

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022



BLESSED

are you who are
poor, you who are
hungry,
you who are
weeping, and
you who are hated
and insulted
because of me.

Your reward will be
great in heaven.

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jim & Joan Dunne John Thoms Roman, Jim & George	The Dunne Family Joan Thoms The Wives
Tuesday, February 15	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jaime Reyes, Jr	The Reyes, Roszak & Prado Families
Wednesday, February 16	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John Twomey	Alice Hanna
Thursday, February 17	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, February 18	Morning Mass	8:30 am	James L. Barrett Jeanne Barrett Pridmore	The Barrett Family The Barrett Family
Saturday, February 19	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Susanne Walsh	 Pat DeMars
Sunday, February 20	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Norm Wasz Harrison Graham King Bob Kuta	Jo Neesvig Bob & Jennifer Driscoll The Bier Family

Schedule for February 12-13, 2022~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk
7:30 am Fr. Milek
9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk
11:00 am Fr. Milek
NO 5:00 PM MASS DUE TO SUPERBOWL

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Andrew Carney Jay Carroll Chili Challender Stephen Cunnane Blake Donegan Joseph Falconi Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory Darilyn Hockenberry Peggy Hofstetter Barbara Hudson Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Michael Landsman Art Lyons Enrique Martinez Teresa Martinez 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.

Weddings

Madeline Hamilton & Ben Zibricky
 Brett McMurray & Matt Long



Readings For The Week of February 13, 2022

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34—9:1
 Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Mk 9:2-13
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Pastor's Letter

"Blessed are you..."

Luke 6:20-23

Jesus proclaims blessings on all who *rely on God* to bring goodness into our lives rather than on the world or their own abilities. This weekend, we celebrate and give thanks for those among us living the vocation of marriage. A healthy and lasting marriage requires the willingness of both spouses to nurture and protect that deeper, spiritual love that often requires sacrifice and effort and an openness to God's grace. When a couple witness this to their family and community, we are all blessed and challenged to live out the vocation of love as God calls us and for which God provides the grace we need if we but ask. **Happy Valentine's Day!**

The Parish Pastoral Council continues to invite parishioners of all ages to participate in the Parishioner Engagement Survey. You can access it via the website, via the QR code in this bulletin, or via a paper copy that you will find at the three church exits. The PPC has a goal of receiving 400 surveys and is over halfway there! Please add your voice and encourage others to participate.

Fr. Bill

Join the Renew My Church Conversation

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

We invite you to join the parish planning team for a Renew My Church parish conversation. **If you are reading this before Saturday, February 12**, join us in Unity Hall at 10AM. We will host a second, virtual session on **Monday, February 21, at 7PM**. Each session will last about one hour. The Monday night session via Zoom will provide an opportunity to submit questions and comments remotely. We will provide the link for the virtual meeting next Sunday. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Renew My Church is a *spiritual* journey to re-encounter Jesus, both as individual disciples and as parish communities. St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus, and St. John of the Cross will not be merging as has been necessary in other parts of the Archdiocese. Rather, we will be encouraging one another and looking at collaborations that will make us all more effective in our common efforts. The Archdiocese is asking each local church to recommit to the gospel commission through the three Renew My Church initiatives. To

- ◇ **Make disciples**
- ◇ **Build a vital community of faith**
- ◇ **Inspire witness that brings the light and hope of Christ to a world in need.**

These three mission imperatives will guide our renewal efforts for the future.

Join us at one of the listening and feedback sessions to learn more and to offer your thoughts. Let us hold in prayer all three parishes and schools as together we recommit to our faith in Jesus Christ and plan with an eye toward 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

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	

WHAT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FUNDS

Parish Communities

- Parishes and Catholic schools that support financially challenged communities.
- Parish-run food pantries and soup kitchens that compassionately provide for parishioners' basic human needs.
- Catholic school education, which provides an excellent Christ-centered education to enable each child to reach his or her potential.

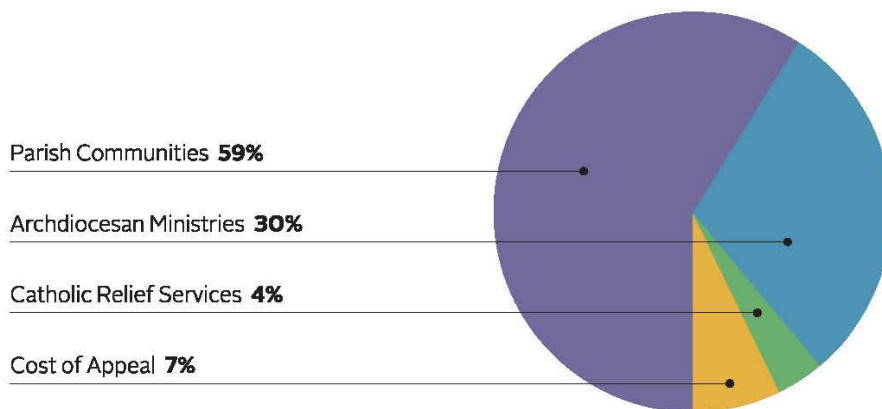
Archdiocesan Ministries

- Evangelization efforts to spread the faith through youth ministries, parish vitality and liturgy enhancement.
- Religious education for youth, young adult, campus and adult faith formation.
- Continuing education for priests, staff and lay volunteers.
- Human dignity efforts such as Kolbe House Jail Ministry.

People Around the World

- Catholic Relief Services to assist the poor and vulnerable around the world.

How Your Gift Will Be Used





Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Your Gift, God's Hands

How your gift comes to life at St. Francis Xavier Parish

Offertory Report

July 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,080,533
Christmas	\$ 156,466
Total Offertory	<u>\$ 1,236,999</u>

Annual Budgeted Offertory \$1,747,399

Your support of SFX Parish helps our ministries thrive. Featured this month: The Women's Retreat. After offering a virtual experience last year, the retreat returned in full force this past weekend with 25 attendees (including the youngest attendee ever)! The theme was "The 13th Apostle." Participants walked alongside amazing women of the Bible and their retreat team leaders on a path of discipleship. We encountered God ever more deeply through communal prayer, the sacraments, awe-inspiring testimonies from the team, and small group discussion.

But don't take our word for it – here is what the retreatants said:

A beautiful experience that I will not soon forget, it was inspirational. I felt "welcomed back" into the fold after not attending any retreat or program in decades. Yes, decades! I felt the love of God from the first hour and only increased as the weekend progressed. I will be back.

I came to the retreat needing to hear God's voice and be inspired for the next season in my life. Thank you - so, so much - for creating the space that allowed that to happen. I'm walking back into 'real life' feeling loved, inspired, and reconnected with Jesus and my church.

This weekend was extremely powerful for me. I felt the presence of Jesus more than any other time in my life. I felt his presence through the stories of the leaders and the discussion at my table. Confession brought forth a litany of things that had been lingering in my heart for years. My heart opened and forgiveness opened my heart to hear the Lord.

Retreat Team (from left to right):

Katie McCarthy, Mary McGovern, Renae Peterson, Cathy Phillips, Therese Byrne (holding Maggie McMahan's baby Joan), Pam Devitt, Lee Egan, Katie Filbin, and Fr. Rich



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 reflections of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

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

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions or to register.

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 13, 2022
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Hymn: "Gather Us In" *7:30 – vss. 1 & 2

Verse 1

Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
Now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way.
See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, Gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall a-w-ak-en, We shall a-rise at the sound of our name.

Verse 2

We are the young our lives are a mys-t'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
Called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly, Give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.

Verse 4

Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing,
not in some heav-en, light-years a-way,
But here in this place the new light is shin-ing,
now is the King-dom, now is the day.
Gath-er us in and hold us for ev-er, Gath-er us in and make us your own;
Gath-er us in – all peo-ples to-geth-er, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Opening Hymn: "Gathered As One" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Gath-ered as one in Je-sus your Son, lift-ing our voic-es in praise,
we know and be-lieve and long to re-ceive
the bread that is strength for our days, gath-ered as one!**

Man-y fac-es, the young and the old, gath-ered as one in God!
Through-out his-t'ry the sto-ry's re-told, gath-ered as one in our God!
Like those come be-fore us, we lis-ten and learn.
We re-mem-ber the prom-ise and a-wait your re-turn.
So with-out hes-i-ta-tion a new gen-er-a-tion pro-claims the sal-va-tion of God! **Refrain.**

Man-y pil-grims, shar-ing at feast, gath-ered as one in our God!
All are wel-come the great-est and least, gath-ered as on in our God!
Like those come be-fore us, we lis-ten and learn.
We re-mem-ber the prom-ise and a-wait your re-turn.
So with-out hes-i-ta-tion a new gen-er-ation pro-claims the sal-va-tion of God! **Refrain.**

Responsorial Psalm 1: "Blessed Are They"

Refrain. "Blessed are they, bless-ed are they who hope in the Lord." (7:30/9:00)
Refrain. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." (5:00/11:00)

Communion Hymn: "All Who Hunger" (7:30/9:00)

Refrain.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food. **Refrain.**

All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
Here in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood. **Refrain.**

All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude. **Refrain.**

Communion Hymn: "The Beatitudes" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Re-joyce and be glad, for your re-ward will be great in heav-en.
Blessed are you! Re-joyce!**

Recessional: "The Summons" *7:30 – [vss. 1 & 3](#)

Verse 1

Will you come and fol-low me If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know And nev-er be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

Verse 2

Will you leave your-self be-hind If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind And nev-er be the same?
Will you risk the hos-tile stare Should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you let me an-swer prayer In you and you in me?

Verse 3

Will you let the blind-ed see If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris-'ners free and nev-er be the same?
Will you kiss the lep-er clean, And do such as this un-seen,
And ad-mit to what I mean In you and you in me?

Verse 5

Lord, your sum-mons ech-oes true When you but call my name.
Let me turn and fol-low you And nev-er be the same.
In your com-pa-ny I'll go Where your love and foot-steps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.

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"Gather Us In" – Marty Haugen

"Gathered As One" – Paul A. Tate

"Psalm 1: Blessed Are They" – Michael Guimont

"Psalm 1: Blessed Are They" – Santiago Fernández *(Spirit & Psalm – pg. 92)

"All Who Hunger" - Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan/Tune: Bob Moore

"The Beatitudes" – Ed Bolduc

"The Summons" – Text: John L. Bell/Tune: KELVINGROVE

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.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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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:

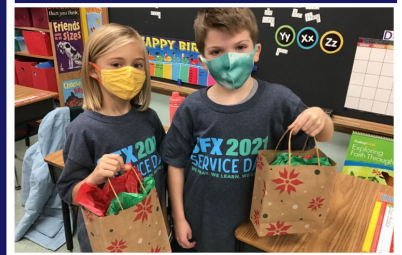
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CONTACT US FOR INFORMATION

 **(708) 352-2175**

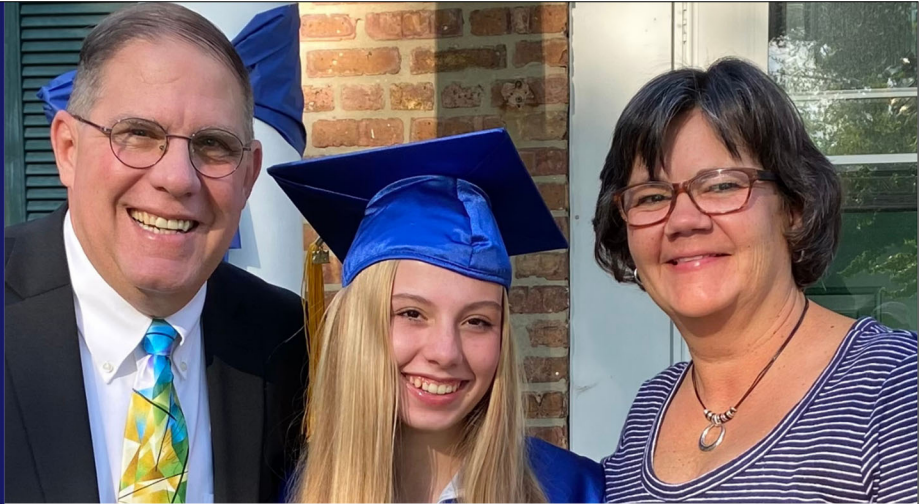
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St. Francis Xavier School
**Multigenerational SFX
School Alumni Family**

The Kudlacz Family

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.



**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



The Kudlacz family; dad Frank '73, daughter Molly '21, and mom Judi '80, are all proud to say that they are St. Francis Xavier School Falcon Alumni. In addition, Judi has been a SFX staff member for 7 years, currently teaching Kindergarten.

"We have gone full circle; St Francis students, alumni, parents, and now teacher. Thank you St. Francis!"

Frank '73, Judi '80 and Molly '21 Kudlacz

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.



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We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media

SFX School Website: sfxlg.org/school

SFX School Instagram: [@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

SFX School Facebook: [facebook.com/sfx.lg](https://www.facebook.com/sfx.lg)

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>

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish
LaGrange, IL

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are reaching out to our parishioners and friends to share the joy and comfort of participating in St. Francis Xavier Prayer Shawl Ministry. Even though we are not meeting in person as a committee, we are in need of people willing to give of their time and talent to build up our supply of shawls, lap blankets and scarves. Our January inventory stored at Unity Hall revealed: 2 shawls, 19 lap blankets and 5 scarves.

At this time we have three bins of donated yarn. We do not have the storage space for additional donations.

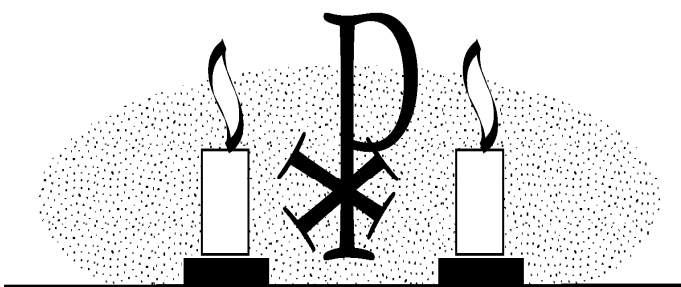
At this time, we need to respect covid protocol and rectory drop-ins are discouraged. You would need to call the rectory ahead of time at 708-352-0168 if you would like to do any of the following:

- Parishioners are welcomed to take a shawl or lap blanket for someone who may need the blessings and comfort it is meant to provide.
- Donate a shawl, lap blanket or scarf by bringing it to the church rectory.

If you have any questions, you may contact Sarah at sarahsmiles17@yahoo.com.

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.





The St. Francis Xavier Parish Catholic Women's Club will be hosting our annual Ladies Day Out, on Saturday, March 5th, 2022. 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: 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*

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@sfxlq.org or 708-352-0168 with any questions.

New Parishioner Registration	2019	2020	2021
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Annual Total:	85	70	100
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The St. Francis Xavier Parish Welcome Committee was recharged in the spring of 2018 with hopes of creating an outreach to welcome new parishioners to SFX soon after they registered. With a lean but mighty committee, we created a best practice of writing a handwritten note to welcome each family. To date, we have written more than 250 cards!

Prior to the pandemic, we hosted New Parishioner Welcome Dinners every few months to give our new folks a chance to meet each other, as well as meet our committee. Since we were not able to gather socially last year, in 2021, we hosted several Prayer Services for new parishioners and a Meet and Greet in Unity Hall after all masses on one designated weekend.

We look forward to a very productive 2022 as we will continue our efforts to connect and engage with new parishioners. We are motivated to continue to create ways to insure that SFX is a welcoming parish.

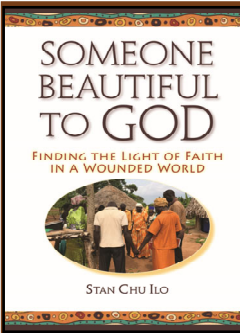
Our next event is the New Parishioner Welcome Service on Thursday, February 24, at 6pm in Church. **All are welcome!** Whether you are new to the parish, are considering to register, or you are already a member, we hope you will gather with us in prayer.

To continue to do this good work, we would love additional members. Would you like to join the Welcome Committee to help us in any capacity? Do you have any questions? Please contact Laura Duelm by email at lauraduelm@hotmail.com or call/text 708-309-9079. Your time and support of this wonderful ministry are greatly appreciated!

Welcome Committee

Laura Duelm – Chair
Kathy Broderick, Nancy Cozzi, Shannon Gannon,
Mary Gertsmeier, Margie Hull, Oswaldo Lastres,
Susie Lehuta and Jody Wise





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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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Mother's Day Needs

One of our goals at Companions is to help families communicate with each other. We help by providing prisoners with cards and stationery for their use in writing their loved ones at Mother's Day. Please help us acquire the supplies we need. And Thank You!



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Donations



Please do not send anything with glitter or any yellow/old papers or cards.

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.



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

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**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
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Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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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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