHAN BAKER AT:

EBAKER@YLCHICAGO.COM
224-268-6264



THE 120 HIGH SCHOOL GROUP PRESENTS

dinner will be provided

SUMMER COOK OUT



High school Teens
join our GroupMe!

JUNE 14TH | 6PM - 7PM

Located in the court yard
Outside Unity Hall doors

EVENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON WEATHER

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.



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





**80'S CONCERT IN THE
SFX PARKING LOT**



For Tickets scan the
QR Code or [Click Here.](#)

JUNE 12, 2026 7:30- 10:00 P.M.

**COME ON, EILEEN, AND STEP BACK INTO THE 80'S TO
CELEBRATE AND THANK OUR TEACHERS.**

**LET'S ROCK THE CASBAH AT SFX WITH AN OUTDOOR
CONCERT FEATURING MY 80S BAND, AN 80S COVER BAND!**

**BEER FROM MILK MONEY, WINE, AND PARTY SNACKS
INCLUDED!**

HOSTED BY: THE HARRIGAN, LILEK, JOHNSON, SIMONOVICH, AND SERRA FAMILIES



ST. FRANCIS
XAVIER PARISH

SENIOR
WOMEN'S GROUP

Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, May 13, 2026


Gathering 11:30am Lunch 12:00pm

PLYMOUTH PLACE
30 NORTH RESTAURANT
315 NORTH LA GRANGE ROAD
LA GRANGE PARK

MENU SELECTION

30 NORTH SALAD
CHICKEN PICCATA W/PASTA
EGGPLANT PARMESAN W/PASTA

RESERVATIONS, ENTRÉE SELECTION
& PAYMENT OF \$30 REQUIRED
BY FRIDAY, MAY 8TH
TO THE RECTORY





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!

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:

www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education



THE 39 STEPS HITCHCOCK MEETS HILARITY. LATTE THEATER PRESENTS...

6 ACTORS. 130 CHARACTERS. 100 MINUTES OF MAYHEM.

Experience the West End's most decorated comedy as LATTE Theater transforms a noir masterpiece into a high-speed riot.

THE MISSION: One man. A mysterious spy. A UK manhunt.

THE MADNESS: On-stage plane crashes, train and car chases, and lightning-fast costume swaps, and a dash of Monty Python absurdity.

THE MAYHEM: It's a virtuoso feat of theatrical magic where handcuffs, chase scenes. "good old-fashioned romance" collide in a death-defying finale.

SHOW DATES:

7:00pm Thursday, May 7th

7:00pm Friday, May 8th

2:00pm Saturday, May 9th

7:00pm Saturday, May 9th

TICKETS \$5-\$15 at: www.lattetheater.com

708-655-0989

A LATTE THEATER SHOW

PAC of LT South Campus (Parking lot behind Corral)

4900 Willow Springs Road, Western Springs

Support Parish Young Adult Creatives and Director, Felicia Pfluger!



LaGrange Area
Teen Theater Ensemble

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAYS!

June 2-6, 2026

Doing God's Work in the World

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

Registration will begin May 7th.

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
Project CARE (6/3)	Community Adult Reading Experience Conversation Club for adults to practice English	Mary Beth Niziol
Rosary (6/4)	Pray in Mary Garden	Katie Kanzer
Fisher House (6/4)	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@sfxlq.org or 708-352-0168.

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.).

Please: No perishable, frozen, or glass items.

Thank you for your support!



FOOD PANTRY GRATITUDE

A special thanks to the **Knights of Columbus** for the generous donations we received from their Spring Food Drive at the Jewel in LaGrange Park.

We appreciate all the ways our community supports our food pantry ministry to help neighbors in need especially when food, gas and all the essential items a family needs are costing more. We continue to serve about **125 households** each week!

We are so grateful to **Craig and Carol Jacklin and Mike Hattie** for their faith-filled leadership in establishing a partnership with the Jewel and organizing volunteer shifts over a 10 hour period!

We could not offer such a wide variety of food choices without these types of food drives.

Thanks to all the K of C volunteers and Jewel shoppers who donated food and funds.

As a result of their efforts, we received: **360 bags of food equating to 6453 pounds, \$611.01** for the St. Francis Food Pantry, and **\$183.75** for the Greater Chicago Food Depository! **WOW!**

It is a pleasure to work together to **Do God's Work in Our World!**





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 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.



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.

Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to give any available free time at its new Summit Community Center, located at 7437 West Archer Avenue in Summit. The Center has a Food Pantry, Basic Needs Room, and Community Meals and needs volunteers to help these programs run smoothly. Thank you for your support! Please contact Ed Leiser with questions or to register (eleiser@catholiccharities.net or 312-618-6458).



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 on **Wednesday, May 13** from 7:00-8:00pm in the Courtyard Room. Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

Looking For A New Job?

Interfaith Career Network offers **FREE** assistance; **OPEN TO ALL!**

"Navigating a Long-Term Job Search: Staying Motivated and Hopeful" by Irma Bondi

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm
St. John of the Cross Parish Center
5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs

This session provides practical strategies to help job seekers stay motivated, build structure, and focus on what they can control. Attendees will walk away with a renewed sense of confidence, clarity, and a more empowered approach to navigating their job search journey.

Irma Bondi, Founder of Bondi Coaching & Consulting, brings over a decade of experience in talent acquisition and talent strategy, helping professionals gain clarity and confidence in their job search. She provides a personalized, practical approach to help professionals move beyond feeling stuck and take intentional steps toward landing their next opportunity. We look forward to seeing you!



Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to start the conversation

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

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
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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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