

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 6, 2022



IN THE SIGHT
OF YOUR
ANGELS I WILL
SING YOUR
PRAISES
O LORD.
I WILL
WORSHIP
YOU IN
YOUR
TEMPLE AND
GIVE THANKS
TO YOUR
NAME.



HOLY
HOLY
HOLY

IS THE LORD
OF HOSTS.
ALL THE EARTH
IS FILLED WITH
THE
GLORY
OF GOD.

Week at a Glance

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Monday, February 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Kathlyne Brockman Rhodes & Edward Francis Rhodes Raymond & Marie Ann Barry	The Ben Welch Family The Zahorik Family
Tuesday, February 8	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Pratali	Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Wednesday, February 9	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John McAndrews	The McAndrews Family
Thursday, February 10	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, February 11	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Dorothy Wiegand	Barb Bovard
Saturday, February 12	Mass	8:30 am	Andrew Newman Bert Happel	Guadalupe & Newman Families The Bier Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Becca Mueller Richard Middendorf Florence & John Walsh	The Mueller Family Margie Martin The Walsh Family
Sunday, February 13 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Lorraine Pietras	Dorothy & Mark Daliege
	Mass	9:00 am	John Cronin	Ulderico & Angelo Paone
	Mass	11:00 am	Jim Martin	Barbara Marshall
NO 5:00 PM MASS DUE TO SUPERBOWL				

Schedule for February 5-6, 2022~Mass Time

5:00 Fr. Milek

7:30 Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr.

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Andrew Carney Jay Carroll Chili Challenger Stephen Cunnane Blake Donegan Joseph Falconi Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory Darilyn Hockenberry Barbara Hudson Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Michael Landsman Art Lyons Lisa Massaro Caitlin McNeily Ron Minella Patrick Morgan	Mike Morrison Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Lorraine Ovnik Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Baby Lucia R. Madison Raupp Anna Rose Kristin Sandoval Rita Scalcon Sr. Marlene Schemmel, CSJ Richard Schmuhl Jerry Spearman, Sr. Peter Spizzirri Barbara Stewart John Stopka Kate Frugoli Sullivan Albert Tassi Gregory Van Gorp Jim Vlcek Liz Wilk
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To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives 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:

Esterina Covello
Relative of Phyllis & Bruce Boemo

John Munoz
Husband of Louise, Father of Anna Marie, Christina and Jacob

Bernice Niemiec
Mother of Nancy Devereux

Weddings

Rachel Janus & Nick Donnelly
 Madeline Hamilton & Ben Zibricky
 Brett McMurray & Matt Long



Readings For The Week of February 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Pastor's Letter

Renew My Church: Invitation to Parish Conversation

Please Join Our Parish Conversation on *Renew My Church*.

We invite you to join parish planning team for a Renew My Church parish conversation on **Saturday, February 12, at 10AM** (in person in church) **or Monday, February 21, at 7PM** (remote via TEAMS). Both sessions should last about one hour. The Monday night session on TEAMS will provide you an opportunity to submit your questions and comments remotely.

In these meetings we will:

- Pray and discuss Renew My Church and the process we have entered.
- Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping.
- Answer your questions.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Renew My Church is a faithful response to Christ's call to renew His Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago in *our* day. It is a *spiritual* journey to re-encounter Jesus, both as individual disciples and as parish communities. Through three initiatives, the Archdiocese asks each local Church to recommit to the gospel commission to:

- ◇ **make disciples**
- ◇ **build vital communities of faith**
- ◇ **inspire witness that brings the light and hope of Christ to a world in need.**

These three mission imperatives guide all that we will do in our renewal efforts.

Renew My Church strives to increase the vitality of *each* local faith community. Leaders of our parish have been meeting with leaders from St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross in a process of reflection, discernment, and planning to address the above imperatives in our area and in each parish. We will be discussing how we might collaborate and combine resources to be more effective in bringing Jesus Christ to our communities today. Establishing the strong foundation of a vibrant parish and building a culture of evangelization within each parish will lead people to feel a deeper sense of belonging; to experience a fresh encounter with Jesus; and to be inspired to share their faith boldly.

Our journey entails collaborating with our neighbors to:

- Assess the current situation in the communities we serve,
- Understand the criteria and principles for planning,
- Discuss how we can collaborate with the Spirit to become three vibrant parishes with a culture of evangelization within each,
- Apply our resources to support and strengthen key ministry leadership roles, programs, and activities.

Let us hold all in our parish and school grouping in prayer as we recommit to our faith in Jesus Christ and plan for the future.

Renew My Church SFX Discernment and Decisions Team

Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Pastor

Fr. Rich Milek, Associate Pastor

Maggie McMahon, Pastoral Associate

Sharon Garcia, School Principal

Lee Egan

Bernadette McMahon

Tony Pangan

James Ward



Fr. Bill

Making all things new...

God's promise and our responsibility



Archdiocese of Chicago 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call to “make all things new.” This is especially important as many in our parishes have been affected financially by the pandemic. We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. This year’s ACA will take place over the weekend of February 20.

God bless you for supporting the ACA in the past and in years to come!

How Your Gift Was Used

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

\$ 5,559,084	Parish/Local Communities	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
\$ 3,405,927	Parish Incentives/ Rebates	Funds raised in excess of individual parish goals are returned to the parish for use with their local ministries
\$ 2,532,145	Parish Vitality and Mission	Programs to support parish vitality—evangelization initiatives, liturgy enhancements
\$ 436,561	Catechetical Faith Formation	Support for youth, young adult, campus and adult religious education ministries
\$ 831,428	Lay Formation	Continuing education for lay volunteers and staff serving parish communities
\$ 290,615	Human Dignity and Solidarity	Activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House Jail Ministry and peace and justice initiatives
\$ 452,314	Priest Education	Continuing education for seminarians and priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$ 545,000	Catholic Relief Services	Assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
\$ 14,053,075	Ministries Total	
\$ 1,017,556	Cost of Appeal	Design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors who implement the Annual Catholic Appeal
\$ 15,070,632	TOTAL	

Engage! St. Francis Xavier

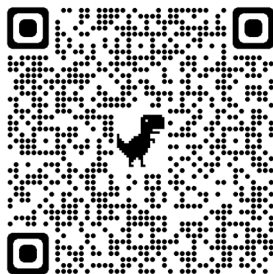
SFX Family – will you help us? Share your perspective!

Staff and Parish Council want your perspective on an important question: the overall engagement level of our parishioners. We humbly request that you complete an anonymous survey to gauge the faith engagement and program involvement here at SFX. There is also an opportunity to share your ideas on how we can drive greater engagement. This survey will help guide our efforts and provide a stake in the ground to track changes in our parish engagement over time.

Thank you in advance for your participation - we really want to hear from YOU!

The survey will take fewer than 5 minutes to complete. We would love for EVERY INDIVIDUAL in the parish to complete it. (Not just one per household, but each person in the parish!) Paper copies of the survey can be picked up on your way out of church (and mailed back or dropped off at the rectory when complete.)

Click to [COMPLETE ONLINE VERSION OF THE SURVEY](#)



Or scan the QR code above using your phone's camera

Temporary Adjustments for Weekend Mass at St. Francis Xavier

Due to the current effects of the omicron variant, the following temporary changes have been made for all weekend Masses.

- ◆ Every-other-pew seating has been restored in the east transept and in the back of church.
- ◆ The gifts of bread and wine have returned to the table at the altar for the time being.
- ◆ We will continue to have two communion lines in the center aisle for those seated in the main section of the church. Please stay toward the sides of the aisle to avoid standing next to the person in the other line. We will determine from week to week whether the side sections will receive simultaneously or only after the center section has received.

Please continue to respect social distancing guidelines, and pray for the health of all members of our community as we do what we can to maintain a healthy worship environment for one another.

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Ordinary Time

Living the Gospel in Everyday Life



TMIY: "BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART"

Mondays at 830pm in Unity Hall

Interested? Contact mike.jakubisin@gmail.com or [click here](#) to register.

Gifted by God

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

God has given you a unique set of gifts and talents, an unrepeatable mission. God is calling you to do what only *you* were created to do... but what is it?

Join a small community of discerners to explore your own gifts and God's will for you.

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or [click here](#) if interested.

Prayer Service to Welcome New Parishioners!

Thursday, Feb 24
6 - 6:30pm

All are invited to join as we welcome our newly registered parishioners to the SFX family!

SFX Senior Women's Group presents:

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ARCHITECTURAL CHURCH TOUR

Guided by Bill Stauffer, this tour is a wonderful opportunity to enter into the history of our church building. Who are those saints above the doors? Where is the old Communion rail now? What's inscribed on the inside of the Dome? There used to be a mural behind the altar?

Join us at 9am on Feb 18th – immediately following the 8:30am daily Mass! RSVP preferred: call the rectory or email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

Looking ahead at LENT...

The Search – Bring your friends for a conversation about life, God, and faith. | *Wednesdays, time TBD*

Adoration & Taizé Prayer – Practice basking in the presence of a loving God. | *Thursdays at 6pm*

Little Black Book Small Groups – Reflect theologically with a small community of faith. | *Varying times*

Stations of the Cross – Reflect on Jesus' life, death, & resurrection. | *Friday mornings, virtual option TBD*

Women's Book Club – Encounter "this present paradise" via the reflections of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

That Man Is You Lenten Men's Journey | *Mondays at 830pm*



We believe that offering a blend of an exemplary academic and spiritually fortifying education for our children is a central parish mission. We are blessed that in our community, this mission is unified in the educational experience children and families have at St. Francis Xavier School.

If you currently support SFX Parish, you know that a significant portion of your gift contributes to the parish's investment in our elementary school. Even with this incredibly generous support, alongside families tuition investment, the school still needs to raise an additional \$250,000 annually in order to maintain a nationally recognized, academic environment that embodies our Catholic values of faith, prayer and service.

The **We Thrive** campaign (formerly Building Our Future) raises funds to help us meet our annual fund goals—allowing us to support our students, faculty and staff in all that they need to succeed. **It is our hope that as a SFX parish community, we can together help to further invest in our school with \$10,000 in support over the next month.**

IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE VISIT SFXSCHOOLFUND.COM TO MAKE A DONATION.

If you have any questions about the **We Thrive** campaign, please feel free to reach out to Jennifer Zeisloft, parish Director of Stewardship and Operations, at (708) 352-0168 or jzeisloft@sfxlg.org.

*Thank you in advance for your support.
Please know that your gift is felt in our hallways, in our classrooms and
in the hearts of our precious students. We are forever grateful.*



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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Children's Choir

We sing as one family of faith!

RETURNS!!

Grades 1 & 3 – 8

**SFX Day School & District Schools...All children are welcome!*

***singers will be masked and properly spaced at all times!*

EVENT: First Communion Choir

WHEN: Saturday, May 7th, 2022 – 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. OR 3:00 p.m.*

**You choose the Mass time!*

Weekly rehearsal commitment:

Tuesdays 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

***with “spaced” snack/homework time for early arrivals.**

First rehearsal: Tuesday, March 15th (in church)

*(Please enter through the West side church door across from
the SFX Education Building.)*

Registration DUE DATE!!

**Tuesday, March 1st, 2022*

St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form – First Communion 2022

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Child _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Mass preference (check one): 9:00 a.m. _____ 12:00 p.m. _____ 3:00 p.m. _____

I am available to be a parent helper at rehearsals. (circle one) Yes No

**Please e-mail, mail, or drop off this form by March 1st to the attention of:*

Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music Ministry

St. Francis Xavier Church · 124 N. Spring Ave. · LaGrange, IL 60525

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

Songs for February 6, 2022
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord"

Refrain.

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you call-ing in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a-way.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a-lone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**

Responsorial Psalm 138: "In the Sight of the Angels"

**Refrain. "In the sight of the an-gels I will sing your prais-es, Lord;
I will sing, I will sing."**

Communion Hymn: "Life-giving Bread, Saving Cup"

Refrain.

Life-giv-ing bread, sav-ing cup, we of-fer in thanks-giv-ing, O God.
Life-giv-ing bread, sav-ing cup, we of-fer as a sign of our love.

For bread that is bro-ken, we give thanks.
For wine that is poured, we give praise.
For life and for knowl-edge of the King-dom,
all praise to you un-til the end of time! **Refrain.**

We thank you, O Fa-ther for your name
which you give to dwell in our hearts.
You bring us to-geth-er as one fam-'ly:
all praise to you until the end of time. **Refrain.**

Cre-a-tor of all, we of-fer thanks.
You give us a share of your life.
You strength-en our bod-y and our spir-it:
all praise to you un-til the end of time! **Refrain.**

Re-mem-ber your Church which sings your praise.
Per-fect it in truth and in love.
And gath-er your people all to-geth-er
to praise you un-til the end of time! **Refrain.**

Recessional: "Go Make of All Disciples" [*7:30 – vss. 1 & 4](#)

Verse 1

"Go make of all dis-ci-ples:" We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from you, our Fa-ther, In your e-ter-nal Word.
In-spire our ways of learn-ing Through earn-est, fer-vent prayer,
And let our dai-ly liv-ing Re-veal you ev-'ry-where.

Verse 2

"Go make of all dis-ci-ples:" Bap-tiz-ing in the name
Of Fa-ther, Son, and Spir-it—From age to age the same.
We call each new dis-ci-ple To fol-low you, O Lord,
Re-deeming soul and bod-y By wa-ter and the Word.

Verse 4

"Go make of all dis-ci-ples:" and earth your pow-er
Shall bring God's king-dom here.

Recessional: "Go Make a Difference" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Go make a dif-f'rence. We can make a dif-f'rence.
Go make a dif-f'rence in the world. Go make a dif-f'rence.
We can make a dif-f'rence. Go make a dif-f'rence in the world.**

We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo-ple see
the love of God in you and me.

We are the light of the world,
not to be hid-den but be seen.

Go make a dif-f'rence in the world. **Refrain.**

We are the hands of Christ reach-ing out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.

We are the spir-it of hope; we are the voice of peace.

Go make a dif-f'rence in the world. **Refrain.**

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"Here I Am, Lord" – Dan Schutte

"Psalm 138: "In the Sight of the Angels" – Tom Tomaszek **(Spirit & Psalm – pg. 84)*

"Life-giving Bread, Saving Cup" – James Chepponis

"Go Make of All Disciples" - ELLACOMBE

"Go Make a Difference" – Steve Angrisono/Tom Tomaszek

Sunday
Collection



GIVING AT SFX

We are so grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. Out of an abundance of caution, we continue to not pass a basket for our offertory collection. You can make a gift by using the boxes near the exits or by accessing this QR code. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate or text SUNDAY to 708-340-6630.



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WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus & others.

We strive to instill & nurture the belief that God is found in everyday things & especially in one another



WE LEARN

Award-winning school for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

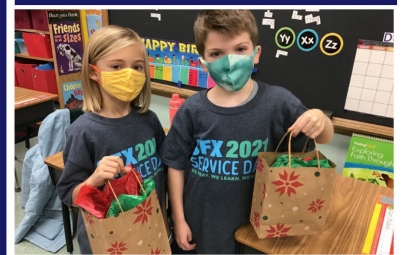
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WE SERVE

Our All-School SERVICE PROGRAM exemplifies who we are as a school

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SFX School on social media**

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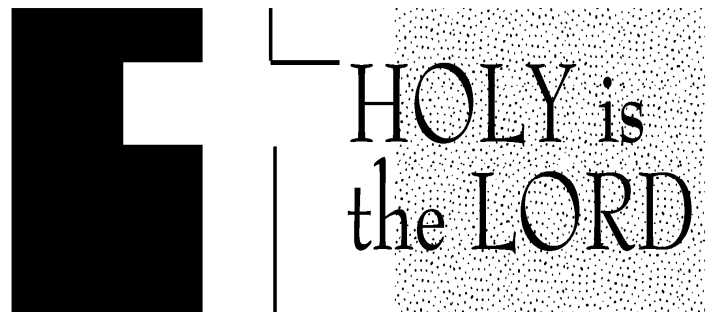
SFX School Website: sfxlg.org/School

SFX Falcon Alumni Facebook:
[facebook.com/sfxlgalumni](https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni)

SFX Virtual School Tour
<https://vimeo.com/506617250>

2021 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2021 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk was emailed out on January 28, 2022. The email comes from notifications@ondemandmail.com and has the subject line of "Contribution Statement from St. Francis Xavier Parish". Please contact Parish Accountant Jane Bandyk at jbandyk@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 with any questions.



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Back to the 90's SFX Auction - April 30, 2022

Let's hit rewind to a totally rad time! We're heading back to the '90s for the St. Francis Xavier School Auction. Save the date and help make this auction the most awesome auction yet!

When: Saturday, April 30, 2022

Where: St. Francis Xavier Parking Lot

We're looking for businesses and families who have the 90's and SFX in their hearts to help make this the most awesome event since 1999. Two ways St. Francis Xavier parishioners can help:

Sign up today and become an auction sponsor.

Business and Family Sponsors help make this the memorable event that it is.

Share your brand or name with the St. Francis school and parish community by becoming an auction sponsor.

Learn more about sponsorship options and recognition benefits at: www.SFXauction.com

Contact andreadekoj@gmail.com or allichampion@hotmail.com with questions.

Donate an item for the silent auction and show you're Too Legit To Quit

Items we're still looking for: sporting tickets, concert experiences, music lessons, airline miles, a stay at your summer house, a grill, gaming systems, a round of golf, a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant, babysitting hours, spa experiences, beer of the month club, the options are endless.

Contact grace.r.burke@gmail.com and libbytuerk@gmail.com with donation offers.



*If we are unable to gather due to Covid-19 and local mandates, there is an alternative event plan that you can read more about at www.SFXauction.com.



The St. Francis Xavier Parish Catholic Women's Club will be hosting our annual Ladies Day Out, on Saturday, March 5th. As of February 1st, we are almost at capacity for our Reception at The Elm! And our volunteer spots for that morning have been filled.

Would you like to order raffle tickets, but are unable to attend the Reception at The Elm for the raffle drawing? Winners need not be present. Please order your raffle tickets online, at sfxladiesdayout.com and email CWCLadiesDayOut2022@gmail.com, so we can place your tickets in your preferred prize.

Looking to help sponsor our event while advertising your business? Please visit "Corporate Sponsorship" on our website at sfxladiesdayout.com.

Thank you always for your incredible generosity.

Questions? Please email Lindsey Mackenzie at lindseycotter@yahoo.com.

***"I alone cannot change the world,
but I can cast a stone across the waters
to create many ripples."***
Mother Teresa

Welcome

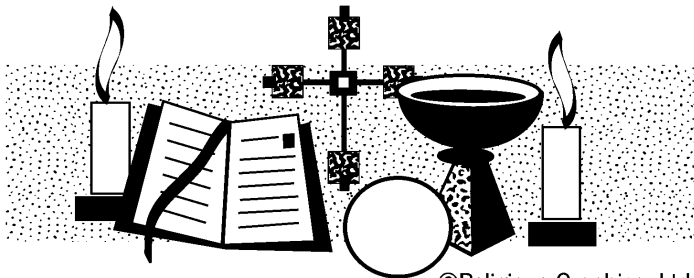
We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of January:

Robert & Margaret Rodak
Peter & Mary Kennedy
Shan & Maria Liu
Kenneth White
Nicholas & Laura Walls



Become A New Eucharistic Minister

We invite you to share and explore your talents with us at Saint Francis Xavier Parish. We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers at our Masses. If you feel like you have a calling to engage in this very special ministry of distributing the Body of Christ to your fellow parishioners, please contact George Rutkowski at grutkowski@aol.com or call the rectory office at 708-352-0168. Attendance at a upcoming training class is required. Upcoming classes will be posted when they are scheduled. Ministers are scheduled to serve once or twice a month. The invitation to serve as Eucharistic Minister is open to all (baptized and confirmed) adult and teenage members of the parish. We encourage everyone in the parish to consider this ministry.



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Thank You

Thank you for your support of the blood drive at St. Francis Xavier Parish. We appreciate you and your committee's support at this important time for our local blood supply. With these 25 collected units we will be able to save up to 75 local patients. On behalf of everyone at Versiti, our hospital partners and patients in need. Thank You! We could not supply these lifesaving gifts without supporters like you.

We are looking forward to continuing this strong tradition with our upcoming drives scheduled for: Wednesday, April 6, Friday, June 10, and Tuesday, November 22.



Date/Time: Saturday, Feb. 12 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm
Schedule: Check-in 9:30-9:45 am. First round begins at 10:00 am. Tournament is complete at 2:30 pm. You can leave your child with us and come back at 1:30 pm. **(We require a guardian to be present for all contestants 11 and under)**
Location: Parish Center—Oak Room, St. Mary School; 97 Herrick Road, Riverside, IL 60546

Price of Tournament: \$45

Grades: 2 divisions: K-3 and 4-8

Number of Rounds: There will be 5 rounds. Each child will play each round.

Awards: Ten top scorers in each division will receive trophies and medals. The best school team in each division will receive a trophy.

To sign up for the Chess Tournament, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>. You will need to enter the class code **SMR2.12.22** in order to register. Please register by 2/12/2022. If you have difficulty registering, please contact Chess Scholars at 847-482-9999.

NO REFUNDS will be made due to illness or other circumstances, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No admittance allowed with signs of illness (cough, fever, etc.) Masks must be worn at all times with the exception of eating while in the Skittles Room. It is the parents responsibility to remind the children to attend the tournament.

St. Francis Xavier School

Multigenerational SFX School Alumni Family

The Shannon & Baker Families

As we prepare to graduate the 105th class in 2022, we would like to highlight alumni with a legacy connection to SFX School.

These connections made from parents to children, grandparents to grandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins show the pride our alumni feel toward their alma mater.



Joseph & Sally Shannon, SFX Parishioners for 58 years

Patrick '64, Mary Ellen '65, Lisa '67, Tim '68, Meg Shannon Baker '70, Grant Baker RE, Paul '71, David '72, Jay '74, Molly '76, Matt '77, Peter '79, Chris '83, Kristen '07, Joe '09

Are you a multigenerational SFX School Family?

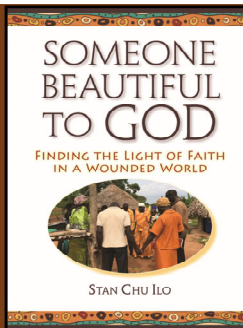
We would love to hear from you!

Please contact SFX School Advancement Director at 708-352-2175 or mtassi@sfxlg.org



"My longest and most solid friends were made from my years at St. Francis Xavier School... and I see those friends to this day!"

Matt Shannon, SFX '77



SOMEONE BEAUTIFUL TO GOD

Finding the Light
of Faith in a Wounded World,
by Stan Chu Ilo

Fr. Stan Ilo is a regular weekend presider at St. Francis Xavier and a research professor at the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University. His recently published book, "Someone Beautiful to God," can now be purchased through the parish office. It makes an excellent gift to yourself and/or to lift the spirits of a friend or family member.

Taking personal reflection as his starting point, Fr. Stan writes as an African Catholic priest who has lived and ministered to God's people in Africa, Europe, and North America. "Everywhere I go," he says, "I see the beauty and purpose that give people so much joy and hope when they embrace transformational faith." In addition to having grown up in a typical African village, his theological and biblical studies and pastoral experience and social ministries on three continents have contributed to a treasure trove of stories about people with robust and expectant faith doing extraordinary things for God.

The book can be purchased for \$20.00. Please call the rectory (708-352-0168) to reserve your copy and arrange for pick-up at the rectory or sacristy.

Interfaith Career Network

Executing The Pivot

Looking to undertake a career change but challenged in how to begin? Be sure to join us on Thursday, February 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm for some creative ideas. Pivoting mid-career to a different profession, while potentially rewarding, can be difficult to execute. Join us as Nicole Magats, recruiter and career coach, walks us through how to successfully stand out when trying to pivot careers. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. This is a Hybrid meeting, both in-person and via Zoom.

A link to the Zoom meeting can be found on our website at: <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>. If you attend in person, masks are required. Everyone is welcome.

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.

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Please put supplies in the box in the vestibule by March 1. Thank you and God Bless You for your loving outreach.

St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

Join the SFX Family Ministry Outreach Committee as we help our community live more sustainably! We are looking for volunteers on **Saturday, March 5 from 8:50-10:30 am** at the Western Springs Styrofoam Recycling Event. We will meet at the Western Springs Recreation Center parking lot (1500 Walker Street) and collect styrofoam from cars and sort it for recycling. We provide all the necessary training, just dress for the weather. Bring your friends and have fun saving recyclable material from a landfill! Registration required. Contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net or 708-870-8808 to sign up.



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**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are by appointment only. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 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.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

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.

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

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

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 parish counselor, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center (Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email glopez.claret@gmail.com).

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