

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021



EPHPHATHA!

Be opened!



**HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR
AND THE MUTE SPEAK.
OPEN YOUR EARS
TO THE
WORD OF THE LORD!**

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, September 6 Labor Day	Morning Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Tuesday, September 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John Ovník, Sr. Lamar Whitmore	Lorraine & Judy Ovník Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Wednesday, September 8	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John Jacobs	The Filbin Family
Thursday, September 9	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, September 10	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Brian Stephenson	The Byrne Family
Saturday, September 11	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Rosemary Vargas	The Byrne Family
Sunday, September 12 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Adelina Medina Lawler	
	Mass	9:00 am	Carol Grimes	Tom & Cathy Quinn
	Mass	11:00 am	Sr. Dorothy Lynch, CSJ	Sr. Marlene Schemmel, CSJ
	Mass	5:00 pm	Andrew Newman	The Metzger Family

Presider's Schedule for September 4-5, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk 7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk 9:00 am Fr. Barrett 11:00 am Fr. Ilo 5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

Diane Bereckis	Mary J.	Ryan Patyk
Nick Bowman	Jane Jacobsen	Donna Pekarek
Ethelyn Boyd	Michael Janus	James Pridmore
Jay Carroll	Theresa Kandall	Baby Lucia R.
Chili Challender	Wayne Kardatzke	Madison Raupp
Marek Chyczewski	Mark Kiley	Anna Rose
Roman Cook	Robert Kozak	Bill Sanders
Carol Coughlan	Sandra Malkowski	Peter Sannasardo
Frank DiSilvio	Jim Martin	Keith Slingsby
Blake Donegan	Lisa Massaro	Greyson Stanley
Barbara Doyle	Michael McLynn	James Stapel
Wendy Einspar	Ron Minella	Gavin Stella
Lily Fielding	Patrick Morgan	Marc Such
Terry Gazdziak	Mike Morrison	Sarah Such
Mary Grand	Bernice Niemiec	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Lilli Gregory	Gert Ogilvie	Thomas Trauscht
Wilson Gregory	Joan O'Halloran	Jodee Tuttle
Linda Hoffman	Arnold Oppenheim	Gregory Van Gorp
Rose Ilo	Jane O'Reilly	Liz Wilk

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

Christine Hudak & Elliott Young
Kristen O'Connor & Christopher Hogan
Molly McKenna & Jack Androwich
Lauren Ruzicka & Sean Frain



Readings For The Week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Pastor's Notes

*Be strong, fear not! Your God comes to save you.
The eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared;
the lame will leap like a stag, the tongue of the mute will sing.
Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe.*
Isaiah 35:4-6

Isaiah proclaimed hope to a people threatened by the loss of all they held dear. In a moment in which all seems lost, Isaiah insists that God is reaching out to lift them up. Yet God will not force their hands; the people of Israel must choose to reach out and accept the hand of God that is offered to them. They must believe that the power of God is stronger than any force that threatens to overwhelm them; they must surrender themselves to God's care in the face of their own powerlessness.

The prophesy of Isaiah brings hope and comfort to us in this moment. As a nation, we have conceded that the greatest military in the world could not achieve victory after twenty years of effort, expense, and loss. As a world, we continue to face the persistence of the coronavirus and the low percentage of those who have been vaccinated. We confront the destruction of the earthquake in Haiti, the hurricane along the Gulf Coast, uncontrolled fires in the West, and other natural disasters intensified by our lack of care for the planet.

Be strong and fear not! God reaches out to take our hand and guide us through this moment, *if only we extend our hand in turn* and allow God to guide our words and actions. Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak so that we may *hear* what God is asking of us and *proclaim* God's message in word and action. Isaiah assures us and Jesus demonstrates that God's desire is clear. The question is whether we will extend our hands and act in collaboration with God and one another.

The parish Reopening Leadership Team met this past Tuesday to discuss any further adjustments that we as a

parish need to make in response to the recent surge of the COVID delta variant. We will continue to ask everyone over age two to *wear a mask* inside the church until national and local health officials tell us that it is safe to remove masks in public, indoor settings. We also will *continue to sing* while wearing those masks. We will continue to *sanitize the pews* on a regular basis, which requires us to place the words to hymns in the bulletin and avoid water damage to our hymnals. We will *defer the return of the parish choirs* with the exception of the "abbreviated" Spirit Choir, which returns next weekend to the Sunday 5PM Mass. We will *maintain "protected areas"* in the church for those who prefer the additional precaution of keeping every other pew empty and maintaining a six-foot distance from other worshippers. And we continue to recruit greeters/hospitality ministers for our parish weddings in September and October to serve our couples and their guests.

I encourage **all men of the parish** to give some consideration to "That Man is You," which begins next Sunday evening. The men of the parish who are coordinating this program are eager to share it with you.

Finally, I encourage you to take a moment this week to **thank the laborers among us** who too often go unnoticed or unacknowledged. We rely on the blessing of their labor!

Peace,

J. Bill

Greeters Welcome

We are seeking parishioners who are willing and able to serve as ministers of hospitality (greeters) at the following parish celebrations.

- ◆ **Weekend Masses:** Greeters will welcome people at each of the church entrances and answer any questions. They then can join their families for the remainder of the Mass.
- ◆ **Baptisms:** Greeters welcome the family of the child being baptized, verify the information for the parish records, and assist in the seating process.
- ◆ **Weddings:** Greeters serve as part of our parish Wedding Ministry to welcome guests, answer questions, and assist the bride and groom and their parents with any special needs.
- ◆ **Funerals:** Greeters serve as part of the parish Bereavement Team. They welcome guests at the door, answer questions, and assist the family with any special needs.

If you are interested or would like to learn more about any of these ministries, please email Maureen Pipal at mpipal@sfxlg.org. Your gift of time and talent as one who offers hospitality is a relatively simple gift that can have a great effect on those who attend a service at St. Francis Xavier.

Weekend Mass Updates at St. Francis Xavier!

The CDC recently revised its recommendations on wearing masks in indoor, public spaces, following evidence that the COVID delta strain can spread rapidly even among fully vaccinated individuals. The parish Leadership Reopening Team met this week to determine how to respond and provide the safest possible environment for all who worship at St. Francis Xavier. As a rule, we intend to avoid sudden changes to our protocols that might stir confusion or concern among worshippers.

The following **changes** to our Sunday Mass protocols are **now in effect**.

- ◆ **Masks are required for everyone** over age 2, regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ **We invite everyone to sing with your mask in place!** Pick up a bulletin as you enter church for the words to the hymns. As you leave, place any bulletins you are not taking home in the recycle baskets at each door.
- ◆ Please wait for an usher to invite your pew to come forward for communion. With your mask in place, receive the host in your hand and move six feet to the side before removing your mask to consume the host.

The following protocols remain **unchanged**.

- ◆ **All church doors remain open** for all worshippers.
- ◆ **Unity Hall remains open to families with small children** to offer a remote viewing option on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 9AM and 11AM. This is only for families with small children and no cold symptoms.
- ◆ Every other pew in the back of church and in the east transept is not available for seating. These areas provide social distance for parents with infants, those with immune issues, and those not yet comfortable being closer than six feet. All other pews remain available for general seating.
- ◆ Please avoid physical contact with those not of your own household, especially during the **Sign of Peace**. A nod or a wave is always appropriate.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill



In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the rectory phones will be answered by the service starting on Friday, September 3 through Monday, September 6. A staff person will be answering phones beginning on Tuesday, September 7 at 8:30 am.

SFX Family Outreach Ministry

The SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee is looking for new families to join us in planning volunteer opportunities in and around our community. The Family Ministry Committee gives families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please consider joining us and help us make a difference! Interested? Email Ana Dimailig at apd3@core.com or Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Thank You

With deep gratitude and in the name of our local Church, I thank you, your staff, and all the people of St. Francis Xavier for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Together, you have raised gifts and pledges exceeding your 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal parish goal of \$122,897.18. This generosity is a remarkable sign of your faith-filled commitment. You and your community have remained faithful in these trying times. Together, you have heard and responded to Jesus' call to Come, follow me...and bring hope to the world.

Please communicate my gratitude to the people of St. Francis Xavier. Assure them of my prayers for them. Encourage them to pray for the renewal of this local church in the Archdiocese of Chicago, especially as we face challenges together but as we also continue to rely evermore deeply on the Lord who walks with us.

We gather around Jesus in word, worship, and service as his disciples. We continue to come to know Him. And, as we do so, we recognize the mission entrusted to us to share His Word, to share His life, and to share His hope with each other and the entire world. The Annual Catholic Appeal is an important vehicle for us to be His missionary disciples. In your parish's generosity, I see a sign of response to Jesus' call. And I will continue to pray that you may continue to grow as His missionary disciples.

Finally, Father Tkachuk, I ask your parish to pray for me and for all our sisters and brothers in the Archdiocese of Chicago and in the Church universal. May we receive with gratitude and share with generosity all the great, good things God has given us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

WELCOME!

to our **2021 RCIA Inquirers**



NOUR OTREMBA

“My name is Nour Otremba and I live in LaGrange, Illinois with my husband and three girls, Olivia (age 5), Aya (age 2), and Josefina (6 months). My husband is Catholic, and we have committed to raising our children Catholic. I am interested in learning more about the Catholic faith to provide a unified set of beliefs when raising our kids. More recently, we have been attending regular mass on Sundays, and I have found it to be extremely valuable for our family.”

Interested in Becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments?

RCIA Fast facts:

- Typically begins in September + concludes at Easter
- Weekly meetings on Tues evening (7pm)
- Communal journey of faith with fellow parishioners and catechumens!

YESENIA GONZALEZ

Yesenia and her husband, Elijah, live in La Grange Park with their newborn, Luna, who arrived in July of 2021! Yesenia is especially looking forward to surrounding herself with a new community at St. Francis Xavier.



LAUREN DAWSON

“My name is Lauren Dawson and this is my fiancé Anthony Zito. We’ve been together since 2016. I am a barber stylist at Floyd’s Barber Shop in La Grange and he is an Account Executive at Experian. While my fiancé is a confirmed Catholic, I have never been introduced to religion before and am a little nervous about the process.”

Email Selindsay22@yahoo.com for more information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

BUILDING A NEW FUTURE FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Our worlds have been turned upside down in the last 20 months, as we have adapted how we worship, work, educate our children, grocery shop, and so much more. This has also been a time when many of us more fully realized the stark injustice of income inequality and its suffocating impact.

As a nation we recognize that we were kept safe and comfortable by workers, from healthcare to first responders, to grocery workers, to farm workers. We have come to appreciate how essential their contribution is to our lives. Many of these workers suffered greatly and many are still suffering.

Restaurant workers, hotel housekeepers, convention hall workers and so many more are still waiting to be recalled, and to experience economic recovery. This Labor Day let's honor all of these workers and re-commit ourselves to support them in securing their rights. Pope Francis got it right in a speech in June, when he challenged us, saying, "Let us look for solutions that will help us build a new future of work based on decent and dignified working conditions, originating in collective negotiation, and promoting the common good, a phrase that will make work an essential component of our care for society and Creation."

Building this new future is underway in Illinois and in the United States. The Pro Act, a new law, which has passed the U.S. House of Representatives, and is now being considered in the U.S. Senate will recognize all workers for their God-given inherent dignity and their right to organize. The "Protecting the Right to Organize Act", the PRO-Act, would allow workers to more freely join a union without harassment, which is quite common now. The PRO-Act would close the income inequality gap, help secure safe workplaces, strengthen the middle class, stabilize communities, and put the U.S. on par with other industrialized countries. The Pro Act is the most significant worker empowerment legislation since the Great Depression.

Laws reflect our values. But laws do not get passed by themselves. It requires a community, organized and appreciative of the value and dignity of workers and of work itself. It requires communities of faith, as Pope Francis urges, to get engaged and stand in solidarity with workers. It requires organizations like ARISE Chicago, which connects our broad interfaith network to working people. I am proud to serve on the Religious Advisory Board for ARISE/Chicago.

On this Labor Day, let us remember the words of Cardinal Mundelein who said of the Church of Chicago more than 100 years ago now: "our place is beside the worker". Happy Labor Day!

Fr. Clete Kiley, Chaplain,
Chicago Federation of Labor



SFX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2021

\$200
per golfer

Price includes
grab-n-go lunch, range balls,
golf and a buffet dinner.

Optional VIP Package.

Each golfer will receive an
SFX Golf Outing Swag Bag!

The SFX
Championship
is back!

FRIDAY
September 17th

11:30 AM CHECK-IN

GRAB-N-GO LUNCH

1:00 PM SHOTGUN START

DINNER, AWARDS & RAFFLE TO FOLLOW

No in person registration on the day of the event.
All registration payments due two days prior to the event.
All necessary guidelines will be followed for the
safety of the golfers and the course.

Please join us
for our annual raffle,
closest to the pin,
longest drive contests,
and much more!

Event sponsorships are
available on Give Central.

Please use the
SFX Golf Outing Link
below to register for any
golf package plus
purchase raffle tickets
or event sponsorships.

Click Here

<https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp610423d713760/user/guest>

Old Oak Country Club, 14200 Parker Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491

Any questions? Email Katie & Scott Lutzow at sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com

FIND YOUR FORESOME

Welcome

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

Matthew & Kate Duncan
Jacob & Allison Ford
Mark & Mary Mullen
Robert & Ingrid Dekoj
Kumar & Katherine Kayastha
Steven & Clare Gorski
Mark & Mary Mullen
Kevin Zimont & Georgia Healey
Patricia Rutherford
Alina Couret
Paul & Elisangela Guidice
Jeremy & Maggie Lizik
Elizabeth Lowery
Matthew & Amy Bocian
James & Jennifer Tuthill
Kevin & Mary O'Connell
German Ochoa & Sonia Ruiz



We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media



SFX School Instagram: [SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL](https://www.instagram.com/SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL)

Facebook SFX School site: [facebook.com/SFX.LG](https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG)

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
[facebook.com/SFXL GALUMNI](https://www.facebook.com/SFXL GALUMNI)

SFX School Website:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

SFX VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR
<https://vimeo.com/506617250>

See the latest happenings at the day school:

Spotlight on the St. Francis Xavier Parish School Class of 2021 <https://vimeo.com/554327101>

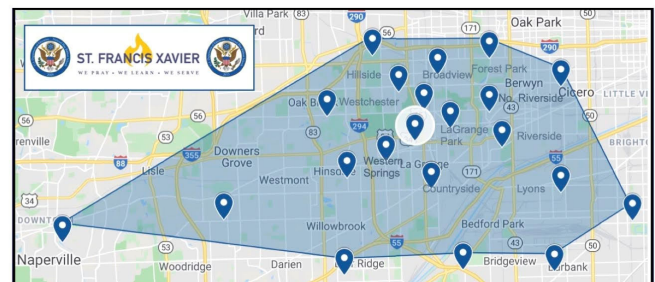
Interfaith Career Network

Careers in the Nonprofit Sector

Join us via Zoom on Thursday, September 16 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Our presenter, Stephani Peterson, Sr. Recruiter of Careers in Nonprofits, will offer her insight on current trends in the nonprofit sector. Stephani will address:

- the various types of nonprofits
- the advantages of working in the nonprofit sector
- how to tailor your resume while showcasing transferable skills for your next position
- how to best succeed in this candidate driven market

The link to this Zoom meeting can be found on our website at: <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.



LA GRANGE *and* BEYOND

Saint Francis Xavier School has students from 20 different ZIP Codes.

Contact us today to learn more about what Saint Francis Xavier School can offer your family!

[sfxlg.org/school](https://www.sfxlg.org/school)



The SFX Class of 1985 is planning an upcoming reunion.

Please contact
Mike Maglullo, '85 at
mikemaglullo@yahoo.com.



**Songs for September 5, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Opening Hymn: "All Are Welcome"

Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safe-ly live.
A place where saints and chil-dren tell How hearts learn to for-give.
Built of hopes and dreams and vi-sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace:
Here the love of Christ shall end di-vi-sions:
All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach Be-yond the wood and stone.
To heal and strength-en serve and teach, And live the Word they-ve known.
Here the out-cast and the stran-ger Bear the im-age of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and dan-ger:
All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

Responsorial Psalm 146: "Praise the Lord" (7:30/9:00)

Refrain: "Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!"

Responsorial Psalm 146: "Praise the Lord" (5:00-Sat./11:00/5:00)

Refrain: "Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord, my soul!"

Communion Hymn: "Behold the Lamb"

Refrain.

**Be-hold, be-hold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glo-ry!**

Those who were in the dark are thank-ful for the sun-light; We who live,
we who die are grate-ful for this gift, thank-ful for God's love. **Refrain.**

Peace-ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un-der-stand-ing
Of the wheat, of the wine u-nit-ed with God's word and the love we share. **Refrain.**

Gen-tle one, Child of God, join with us at this ta-ble. Bless our lives;
nour-ish all who hun-ger for this feast; shel-ter them with peace. **Refrain.**

Lord of all, give us light. De-liv-er us from e-vil. Make us one; be our shield.
Make still the winds that blow; cra-dle us with love. **Refrain.**



Recessional: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (7:30 & 9:00)

There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness of the sea;
There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.
There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head.

For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ures of our mind,
And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
If our love were but more sim-ple We should take him at his word,
And our lives would be thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

Troubled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of fright-ened sheep?
Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der From a love so true and deep?
There is wel-come for the sin-ner And more grac-es for the good;
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior, There is heal-ing in his blood.

Recessional: "City of God" (5:00 Sat./11:00/5:00)

Refrain.

**Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be turned in-to danc-ing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in-to day!**

A-wake from your slum-ber! A-rise from your sleep!
A new day is dawn-ing for all those who weep.
The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our long-ing has con-quer-ed the night. **Refrain.**

We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of day.
The One who has loved us has bright-ened our way.
The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be a light for his peo-ple to set their hearts free.
Refrain.

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"All Are Welcome" – Text: Marty Haugen/Tune: TWO OAKS

"Psalm 146: Praise the Lord" – Michael Guimont

"Psalm 146: Praise the Lord" – Sarah Hart **Spirit & Psalm*

"Behold the Lamb" – Martin Willett

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" – Text: Frederick W. Faber/Tune: IN BABILONE

"City of God" – Dan Schutte



Diversity Days in La Grange

30th Annual Race Unity Rally

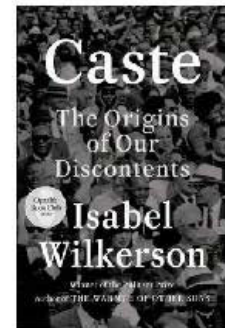
Sunday, September 12, 2021

IN PERSON - LA GRANGE VILLAGE HALL - 3:00 p.m.

**THEME: 30th Anniversary: Racial Healing Through
Understanding Our History**

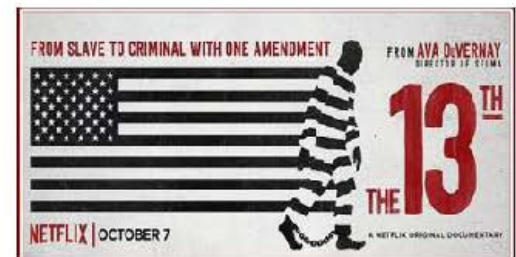
FEATURING:

- **African Americans In Historic La Grange**
- **Youth Choir with Rev. Shawana McGee**
- **Youth Diversity Essays**
- **GDG Diversity Achievement Award**
- **Minnie Carr Community Service Award**
- **Village of La Grange Unity Proclamation**
- **Introduction of LG Interim Police Chief**



MORE DIVERSITY DAYS EVENTS:

- **Tues. Aug. 31 @ 7-8:30 p.m.: Virtual Book Discussion of *Caste*. Register at <https://tlnyurl.com/83121BookDiscussion>**
- **Friday, Sept. 10 @ 5:30 pm: Pizza, Screening and Discussion of the Movie *13th* at LG Public Library**
- **Sat. Sept. 11th @ 10:30 a.m.: diversity story time at LG Public Library**
- **African Americans In Early La Grange: A Self-Guided Walking Trail (watch for details on our Facebook page)**



Sponsored by the CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange

For more information: email LaGrangeDiversity@gmail.com visit www.communitydiversity.org
or call Linda Eastman at 708-579-5114

School of Religious Education News



Are You Up for a Challenge?! Your Gift and Talent is Needed!

This past year and a half was a rough one for many and we are still not back to "normal" as we all had hoped; so we adapt and change, right! Change can be scary and hard, but now more than ever we need to show our children that it is possible. With that being said, our program will remain virtual until we are allowed to share the classroom space once again. I am calling on your faith and expertise to think out of the box and step up to the challenge of becoming a "Virtual Catechist" for the 2021-2022 RE school year. Catechesis will be grade level this year, so I am looking for a minimum of 18 people that would like to join in this new journey. Lessons will be pre-recorded, and I can work with your flexibility and schedules to get these lessons done. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist for the 2021-2022 school year at eguidice@sfxlq.org.

Register Today!

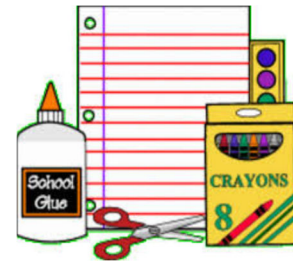
Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education, Don't Delay!

The School of Religious Education is continuing to accept registrations until the end of the month. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 3rd and will be held online until it is safe to return to in person classes. For more information about this RE school year please visit our website. Click on the Religious Education tab, then the About tab and the information is located under Registration.

Quest Confirmation Registration Going on Now!

"Teaching" was the primary focus of your eighth-grade religion program whether in the parish elementary school or religious education program. The Quest Confirmation Year shifts from catechesis into active participation in parish and Christian life, especially in ministries of service. Small discipleship groups of 12-14 teens with at least two adult leaders (Quest groups) are a key part of this experience. Now is the time to register your teen. Sessions begin in October. Call the rectory or RE office for more information.

St. Agatha Needs School Supplies



Again this year the children of St. Agatha's parish are in need of school supplies. Although the school has closed, the students in the parish are still in need.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution to help in the purchasing of these school supplies, please drop off or mail a check to the rectory made out to St. Francis Xavier, with a notation that it is for St. Agatha school supplies. We will then forward the donation to Fr. Larry Dowling at St. Agatha's.

Thank you for your consideration.

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MARRIED IN 1971?



Golden Wedding September 19, 2021

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 19 at 2:30 pm at St. John Brebeuf Parish, Niles, IL 60714. Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are invited to participate and can bring 1-2 family members. This Mass is planned as a live event with participants attending on site. With the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus, this Mass may need to be moved to an online liturgy due to ongoing mitigation efforts associated with the pandemic. Couples interested in participating can register [here](#).

Please contact
familyministries@archchicago.org
with any questions.

Interfaith Community Partners



Did you know? ICP volunteers can drive older adults (60+) to get their COVID vaccines if they have no other way to get there. Please think about your older adult neighbors who may need help during this difficult time and share ICP's office phone number: 708-354-9328.

Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide escorted transportation for people 60 and better to get to places like physician appointments and therapies. We do not charge our clients and ask for suggested donations, when able.

Interfaith Community Partners also offers Library Home Delivery Service. We need volunteer drivers! We'll train you via Zoom. We'll work around your busy life. Background check required. Find out more about Interfaith Community Partners!

The Archdiocese of Chicago Is Hiring

Are you seeking an opportunity to draw closer to our Lord through your work? Consider applying your professional strengths and experience at the service of sharing Christ with others. The Archdiocese of Chicago is in the midst of exciting changes as we renew our local Church. With our competitive salary and benefit packages, the archdiocese provides many opportunities for professional and personal growth and development. For the listing of current openings, please visit archchicago.org/careers or follow us on LinkedIn.

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PROGRAM DEVELOPER:

Steve Bollman

Developer, That Man is You!

Founder & President, Paradisus Dei

During the Great Jubilee, Steve Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. In 2002, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston, Texas, to found Paradisus Dei. In 2004, Steve developed the That Man is You! Men's program, which quickly moved across the country transforming men, marriages and families. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- Sunday Nights - 8:00pm to 9:30pm
- First session starts September 12, 2021
- Location: Unity Hall (pending updated COVID guidance)
- Reach out to any team members below with any questions regarding the program or registration.

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Go to the link below or scan the QR Code to register.

https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/st-francis-xavier-la-grange





Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of COVID-19.

**Bridging the Divides, Tending the Gap Conference, on ZOOM
September 24 from 12:00-7:30pm, and September 25 from 8:30 am-5:00 pm**

The Congregation of St. Joseph and its Spirituality Centers (including The Well), in partnership with the Fetzer Institute, is sponsoring a national, virtual conference that will bring together people of diverse faiths, cultures, ages, and spiritualities who are longing to interact respectfully with people with whom we disagree, and to heal divisions within our fractured world. The captivating lineup of speakers includes Helen Prejean, CSJ (death penalty activist), Dr. Vernice Solimar (Spiral Dynamics teacher), Diane Benscoter (deprogrammer and former cult member, appeared Aug. 29 on *60 Minutes*), Maka Akan Najin Black Elk (descendant of boarding school survivors), Dr. Arlie Hochschild (author, *Strangers in Their Own Land*), and Dr. Katharine Hayhoe (atmospheric scientist). Participants can choose from 32 inspiring breakout sessions. Find out more, and register here: <http://bidpal.net/bridgingdivides>.

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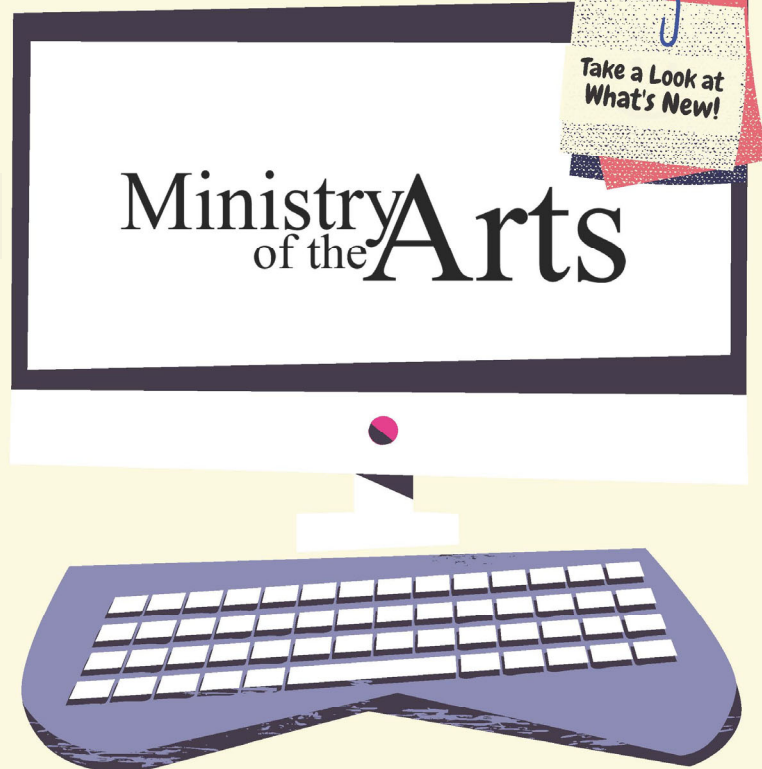
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Rectory Hours

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 closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 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 and Friday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:00 am
Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

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.

(Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcVM>)

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, Lolan Adan, from the Claret Center who can be reached by phone 442-264-7589 or email lolanadan@gmail.com.

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