

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Christ the King

November 20, 2022



Worthy is
the Lamb
who was slain
to receive
strength and
divinity,
wisdom and
power and
honor.
To him be
glory and
power for
all ages.



**LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
NOW AND FOREVER**

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Sam Cuba Phil Korlovitz Stefano Scambiaterra Palma, Jerry, Joseph & Salvatore Frustaci Special Intention	The Andreoni Family Your Neighbors The Scambiaterra Family Gina Frustaci
Tuesday, November 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mary Sfondilias Virgil & Phyllis Kuta	Patrick Daly The Broderick Family
Wednesday, November 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bill & Joan Hession Bryan Miller John L. Barry John Thoms	The Westerhoff Family The Miller Family The Zahorik Family Joan Thoms
Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day	Morning Mass	10:00 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, November 25	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Patricia Devereux	Anne & Rob Metzger & Family
Saturday, November 26	Mass	8:30 am	Jeanne M. Faber	The Richard Hayes Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Marie Capellani	Pat DeMars
Sunday, November 27 1st Sunday of Advent	Mass	7:30 am	Stefano Scambiaterra	The Scambiaterra Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Lorraine Ovnik	Lynn Regan
	Mass		R. Alex Westhoff	The Zahorik Family
	Mass	11:00 am 5:00 pm	Margaret Crofton People of the Parish	Elis Guidice & Cindy Johnson

Presider's Schedule for November 19-20, 2022~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

Harold Bach Linda Bieniek Sally Burson Michael Cannon Jay Carroll Chili Challender Blake Donegan Victoria Donile Barbara Doyle Matthew Doyle Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory John Hronec Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Lisa Massaro Jodi McMahan Linda McMahan	Mary McQuade Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Beth Pfluger Geri Pfluger Madison Raupp Anna Rose Rita Scalcon Richard Schmuhl Joseph Shortino 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.

Weddings

Maura Johnson & Patrick Foley



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

Pastor's Letter

*Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made us fit
to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.*
Colossians 1:12

Cardinal Cupich has announced that next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person will return. Obviously, this does not apply to those who are sick, homebound, or have no way to get to church on their own. Nor does it apply to those with seriously compromised immune systems who do not yet feel safe in a large crowd. Masks will remain optional and encouraged for those who need the protection that they offer. Everyone is encouraged to *be sensitive to and respect the comfort level of others* with handshakes or other forms of physical contact.

This is a time to invite one another to come together again as the faith community of St. Francis Xavier. This is an opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to come back to Mass, or to offer a ride to someone who cannot get here on their own. This is a time to strive to *develop new habits* as individuals and as families, and to make the hour we spend in communion with other parishioners a priority in our weekend schedules.

And this is a time to come to better know those who gather around us each weekend. Today is our first parish **Name Tag Sunday**. Each person is being offered a nametag as you enter church this weekend to display your first name to others. We will take some time to share names and become familiar with those who gather around us every weekend. While some families may attend different Masses from week to week, most of us have "our Mass" and "our pew" that remains consistent from week to week. Why not develop little communities within each Mass community and become more connected to one another in Christ?

The process of renewal into which we are being called with our brothers and sisters in St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes invites us into a more personal relationship with Jesus. At first, this may feel a bit "Protestant." Yet isn't our relationship with Jesus at the center of what it means to be a Christian? How can I serve Jesus unless I set aside time to know him and how he relates to me at this stage in my life?

As we enter the final week of the liturgical year and prepare to begin anew, I invite you to *set aside ten minutes* to reflect upon the following three questions and consider *your* journey of discipleship, your faith life with the Lord:

Do I seek a *personal encounter* with Jesus Christ; what does that look like?

Do I contribute toward the mission of my parish and help build a faith community that *reaches beyond* our church walls?

Am I comfortable *talking about* my faith and my relationship with God?

I hope you and your family can join us for our parish **Mass of Thanksgiving this Thursday** at 10:00AM. I invite you to ***bring a bottle of wine or sparkling cider or other beverage*** that you will share later in the day at your Thanksgiving table so that we can bless it during the Mass. We have so much for which to be thankful. Let us take the time to name our blessings this year, to share these graces with those around us, and to give thanks to God.

Happy Thanksgiving,

J. Bill



YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 11th

Name: _____

Regular Admission: _____ x \$12 = _____

Children 12 & under: _____ x \$5 = _____

Seniors 65 & older: _____ x \$10 = _____

Total = _____

Please help our cooks by selecting from below an expected time of your arrival

- 8:00 am - 8:30 am
- 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- 10:30 am - 11:00 am
- 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Please return this form with payment Cash or Checks (payable to St Francis Xavier Parish) to the Rectory by December 8th. Any questions contact the Rectory @ 708-352-0618

Advent 2022

An Evening of Prayer & Reflection

Wednesday, November 30th, 2022 ♦ 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



*Advent:
Our time to prepare
for the arrival of
Christ.*

IT'S BACK!

The St. Francis Xavier Parish presents: YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST (in Joyce Hall)

Sunday, December 11th - 8 a.m. to Noon (last seating at 11:45 a.m.)

Purchase Tickets for Breakfast time at sfxlg.org



see order form opposite page

Admission: \$12

Children (12 and under): \$5 - Seniors (65 and older): \$10

Featuring Santa's Workshop (in Gym)

**Join Santa Claus in Santa's
DIY Workshops and Photos
from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

- **Cookie Decorating**
- **Holiday Canvas Painting**
- **Decorate and Plant a Tree-in-a-Pot**
- **Make Christmas cards for residents of area retirement communities.**



SHHHHH, I HEARD SANTA WILL BE THERE!

**Sponsored by the SFX Catholic Women's Club
and the**



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OF COLUMBUS®**

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

ADVENT 2022

Begins Sunday, Nov 27

Seasonal Advent Table - located in the back of church!

- Advent wreaths and candles for you to take home! (*free will donations accepted*)
- *Little Blue Books* (at all church entrances)

Advent Small Group Schedule

Tuesdays, 9:05am: "Reflecting Light this Advent" Men & Women's Group

Wednesdays, 12:30pm: *Blessed is She* Women's Group

Wednesdays, 7pm: *Blessed is She* Women's Group

Wednesdays, 8pm: *Blessed is She* 'Moms of Littles' Group (mothers w/kids under 5)

Thursdays, 7:30pm: *Season of Little Sacraments* Women's Group

Seeking leader for **men's group!** Time and content TBD. Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more info.

Register [here](#) or via the "Advent 2022" quick link at sfxlg.org.

Communal Healing Service - December 3 at 10am in the church

Receive (or invite someone to receive) the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at this communal service. Anointing of the Sick is for *anyone* with a serious illness/condition (mental, physical, or emotional).

"When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age."

- United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

Area Advent Reconciliation Service - December 10, 12pm at St John of the Cross
(First Reconciliations begin at 12pm, seasonal service to follow.)

toddling together SOCIAL!

SAT, DEC 17 AT 10AM
JOYCE HALL, ST FRANCIS XAVIER

Parents with Kids 5 and under:

Gather for a social and playtime on Saturday, Dec 17th at 10am in Joyce Hall (enter through Waiola Ave school doors.) Meet other parents and run off your littles' energy before nap time!

Help us plan by RSVPing on our "Toddling Together" Facebook group **or** just show up. :)

WELCOME

to our Candidates & Catechumen!

This weekend at 11am Mass we welcome Mariel Skoda, Christine Scioscia, and Nick Gora into the “catechumenate phase” of the RCIA process through the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance. Mariel, Christine, and Nick will be learning, growing, and training in the Christian/Catholic life through catechesis, community, liturgy, and apostolic life throughout this phase of the process. We as a parish both **pray for them** on their journey and **seek to imitate** their commitment to spiritual growth in our own lives!



MARIEL SKODA

Mariel is pictured here with her fiancé, whom she will marry here at St. Francis in 2023!



CHRISTINE SCIOSCIA

Christine is pictured here with her husband, Rusty, and their two daughters: Corinne (almost 2 yrs) and Clara (4.5 months).



NICK GORA

Nick is 22 years old and has an amazing story of great love, self-sacrifice, and transformation in Christ.

RCIA FACTS:

Mariel and Christine are both already baptized as Christians, so they are called “candidates for full communion” and will receive First Eucharist and Confirmation when they complete the RCIA process.

Nick hasn't yet been baptized, so he's called a “catechumen” and will receive all three sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil: Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

STEWARDSHIP



Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Your Gift, God's Hands

How your gift comes to life at St. Francis Xavier Parish

Offertory Report

Sunday Offertory (July 1 - October 31, 2022): \$ 457,604

Sunday Offertory (July 1 - October 31, 2021): \$ 451,425

Annual Budgeted Offertory: \$1,833,000

Thank you for your generous support of our parish!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on God's blessings in our lives. This Thanksgiving Prayer reminds us that no matter what season of life we find ourselves, whether in celebration or struggle, God walks with us through it all and blesses us with loving grace.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Creator,

We asked for strength, and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.

We asked for wisdom, and you gave us problems to solve.

We asked for prosperity, and you gave us purpose and brains to use.

We asked for courage, and you gave us fears to overcome.

We asked for patience, and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.

We asked for love, and you gave us troubled people to help.

We asked for justice, and you called us to be just and to lead with integrity.

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted.

And yet, we received everything that we needed.

For this, we give thanks.

Written by Dr. Colleen Hanycz, % Jesuit Resource

CCHD 2022 Collection

For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has carried out the mission of Jesus Christ to bring good news to the poor, bring liberty to captives, bring new sight to the blind and set the downtrodden free.

Please support the second collection that will be taken up next weekend. Funds raised will provide support to local organizations across the Chicagoland area and those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations or donate, please visit CCHDchicago.org.

AREA ADVENT RECONCILIATION

We join St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes for an area opportunity to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on **Saturday, December 10, at St. John of the Cross, from 1:00 until 3:00PM**. Many area priests will be available for individual Reconciliation during this time. All are welcome. Individual Reconciliation at St. Francis Xavier is available on the remaining Saturdays of Advent from 9:00-10:00 AM in the church Reconciliation Room.

HEALING SERVICE AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will offer the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** as part of a Healing Service on Saturday, December 3rd, at 10:00 AM. The Sacrament can be sought by anyone who is living with a serious or chronic physical, emotional, or mental illness, and all who have reached the age of 65. There is no need to register in advance. All are welcome to attend this service and offer your compassion and comfort to those receiving the Sacrament. Consider offering a ride to someone you know who cannot get to church on their own. The practice of stewardship of talent includes the sharing of compassion.



Office of the Archbishop
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November 12, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In so many ways—large and small—the pandemic has upended our lives together. Families and, in a special way, young people, have faced distressing struggles. The pandemic made our connections with one another challenging and difficult. Exactly in that moment when we truly needed supportive relationships with one another, we found ourselves separated. Sadly, this included the relationships and connections that we have in and through the Church.


We did our best to move forward and I am proud of our collective response to the challenges of the pandemic. When I announced a general dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass, many parishes offered on-line Sunday Masses, and went even further and established prayer lines and reached out to those in need. The TV Mass that I celebrated helped to keep us connected as a community of faith in Chicagoland. So many of you have told me how healing and comforting those Masses have been.

In the meanwhile, we are in a new moment. With vaccinations and boosters, restrictions on public gatherings have eased up. Many people feel more comfortable returning to Church. Yet, we know there are some elderly and immuno-compromised persons who are still not ready to return. And they should not return. These vulnerable brothers and sisters have an excusing cause for being absent and for this reason I will continue the TV Mass on ABC for the present time. But for the rest of us, I have decided, in consultation with my advisors, to lift the general dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass as we begin a new Church year on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26-27.

My hope is that the First Sunday of Advent will provide us with a fresh start to take up again our life together as a community of faith that gathers to worship God. I have asked our pastors to begin the Masses on November 26-27 with the traditional lighting of the Advent wreath. After the homily your pastor will lead the community in a renewal of baptismal promises, acknowledging that we owe our obligation to participate in Sunday Mass to God but also to each other. Our common profession of faith and of our desire to turn away from sin, will be concluded by a sprinkling rite with the waters of baptism.

Let this occasion of our renewal of faith and life, which we all so much want, provide us with a fresh start as we recommit ourselves to worship God and to be supportive of each other week after week as we gather around the Table of the Lord to be nourished and renewed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

Religious Education News

RE Program Registration for 2022-2023



Our 2022-2023 RE school year is almost half way done. Our in person classes are closed, but there is still a few weeks left 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.

Visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition:

[https://sfxlg.socs.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious Education|About>>Registration Information for 2022-2023](https://sfxlg.socs.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious+Education|About>>Registration+Information+for+2022-2023)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT COUNCIL

***ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED
AS A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT IN THE PARISH,
BUT NOT SURE HOW...***

The Religious Education community here at SFX is integral to who we are as a parish family. As we look for ways to connect and create a more formal vehicle for engagement and feedback between the church at RE families, we would like to form a Religious Education Council.

The Council would be comprised of RE parents and would help inform the Director of Religious Education on the issues that families in the RE community care about. The idea is for this council to help build community and create more ways for RE families to socialize as a group and feel part of the parish. This Council would be the voice to help make sure we are being of service to you most effectively.

Meetings would be once a month and meeting times would take place at the consensus of the group once formed. I would love to have at least 5-6 interested parents.

Please complete this form with your interest level below!

<https://forms.gle/HX1Xg4XSMYkx3ijx6>



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD LEADERS NEEDED!

Do you want to share the Good News with some of our youngest parishioners?

We are looking for a minimum of 4 adults over the age of 18 to serve as catechists during our 5PM Saturday Masses to share the Sunday Readings and a small activity (which will all be provided) with our parishioners of the ages of 3 - 6.

If we are able to get 4 interested adults, you would only be responsible to lead once a month, and the time commitment is 15-20 minutes during Mass.

Please call Elis Guidice at 708-352-4555 or email at sfxreligious@sfxlg.org if you are interested in joining this beautiful ministry or want to find out more information.

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)
Maureen Windmoeller (708-250-1049)

Nazareth Academy Testing

Nazareth Academy invites 8th graders to Test at Nazareth Academy on December 3. Preference for admission and scholarships will be granted to students who test with Nazareth on that day. The exam begins at 8:00 am and concludes at approximately 11:15 am. Pre-Registration is required. More information and Registration can be found at nazarethacademy.com.

Parents are invited to an optional Parent Gathering Q & A session from 8:30-9:30 am that morning. Pre-registration is required to attend.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 W. Ogden in LaGrange Park. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708-397-8505.

Save the Date

Alumni get-together for the
SFX Classes of 2015 & 2018
December 28th, 5:00-7:00pm
Lucca's in LaGrange
More details to come

St. Francis Xavier School
Multigenerational SFX
School Alumni Family
The Cooke, Loomis
& Goode Families



I truly appreciate the emphasis St. Francis puts on service and giving back, and want to instill those qualities in my boys while they are young.

Alicia Cooke Goode
SFX Class of 2000 & Current SFX Parent

SFX Alumni from the class of 1969, John Cooke and Colleen Loomis Cooke (SFX teacher 2007-2021) both grew up within a block of St. Francis Xavier School, and attended with their siblings, Mary Leah Cooke Gonzalez '67, Kathleen Cooke Nicolls '72 (also SFX teacher early 80s), Terri Cooke Borzym '75, Larry Loomis '70, Jim Loomis '74, and Ann Jacobs Loomis '77.

John & Colleen eventually married, later moving onto Waiola, (the same street they both grew up on), and sent the 2nd generation Michael J. Cooke '97, Alicia Cooke Goode '00, Kevin Cooke '04 and Victoria Cooke '08, to SFX as well. Colleen's mom, Pat Loomis, worked at SFX during the 70's as the bookkeeper and then started volunteering in the late 80's when her grandchildren started school. That evolved into the job she had, and cherished, until 2016.

When it was time for Alicia Cooke Goode '00 and her husband John to choose where their children would go, SFX was the choice for the 3rd generation; current students Jack '28 and Ryan '31.

Are you a multigenerational SFX School Family?

We would love to hear from you!

Please contact SFX School Advancement Director at 708-352-2175 or mtassi@sfxlg.org





GREAT NEWS FOR SFX & CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

There has been a lot of buzz about a recent Wall Street Journal article on Catholic Schools leading the nation in test scores, while making a difference in students' lives. If you have not had the chance to read it, you can read the article at bit.ly/3UB5BN9



AT SFX WE ARE KEEPING UP OUR BLUE RIBBON ACADEMIC STANDARDS!

We are excited to report that the **Fall iReady scores at St. Francis Xavier School are once again ABOVE the National Board of Education Blue Ribbon eligibility standards for 22-23 School Year in all grade levels in reading and math!** We are proud of our hard-working students, talented faculty & staff along with our dedicated parents for working as a team to keep our achievement standards high! St. Francis Xavier School was awarded our 2nd National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Education in the fall of 2020. Schools are eligible to apply five years after being the recipient of the award.

STUDENT RETENTION RATE AT SFX SCHOOL IS ABOVE THE NORM!

We are PROUD to report that retention at St. Francis Xavier School in grades 1-7 from 21-21 to 22-23 is a **96% retention rate**. This is **ABOVE the Archdiocese of Chicago and National norms**. The average retention rate in schools in communities of similar income level as ours' was 92%. The average retention rate for all school in the Archdiocese is 91%

NEW FAMILY OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-2024 BEGINS IN DECEMBER!

From Preschool 3 through 8th Grade, St. Francis Xavier School provides students with academic excellence centered in the Catholic values of prayer, learning and service. All grades offer academic excellence firmly rooted in our Catholic faith. Beginning with our youngest students, the St. Francis Xavier Early Childhood Program welcomes children into a safe, consistent, nurturing environment that encourages the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of children at their own rate. The unique personality, needs, abilities and learning style of each child are accepted and appreciated. The teachers work with the parents to make this experience the best for each child.



Would you like to learn more about St. Francis Xavier Parish School? You may request information at bit.ly/3WqkFi1 Please email enrollment@sfxlg.org and our Advancement Director, Mary Tassi, will reply with information on our Blue-Ribbon school, and opportunities for you to take a tour! We can't wait to meet you! The SFX new family enrollment protocol and 2023-2024 school year applications for children from families new to our school will be accepted beginning on December 5th.

Peace,

Principal

At SFX - Everyone has the Chance to Make a Difference!

Thank You!

Thank you to all parishioners for your overwhelming support of the Kringle Danish fundraiser. Your generosity towards helping to defray the costs of the Mission Trip is so very appreciated by the teens. All orders can be picked up on Sunday, November 20th, in God's Garage between 10:00am and 1:00pm. We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving sweet treat!



Giving Tree



The **Giving Tree program is back!** We are excited to announce that we are back to **giving gifts** this year. Some of the items requested are: coats, bed linens, jogging suits, shoes, house robes, hat/scarf/gloves, boots, pajamas, kitchen dishes, pots and pans, dolls, skates, and more coats!

Tags will be distributed at all the Masses the weekend of Dec. 10th and 11th. Gifts must be wrapped and returned to St. Francis before December 18th at 12:00pm. **Volunteers are needed.** Contact Jenette if interested in helping at jteran@sfxlg.org.

OPLATKI

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available at the Rectory.

The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.

The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.



Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf
Fall into giving

Tuesday
November

22

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.

1-877-232-4376

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, LA GRANGE
LOCAL COUNCIL 6483 BLOOD DRIVE

St. Francis Catholic Church-Gym, 145 N. Waiola
(Ogden & Waiola) La Grange, IL 60525

Give blood & help us reach our 27-donation target to help supply 87 local hospitals. To make an appt., visit www.versiti.org, call 1-800-7TO-GIVE or scan the QR Code with your smart phone's camera below:



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THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

A special thanks to all our parishioners who donated to our second collection for those legally seeking asylum in the United States.

We collected **\$3580** which will be sent to Catholic Charities to help fund rental assistance.

Our parish Thanksgiving collection will help with needs for the asylum seekers who are in our community. These 21 families from Venezuela consist of 65 people, 32 of whom are children ranging from 6 weeks old-15 years. Our collection will help with their current needs as they transition to more permanent housing in the coming months. The families have been celebrating mass at St. Cletus and give thanks for the welcome they have received.

If you are interested in shopping for a Welcome Pack of household items, please contact Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

Thank you for *Welcoming the Stranger* through your prayers and generous monetary support!



SHELTER | PREVENTION | HOUSING

SHIFT 1: 6:30PM - 11PM
SHIFT 2: 11PM - 3AM
SHIFT 3: 3AM - 7:30AM
SHIFT 4: 5AM - 7:30AM
COOK TEAMS
LAUNDRY TEAMS

Rotating Shelter
November 28th 2022 - March 5th 2023

4 hours
a
month
to a person
in need it
can mean
the world.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.BEDS-PLUS.ORG
TO SIGN UP FOR AN ORIENTATION AND FILL OUT VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
OR CONTACT MOLLY PRICE PRICE@BEDS-PLUS.ORG OR 708.354.0858**

**We ask that all volunteers attend virtual orientation session and fill out a
volunteer form at <https://beds-plus.org/rotating-shelter-is-back/>**

Interfaith Career Network

Get Better Organized!

Your job search is a process. Whether you are unemployed or employed seeking another opportunity, it is still a process. Join us on Thursday, November 17 from 7-9 pm and learn more. This lively, interactive and informative presentation will offer insight, tools, resources and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate and succeed in your search. Once organization is in place, our speaker Steve Rosenblum, will share his highly effective 3x3 follow-up system that can be utilized universally. You will not want to miss this! Steve is a dedicated Human Resources professional with over twenty-five years in various HR roles. He has experienced job searching first hand and his passion for helping people has made him a highly sought-after speaker and respected professional. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Every one is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Scripture Study

The Acts of the Apostles – Messianic expectations are fulfilled not only by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus but also by the ongoing preaching in the name of Jesus “to all the nations.” That “ongoing preaching” is the content of Acts of the Apostles. We, too, claim the heritage of Israel and are called to be “a light to the nations.”

**Thursday 9:30 – 11:00 am Unity Hall
January 12 – March 9, 2023**

Please register with Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ
708-363-6728
mrace@csjoseph.org

Study Guide \$7.00 (available)

Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.

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Thursday 8:15 am

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St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

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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.

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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.

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Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

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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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