

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 16, 2022**



## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 17	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Alex Marthaler Herbert & Mary Schrack Loretta Nelson Marlene Ann Butler Special Intention	Therese & Tom Byrne  Nancy Ragaishis Nancy Cozzi
Tuesday, October 18	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bill Kelly Lorraine Ovník	The Metzger Family Mary Tio
Wednesday, October 19	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joan Lewandowski	
Thursday, October 20	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, October 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Catherine & Don Opper	Tom & Regina McAtee
Saturday, October 22	Mass	8:30 am	Josephine Knapp Jack McConville Norm Wasz	Patricia Capra The McKenna Family The Wasz Family
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Besse Parlon	Pam Oplawski
Sunday, October 23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Vlade "Lottie" Siliunas	SFX Faculty & Staff
	Mass	9:00 am	Fred Westoff	The Zahorik Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Samuel Frank Grippo	Your Friends at Graue Mill
	Mass	5:00 pm	Ruth Palmer	Tom Cunningham & Family

### Schedule for October 15-16, 2022~Mass Time

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

### Please pray for . . .

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

Mother of Patricia, Susan, Michael & Louis

### Weddings

Alyssa Pfluger & John Beyer  
Sara Caputo & Brian Williams  
Carolina Serratos & Rich Truppa  
Janet Duszak & Jeff Gardiner  
Leslie Roshto & Daniel Stern  
Maura Johnson & Patrick Foley



Make a gift to the Sunday  
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Thank you for your support!

## Pastor's Letter

*“Proclaim the word; be persistent, whether it is convenient or inconvenient;  
encourage through all patience and teaching.”*

2 Timothy 4:2

Paul's challenge to Timothy is the challenge at the heart of Renew My Church. Are we willing, in a culture that increasingly places less importance on religion, to live our beliefs in a way that leads others to want to know more about this Jesus in whom we believe? Are we willing to be true to what we believe, even when in conversations with those who think our beliefs foolish or naïve? Are we willing to defend the dignity of each human life with patience and compassionate words and actions, and avoid being drawn into harsh battles of words and ideas that divide rather than seek common ground?

This challenge may be particularly difficult for some of us in the final weeks before an election. Many will divide candidates into the “good” and the “bad” rather than evaluate the often-conflicting positions of each candidate against all of what we believe. Rarely does any one candidate fully espouse all of what we value or advocate for positions that have their flaws and weaknesses. Can we, in our political conversations, advocate for what we value as Catholic Christians, seeking to be honest about the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate? Are we willing to attempt to be consistent in placing the teachings of Jesus at the heart of our positions, accepting that we may base our opinions on the same gospel values as our family and friends, yet come to different positions? Are we willing to listen and learn from those who come to conclusions other than our own?

Paul's challenge goes way beyond election season. Do family members and friends know that our relationship with Jesus influences all we say and do? I am not speaking of a form of street corner preaching that tends to push people away. Rather, it is a preaching of a lifestyle that consistently reflects what we have come to believe and who is at the center of our lives – neither hiding our beliefs nor forcing them on others, but persistently and patiently being open about who guides our decisions and actions.

If I feel inadequate to live my faith so publicly, am I willing to learn what I think I do not yet know? Would I consider a program such as This Man Is You or another format that provides an opportunity both to learn and to share with other believers? When my beliefs are challenged or criticized by those skeptical of religion, am I willing to ask God for the grace to respond with both compassion and courage?

This month provided several opportunities for us to get to know one another better. Thanks to our parish welcoming team, who started the month with a prayer service and gathering for new parish families; their youthful energy and children provide much hope for our future. Thanks to the parents of our elementary school who last Saturday provided another Oktoberfest for all of us on a cool autumn evening. And thanks to the parish men who on Friday continued the long-standing tradition of the Pig Roast for men of all ages.

On Monday, I head to Sedalia, Colorado for my annual eight-day silent retreat. You all will be in my prayers during these days. I ask your prayers that I will allow myself to be with the Lord and be guided by the Spirit.


Autumn Peace,

*J. Bill*



Next week we will join Catholics around the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and regions of Latin America and Europe. Your prayers and generous help in next week's collection will support priests, religious and lay leaders who serve the world's most vulnerable communities of faith. Please place your donation in the collection basket or you can make a donation online at [WeAreMissionary.org/wms](http://WeAreMissionary.org/wms).

**Veterans Day Mass  
and Reception**



The 5th grade students at St. Francis Xavier School would like to invite any Veterans and Active Duty Service Members, and their families, to a mass honoring their service to our county. The mass will be held at 8:30 am on Friday, November 11, 2022 with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 4 to Emily Bersnak at 630-738-1369 or [grade5service@sfxlg.org](mailto:grade5service@sfxlg.org). We hope to see you!

### Parish Engagement Survey Progress Report

This past January, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) initiated a parish-wide survey to better understand the engagement level of parishioners and to learn ways in which we can increase parishioner engagement and strengthen our community of faith.

You delivered, and we are grateful. Hundreds of you responded and shared your opinions and ideas. We learned much from the survey, and two major themes emerged: a desire to deepen our faith; and a desire to strengthen the connectedness among parishioners. You have already seen, and will continue to see, initiatives in response to your input and the ideas that it generated.

One clear message was the need for someone to spearhead our parish Youth Ministry. Many stressed that faith formation during high school years is crucial. This summer we welcomed Jenette Teran as our new coordinator of ministry to high school youth. She has since led a Kairos retreat, run multiple youth ministry "fun nights" on the first Sunday of each month, and begun coordinating both church league basketball and a summer mission trip.

Another takeaway was the need to strengthen our connectedness with one another. We will soon initiate a periodic "Nametag Sunday." At all Masses, we will invite attendees to get a nametag as they enter church. We will wear our nametags during Mass and greet those seated around us before Mass begins. We hope this small step in getting to know each other will lead to more conversations among us all. Each nametag Sunday we will also host a "coffee and" in the courtyard between the church and education buildings. If the weather does not cooperate that day, we will gather in Unity Hall. Such socials will be hosted periodically throughout the year by various parish groups after weekend Masses.

Your input through the Engagement Survey has provided the PPC with a benchmark to measure our progress and a roadmap to follow for the next few years. We are grateful for your continued commitment to this community.



## Parish Pastoral Council Seeks New Members

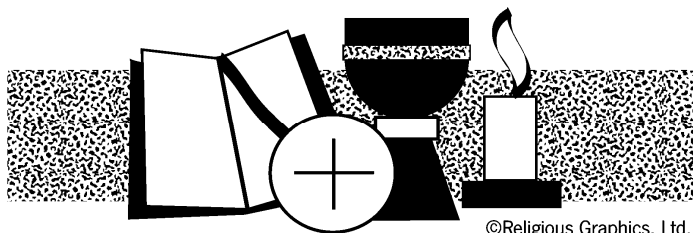
New guidelines for the structure and operation of the Parish Pastoral Council were approved by parishioners in 2020. The PPC has continued to meet, either virtually or in person for the past two years. PPC new guidelines call for an ongoing rotation of PPC members on an alternating basis. Three members 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	<a href="mailto:curtaronson@gmail.com">curtaronson@gmail.com</a>
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## SFX Adult Men's Basketball Reminder

St. Francis Xavier Parish does have an open gym basketball program for adults that is facilitated year-round and has coordinated time slots weekly. If you or someone you know might have an interest in playing basketball, please email or text Kevin McGann for more information at [kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com) or 708-408-8731.

## Prayer Shawl Blessing and Sharing



On Saturday, October 15th at the 5 PM mass, approximately 70 shawls and blankets will be blessed during the mass. They will be displayed in front of the altar. After mass, church attendees may take a shawl or blanket for anyone they know who may need the comfort and strength it can provide.

As long as we still have shawls/blankets to distribute, they will continue to be displayed and distributed at the masses on Sunday morning.

Any questions, you may contact Mary Ellyn Witt at [mewittlagrange@yahoo.com](mailto:mewittlagrange@yahoo.com).



Pictured L-R: Rita Baumgart, Marge Branecki, Michelle Mirecki, Barb Szulc, Barbara Schumacher, Mary Ellyn Witt and Lorraine Donegan  
Not Pictured: Nancy Filip, Barb Foreman, Darcy Kriha, Susie Lehuta, Theresa Rodgers and Sara Zavala

## 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](http://sfxlg.org) - Parish - Ministries/Organizations - Hospitality Team to sign up for a small act!

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Warm Clothing Drive



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS®**



**Start: October - End: 11/13/2022 (Sunday)**

**DO YOU HAVE OUTERWEAR ITEMS  
THAT COULD HELP SOMEONE IN NEED?**

Please share your gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc...

### **OPTIONS TO DONATE:**



#### **(St. Francis Church)**

Donation boxes will be at church entrances the weekends of **10/22-10/23, 10/29 -10/30, 11/5 -11/6, and 11/12 -11/13** to deposit your clothing articles.

#### **(Drop-Off @ SFX Parking Lot)**

On **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, you can drop off your donations in the parking lot behind St. Francis Xavier Church (124 N Spring Ave) – Knights of Columbus volunteers will accept your donations from your car – you do not need to leave your car!

#### **(Cash Donation)**

If a cash donation is more convenient, simply scan the QR code below (point camera at the QR code to lead you to the donation website), or follow the website link.



[www.paypal.com/donate](http://www.paypal.com/donate)

Cash Donations Accepted - Tax Receipts upon request.

Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions: 708-691-6095

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

## Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food For Families Volunteers



Volunteers are needed for the KofC Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drive in October. Please join the Knights in helping families and seniors struggling to make ends meet. Your support makes an immediate impact to replace hunger with food on the table!

- Attach paper flyers to doorknobs of local homes as previous food drives.
- Volunteers choose their own day and time from now to October 9.
- Volunteers choose a street near home in LaGrange or LaGrange Park.
- Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights of Columbus.
- Donations benefit St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and Chicago Food Depository.

This good cause, twice each year in April and October, is a partnership of the KofC, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and LaGrange and LaGrange Park friends and neighbors like you.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact by text or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).

Thank You For Your Support!

Mike Hattie  
Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483  
708-207-2780

## Interfaith Career Network

### **Learn How to Navigate Through Applicant Tracking Systems - Successfully!**

Join us for this incredibly informative program on Thursday, October 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Our speaker, Lauren Milligan is a resume writer and job coach, business owner and instructor at COD. Lauren cracks the code on finding the right key words for your specific search, and how to properly incorporate them into your resume and LinkedIn profile. She will walk you through each step of a live example, using google, LinkedIn, Word and a free ATS simulator program. You will have an advanced proficiency in getting your resume into the right hands after this presentation. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org) for additional resources.

**We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a 'Gospel of life.'  
It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly  
in respect for human dignity.**

*Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB*

## Respect Life and Human Dignity Events and Resources

**Month of October:**

### **Annual Women's Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive**

Envelopes available at church doors. Please drop off at Rectory or in collection baskets. Online donations can be made at <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate>. Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

**Knights of Columbus Food and Warm Clothing Drives.** See bulletin for details.

**Sept 28–Nov 6:** 40 Days for Life

Help save lives through the power of prayer. For more information and sign up, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove).

**Oct 15 & 16 after all masses:**

**Prayer Shawls** available to comfort those who are sick while supplies last.

**Companions Journeying Together** will be accepting donations of books so that people in prison can record a book on tape for their family members.

**Oct 19, 6-8:30pm: Women's Care Center Fundraiser**—100 Drury Lane Center Oakbrook Brook Terrace  
[https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/aHSa\\_A?vid=ue8ug](https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/aHSa_A?vid=ue8ug)

**Oct 22, 9-10am, Unity Hall: Companions Journeying Together** will meet to sign and address Christmas cards to prisoners. Cards will be provided but they welcome additional cards and stamps. All are welcome to provide a heartwarming gesture to those who are incarcerated.

**Every Friday, 7-7:45am Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants**

Join weekly prayer at the Broadview Detention Center for those being detained.  
Contact Maureen Lang [mrplang4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrplang4@sbcglobal.net) for information.

**Illinois Welcomes Asylum Seekers**

[Click here](#) for flyer of donations and support needed for families who have recently arrived in Chicago.

## Gospel of Life Prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life.

St John Paul II *Evangelium vitae*



The prayers of the just  
are like incense rising  
to the LORD

# CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

  
*Mission Trip*

*Where:* CINCINNATI,  
OHIO

*When:* JULY 16 - JULY 21

*Who:* RISING SOPHOMORES  
THROUGH OUTGOING  
SENIORS

*Why:* TO LOVE, SERVE, &  
CONNECT WITH EACH  
OTHER & THE POOR



**REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 16TH AT 8:00PM**

*What:* The teens of St. Francis Xavier, St. John of the Cross, and St. Cletus will COMBINE again for a CHWC mission trip. Like our previous mission trips, we are expecting another life-changing week of serving communities, transforming lives, celebrating the Catholic faith, building friendships, and having fun. The teens will keep busy throughout the week painting and rehabbing homes and helping social agencies, while working side by side with their fellow teens and people in the area around Cincinnati, Ohio.





## Religious Education News

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) *This program is now closed.*

We will offer a virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays. *This program will close on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.*

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

Visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition: [Click Here](#)

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**Your Gift and Talent needs to be shared!**  
**We are still looking for catechists Assistants and Online catechists!**



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 is being offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for volunteers to step forward to join in this journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2022-2023 school year at [equidice@sfxlq.org](mailto:equidice@sfxlq.org).

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Confirmation – Quest Registration**

*Our 1<sup>st</sup> Confirmation Quest Gathering will take place on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Register your teen today!*

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 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 you 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [sfxreligioused@sfxlq.org](mailto:sfxreligioused@sfxlq.org).

## **SPRED Catechist Needed**



SFX SPRED is special religious development for adults with intellectual disabilities, sharing God's love through this special program. A SPRED catechist is paired up with a special friend. No experience with persons with special needs is required. All that is required is sharing your faith with others. Training is provided. The group meets in the education building on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on specific dates from September to April. Time commitment is approximately four hours per month (twice a month). If you are interested in joining us in this ministry or have any questions, please contact any of the SPRED catechists below:

Cindy Anderson (708-402-0958), Katie Canino (708-870-3178), Annmarie Gazdziak (708-655-3962), Nancy Kalkowski (708-352-5993), Jarka Leicht (708-579-0747), Nancy Leonard (708-846-4293), Joanne Matuszewski (708-870-0769), Peggy Rost (708-505-3183), or Maureen Windmoeller (708-250-1049).

# NOVEMBER 5



**KIDS' FUN RUN (~0.5 MILE)  
JUNIOR FALCON 100 YD. DASH  
5K (3.1 MILE) RUN/WALK**

Lace up your running/walking shoes, the 17th Annual SFX Falcon 5K Run/Walk is Saturday November 5. **Registration is now live at [SFXfalcon5k.com](http://SFXfalcon5k.com)!**

A few exciting updates:

We have a new look but not to worry, it will continue to be the fun, family-friendly race you've come to love!

- Age-group awards will return in 2022!
- A newly added Stroller Division, so if you're competitive and like to push your kiddo(s) in a stroller while running, this is for you!
- Strollers to Seniors! ALL ages are invited to participate!

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

## HELP CHICAGOLAND MOMS AND BABIES



2,705 babies born  
to Chicagoland WCC moms

### Wednesday, October 19th

*Join us for our annual Luxury  
Bingo event at Drury Lane!*

to reserve your spot or table today please visit:

[luxurybingochicago.com](http://luxurybingochicago.com)



*You help local women have healthier pregnancies, and become self-sufficient parents.* For Information, contact Charlie Williams [charlie@supportwcc.org](mailto:charlie@supportwcc.org), 574-387-1332

# Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual  
growth opportunities for all parishioners



## Seasons of Hope

**Grief Support Group**  
Beginning November 1, 2022  
Tuesdays at 9:15 am  
following 8:30 mass, in Unity Hall

Seasons of Hope at St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet over a 6-week period to help participants walk through the grief process. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

- ◆ Are you ready to move forward but don't know how?
- ◆ Would you like to meet others who have experienced loss and draw support and encouragement within a group setting?
- ◆ Would you like to learn how your Christian faith is ideally suited to help you process your loss and grow spiritually?

Seasons of Hope and the resources provided help you make sense of your loss within the context of our Christian faith, assuring us that death does not have the last word. Six weekly sessions explore topics related to the grieving process and include time for prayer, reflection, and the support of others.

It is suggested that participants allow 3-6 months from the time of loss before attending.

[Click here](#) or call Maggie McMahon at 708-352-0168, ext. 306 for more information or to register.



## Music Notes...

### Christmas Midnight Mass Choir: New Singers Welcome!



A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been wanting to join, but just haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an ear and a love for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at **12:00 a.m. on December 25<sup>th</sup>** with carols at 11:30 p.m. (Dec. 24) prior to Mass. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth.

Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, October 25th - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 20th.

Please consider singing, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, before the first rehearsal on **October 25th** at [asterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.

*Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!*





Many victims or survivors of domestic violence ask:  
 "What did I do wrong?  
 Why is my marriage not working?  
 I'm afraid for my children.  
 Why does God not answer my prayers?  
 I have no one who understands or who will help me.  
 If I am more patient and understanding, things might  
 work out. But I have done all that and nothing changes.  
 Maybe I just need to try harder."

If you have had these thoughts, you are not alone.  
 Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic  
 Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233.  
 Chat with a NDVH service provider and find the domestic  
 violence services nearest you.  
 If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Excerpt from booklet, *You Are Not Alone, God Is With You*  
 available from ACDVO, email cdahm13@gmail.com



 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
 AWARENESS MONTH

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
 —ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO—  
 AWARENESS • SERVICES • PREVENTION

## SFX CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB INVITES YOU TO HELP SUPPORT SFX PARISH

SHOP FOR SFX  
 PARISH



### SHOP TO SUPPORT SFX

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

6:00-8:00 PM

MEREDITH JANE

18 S. WASHINGTON STREET, HINSDALE



The Well Spirituality Center is located at 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. Please register and find out more about programs at The Well online go to [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048.

### See No Stranger

On Thursday, October 20 from 7:00–8:30 pm with Valarie Kaur is a renowned civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, innovator, and best-selling author. Hear the story of her fight for racial justice as she shares her vision of Revolutionary Love, rooted in her Sikh faith. Cost: In person at Lewis University \$25, or on YouTube streaming \$15.

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



**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
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# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
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Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister  
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Rev. Richard Milek  
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Director of Religious Education  
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Mrs. Sharon Garcia  
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Staff Secretary  
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Parish Web Site .....www.sfxlg.org

## **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, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

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