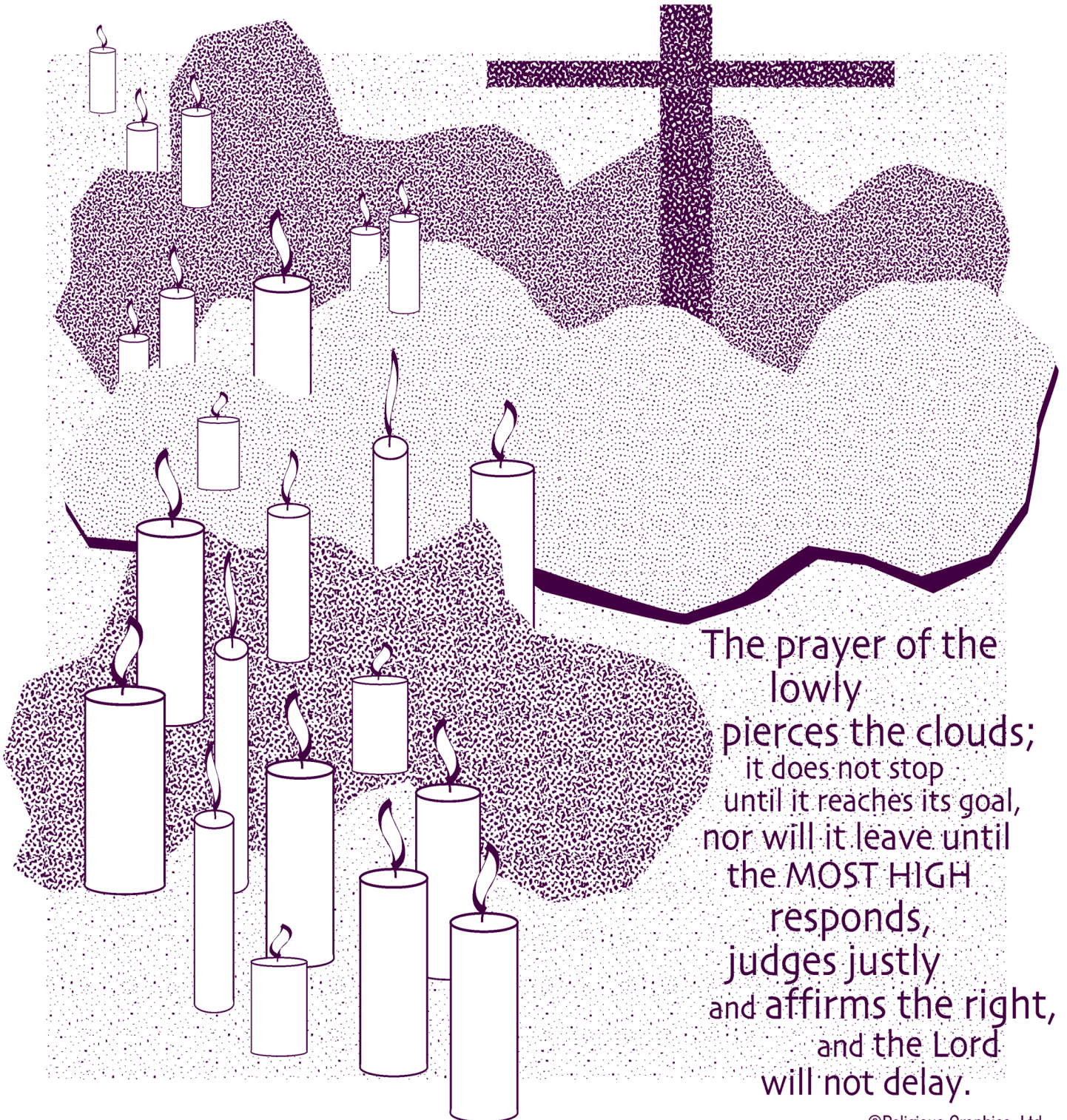


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022



The prayer of the
lowly
pierces the clouds;
it does not stop
until it reaches its goal,
nor will it leave until
the MOST HIGH
responds,
judges justly
and affirms the right,
and the Lord
will not delay.

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 24	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Alex Marthaler Carol Grimes James Mooney	The Mackey Family Donna Kurcz Therese & Katie, Pam & Heather
Tuesday, October 25	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jeanne Turek	John F. Cooney, Jr.
Wednesday, October 26	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Tom Thieme	The Oplawski Family
Thursday, October 27	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, October 28	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Barbara Ozburn Verona Whitmore	The Zahorik Family Jaquelyn Van Gorp
Saturday, October 29	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Marie Westhoff Sophia Ligas	 The Zahorik Family Katie Filbin
Sunday, October 30 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Catherine Hofstetter Eileen Egan Bill Lau Rose Marie Lilek Stefano Scambiaterra	The Westerhoff Family Zeisloft, McKenna & Stephenson Families Mike Boyle Meg & Frank Munaretto The Scambiaterra Family

Schedule for October 22-23, 2022~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo **7:30 am** Fr. Milek **9:00 am** Fr. Killeen **11:00 am** Fr. Milek **5:00 pm** Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Sally Burson Michael Cannon Jay Carroll Chili Challenger 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 McMahan Beth Mooney	Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison James Mose 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:

Thomas Cannon
Brother of Eileen Kelly

Dorothy Duranty
Mother of Kathy Miller, Kim Mattucci, Chuck Duranty

Charles Mallahan
Husband of Paulette Mallahan

Weddings



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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Pastor's Letter

"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."
Luke 18:13

"Would you like to pray an act of contrition now or later?" This sometimes becomes a moment of hesitation when celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially if some time has passed since the person last celebrated the Sacrament. I sometimes wonder whether forgetting "the words" and formulas causes some to stay away from the individual celebration of the Sacrament. I remind a hesitant penitent that an "act of contrition" need not be those of the prayer we learned as a child. In fact, if you are of my generation, the words of that Act of Contrition have changed at least twice in my lifetime ("because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell", "because of Thy just punishments", "because I have offended You, my God"). The most basic expression of contrition is voiced by the tax collector in today's gospel: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." I acknowledge that I have been unfaithful to God's commands of love and humbly ask God's loving mercy.

There was a time not so long ago when it was considered a shameful thing to acknowledge that one was a sinner. For many, the shame was deepened by the "dark box" in which we knelt to confess our sins, hearing the words of forgiveness from a voice on the other side of a screen, too shameful to look eye to eye into the face of the priest. It can be difficult to admit my sins to another human being, especially to one who has been given the authority to speak in God's name. Yet Jesus emphasizes, time and again, that admitting that I have sinned is the first step on the path of healing and wholeness. Hiding from our sins is like placing a band aid over a serious wound and refusing to seek treatment, risking a more serious infection. And while the priest who is hearing my sins has been given the authority to speak in God's name, he himself is a sinner with his own need to confess to another priest if he is to know healing in his own life.

"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." And Jesus says, "I tell you, this man went home justified, for whoever humbles themselves will be exalted." This is the message of Jesus. This gospel challenges us to reconsider: Do I believe that God forgives my sins, no matter what? Do I believe that God's desire is to release me from the shame that causes me to hide, so that I can witness to God's loving mercy? And is this the message and witness I offer to children, young people, and those who are afraid to approach God?

As you read this, I am in the middle of my annual eight-day silent retreat near the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. I have brought you all with me in prayer as I seek to open my heart to God's direction for my life. The opportunity to be with the Lord in silence is a great blessing, and I am grateful for this opportunity. If you find yourself up before the sunrise, know that one hour earlier I was sitting at the top of a hill and being with God in the sacred beauty of the colors and wonder of dawn.

Autumn Peace,

F. Bill



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 23, 2022

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our Baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel to every creature! The collection today benefits the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Catholic New East Welfare Association, which support priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Please pray for the Church's worldwide missionary efforts and give generously. Please place your donation in the collection basket or you can make a donation online at WeAreMissionary.org/wms.



Your Offertory Gift to St. Francis Xavier Parish

First Quarter Total Sunday Offertory

This year \$ 385,753

Last year \$ 381,444

Annual Budge Amount: \$1,833,000

God bless you for supporting the ministries here at St. Francis Xavier Parish!



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. We hope to see you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



11th Annual Warm Clothing Drive

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 13th** 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

Cash Donations Accepted - Tax Receipts upon request. Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions: 708-691-6095

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



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 25th** 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@sfxlq.org or 708-352-0168.

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



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.

Whoever exalts himself
will be humbled and
whoever humbles himself
will be exalted!

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YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

BOY'S CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



**REGISTRATION CLOSES
OCT. 31ST**

**SIGN UP THROUGH PARISH WEBISTE OR AT
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/SUM8SPCGJE8ROPW27](https://forms.gle/SUM8SPCGJE8ROPW27)**

LEAGUE FEE \$125

MORE INFO EMAIL: jteran@sfxlq.org

**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.

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

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 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*

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 10:00am to 12:00pm 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)

Nancy Leonard (708/846-4293)
Joanne Matuszewski (708/870-0769)
Peggy Rost (708/505-3183)
Maureen Windmoeller (708/250-1049)

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.

Pie Pastry Making Class

faith-based baking with FeedMeGuideMe host, Lee Egan

Wednesday, November 9 at 7pm
Joyce Hall, St. Francis Xavier Parish

Gather with friends for a fun evening will with pie making tips just in time for Thanksgiving! (And see how easy it is to make pie crust...)

Cost is \$10/person

[click here](#) or email mmcmahon@sfxlq.org to register



Religious Education News



Our 2022-2023 RE school year is well underway. Our in person classes are now closed, but there is still time to register for our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays. *This program will close on December 1st 2022.*

Students will receive their own book to take home to work on.

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



We are still looking for catechists Assistants and Online catechists!

Are you a High School Teen who needs service hours and love to work with children? WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a Catechist or Catechist assistants for the 2022-2023 school year at equidice@sfxlg.org.

2nd Year of Confirmation — Quest is Underway



Our 1st Confirmation Quest Gathering took place on Sunday, October 16th and **our 2nd Gathering will be on Sunday, November 20th.** There is still time to register your teen as registrations will close on October 31st.

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.

Quest Gatherings begin with the 5PM Sunday Mass followed by the meeting in the SFX Gym until 7PM.

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

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

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

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



It would be SWEET of you to support the Teen Mission Service Trip



Our teens are selling Kringle Danish to help reduce their overall trip costs. What is a Kringle? Made in Racine, WI., each Kringle takes 3 full days to make, resulting in 36 delicate layers for a truly flaky and flavorful pastry. The finest ingredients combined with scratch made fillings results in 6 different flavors. You are certain to find one suited just for you. All Kringle can be frozen in the package that they arrive in for up to six months. Consider ordering an extra Kringle to donate to the Food Pantry as a special Thanksgiving treat. Each Kringle is \$17.

Order your Kringle Danish by 11/7 and you can pick it up at St. Francis Xavier on Sunday 11/20th between 10am-1pm. We can make different arrangements if this date or time doesn't work for you.

How can I order my Kringle by 11/7?

- You can visit the Youth Ministry website page to place your order and pay online.
- You can use the hard copy order form in the church bulletin and pay with cash or write a check made payable to St. Francis Xavier and turn it into the parish office.
- You can use this QR Code to place your order and pay with credit card.



The teens of St. Francis Xavier thank you for your support!!

Mission Trip Fundraiser: O & H Danish Bakery Kringle Order Form

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parish you would like to pick up at (circle 1): St. Francis, St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus

Pick up your Kringle on Sunday, **November 20th** between **10:00am and 1:00pm.**

Type of Kringle	Total Quantity	Total Amount (each Kringle is \$17)	Check # Or Cash
Pecan (#1 seller)			
Raspberry			
Cherry			
Cinnamon Roll			
Turtle			
Wisconsin (cranberry, cherry and cheese)			
	TOTAL QUANTITY:	TOTAL AMOUNT:	

All proceeds go directly to the teens of St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus, and St. John of the Cross towards covering their mission trip costs.

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!](https://www.sxfalcon5k.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!



On October 5th, the St. Francis Xavier 8th Grade Math Team participated in the Nazareth Academy Math Competition.

Congratulations to our Falcon team for winning 1st place in the team competition in their division with one of our team members taking 1st place in the individual competition! At SFX we make a difference... we are Falcon Proud!



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The 6th Annual Living Rosary at SFX School continued our tradition honoring October 7th as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Members of the parish and school community prayed the rosary together. The Living Rosary was, again this year, made up of SFX 8th grade students representing rosary beads. Many thanks to Mary Freeman, Katie Kanzer, Susie Lehuta (parishioner, SFX Alumna '64 & retired school staff member), Ashley Augustyniak, and Sharon Garcia for coordinating the Rosary.

Upcoming Events at St. John of the Cross

Family Concert with Sarah Hart at St. John of the Cross on Friday, November 4 at 6:30pm and Saturday, November 5 at 5:30pm. International singer, songwriter and entertainer, Sarah Hart, will share her talents and spirituality with us through beautiful stories and amazing songs. www.sarahhart.com. There is no charge for the concert.

Blessed Are They Who Mourn Encountering Christ in a Time of Loss on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 2:00-4:30pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center.

The death of a loved one is a difficult experience for those who grieve. Questions arise, decisions need to be made, and the grieving process begins. Our Catholic faith offers great comfort for this time, and it is valuable to understand our beliefs before we experience a loss.

This workshop offers participants the opportunity to explore the Catholic understanding of death and eternal life and discover the beauty of the primary funeral rites (the Vigil, Funeral Liturgy, and Committal). A brief overview of some practical considerations as one approaches the end of life will also be given. Join us for an afternoon of hope and comfort, as we examine how to encounter Christ in a time of grief and loss. Register at www.stjohnofthecross.org/workshop.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
6:00-8:00 PM
MEREDITH JANE
18 S. WASHINGTON STREET, HINSDALE

Interfaith Community Partners

Quarterly Resume Review

Join us in-person on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00-11:00 am for a helpful 20-minute, one-on-one conversation with an HR, or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street, in LaGrange.

Visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.



If you are confused or troubled by what you are experiencing in your relationship, you should talk with a professional counselor (all services are free) in order to get clarity and help you make a decision about next steps. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233.

There you can chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

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

www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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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 or call 708-482-5048.

Images of God on Tuesdays, November 1 & 15 from 1:30-3:00 pm. What are your own images of God, and how have they changed over time? This will be an active, collaborative and shared engagement exploring each other's images of God. Send a picture, poem, story, or music clip 7-10 days before the first session. Cost: \$35 series, participate in person or from home on Zoom.

God After Einstein: What is Really Going On in the Universe? Join us on Thursday, November 10 from 7:00–8:30 pm with Facilitator John F. Haught. Before the early twentieth century, scientists and theologians knew almost nothing about time's enormity and the corresponding immensity of space. But after Einstein, cosmology, John F. Haught argues, now allows theology to look toward a future for humans and the whole universe. Cost: \$30, participants can meet with others at The Well or to join in on Zoom from home. Facilitator is on Zoom.



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
- **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.**

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Deacon
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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
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. 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 sfxing@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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