

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020



*As high as the heavens
are above the earth,
so high are my ways
above your ways and
my thoughts above
your thoughts, says the Lord.*

Week at a Glance

Monday, September 21	Private Prayer	8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Tuesday, September 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Robert Verhunce
Wednesday, September 23	Private Prayer	8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Thursday, September 24	Private Prayer	8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Friday, September 25	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack
Saturday, September 26	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Michael Bannach
Sunday, September 27	Mass	9:00 am	Agnes Pouba
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mass	11:00 am	Palma Frustaci



*Adoration will be held on the
Third Thursday of every month from 6:00-7:00 pm.
Please reserve your spot on our website at www.sfxlg.org.*

Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis	Mike Morrison
Sue Beyer	Baby Amy Nesterowicz
Jack Boyd	Carolyn Nesterowicz
Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challender	Gert Ogilvie
Mary Culin	Arnold Oppenheim
Americo DiGianfillippo	Jane O'Reilly
Anthony Dina	Shawwna Palazzolo
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Lily Fielding	Donna Pekarek
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Stephen Perry
Will Fleming	Carolyn Peters
Jim Foy	James Pridmore
Lilli Gregory	Baby Lucia R.
Wilson Gregory	Madison Raupp
Patricia Hassler	Anna Rose
Frank Hoos	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Larry Skippet
Mary J.	Greyson Stanley
Jane Jacobsen	Brian Stephenson
Michael Janus	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Peter Johns	Anne Titzer
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Mark Kiley	Gregory Van Gorp
Benny Kilman	Helena Walden
Jerry Kolman	Marian Ward
Enrique Martinez	Liz Wilk
Lisa Massaro	Scott Young
Patrick Morgan	

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Father Bill and Father Rich are offering a daily private Mass for the intention that had been requested for a day on which no public Mass is offered. We also continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Fr. Richard Donahue
Founder of Olancho Aid Foundation in Honduras

Readings For The Week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9--12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Pastor's Notes

*The landowner said,
"Why do you stand here idle all day?"
They answered, "Because no one has hired us."
Matthew 20:6,7*

The parish has completed a busy summer of catching up on Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmations, and Funerals that had been postponed when our parish church was closed. The administration, teachers, and facilities staff at our parish elementary school sacrificed vacation time to prepare to open safely with in-class learning, and our school of religious education has been developing a home-based program during the COVID restrictions. Our Food Pantry developed new systems that can continue into the winter months for Tuesday food distribution to an increasing number of area households. And we welcomed two new members of the pastoral staff, Fr. Rich Milek and Maggie McMahon, who have been busy connecting with parish leaders and developing new or revised programs in our virtual environment.

And then there is Election Season. Several parishioners have raised concerns about the tone of public conversation and our faith response in the face of harsh political rhetoric that includes insistence on how a "good Catholic" must vote. Amid the political turmoil, a pandemic has divided us on whether and when to wear a mask; renewed racial tensions have challenged us to explore more deeply the roots of racism in our society and the sometimes subtle ways in which racism infects systems to the benefit of some at the expense of others; and the instability of our economy has many more families among us living on the edge because of job loss or decreased household income.

So, **what is our faith response** to the tensions and rhetoric that attempts to divide us into opposing camps over the next two months? It seems to me that the landowner in today's gospel offers an important witness. When he encounters laborers seeming to be sitting idle in the town square, he does not judge them; rather, he asks why they are doing so. His willingness to ask, their honest response despite having been rejected all day, and his compassion for their situation offer both the landowner and the laborers an opportunity to grow in compassion and relationship.

At this point some of you may have taken my words as advocating for one political perspective over

another. And **this is the challenge that we confront.** Are we *willing to ask questions* and learn from one another how we come to different conclusions on the major issues of our day? Are we *willing to acknowledge* the instinctive judgments and biases that color our thoughts, no matter how open-minded we think we are? Are we *willing to refuse to place God and Church within any political party* and rather consider the moral values set forth by the bishops of this country for all of us to consider, even if they lead us to different conclusions when we apply them? Are we *willing to be voices* that seek to find our *common ground* and accept that *no one of us* has all the answers? Are we *willing to place the common good above our personal interests* and *nurture relationships* with those of other views whenever possible?

The faith response in an election season is to listen for the *voice of God* amid all the shouting and to build relationships among diverse perspectives. Our faith is echoed in the vision of our country's founders, which has continued to be perfected as we grow in understanding one another: *e pluibus unum* – from the many, one.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill



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TIPS FOR ALL WORSHIPERS – SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES

We are grateful that we can gather for Mass again! Please remember that all present will have varying degrees of comfort with the situation. Do not take offense at any gesture, or lack thereof. Please understand the need of our volunteers to require certain things of you about which we have no choice. We ALL gather for one purpose to be in communion with God.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE, YOU WILL NEED:

- ✓ A reservation via www.sfxlg.org or via a call to the parish office.
- ✓ A Mask or other covering for the mouth and nose.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE YOU MUST:

- ✓ Enter through the center door on Ogden Avenue (unless you indicated on your reservation that you need to use the Spring Avenue ramp).
- ✓ Keep your face covering or mask on at all times.
- ✓ Sanitize your hands as you enter.
- ✓ Observe social distancing at all times (look for green tape marks on floor).
- ✓ Sit in the location to which the greeters guide you. (Because of the need to manage seating distances, you are not able to choose your seat.

DURING THE SERVICE:

- ✓ Masks must be worn the entire time you are in the church.
- ✓ No physical sign of peace will be exchanged between those with whom you do not share living space (but gestures of peace are welcome!)
- ✓ A greeter will let you know when to leave your seat to receive Communion, and will offer a spray of hand sanitizer in preparation to receive the Host.
- ✓ Use the green tape marks on the floor to maintain a 6-foot distance from the person in front of you. (Those who share living space can remain closer if you wish.)
- ✓ With you mask on, extend a single hand to receive the host.
- ✓ Then move 6 feet to the right or left to the green X on the floor. Remove your mask and consume the host. (Adults may help others in their family who need assistance.) Replace your mask, and return to your seat.

AFTER THE SERVICE:

- ✓ Everyone must leave the church after the closing hymn.
- ✓ Follow the instructions of the greeters, who will invite people to leave one row at a time. Those in the body of the church will leave through the Ogden Avenue doors using the side aisles. Those in the side sections of the church will leave through the side doors.
- ✓ Please use only the designated exit doors.

PLEASE NOTE:

You will find a more detailed description of current procedures on the parish website. Our Parish Staff and volunteers will take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities and the Archdiocese. Please understand that you assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime you enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

Offerings: If you do not contribute electronically at present, please use boxes at the exits or the rectory mail slot to make your contribution. Thank you!

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES

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, wait in your car until the prior person leaves the vestibule.

Anointing of the Sick. The office must refer a request to anoint someone who has tested positive or is suspected of having COVID-19 to one of the archdiocesan priests that have been designated to confer these anointings. Fr. Bill and Fr. Rich remain available for all other anointings, following established safety guidelines. Contact the parish office (708.352.0168) to arrange for an anointing. Our answering service can contact one of the priests in an emergency.

For all remaining Sacraments and services, masks are required, and social distancing must be maintained for those who do not share a living space.

Baptisms. We celebrate Baptisms on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, one family at a time, with a limit of 25 people in attendance. All those attending must register in advance and provide names and contact information. Contact Missy Westerhoff (mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org) to schedule a Baptism.

Marriages. Wedding ceremonies are limited to 100 people in attendance. All attending must be registered in advance through the bride and groom. The opening procession is limited to the bride and whoever will accompany her down the aisle. Contact Maureen Pipal (mpipal@sfxlg.org) to schedule a wedding.

Funeral Masses. Funeral Masses are limited to 100 people in attendance. All those attending must register in advance through the family. All except for the immediately family will be escorted to a designated seat before the Funeral Mass begins.

Holy Hour of Adoration. A Holy Hour of Adoration is celebrated on the third Thursday of each month from 6-7PM. All attending must register in advance through the parish website (www.sfxlg.org).

Private Prayer. The church is be open for one hour of private prayer on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30-9:30AM. All those attending must be registered in advance through the parish online reservation system.





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September 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We take time this weekend to recognize, celebrate and support the forty-four seminarians who are preparing for lives of service to the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Church needs pastoral, compassionate and well-trained priests now more than ever, especially considering the current pandemic and other societal unrest that these new priest will face upon ordination. We ask for your prayers and financial support to help defray seminarians' educational expenses, which includes tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.

Each September, gifts to our annual Catholic Bishop of Chicago/Seminarian Education second collection provide needed funds for the formation of our seminarians at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, as well as for our college seminarians at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. As the principal seminary and school of theology for the formation of priests in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, Mundelein Seminary prepares men for ordination as archdiocesan priests who will shepherd parishes, celebrate the sacraments and teach the Catholic faith.

Your contributions to this collection will make a significant impact on each seminarian. A remittance envelope will be placed in the pews the weekend of September 19-20. You may also give by sending your donation to your parish, noting that it is for the seminarians, or by making a gift online at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you.

May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

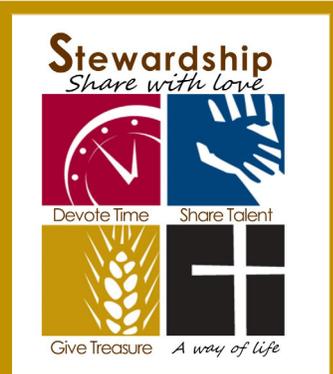
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase J. Cupich".

Archbishop of Chicago

“Formed in Tradition. Trained in Compassion. Prepared to Shepherd.”



Our Finances for August 2020



Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	+	Other Offertory*	=	August Totals
August 2020	\$ 68,986		\$ 41,267		\$ 15,015		\$ 125,268
August 2019	\$ 65,049		\$ 45,806		\$ 3,413		\$ 114,267

** 5 Sundays in August 2020 vs. 4 Sundays in August 2019

*Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions and other miscellaneous gifts

God bless you for your generosity to the Parish's many ministries, including education, youth, music, outreach, and more! Despite the many difficulties this year and whatever may lie ahead, our parishioners continue to support SFX with their time in prayer, talents in our ministries, and their financial resources.

We are in the process of revising our school budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, which began July 1st. Until this has been finalized and reviewed by the School Advisory Board and the Finance Council this month, we will not be reporting actual collections versus budget.

DIGGING A WELL IN AFRICA



The Brothers of Charles Lwanga, the focus of our Summer Mission Appeal, wrote of their project to dig wells in sub-Saharan Africa to provide clean water for children and their families in areas in which surface water often is unsafe for drinking. We chose this group based on the strong recommendation of Fr. Stan Ilo for the work of this community of indigenous religious brothers.

A parishioner has offered to make a very generous contribution toward the completion of one of these wells by **matching, dollar for dollar, parishioner contributions to this project**. This solar operated well will serve over 1,000 villagers. The total cost for the project is \$34,000, and construction from start to finish will take only one month.

Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala of the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio responded to this offer with these words. *We thank you for such exceptional keen attention you have paid towards the poor in my diocese. Surely, when the water point will be completed, you see (sic) the celebration and of course the prayers for you and all the collaborators in this regard. Be sure of my prayers for you all!*

We have established a Quicklink to GiveCentral on the parish website for all who are able and willing to meet this challenge and bring clean water to a village in Africa. Or you can write a check to the parish designated to "Dig a Well." This is an opportunity to reach "well" beyond our borders and provide a basic necessity to our sisters and brothers in another part of the world we share.

Can you help dig a well?

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media:



SFX School Instagram:
[@sfxlg_school](#)

Facebook SFX School site:
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
<https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni/>

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

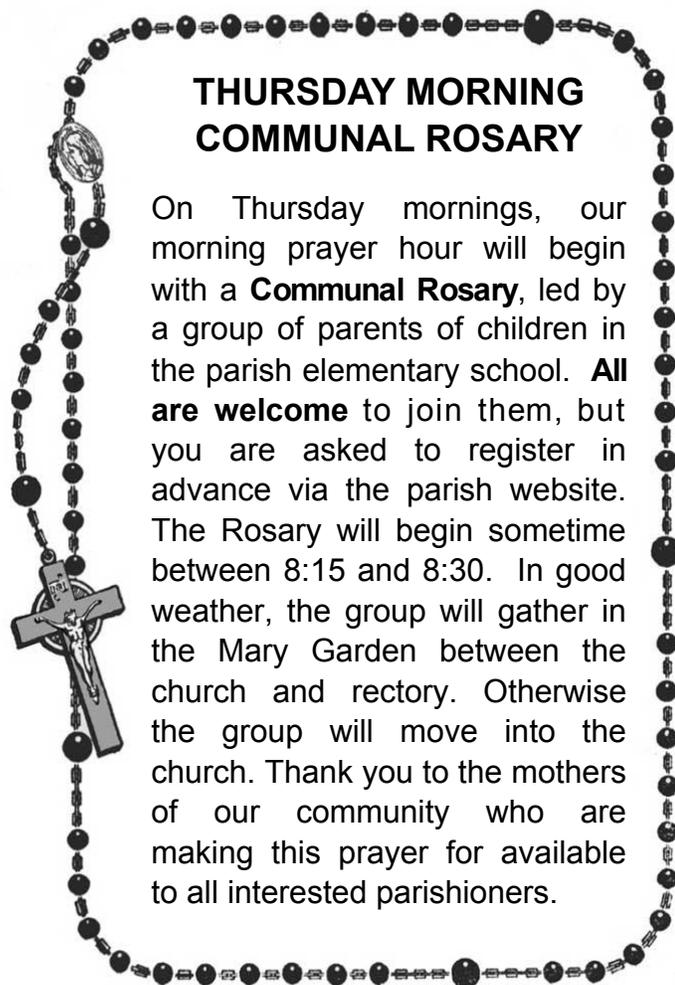
See the latest happenings at the day school:

[SFX School Reopening Plan](#)

[Welcome Back Grades 3-8](#)

[First Day of School for Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2](#)

[First Day of School for PS3 and PK4](#)



THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNAL ROSARY

On Thursday mornings, our morning prayer hour will begin with a **Communal Rosary**, led by a group of parents of children in the parish elementary school. **All are welcome** to join them, but you are asked to register in advance via the parish website. The Rosary will begin sometime between 8:15 and 8:30. In good weather, the group will gather in the Mary Garden between the church and rectory. Otherwise the group will move into the church. Thank you to the mothers of our community who are making this prayer for available to all interested parishioners.

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at [sfxlg.org](#).

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

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Quest Registration for Confirmation 2021

- If you haven't done so already, please fill out the Quest Confirmation Registration Form
- found at www.sfxlg.org under Youth Ministry. After completing the form please send it into the rectory office or email to dsoulje@sfxlg.org.

VOLUNTEERS

We continue to recruit and train volunteers to provide support for all church services. This includes celebrations of Sunday and weekday Mass, Baptism, Marriage, and Funerals. We especially seek volunteers to wipe down pews after weekend Masses (including weddings and funerals). Preferred volunteers are between 15 and 65, in good health, and have no underlying health conditions. Volunteers can select the dates, times, and services for which they are available and willing to serve and will serve in a regular rotation from week to week or month to month. To volunteer, send an email to mpipal@sfxlg.org. You will be contacted by a volunteer coordinator to arrange for a brief training session.

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!



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St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Positions Available:

- Lunchroom Supervisors
- Substitute Teachers
- Classroom Teachers

Contact: Principal Sharon Garcia
sgarcia@sfxlg.org



Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll" Drive

In a new, socially distanced way, the Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council is collecting cash (and check) donations for its annual Intellectual Disabilities "Tootsie Roll" Drive atop the church's main stairs on Ogden Avenue before, during, and after weekend Masses on September 19 and 20. Even if you are not attending Mass in person, please consider stopping by to donate!

Knights of Columbus Fall Food For Families Drive

Are you and your youth doing community service hours this semester? Volunteers are needed for the Fall **Food for Families** Drive in October. You and your youth can choose how to participate and how to account for community service hours, including social media time.

- Distribute paper flyers to local homes as previous food drives. OR/AND
- Post and share online "giving links" on social media.
- Volunteers can choose their own schedule in the month of October.
- Flyers are provided by the Knights of Columbus.
- Volunteers may print their own flyers if they choose, **BUT street assignments must be registered in advance to avoid duplication on the same streets.**

This good cause, twice each year, is a partnership of the KofC, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the kindness and generosity of friends and neighbors like you.

To volunteer or for more information text or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



A Belated **Thank You** For Your Generous Donations Easter Season 2020

In Memory of
 Charles & Dorothy Accardi
 Connie Aiello
 Frank Aiello & Louisa Aiello
 Charles Androwich
 Henry & Irene Azzi
 Mary & Peter Bochener
 Michael & Therese Cipriani
 Margaret Cuccia
 Patricia Dowd
 Jaive Foley
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 George Hyland
 LaBahn Family
 Roy Leslie

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 Eleanor M. & Elaine R. Michalek
 Mary & Bill McLaughlin
 Paul McNamara Family
 Ortman & O'Malley Families
 Geradine Porto
 Angeline Price
 Mary & Joseph Simeoni

In Honor of
 George Dowd

**Love gives us memories & faith gives us strength.
 May God's healing touch be your comfort. Our parish family prays with you.**

We are so grateful for your donations in memory & honor of your loved ones. These generous contributions will be used throughout the year to add florals and seasonal décor to our worship space at St. Francis. We appreciate your continued support to help us create a peaceful, prayerful and beautiful space for us to gather together as one family. Please stay safe & healthy.

Celine Heraty
 Arts & Environment Ministry

Council
#6483



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Winter Outerwear Drive

Who? Those in need of warm outerwear

What? Clean coats, hats, scarfs, gloves & boots for all ages

Where? Contactless drop-off @ St. Francis Parish Parking Lot *tax receipts available*

When? 10/3 & 10/4 from 9am-2pm

Why? Uncertain times leave many in need

Cash donations can be made at
www.catholiccharities.net



Contact us with questions or pick-up requests:
708-380-3101
gutheriepike@msn.com

Please help spread
the Word...
to those who might
want to become
Catholic or complete
their sacraments



St. Francis Xavier & St. John of the Cross are beginning a new round of our collaborative RCIA Process. RCIA—The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—is the process of spiritual and educational formation through which adults become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming Catholic, we would be thrilled to speak with you!

You can contact Maggie McMahon (mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168) or attend our **Information Session on September 15th at 7pm** via the attached Zoom link. An RSVP (to Maggie) is requested, but certainly not required.

The number one reason women and men join the RCIA process is that someone they trust invited them to consider it. Please give it some thought. Additional details can be found on the parish website: www.sfxlg.org, under Parish/Sacraments/"Becoming Catholic." Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be conducted primarily via virtual platform until it is possible to do otherwise.

RCIA Information Session Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83859905318>



The Well Spirituality Center

Due to the Coronavirus, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up. Here are just a few highlights from September:

"From Culture War to Revolution of Tenderness" on September 26 from 9:30 am-12:00 PM (CDT). Pope Francis urges us to seek out new ways of thinking and to deepen our capacity for kinship with those whose worldviews diverge sharply from our own. The path from polarization to solidarity is the focus of this workshop, just in time to contemplate the approaching election and the searing issues of the day. Facilitated by Mike McGillicuddy. Cost: \$50.

Brother Sun, Sister Moon *Laudato Si'* - You and Me! On Friday-Saturday, October 2-3 both days at 10:00-11:00 am, 1:00-2:0 pm and 5:00-5:15 pm. St. Francis' love for all creation as his kin, and Pope Francis' appeal to humanity to protect our endangered Earth home, ring as two bells tolling together. In this mini-retreat facilitated by Maureen Wild, SC, The Cantic of Creation and vignettes from the life of St. Francis will be woven with threads of *Laudato Si'* and the inspiration of Pope Francis. Cost: \$60.

Singing Bowls on Tuesday, October 6 and Thursday, December 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm. During an hour-long session, facilitator Jalima Cuesta uses breathing techniques, guided meditation, and intuitive playing of various crystal singing bowls to bring a sense of calm and peace to participants. From the comfort of your home, experience profound relaxation and internal healing. Cost: \$15 per session.

Please see our website at www.csjthewell.org/offerings/ to find out about these programs and many more.

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

People face many new challenges and societal changes related to the pandemic: increased caretaking responsibilities, working from home, distance learning for children and reduced physical connection. They are also navigating celebrations and traditions such as birthdays, weddings and graduations while adhering to state-mandated restrictions. All of these changes add stress. In addition, widespread job loss and underemployment and state-mandated distancing requirements can restrict people's ability to meet their own needs. - from the American Counseling Association

Consider reaching out to me at 442-264-7589 or email lolanadan@gmail.com.

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online. Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcvM>.

Lolan P. Adan, MAPC~Parish Counselor

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525

The Claret Center, 5536 South Everett, Chicago, IL 60637

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Friday Morning Lectio Divina

Join us on Friday mornings (7:15-8:00am) for reflection on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading! We will read and reflect on the Gospel in a modified "Lectio Divina" style and then engage in small group faith sharing based on the Gospel. Follow the Zoom link on Friday morning to join. Email Maggie at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89264409661>

Rectory Phones

Staff members will now be answering phone calls directed to the Rectory Office:

Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm
and
Saturdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 Noon



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
- **Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—grandson of Lorraine Donegan

**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
Pastoral Associate
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. William Tkachuk
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Mr. Andrew Allison
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Religious Education Administrative Assistant

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
 Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday9:00 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.

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30 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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