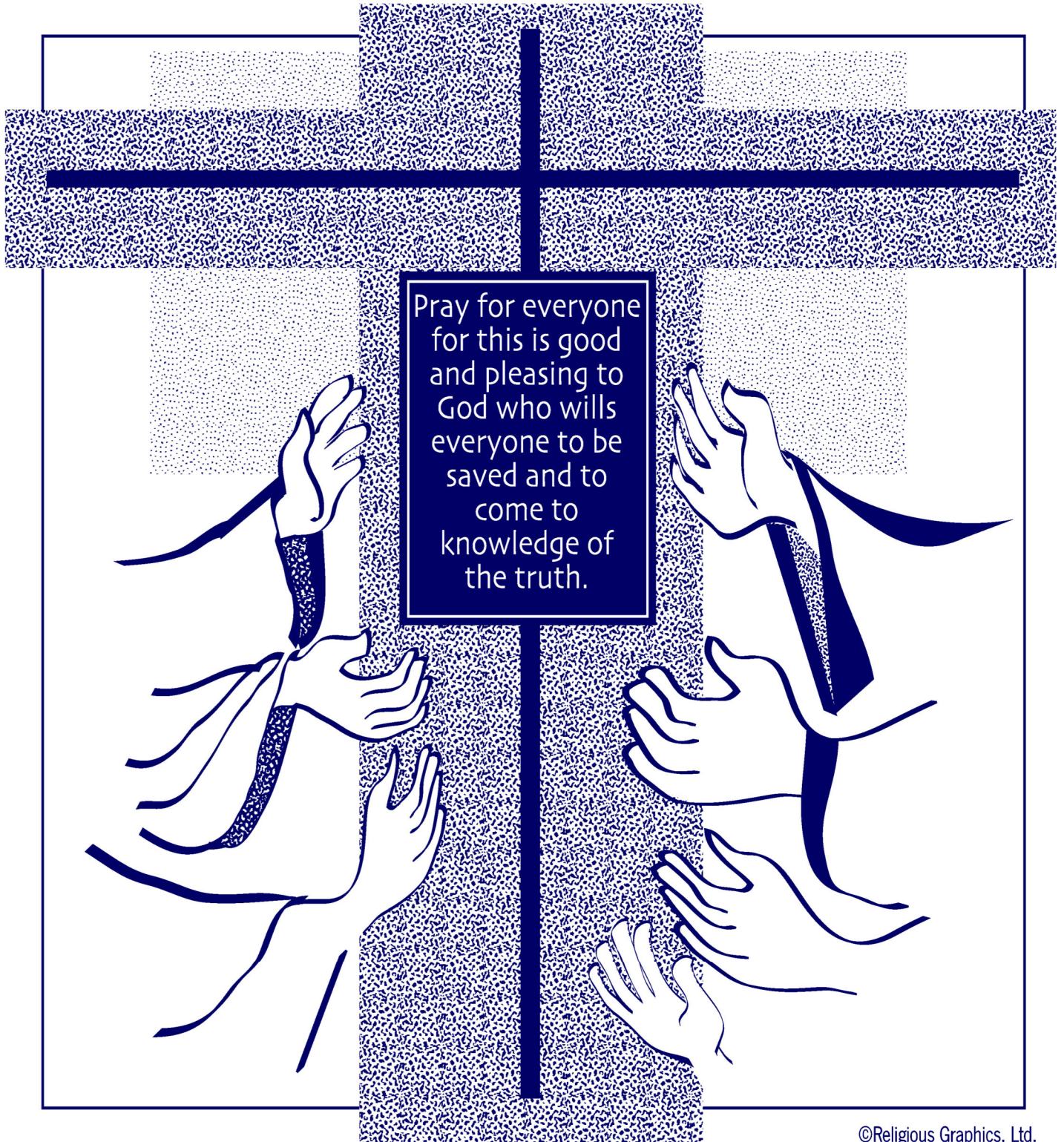


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2022



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, September 19	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Marian & Peter Munn Special Intention	The Andreoni Family
Tuesday, September 20	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joan Lewandowski The Van Gorp Family	Lisa & John Froemel
Wednesday, September 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Lorraine Ovnik Margaret Nichol Richard Sietz	Jacquelyn Van Gorp Tom & Lucile Nichol Ellie Elder
	Adoration	6:00 pm		
Thursday, September 22	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, September 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Margaret Crofton	Erin Navolio
Saturday, September 24	Mass	8:30 am	Marian S. Dudek	Ewa Dudek and the Griffin Family
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Kevin Wright Lillian & Michael Bannach	The Wright Family Toni Conwell
Sunday, September 25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Julia M. Downs	Sheila Hayes
	Mass	9:00 am	Besse & Dick Parlon	Pam Oplawski
	Mass	11:00 am	Ray Wielgos	Joan Wielgos
	Mass	5:00 pm	Julia Downs	The Foster Family

Schedule for September 17-18, 2022~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Sally Burson Michael Cannon Jay Carroll Chili Challender Olivia Denson Blake Donegan Victoria Donile Barbara Doyle Matthew Doyle Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory John Hronec Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Lisa Massaro Linda McMahan	Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison James Mose Beth Nelson Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Geri Pfluger Madison Raupp Anna Rose Rita Scalcon Richard Schmuhl Santa Sniieg Rita Mae Spearman Barbara Stewart John Stopka John Strougal Olivia Tarsney 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:

Patricia Svehla
Mother of James, Scott, Susan
and the late Sandra

Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Wife of Dan
Mother of Bridgette, Kelly, Tanya,
Daniel and Shawn

Weddings



Eileen Baltazar & Matt Maguire
 Mckenzie Hathaway & Henry Byrne
 Grace Flaherty & William Sinnott
 Melissa Torres & Timothy Shampine
 Lauren Hennigan & Terence Zubieta



Make a gift to the Sunday
 Offertory with this QR Code.
 Thank you for your support!

Pastor's Letter

*It is my wish that in every place
people should pray,
lifting up holy hands,
without anger or argument.
1Timothy 2:8*

Saint Paul writes to Timothy of the importance of a healthy relationship between the community of faith and the civil authorities. He insists that Christians must be good citizens of the lands in which they live and must pray for those in authority. And he does so within a social order in which Christians faced punishment, loss of privilege, or even execution because of their beliefs. Paul himself would become a martyr because of his preaching and ministry.

For two millennia, Christians have struggled with the tension between civil authority and Christian witness. The call of the gospel sends disciples of Jesus to work for justice and peace and to care for all as our sisters and brothers, especially those most in need. Yet this is not always reflected in our civil laws, institutions, or attitudes. Nor is it possible for a civil society comprised of many religious traditions to enshrine the values of any one of them. Christians even disagree among or within ourselves as to what laws, institutions, and attitudes best reflect the gospel message of Jesus.

So, what is Paul asking of us? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus in a pluralistic society? It seems to me that Paul is calling for two things. First, within the Christian community, we must strive for communion among the diversity of voices and perspectives within our own community. We must be willing to listen to one another, holding the gospel as our touchstone and allowing God to guide our discernment as to what the gospel is asking of us in the specific circumstances of our time and place. Second, we must be a people who speak for the common good, working toward consensus rather than dissension. Paul asks that our prayer for those in authority is with the hope "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity."

This is never an easy task. The ability to listen to another with an open mind and heart is, I believe, not only a skill but a virtue. Perhaps this is even more challenging in a time in which those at the extremes select or manufacture the facts that support their beliefs, and in which the actions of many have led us to mistrust persons in authority. I imagine that many who are reading this have decided which "side" I am on and to whom I am referring. That only emphasizes the challenge of being a person of faith today.

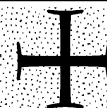
Are we willing to be voices that lower the temperature of civil discourse and do the hard work to separate fact from opinion? Are we willing to listen to and learn from those who hold positions seemingly opposed to our own? Are we willing to speak up or quietly walk away when a conversation becomes unkind, disrespectful, or divisive?

Those of you who have come to know me know that I face an inner struggle in moments of conflict. It is not always easy for me to listen rather than to form the arguments in my mind that will prove the other wrong. I have been praying for the grace to be able to be quiet, listen, and learn when I am tempted to do the opposite. Paul himself was not always the model of what he preaches. We rely on a loving God who will work in and through us if we are willing to let God in.

God bless our country and those who serve in positions of leadership and authority. God bless us with the willingness to listen and learn from one another.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill



Christ became poor so that by his poverty
we might become rich



Return of Offertory Baskets

Our parish has been returning to our customary Mass practices over time. Sometimes the gradual return was due to safety. Other times it was due to a need to recruit new volunteer ministers – see the center spread of this bulletin for ministries seeking your talents!

This weekend, **we return to our practice of passing a basket during offertory.** The boxes at the entrances will be removed by the end of this month. **I feel strongly that this practice of stewardship is important for our children to see us do, tangibly and regularly.** For those who give electronically and will therefore not place anything physically in the basket, passing the basket on to the next person is another way to be in communion with those who are seated near us.

God bless you for your gift of treasure to the parish to support so many vital ministries here!

Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Operations

FAQ on Offertory:

How did our offertory do last fiscal year? *SFX Parish met our Sunday, Easter, and Christmas combined budget of \$1.74 million! Alleluia!*

What's the recommended increase for this year? *The Finance Council recommended a 5% increase to the pastor. Due to increased expenses such as the addition of the youth minister, regular salaries and benefits, and Elementary School support, this fiscal year's budget is based on a 5% increase and the use of approximately \$170,000 in cash reserves. More on this in our Annual Report, which will come out in November.*

What was our highest offertory reached in the past 5 years? *In the year ending June 30, 2019, our offertory totaled \$1.84 million.*

How do people usually give? *About half of those who give regularly to the parish give electronically or through various investment vehicles. The other half of those who give regularly use the Sunday offertory envelope.*

What's the link to sign-up for contributing electronically? *You can [click here](#) or visit www.sfxlg.org and click on Donate. You can also use the QR code found weekly on the inside cover of the bulletin.*

Have you ever considered a children's offertory program? *In the upcoming month, Elis Guidice, our Director of Religious Education, will be implementing a children's offertory curriculum into the Elementary School and the School of Religious Education. You will hear more about this in the weeks to come.*

Parish Open Position: Facility Manager

We are looking to hire a new Facility Manager with the retirement of Frank Roccasalva this fall. The Facility Manager reports directly to the pastor and is an integral member of the parish staff. He or she manages our building operating systems and routine maintenance of all parish facilities. They have oversight of all contractor and purchasing contracts to achieve the smooth operation of the parish's daily logistical requirements. Some examples of duties include:

- Monitor and manage routine/preventative maintenance of the parish buildings, grounds, and equipment, including but not limited to HVAC systems, plumbing, electrical, phone systems, and building security.
- Supervise parish custodian staff and external custodial services for all campus buildings.
- Interact with the Elementary School Principal and Director of Religious Education to enhance the learning environment in the Education Building.
- Manage work orders for parish events and group meetings in collaboration with the event group contacts, and direct custodial services to prepare for and work at the events as needed.

Please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Parish Director of Stewardship and Operations, at jzeisloft@sfxlg.org for more information or to apply.



Bereavement Ministry at St. Francis Xavier Parish

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4*

When a member of the Body of Christ dies,
we are called to a ministry of consolation.
The Church calls us to care for the dying,
to pray for the dead,
and to comfort those who mourn.

As a people of faith, we believe that God created
each person for eternal life and that as Christ was
raised from the dead we too will be raised to glory.

When a death occurs, life,
for those who live on, changes forever.

The Church recognizes this change
and offers hope and comfort to those
who grieve the loss of a loved one.

As Jesus comforted Mary and Martha,
the parish community can reach out
to comfort those who mourn.

The Bereavement Ministry under the guidance and
supervision of Fr. Rich and on behalf of the parish
will:

- Pray for the members of the parish community who have died and for their families.
- Offer the bereaved family support and guidance as they plan the funeral liturgy.
- Visit the family and friends of the deceased at the wake to offer support and prayer on behalf of their parish community.
- Conduct the wake service if needed or requested by the bereaved family.
- Serve as a greeter, lector or Eucharistic Minister at the funeral liturgy if needed or requested by the family.
- Attend occasional prayer sessions and on-going formation to support the ministry.

On behalf of the entire parish we want to thank the present Members of SFX Bereavement Committee for their service and we invite others to join. If you feel that God is calling you to be part of this ministry, please call the parish office at 708-352-0168.

For those who are interested, training and more information will be provided.

God Bless,
Fr. Rich

SFX Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for a small, simple way to serve and love others? Look no further! St. Francis is expanding our hospitality ministry to make it *even easier* for anyone to jump in and play a part in welcoming others to our community.

Through a newly established sign up on our website, anyone can contribute meaningfully to our culture of hospitality and welcome - on your own schedule and at your own pace! Offer to write a few welcome notes to new parishioners, to greet at one or many Masses, or to attend a New Parishioner Prayer Service.

We are practicing hospitality as a way of life here at St. Francis! Even if you don't have the capacity to sign up for a service spot at this time, just smiling and introducing yourself to someone new this week makes a huge difference in our parish community.

[Click here](#) or visit sfxlg.org - Parish - Ministries/Organizations - Hospitality Team to sign up for a small act!

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those who need these gifts.

We plan to start meeting again in person. Currently we are a small group and at this time would welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

We are now scheduled for the following:

- Monday, September 19th—7:00-8:00 pm at Unity Hall. Committee meeting will include an update, crafting while there, sharing ideas and chit chat.
- Saturday, October 15th—5:00 pm Mass. Blessing and distribution of shawls. Shawl distribution will continue at Sunday masses until all of the shawls and lap blankets are gone.
- Wednesday, November 9th—Committee meeting at Unity Hall from 7:00-8:00 pm.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

New guidelines for the structure and operation of the Parish Pastoral Council were approved by parishioners in 2020. The PPC has continued to meet, either virtually or in person for the past two years. PPC new guidelines call for an ongoing rotation of PPC members on an alternating basis. Three members of the current PPC are stepping down. I am grateful to Chris Grech, Tom Marthaler, and Bernadette McMahon for their service to the parish over the past two years. We have begun the process of discerning three or four parishioners who will enhance the diversity of parish voices on the PPC.

According to the guidelines, PPC members serve a two-year term and can ask to remain on the PPC for an additional one or two years. A member then must step away from the PPC for at least five years. This allows us to continue to involve new voices.

If you are willing, interested, and able to be considered for a two-year term on the PPC, please submit your name to Father Bill no later than October 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Father Bill or one of the parishioners whose names are listed below.

PPC Members

Curt Aronson
Beth DiMarco
Laura Duelm
Mike Hattie
Barb Kalnes
Marco Magajne
Tony Pangan
Carolyn Simone
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Seminarian Collection



The second collection will be taken up this weekend for the Seminarians. The collection provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation ordination as a priest of Chicago.

To donate, [Click Here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Seminary Collection" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive



Knights of Columbus in their familiar yellow aprons will be collecting cash and smartphone digital donations of all sizes for our area's local intellectual-disabilities charities during the weekend of September 18. You'll see Knights volunteers at popular street intersections, storefronts, and the St. Francis Xavier Church entryways at the Masses this weekend. Of course, individually wrapped Tootsie Roll candy will be available for those donors who would like it, while the supplies last. Your generous donation would be greatly appreciated.



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, 8:30-5:00, or Saturday morning, 9:00 am-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Bless This Home

A Workshop for Families

Tuesday, September 27
7pm in Joyce Hall

We all begin in a family of some kind, whether it looks like the one on the postcard or in a sitcom or otherwise. In fact St. Pope John Paul II calls the family the 'path common to all...it is a path from which man cannot withdraw.' The family is the 'basic cell of society.'

The family is:

- ◆ Linked to the mission of the Church
- ◆ A privileged place of encounter with God
- ◆ The common background to all other life experience

Join us to learn more about cultivating an environment of love, faith, and God's presence in your home and family!

Email k.f.kanzer@gmail.com to register or for more info.

Calling All SFX Empty-Nesters!

Kids out of the house? Gary Radville is gathering an empty-nester crew for an evening of catching up with old friends and making some new ones. Join other SFX empty-nesters on **Saturday, October 8** for 5 PM mass in the Saint Francis church, then head together to the annual Oktoberfest!

Purchase your Oktoberfest tickets ahead of time [here](#) or on the parish website Quicklink. If you forget, you can still purchase at the door (at a slight price increase.)

Don't forget to invite some SFX friends you haven't seen in a while!



The Well Spirituality Center is located at 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well online: www.csithewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

2-Hemisphere Prayer: Fall/Spring Equinox

Join us on Thursday, September 22 from 4:30-5:30 pm, and our Australian and New Zealander friends as we celebrate the Fall-Spring Equinox.

Gathering as one, we literally hold the southern and northern hemispheres with intention, unity, and the promise of healing ourselves, our society, and our planet. Zoom only, Suggested Donation: \$5.

My Name is Pauli Murray

On Tuesday, September 27 from 7:00-8:30 pm with Facilitator with Shelby Boblick. Did you know that Pauli Murray was one of the most instrumental voices of the civil rights movement? A legal trailblazer with pioneering contributions as a poet, activist, lawyer, and priest, you will not want to miss watching the documentary film My Name is Pauli Murray and participating in our film discussion! Participate at The Well or on Zoom, Cost: \$15.

Embracing Our Inner Wisdom through Art

Join us on Wednesday, October 4 at 9:00 am-12:00 pm with Facilitators, Gillian Romano and Bridget Sperduto. Art is a process of self-expression. Have you also considered that it is a process that can deepen self-awareness and spiritual wisdom and aid us in giving voice to that which is unspoken within us? No art experience is necessary. Participate at The Well or on Zoom, Cost: \$45.

The SFX Oktoberfest is back!!!

Ticket sales information coming soon.



SFX Oktoberfest returns
Oct. 8th ~ 6pm-10:30pm
SFX parking lot

Get a sitter and join the
SFX community for
food, beer, wine & live
music with "The Pigs"



17th Annual St. Francis Xavier Falcon 5K Run/Walk

Lace up your running shoes, this year's **17th annual St. Francis Xavier Falcon 5K Run/Walk** is **Saturday, November 5** and registration is now live at www.SFXFalcon5k.com.

We are pleased to share a few exciting updates:

We're thrilled to share an updated Falcon 5k race logo but not to worry, it will continue to be the fun, family-friendly race you've come to love - runners, walkers, strollers and all ages are welcome!

- **Early Bird Special:** register before September 30 and you'll get \$5 OFF
- Age-group awards will return in 2022!
- A newly added Stroller Division, so if you like to push your kiddo(s) in a stroller while running and have that competitive spirit, this is for you!

This race happens thanks to the gracious support of the SFX community so if you or someone you know may be interested in supporting the race, sponsorship is available! Feel free to reach out to Michelle Martin and Eleanor O'Reilly at SFXFalcon5K@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you all out on the course in November!

Holy Guardian Angels Parish Octoberfest

When: Saturday, October 1st, from 3:30–11:00 pm

Where: Holy Guardian Angels Parish
1125 Harrison Avenue in LaGrange Park

Why: Family fun for all with Free Admission.

Children's games and bouncy house until 6:00 pm.
Live entertainment: Jim Drnek Polka Band from 4:30-7:30 pm and The Sylvie Brothers with special guest, Armand Sylvie from 8:00-10:00 pm. Delicious German and American food and drink, with children's menu too.

Cash Share the Wealth Raffle and more. For raffle tickets or more information please call Matt Sinde at 847-682-7404.

Come rain or shine to have a great time!!

**WE ARE
HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM!**

Positions Available:

✦ **Substitute Teachers**

✉ **CONTACT: sgarcia@sfxlg.org**

What is the difference between QUEST and Youth Ministry?

QUEST is the Confirmation preparation program that teens participate in during the school year leading up to their Confirmation, typically their first year in High School (but other grades are welcome too!). QUEST Groups fall under the direction of Elis Guidice, Director of Religious Education at sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org. These groups are guided by parent volunteers with monthly meetings. QUEST participants are welcome to participate in ANY teen youth ministry activity as long as it doesn't conflict with their QUEST commitments.

Youth Ministry consists of different activities (monthly teen nights, retreats, mission trips, small groups, service opportunities, church league basketball, etc.) and is open to ALL high school-aged parishioners. Jenette Teran, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, along with many parents and adult volunteers work to provide a variety of opportunities for our youth to grow in their faith, serve the community, and of course have some fun.

More information can be found on the parish website.

Looking For St. Francis Xavier Day School Alums

Are you a graduate of St. Francis Xavier Day School? We are trying to create a database of *all* graduates. Please e-mail the following information to Mary Tassi at mtassi@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-2175:

Name; Year of Graduation from SFX; Mailing Address; E-mail Address and Telephone Number

We would also appreciate knowing if your children subsequently attended or are attending SFX.

In addition, we would like to know of any alumni who may have passed away. Finally, if you have an interest in helping to organize alumni activities, please let us know that as well.

Religious Education News



**School is around the corner and so are Religious Education Classes!
Register NOW for K – 8 Religious Education 2022-2023, Don't Delay!
Classes are filling up fast!**

The School of Religious Education is accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

The 2022-2023 program will offer families two options.

We will offer an in person bi-monthly grade level program held on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings (family preference) and we will offer a virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays.

Students enrolled in the in person or online program will receive their own book to take home to work on.

Visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition:

[Click Here](#)

Your Gift and Talent needs to be shared!



Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for many volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2022-2023 school year at eguidice@sfxlg.org.

2nd Year of Confirmation Quest Registration

Quest Group Monthly Gatherings will be once a month where we will gather with the entire Confirmation group and then break out into small groups. These gatherings will be held at the parish in Joyce Hall. They provide opportunities for relationship building, discussion on issues facing teens, service opportunities, growth in the understanding of scripture, and fun.

If your child has completed the 2021-2022 8th grade school year and is ready to sign up for their final year of Confirmation Prep please fill out the attached Google Form and make the payment below. If you have a child who completed 8th grade Day School or RE prior to last year they can also register for this year's Quest Program.

Please note, your child is not yet registered until form is filled out and payment is made.

Register for 2nd Year Quest Confirmation: [Click Here](#)

To make a Quest Confirmation payment online: [Click Here](#)

If you have questions please contact Elis Guidice at 708-352-4555 or sfxreligious@sfxlg.org.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY SAVE THE DATES!

9/21/22, 7:00-9:00pm: We will gather together in the Rectory Courtyard Room (124 North Spring) to brainstorm ideas for the year as well as hear an anti-racism presentation by Maureen Wierema entitled "Challenge Accepted".

Information about Exodus World Service programs to welcome refugees to the Chicagoland area will also be provided.

9/28/22, 7:00-8:30pm: Book Discussion led by Maureen Windmoeller in Unity Hall (124 North Spring) building that connects Church and Education Building accessible by church and school parking lots.) Light refreshments will be served.

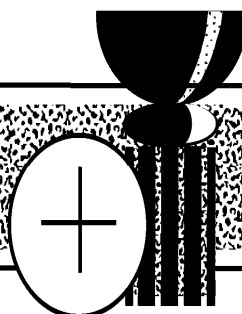


The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together tells the story of how America arrived at this current moment: "divided and self-destructing, materially rich but spiritually starved and vastly unequal." Author Heather McGhee "paint(s) an irrefutable story of racism's costs, but at the heart of the book are the humble stories of people yearning to be part of a better America, including white supremacy's collateral victims: white people themselves." A New York Times bestseller for 10 weeks, ***The Sum of Us*** explains how we developed a "zero sum" perspective that prevents us from seeing how we can further our economic interests by working together. The Chicago Tribune said, 'Required reading to move the country forward...', and it was a TIME Magazine Must-Read Book of 2021.

Peace & Justice Ministry Mission: To carry out the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. To work for peace and justice in our community, the world and on behalf of all creation. To involve the parish and broader community in this mission. To create awareness through education, dialogue, and action.

P&J is looking forward to in-person gatherings in the coming year. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Please contact Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 to be added to our email distribution.

If you want peace, work for justice Pope Paul VI





With Special Guests

'85 Chicago Bear &
Super Bowl Champion

Tom Thayer

Voice of the
Chicago Bears

Jeff Joniak



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER AT 7:00 PM

\$100 PER PERSON

*Cost for Senior members is a donation
to the Men's Club. See below for details.**



Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Beach Ave BBQ!

Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda ★ Mixers

Bring your favorite spirit in a bottle!



Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

*All male parishioners age 70 and over contact Matt Hubert directly at mthubert@gmail.com or 773-619-0554



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

- **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
- **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
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi 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
- **Colonel 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

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-5:00 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

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-12:00 pm

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
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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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