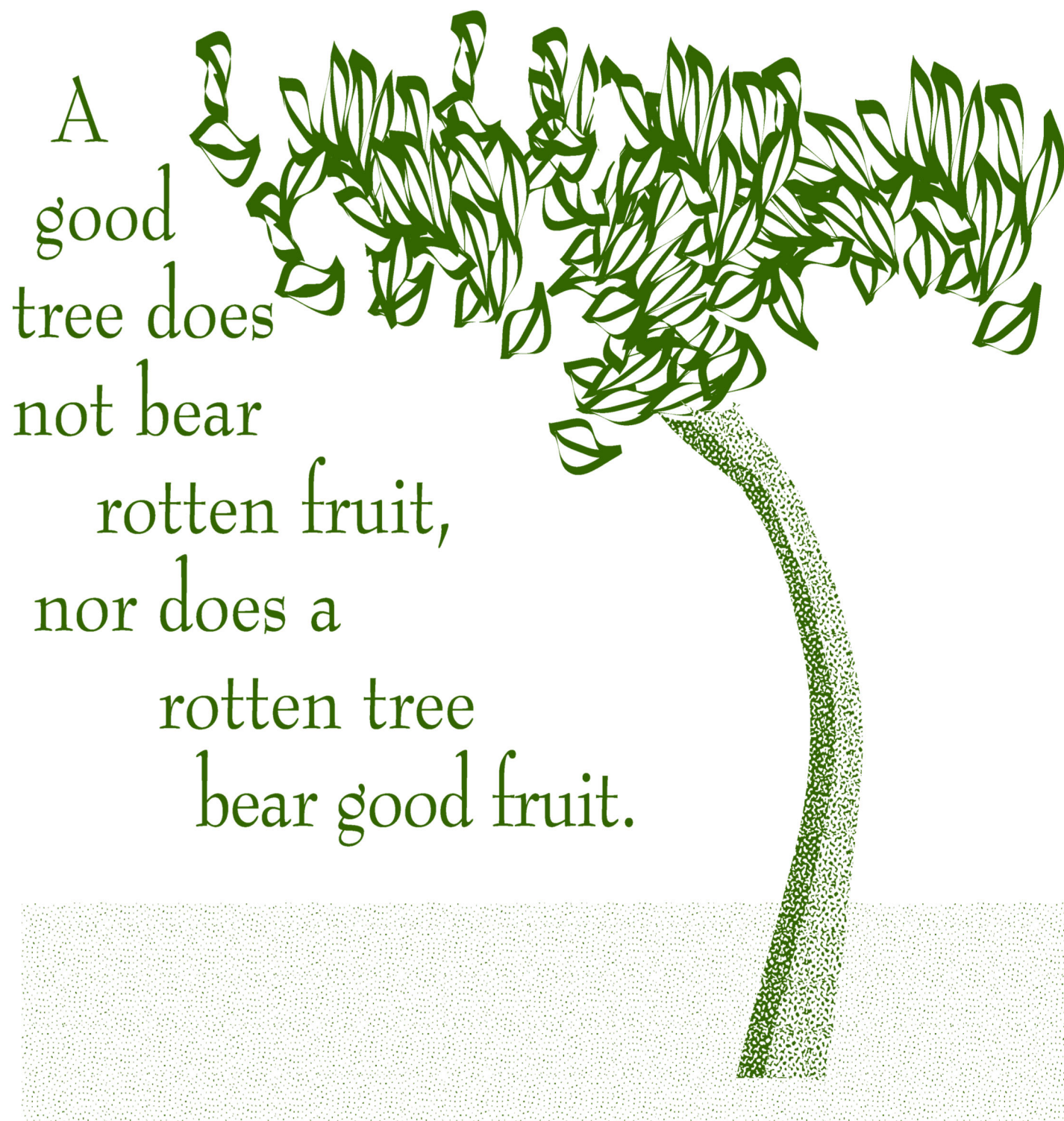


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27, 2022



A
good
tree does
not bear
rotten fruit,
nor does a
rotten tree
bear good fruit.

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 28	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Joe Malek	The Grimes Family
Tuesday, March 1	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Kathryn McInerney	Pat Urycki
Wednesday, March 2	Morning Mass	7:15 am	People of the Parish	Marge Branecki The Esch Family
Ash Wednesday	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Pratali Jim Gecan Nancy & Jerry Johnson 65th Wedding Anniversary	
	Prayer Service	12:00 pm		
	Prayer Service	3:00 pm		
	Mass	7:00 pm		
Thursday, March 3	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, March 4	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John J. Cronin	The Hefner Family
Saturday, March 5	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	The Bier Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Mary Mazzocco	
Sunday, April 6	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	Susan Ruzevick Mike Flood
1st Sunday of Lent	Mass	9:00 am	Norm Wasz	
	Mass	11:00 am	Marian Hannigan	
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Schedule for February 26-27, 2022~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Killeen 7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk 9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk 11:00 am Fr. Barrett 5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Jay Carroll	Patrick Morgan
Chili Challender	Mike Morrison
Stephen Cunnane	Gert Ogilvie
Blake Donegan	Jane O'Reilly
Lily Fielding	Lorraine Ovnik
Lilli Gregory	Ryan Patyk
Wilson Gregory	Donna Pekarek
Darilyn Hockenberry	Baby Lucia R.
Peggy Hofstetter	Madison Raupp
Rose Ilo	Anna Rose
Mary J.	Kristin Sandoval
Jane Jacobsen	Rita Scalcon
Sue Janes	Sr. Marlene Schemmel, CSJ
Theresa Kandall	Richard Schmuhl
Mark Kiley	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Michael Landsman	Peter Spizzirri
Art Lyons	Barbara Stewart
Enrique Martinez	John Stopka
Teresa Martinez	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Lisa Massaro	Albert Tassi
Robert McFadden	Gregory Van Gorp
Patrick McGinn	Jim Vlcek
Caitlin McNeily	Liz Wilk
Ron Minella	

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:

Steve McGue

Husband of Julia, Father of Dan, Kassie, Colleen and Molly

John Turner

Father of Dan, John, Pat & Amy

William Wise

Father of Jody Wise

Readings For The Week of February 27, 2022

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Pastor's Letter

Thank you for the serious consideration and prayer you are giving to the pledge your household can make this year to the Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Before last weekend, over 10% of our parish goal already had been pledged through the direct mail campaign. Envelopes are available at all church doors. You can pledge online via the parish website; www.annualcatholicappeal.com; or via the QR code on the bulletin cover.

Peace,
Fr. Bill

What is Next for Our Parish?

Thank you to all who participated in our in person question and feedback session on February 12 and our Zoom session last Monday. Your input will help the parish discernment team to shape a vision for the parish and our parish grouping. We will put into words how we hope to realize the vision of Renew My Church and build a new reality of church in our area.

Our focus now shifts to the very heart of this Archdiocesan-wide effort to **make disciples, build community, and inspire witness**. Much more will be shared in the coming months about how we will bring this vision to life in our own parish, in our grouping, and for the benefit of the entire local Church.



Staying Focused on Why We All Need Renewal

Look around and what do we see? Fewer people attending Mass. Larger numbers of people in society choosing to reject any religious affiliation. A broken world in need of healing.

1. *Jesus is calling us* to follow Him more closely and seek out His lost sheep. As Catholics baptized into the life and love of God, we are called – and commissioned – to **make disciples**. What do we need to do to ensure we are not the last Catholics in our family? How do we practically evangelize others and promote/encourage vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and married life?
2. Stretched, limited resources have challenged parish ministries; even parishes with abundant resources struggle to engage youth and young adults. Christ is calling us to discern what vitality means for today's parish and school, and then to **build community**. How do we work together – within and across parish boundaries and throughout the Archdiocese – to strengthen one another and create Catholic communities that are sustainable for the future?
3. As Christians, we bear Christ's light and hope in the world. Just as Jesus moved among the people, Pope Francis implores us to *go out to the world and to those on the margins*. How can we work together in new ways to **inspire witness** within a world that is numb to the real presence of God?

An Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Is Upon Us

God calls us to be a people of great hope. He reminds us in Jeremiah 29:11 “*For I know well the plans I have in mind for you ... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.*” What our Lord has in store for us is so much more than what we could imagine for ourselves. Please continue to pray for a renewal that will lead to a parish of greater discipleship, stronger sense of community, and inspired witness within our parish, among our loved ones, and throughout the Church.

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

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual
growth opportunities for all parishioners

Lent 2022

March 2 - April 13

Use your phone to scan the QR code ([or click here](#)) to sign up for any of the following events:

THE SEARCH | 6:30 - 8pm on Wednesdays (begins 3/9) in Unity Hall

What are you searching for? Bring your friends for a conversation about life and God. Dinner will be served, RSVP requested to estimate food order—but please still come if you forget to RSVP (we'll have extra)! If you would like to join us but are wary of dinner due to COVID concerns, please reach out to Maggie via the email below the QR code.

PRESENCE - COMMUNAL PRAYER: Reflection-Adoration-Taizé | 6 - 7pm on Thursdays (begins 3/3)

Practice basking in the presence of a loving God - hear a reflection from a fellow parishioner, followed by Taizé song and silence before the Blessed Sacrament. Speakers include: Therese Byrne, Heather Fitzpatrick, Henry Morlock, and Lee Egan.

MEN'S LENTEN JOURNEY | 8:30 - 10pm on Mondays in Unity Hall

Evaluate your spiritual life, avoid temptations, understand the pathway to God, and develop a plan to "become a man after God's own heart." Wherever you are on your lifelong spiritual journey, Jesus wants to meet you there and take you further during this season of Lent. Join us for a meaningful Lenten journey.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: THIS PRESENT PARADISE | Meeting times according to participant preference

Join St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and a group of fellow women on a Lenten spiritual journey through daily life! Together we will encounter our own present paradise via St. Elizabeth's reflections on the interior life.

LITTLE BLACK BOOK REFLECTIONS & SMALL GROUP | FREE pick up at each door after Mass

Reflect together in a small community of faith. Or start your own with a group of friends!

Mondays	10am (Senior Men at Mirecki's) & 7:30pm in group leaders' home
Tuesdays	7:45am in Unity Hall
Thursdays	12:15pm via Zoom
Saturdays	9am (Men, location TBD)
Sundays	10:15am (location TBD)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 7:45 - 8:15am (*in church*), 12pm (*virtual*) on Fridays (begins 3/4)

Reflect on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. FAMILIES WELCOME! We will provide stations coloring sheets for the youngest ones. Feel free to come late or leave early to get to school. Virtual link found on website (see QR code for more info).

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

Every Saturday: 9:00 – 10:00 am *In the reconciliation room next to the altar*

Plus these communal opportunities:

Saturday, April 2 10:00am
Monday, April 4 7:00pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish
St. Cletus Parish

Questions? Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org





Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:15 am Mass
8:30 am Mass
12:00 pm Service
3:00 pm Service
7:00 pm Mass

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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

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Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Last weekend, Fr. Bill Tkachuk spoke at all Masses about the importance of the Annual Catholic Appeal. This Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services.

This year, our parish goal is \$117,555. **Completed pledge envelopes can be returned to the offertory box in the back of church or you can hand it to an usher.** (Note: the ACA envelope will not easily fit in the offertory boxes at the transepts, so please use the one at the back of the church.) Additional pledge envelopes are available at the church entrances.

Alternatively, you can give online at www.annualcatholicappeal.com OR use the QR code above.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Weekend Mass: A Home for All at St. Francis Xavier!

The Archdiocese recently revised its recommendation on wearing masks in church, allowing parishes to make masks optional. Parishioners with children too young for the vaccine and persons with compromised immunity issues for themselves or someone at home have asked us to provide an option for attending Mass in person. The parish COVID Leadership Team met last week to determine how to provide the safest possible environment for all who want to worship at St. Francis Xavier.

The following **changes** to our Sunday Mass protocols are in effect **beginning this weekend**.

- ♦ **Masks are now optional at the Sunday Masses 9AM, 11AM and 5PM.**
- ♦ **Masks are still required at the Saturday 5PM Mass and the Sunday 7:30AM Mass.**
- ♦ **Masks are now optional at all daily Masses.** Please allow appropriate distance if you are not wearing a mask.

We are **restoring the presentation of the gifts** from a table at the back of the center aisle.

Hand sanitizing is no longer required before receiving Communion. We encourage everyone to bring personal bottles for hand sanitizing. Spray bottles with hand sanitizer will be available in the front pews.

On Ash Wednesday, March 2, masks will be required at the 7:15 AM Mass and the 3PM Prayer Service only. All other Masses and services will be mask optional.

Decisions for Holy Week and Easter will be made after April 1 based on conditions at that point. **Thank you** for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill



Music Notes...

Parish Choirs New Singer Invitation!

Consider joining one or both of these choirs for the upcoming
Lenten/Easter season!

**Proof of vaccination required at this time.*

9:00 a.m. Parish Choir

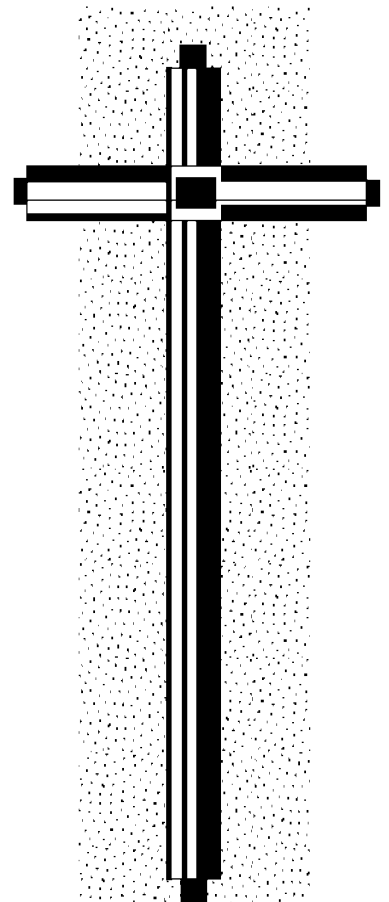
Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. starting **March 1st**.
This choir sings at the Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Men's Choir

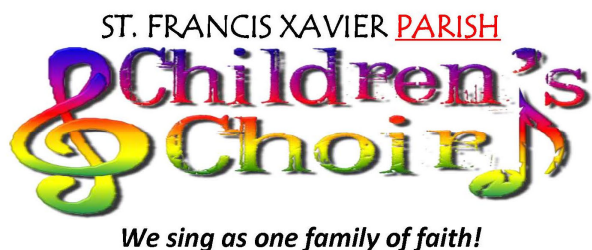
Rehearsals: Tuesdays 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. starting **March 1st**.
This choir will sing for the ***Passion of the Lord*** on Good Friday
April 15th – 7:00 p.m.

Interested singers should contact:
Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music Ministry
asterwalt@sfxlg.org / 708 352-0168

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



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Registration Due Date!!
***Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

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

RETURNS!!

Grades 1 & 3-8

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

Event: First Communion Choir

When: Saturday, May 7th, 2022-9:00 am, 12:00 pm OR 3:00 pm*

***You choose the Mass time!**

Weekly rehearsal commitment:

Tuesdays 3:45-4:15 pm

***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.)

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 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm

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

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

Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music

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

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

Songs for February 27, 2022
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Hymn: "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to fol-low Je-sus.
God set the stars to give light to the world, The star of my life is Je-sus.
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a-like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je-sus.
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path And show me the way to the Fa-ther.
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a-like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

Responsorial Psalm 92: "Lord, It is Good"

Refrain. "Lord it is good to give thanks to you, to give thanks to you." (7:30/9:00)

Refrain: "Lord, it is good, Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." (5:00/11:00)

Communion Hymn: "Take and Eat"

Refrain.

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod-y giv-en up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood giv-en up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be re-born;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n a-bove;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. **Refrain.**

I am the way that leads the ex-ile home;
I am the truth that sets the cap-tive free;
I am the life that rais-es up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. **Refrain.**

I am the Lamb that takes a-way your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;
You are my own: your ran-some is my blood. **Refrain.**

I am the cor-ner-stone that God has laid;
A cho-sen stone and pre-cious in his eyes;
You are God's dwell-ing place, on me you rest;
Like liv-ing stones, a tem-ple for God's praise. **Refrain.**

I am the light that came in-to the world;
I am he light that dark-ness can-not hide;
I am the morn-ing star that nev-er sets;
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine. **Refrain.**

I am the first and last, the Liv-ing One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bride-groom, this my wed-ing song;
You are my bride, come to the mar-riage feast. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "We Are Marching"

We are march-ing in the light of God,
we are march-ing in the light of God. (*Repeat*)
We are march-ing, Oo
we are marching in the light of God. (*Repeat*)

We are danc-ing in the light of God,
we are danc-ing in the light of God. (*Repeat*)
We are danc-ing, Oo
we are danc-ing in the light of God. (*Repeat*)

We are sing-ing in the light of God,
we are sing-ing in the light of God. (*Repeat*)
We are sing-ing, Oo
we are sing-ing in the light of God. (*Repeat*)

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"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" – Kathleen Thomerson/HOUSTON

"Ps. 92: Lord, It is Good" – Michael Guimont

"Ps. 92: Lord, It is Good" – Steve Angrisano **(Spirit & Psalm – pg. 98)*

"Take and Eat" – Michael Joncas

"We Are Marching" – South African

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.

**Bringing Communion
To You**

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.



SFX Raffle

Your chance to win \$15,000!

It's time for St. Francis Xavier School's annual raffle! By purchasing one ticket for \$50 (or 5 tickets for \$200), you have the chance to win \$15,000!

THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FAT TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

100% of the proceeds benefit SFX School. No Give Back!

VISIT SFXRAFFLE.COM TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Ticket stubs may be picked up in the gym foyer on 2/13 & 2/27 from 10am-12:30pm. Tickets may also be purchased on-site (cash or check).

Questions? Email: Prudence Hopkins at prudencemhopkins@gmail.com

RULES: Must be 18 or older. Winner will be announced at the end of the school day, March 1. Winner need not be present. If goal of 500 tickets is not met, a 50/50 split between winner and school will occur. All prizes are subject to applicable Federal and State tax. Winner will receive prize money once proper ID and social security number are provided. For complete terms and conditions visit <http://www.sfxlg.org> and click on "School".



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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.



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COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER 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!



Postage stamps
Stationery, Mother's Day cards, thinking of you and blank note cards
Gallon Ziplock bags
Reams of colored paper
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.



Interested in Becoming a St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board Member?

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

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Advise school leadership on the policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of eleven members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Development
- Finance
- Marketing/Communications
- Strategic Planning



* FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2022 *

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

- **Do you need to have experience on a board or have a career in education?** NO, you do not need to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.
- **How much time is this commitment?** We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately 6-8 hours per month.
- **Do you need to have a child at the school to apply?** NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents.
- **How does the application/selection process work?** There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board selection committee members Jim Schaeffer at jksj71@gmail.com or 312.953.0353; or Mike Stritch at 847.922.7460

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site sfxlg.org/school under "Parent Resources". ***Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.*** We look forward to receiving your application!



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **1st Lieutenant Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Col. Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

**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
Director of Community Outreach
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. William Tkachuk
Rev. Richard Milek
Mr. Andrew Allison
Mr. Phil Gianatasio
Mrs. Margaret McMahon
Mrs. Mary Freeman
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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. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

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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