

Week at a Glance

Monday, June 22 Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Tuesday, June 23 Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Wednesday, June 24 Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Thursday, June 25 Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Friday, June 26 Private Prayer 8:30 & 9:00 am

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, June 28 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### **Please Pray For...**

Sue Beyer Jack Boyd Jay Carroll Chili Challender Americo DiGianfillippo Anthony Dina Blake Donegan Lily Fielding Baby Collins Fitzpatrick Will Fleming Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory Brian Hahn Patricia Hassler Frank Hoos Rose Ilo Marv J. Jane Jacobsen Michael Janus Peter Johns Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Benny Kilman Jerry Kolman Lou Ellen Krueger Enrique Martinez Patrick Morgan

Mike Morrison Bernice Niemiec Bert Ogilvie Arnold Oppenheim Jane O'Reilly Shawnna Palazzolo Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Carolyn Peters James Pridmore Madison Raupp Anna Rose Marilyn Rutkowski Matthew Schiek Larry Skippet Greyson Stanley Kate Frugoli Sullivan Anne Titzer Michael Ungari Gregory Van Gorp Helena Walden Carl Walsh Marian Ward Liz Wilk Malcolm Young Scott Young

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

#### 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

## **PRIVATE PRAYER**

Beginning June 22nd, we are offering Private Prayer each weekday morning. We have two slots, one at 8:30 and one at 9:00. Each time slot can accommodate 10 people in the church. Please go to the Website to reserve your spot for Private Prayer.

#### Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families.

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Community,

We welcome you to Sunday Mass at St. Francis Xavier. A pre-recorded Sunday Mass will continue to be posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org), and on Facebook and Instagram. We encourage you to worship with others at the time you usually attend Mass on weekends. In addition to this link, we are providing words to the hymns being sung. Be daring and join the virtual choir that will be singing with you throughout the LaGrange area. Let us hold one another in communion.

And please send your feedback to wtkachuk@sfxlg.org. Your feedback will help us make adjustments in the weeks to come.

> Peace, Fr. Bill Tkachuk

## DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Father Bill is celebrating a daily Mass for the intention that had been requested for that day. Any Sunday intentions that he is unable to cover at this time have been rescheduled for a later date. We also continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 9-12. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

## Readings For The Week of June 21, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33 Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14 Wednesday: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/ Mt 10:37-42

## **Pastor's Notes**

"Fear no one.... What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." Matthew 10:26, 27

We return to the Gospel of Matthew, which will be the heart of our Liturgy of the Word until late November. Much has happened since we left Matthew's account in late February. Jesus has completed his great teaching to the crowds, which began with the proclamation of the Beatitudes. He has chosen twelve apostles and is preparing them to go out on mission. Today he assures them that, in proclaiming God's good news, they will meet opposition, rejection, and threat of physical harm. Yet he also assures them that God will be walking at their side, and that the Spirit will give them the words to speak and the courage to speak them. They cannot allow their mission to be hindered by fear of how others might react. They must proclaim the kingdom of God whatever the cost.

Perhaps the greater challenge for us *this* summer is a willingness to listen. Before presuming to know how to bring the Good News to those who suffer the effects of systemic racism, and before presuming we have done all we can, we are challenged to listen to the stories of those whose experiences are radically different than our own. We must be willing to face the ways in which societal structures provide advantages to some and disadvantages to others with little or no relationship to merit or ability. And we must be willing to acknowledge the consequences of these structures on the health, security, and life choices of those who have been forced to expose themselves to the current pandemic in order to feed their families, but whose lack of adequate health care places them at greater risk of contracting or dying from the coronavirus.

Our very act of listening is critical to our mission. We cannot speak in the light until we have listened to the darkness. We cannot proclaim justice from the housetops until we have heard what people whisper for fear of the consequences of speaking out. But we also must listen to one another. We must refuse to allow ourselves to be politicized for some other purpose – whether supporting or opposing our efforts. We must carefully listen to one another and seek the common ground on which we stand as the One Body of Christ. No one of us has all the answers. Our mission is impossible without the fire of the Spirit, the compassion of Jesus, the strength of God, and our living *in communion*.

Blessings to all in our community who minister as fathers to a younger generation: fathers, stepfathers, grand and great grandfathers, godfathers, male mentors, teachers, coaches, and role models. May those who have lost a father know peace of heart. May those whose relationship with father or child has known brokenness find healing and peace with what can and cannot be mended. May those among us soon to become fathers experience the support of a caring community.

This is my last column for the summer. Follow the weekly Constant Contact for current information as we move through Phase 1/1A of the reopening of our church building and move toward Phase 2. We are blessed with a *great* team of leaders who are guiding us into safe ways to gather in prayer. Please support them with your patience, your affirmation for their efforts, and your generosity of time as a volunteer if you are able. *Stay safe and be well* as we move through this unusual summer with God and one another.

## **Summer Peace**,





## A CALL TO PRAYER

Bringing a light in the midst of darkness



Are you feeling overwhelmed by the effects of the pandemic and in need of prayer? We are here to pray with you and ask God for your needs.

Who we are: Volunteers from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to **accompany through prayer anyone who feels the need** for support during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

What we offer: A phone line staffed with people from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, as well as 24-hour voice mail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you: opening our hearts to God, asking for His blessings and peace.

312.741.3388 praywithme@calledtoprayer.org

#### Blessing for Physicians and Healthcare Workers

May you always heal and be healed. May those who come to you find in you one who cares deeply Whose knowledge includes knowledge of the spirit's movements.

May you take pride in your gifts and use them humbly. May the suffering and the vulnerable be your teachers. May you see in others the goodness of a tender God.

May compassion encircle you carry you Strengthen you and give you insight.

May your presence be hope to those in pain. May your skill ease the way and instill trust.

May you know the Healer of all. May your own heart be held in the compassion and tenderness of God.

#### **Open Wide Our Hearts Prayer to Overcome Racism**

Mary, Friend and Mother to All, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.

www.usccb.org/racism

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Amen.

## SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES NOW BEING OFFERED DURING PHASE 1/1A

**Reconciliation** is celebrated on Saturday mornings from 9-10AM in the lower Unity Hall vestibule. Enter from the parking lot through the courtyard between the church and education buildings. While waiting, please observe the outside markings for social distancing and wear a mask. In bad weather, please line up your cars and wait in the car until the prior person leaves the vestibule.

**Baptisms.** We have begun to celebrate <u>private</u> Baptisms (Phase 1 limit of 10 people in attendance) for both families whose baptisms had been scheduled in March through this Sunday and those who want to schedule a Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office at one-hour intervals on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

**Marriages.** Our next weddings will be celebrated in August. If we still are in Phase 1, weddings will be limited to a <u>maximum</u> of ten people in attendance.

**Funeral Masses.** We now can celebrate Funeral Masses with a limit of 10 people in attendance during Phase 1. We also can celebrate a Funeral service at the graveside.

**Holy Hour of Adoration.** The Holy Hour of Adoration on the third Thursday of the month returned last Thursday. During Phase 1/1A, no more than 10 people can be in the church for prayer at any one time. If we remain in Phase 1/1A in July, a reservation system will be provided for those who want to attend.

**Private Prayer.** The church building reopens <u>this Monday</u>, June 22, for one hour of private prayer, Mondays through Fridays, from 8:30-9:30AM. Again, no more than 10 people can be in the church for prayer at any one time. Go to the parish website to reserve a 30-minute space on any day this week.

**Anointing of the Sick**. Fr. Bill must refer a request to anoint someone who has tested positive or is suspected of having contracted COVID-19 to one of the priests that have been designated to perform these anointings. Fr. Bill remains available for <u>all other anointings</u> following established safety guidelines. The first step in requesting the Anointing of the Sick is to contact the rectory.

## MOVING TO PHASE 2

On June 1, Cardinal Cupich announced that Catholic parishes in Illinois can apply for certification for Phase 2. In Phase 2, parishes can open for Sunday and weekday Mass with a <u>limited</u> attendance (15%-20% of seating capacity). Our Reopening Leadership Team has established two criteria that will determine our move to Phase 2.

- We have recruited and trained enough volunteers to cover <u>all</u> the required ministries (greeting, set-up, and re-freshen) for <u>each</u> Mass or service that we offer. (We are about half-way to this point.)
- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommends that it is safe to do so. The current IDPH directive states, "it is strongly recommended that places of worship continue to facilitate remote services....Even with adherence to social distancing, multiple different households convening in a congregational setting carries a higher risk for widespread transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19, and may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, especially among vulnerable populations."

By early July, we hope to have trained enough volunteers <u>and</u> to have a revised recommendation from the IDPH. We are in the process of developing a revised interim weekend Mass schedule that allows time to dismiss participants from one service, restore the space, and greet and seat people for the next service. We will have a reservation system in place so that people will know <u>in advance</u> whether they can attend a given Mass. Stay tuned for details.

# Habitat For Humanity Update



Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, all Habitat for Humanity summer trips to Mississippi by St. Francis Xavier parishioners have been postponed. If possible, we hope to reschedule visits to Clarksdale in the fall. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Chris O'Hea at <u>chris.ohea@yahoo.com</u>.

## **Religious Education Registration**

Religious Education Registration is open to New Families. Registration Packets can be found on the website sfxlg.org.

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.

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What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Final Confirmation Request Forms All Youth Ministry-related communication should be directed to youthministry@sfxlg.org.



## **Parish Food Pantry Ministry**



The parish Food Pantry Ministry continues to operate on **Tuesdays 9:30-11am**. We will update hours of operation as circumstances warrant. To maintain safe distances, we are offering guests pre-packed bags and drive-thru service.

## **Volunteers**

We appreciate all the volunteer offers but are currently limiting our small crew to staff and their family members. We look forward to welcoming back all our volunteers!

## Food Donations

**Mondays 9am-Noon.** Nonperishable items (canned soup, vegetables, fruit, beans, chicken, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, tomato sauce, rice, cereal and coffee & tea) can be dropped off at the Rectory side door (parking lot side). **Cereal and items for hot beverages are especially appreciated.** 

## **Monetary Donations**

We make large purchases through the Greater Chicago Food Depository, including meat, fresh produce and bread at discounted prices.

Monetary donations can be made via:

Parish Give Central - click link <u>https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/5199</u> Text **PANTRY to 708-340-6630** for directions to contribute via Give Central.

A check made payable to SFX Food Pantry and dropped off through the Rectory mail slot or mailed to 124 North Spring LaGrange, IL 60525.

## Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

May the Wellspring of Compassion be opened in you. May soothing words find a home in you. May Tenderness bless you as you reach out to Comfort in body, mind and spirit. In the midst of fear or frustration may Courage be given you. May Patience keep vigil with you and Peace of Mind calm you. May your heart find a song to sing even when you are weary. May Abundant Love lift you and Gratitude bless you as you live the mission of Care entrusted to you.



#### 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. 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
- *Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman*—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- *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
- Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy-nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- 1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC-nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- 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
- Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army-nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army-cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite

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                                         | Rev. William Tkachuk    | wtkachuk@sfxlg.org      |
| Deacon                                         | Mr. Andrew Allison      | aallison@sfxlg.org      |
| Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister           | Rev. William Killeen    |                         |
| Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister           | Rev. Ed Barrett         |                         |
| Weekend Sacramental Minister                   | Rev. Stan Ilo           |                         |
| Education Ministry                             |                         |                         |
| Day School Principal                           | Mrs. Sharon Garcia      | sgarcia@sfxlg.org       |
| Assistant Principal                            | Mrs. Janice Carr        | jcarr@sfxlg.org         |
| Assistant to Day School Principal              | Mrs. Mary Hoffman       | mhoffman@sfxlg.org      |
| Day School Secretary (Main Campus)             | Mrs. Peggy Evans        | pevans@sfxlg.org        |
| Advancement Director                           | Mrs. Mary Tassi         | mtassi@sfxlg.org        |
| Tuition Accounts                               | Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft  | jzeisloft@sfxlg.org     |
| Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep | Ms. Terri Simeoni       | tsimeoni@sfxlg.org      |
| Religious Education Administrative Assistant   | Mrs. Cindy Johnson      | cjohnson@sfxlg.org      |
| Youth Ministry                                 |                         |                         |
| Coordinator                                    |                         | youthministry@sfxlg.org |
| Music Ministry                                 |                         |                         |
| Director                                       | Mr. Allen Sterwalt      | asterwalt@sfxlg.org     |
| Parish Office Staff                            |                         |                         |
| Business Manager                               | Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft  | jzeisloft@sfxlg.org     |
| Parish Accountant                              | Ms. Jane Bandyk         | jbandyk@sfxlg.org       |
| Pastor's Secretary                             | Mrs. Maureen Pipal      | mpipal@sfxlg.org        |
| Parish Secretary                               | Mrs. Melissa Westerhoff | mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org   |
| Staff Secretary                                | Ms. Debra Soulje        | dsoulje@sfxlg.org       |
| Facilities Manager                             | Mr. Frank Roccasalva    | froccasalva@sfxlg.org   |
| <b>Food Pantry/Community Outreach</b>          |                         |                         |
| Coordinator                                    | Mrs. Mary Freeman       | mfreeman@sfxlg.org      |

#### **Contact Information**

| Parish Office124 N. Spring               |                          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| St. Francis Xavier Day School            |                          |
| School of Religious Education            |                          |
| S.P.R.E.D. (Special Religious Education) |                          |
| Fax Number                               |                          |
| e-Mail                                   | sfxinlg@sfxlg.org        |
| Main Day School e-Mail                   | sfxmain@sfxlg.org        |
| Main Religious Education e-Mail          | sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org |
| Parish Web Site                          | www.sfxlg.org            |

#### **Rectory Hours**

| Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 p | m |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Friday                         | m |
| Saturday9:00 am-5:00 p         | m |
| Sunday9:00 am-1:00 p           | m |

#### **Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church**

Sunday-Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

| Saturday morning                   | 9:00-10:00 am              |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Saturday afternoon                 | 4:00-5:00 pm               |
| 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 9:30 to 11:00 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 for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

#### Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

#### **Parish Counselor**

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



