

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
Christ the King
November 21, 2021



CHRIST
the **KING**

MY KINGDOM
does not belong
to this world.

The reason I was
born, the reason
why I came into
the world is to
testify to the
TRUTH

Anyone committed
to the **TRUTH**
hears **MY VOICE.**

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carl Amrhein (Living Intention) Marian Hannigan	Ron Skupien The Westerhoff Family
Tuesday, November 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bryan Miller John Thoms	The Miller Family Dan & Nancy Morgan
Wednesday, November 24	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jim Gecan Phyllis Kuta	The Esch Family The Clayton Family
Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day	Morning Mass	10:00 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, November 26	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Lisa Forslin	The Boemo & Such Families
Saturday, November 27	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Ed Carr, Sr. Andy Harmon Larry Skippet Mary Ann Slowik R. Alex Westhoff Norm Wasz	The Bock Family Kerry & Siena Giordano Nancy Panson Denise Granat The Barry Family Diana Doyle
Sunday, November 28 1st Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Nicholas Tkachuk Brian Stephenson Joan O'Donnell Terry Coyle Thomas James Sandt	Marie Heffler The Longino Family Benjamin & Barb Boyd The Davis Family The Metzger Family

Presider's Schedule for November 20-21, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Killeen

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek	Kathleen McFadden Maher
Jay Carroll	Enrique Martinez
Chili Challender	Teresa Martinez
Blake Donegan	Ron Minella
Barbara Doyle	Patrick Morgan
Matthew Doyle	Mike Morrison
Lily Fielding	Bernice Niemiec
Colleen Fleming	Gert Ogilvie
Terry Gazdziak	Jane O'Reilly
Lilli Gregory	Ryan Patyk
Wilson Gregory	Donna Pekarek
Henry Hanson	Baby Lucia R.
Luke Hanson	Madison Raupp
Jessi Hoffman	Nicholas Rink
Rose Ilo	Anna Rose
Mary J.	Kristin Sandoval
Jane Jacobsen	Rita Scalcon
Mary Ann Jones	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Theresa Kandall	John Stopka
Mark Kiley	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Robert Kozak	Albert Tassi
Patricia Lees	Gregory Van Gorp
Lisa Massaro	Liz Wilk

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:

Carolyn Feitl
Mother of Rick and Marianne

Weddings

Michelle Skowron & Nick Manzella



Readings For The Week of November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Pastor's Letter

*Pilate said, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
I came into the world to testify to the truth."
John 18:37*

Pilate is confused. Jesus stands before him, accused of sedition for claiming to be a king, and therefore Caesar's rival. But Pilate comprehends the concepts of kingdom and kingship only as they are defined in *his* world. Kings claim a divine right to *rule over* their subjects, and to *demand* from them whatever they wish. Yet Jesus stands before Pilate as a suffering servant, apparently powerless, and violently rejected by the authorities over whom he would be king.

Pilate uses the language of kingdom *as he knows it*; but it does not apply to the man standing before him. Jesus speaks of a kingdom not of this world, and that cannot be comprehended in earthly terms. In this kingdom, the king is the one who serves all others, even to the point of surrendering his life for their sakes. This is a *kingdom of love and service* rather than of earthly power and dominance; a kingdom in which authority rises from inner truths rather than external rules, titles, or force.

The politics of our day often challenge us to distinguish between the kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world. Our nation long ago let go of the notion that "kings" have been appointed by God and speak and act with divine authority. Nonetheless, *the kingdom of God challenges us* to examine the values by which we live and the laws that govern our earthly relationships. Jesus demonstrates as he stands before Pilate that disciples of Jesus will always stand somewhat apart from the politics of power, dominance, and division. Disciples of Jesus are called to be *in this world without becoming of this world*. We act to shape our politics according to our values rather than to have our politics determine our values. In the process, we may always be seen as suspect by those of all extremes who may think us foolish or naïve.

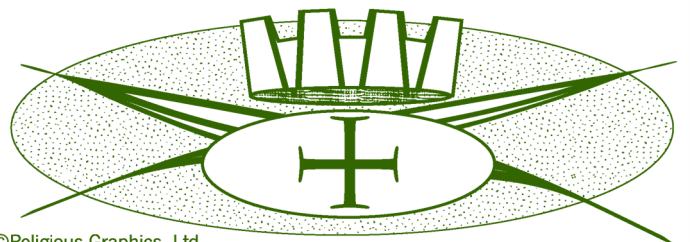
This Thursday, we pause as a nation and give thanks for the blessings in our personal, family, and communal lives. I encourage us all to practice the stewardship of time by deliberately setting aside some time to become aware of at least three blessings for which we are especially grateful this year. Even in the most difficult circumstances, there are moments of grace to be found. We might then share our gratitude with God in prayer, or with family members or a good friend. *Gratitude is something we choose to feel*. And choosing to be grateful blesses us with a peace that otherwise eludes us.

If your plans for the day allow, I invite you to join with other members of the parish family at our annual **Thanksgiving Day Mass this Thursday at 10:00 AM**. God continues to bless tis faith community in so many ways. I give thanks for the blessing of serving you as pastor. May our hearts overflow with gratitude.

Autumn Peace,

F. Bill

Pastor Note: We will celebrate six Masses for Christmas on our parish campus: Christmas Eve at 3, 5, and 7; and Christmas Day at Midnight, 9, and 11. Our online reservation system and our offline office reservation via phone call both will open **Monday, November 29 at 8:30AM** to ensure that we can safely accommodate all who want to attend. Seating will begin in the church and then move to our halls as necessary. We also will celebrate a Christmas Eve Mass at Alexine Chapel on the Nazareth Academy campus. Invite others to join us as we come together for Christmas!



Catholic Campaign For Human Development

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In his message for the Fifth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis observes that the COVID-19 crisis, “continues to affect millions of people and, even when it does not bring suffering and death, it is nonetheless a portent of poverty.” Yet, he continues, “poverty is not the result of fate; it is the result of selfishness. It is critical, therefore, to generate *development processes* in which the abilities of all are valued, so that complementarity of skills and diversity of roles can lead to a common resource of mutual participation.”

For the past 50 years since the inception of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), organizations funded by CCHD lead the call for all of us to stand in solidarity with those who have been marginalized in their communities and to act against injustice. For example, the main purpose of the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL), whose membership includes parishes, institutions and communities, is to address injustice in the vision of the Gospel. In its promotion of economic justice, CSPL builds and incubates worker-owned cooperatives. One such co-op involves the worker-owner of Living LaFiesta, who shifted during the Coronavirus pandemic from preparing food to making masks for the public.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is proud that CCHD has its roots in the efforts of a Chicago priest (and later Bishop) Michael Dempsey, during the years he served as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on the West Side. By emphasizing self-help, participation and solidarity, CCHD continues the initiatives of Bishop Dempsey as it works to support resilient communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Please consider contributing generously to CCHD through the second collection on November 20 and 21, and thereby continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins in Chicagoland.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Archbishop of Chicago

Please support the second collection this weekend. For more information on CCHD’s mission and partner organizations, please visit www.CCHDchicago.org.

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

Scan here to donate



Our Finances as of October 2021

Monthly Electronic Offerings (EFT and Credit Card)	
October 2021	\$67,306
October 2020	\$67,682
Monthly Basket Offerings	
October 2021	\$31,292
October 2020	\$31,643
Misc. and Holy Day Donations	
October 2021	\$ 2,675
October 2020	\$ 6,088

God bless you for your support of
St. Francis Xavier Parish!



Weekend Mass Protocols at St. Francis Xavier!

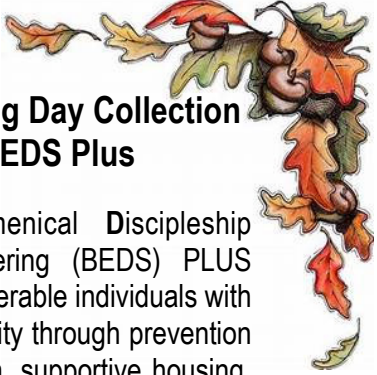
The CDC recommends wearing masks in indoor, public spaces, following evidence that the COVID delta strain can spread rapidly even among fully vaccinated individuals.

- ◆ **Masks are required for everyone** over age 2, regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ **We invite everyone to sing with your mask in place!** Pick up a bulletin as you enter church for the words to the hymns. As you leave, place any bulletins you are not taking home in the recycle baskets at each door.
- ◆ Please wait for an usher to invite your pew to come forward for communion. With your mask in place, receive the host in your hand and move six feet to the side before removing your mask to consume the host.
- ◆ **All church doors remain open** for all worshippers.
- ◆ **Unity Hall remains open to families with small children** to offer a remote viewing option on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 9AM and 11AM. This is only for families with small children and no cold symptoms.
- ◆ Every other pew in the back of church and in the east transept is not available for seating. These areas provide social distance for parents with infants, those with immune issues, and those not yet comfortable being closer than six feet. All other pews are available for general seating.
- ◆ Please avoid physical contact with those not of your own household, especially during the **Sign of Peace**. A nod or a wave is always appropriate.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.


Fr. Bill

Thanksgiving Day Collection for BEDS Plus



Building Ecumenical Discipleship Through Sheltering (BEDS) PLUS Care helps vulnerable individuals with housing insecurity through prevention and stabilization, supportive housing, emergency services and wrap-around services, including: health clinic, employment support group, financial literacy and legal clinic.

Click here to donate.



BEDS PLUS serves 2,716 clients annually. St. Francis Xavier has partnered with BEDS since 1989. See www.beds-plus.org for ways you can help.

Blood Drive



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Turn a new leaf
Fall into giving!

**Tuesday, November 30
4:00-8:00 pm**

Knights of Columbus, LaGrange
Local Council 6483 Blood Drive

St. Francis Xavier, 145 North Waiola
(Ogden & Waiola) LaGrange, IL 60525

To make an appointment, visit www.versiti.org,
or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE.

**EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!
DONORS WILL RECEIVE A THANK-YOU GIFT
(SOCKS OR CAP WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)!**

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



Another Step Forward at Weekend Mass at St. Francis Xavier

Two changes will occur for weekend Masses **beginning this Thursday**, Thanksgiving Day, and continuing for all weekend Masses.

- ◆ The gifts of bread and wine will again be brought forward from the back of church by a family or individuals selected by the ushers before Mass.
- ◆ We are returning to four communion stations at weekend Masses. This will include two communion lines in the center aisle for those seated in the main section of the church. Please stay toward the sides of the aisle to avoid standing next to the person in the other line.

Saturday Morning Mass Returns – Reconciliation Room Reopens

Saturday morning Mass resumes December 4 at a new time. **Mass will begin at 8:30AM**, followed by individual Reconciliation from 9:00-10:00 in the Reconciliation Room. The Reconciliation Room has been closed since March 2020. It is located behind the black wrought-iron metalwork at the back of the sanctuary. Enter through the gates on the west side of the sanctuary. A light on the wall outside the door will be red if the room is occupied and green if the room is available. You have the option of remaining behind a screen or walking around the screen to be seated face-to-face with the priest. Please pass the word as we welcome back our Saturday morning worshippers.



RCIA Rite of Acceptance/Welcome! Join us this Sunday at the 9am Mass as we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance/Welcome, which marks our RCIA Candidates' transition from the "Inquiry" phase into the "Catechumenate" phase!

Advent begins next week – and the "Little Blue Books" are back! FREE Little Blue Books to guide your Advent reflection can be found in the baskets at each entrance to the church. If you are leading a small group or would like to join a weekly small group to discuss these reflections throughout Advent, please contact Carol Promisel at cpromisel2000@yahoo.com. Other Advent ideas/opportunities can be found on our parish website – visit sfxlg.org -> Parish ->

Faith Formation -> ADVENT!

OPLATKI

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available at the Rectory. Please call 708-352-0168 to reserve your Oplatki and schedule a time to pick up.

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.

Family Outreach Ministry Committee Volunteering Returns December 4!

The SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee is excited to begin volunteer opportunities for families once again! Please join us on our first outing on Saturday, December 4 from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. We will be preparing and serving food to the needy during the Saturday Meals Program at First Congressional Church of LaGrange. Registration is required and we kindly ask for a \$5-\$10 donation per person to purchase food to prepare. Email Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net in order to reserve your spot!

BEDS Dessert Program

Sign up for the BEDS Dessert program is now open. Please plan to bring dessert for 18 guests of the BEDS Plus program. We kindly ask that the desserts be store bought, individually wrapped and delivered to the BEDS Plus Care Facility located at **9601 East Ogden in LaGrange before 12:00 pm on Monday**. If you would like to be a back-up in case of unforeseen cancellations, please email at thsully28@yahoo.com. For questions, please call or text Theresa Sullivan at 773-592-7155.

Thank you for your generous support!

The sign up link is [Copy of Oct-Dec 2021 Dessert for BEDS](#).



VOLUNTEER for the SFX AUCTION!



Volunteering is a fun way to **become involved** in SFX School and Parish, to **meet new friends & to help throw a GREAT & MEMORABLE party!**

Please sign up for one of the volunteer committees below! We are looking for volunteers to help with:

Event Coordination
Live Auction
Silent Auction
Registration
"Fund a Need"

Email: **Andrea Dekoj** andreadekoj@gmail.com to sign up!

Nazareth Academy 8th Grade Testing

Nazareth Academy invites 8th graders to Test at Nazareth Academy on December 4, 2021. Preference for admission and scholarships will be granted to students who test with Nazareth on that day. The exam begins at 8 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 on December 4. Pre-registration at nazarethacademy.com is required to attend.

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

Songs for November 20, 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King of the Universe

Opening Hymn: "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King" (7:30/9:00) *7:30 – vss. 1 & 2 only

Verse 1

To Je-sus Christ, our sov-'reign King, Who is the world's sal-va-tion,
All praise and hom-age do we bring And thanks and ad-o-ra-tion.
Christ Je-sus, Vic-tor! Christ Je-sus Rul-er! Christ Je-sus, Lord and Re-deem-er!

Verse 2

Your reign ex-tend, O King be-nign, To ev-'ry land and na-tion;
For in your king-dom, Lord di-vine, A-lone we find sal-va-tion.
Christ Je-sus, Vic-tor! Christ Je-sus Rul-er! Chris Je-sus, Lord and Re-deem-er!

Verse 3

To you, and to your church, great King, We pledge our heart's ob-la-tion;
Un-til be-fore your throne we sing In end-less ju-bi-la-tion.
Christ Je-sus, Vic-tor! Christ Je-sus Rul-er! Christ Je-sus, Lord and Re-deem-er!

Opening Hymn: "Glorious In Majesty" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Living is to love him, serving him to know his freedom;
come along with us to join the praise of Jesus.
Come to Jesus now—go to live his word rejoicing.**

Glo-ri-ous in maj-es-ty, ho-ly in is prais-es, Je-sus, our Sav-iour and our King, born a man,
yet God of old, let us all a-dore him, filled with his Spir-it, let us sing. **Refrain.**

Vic-to-ry be won for us, free-ing us from dark-ness dy-ing and ris-ing from the dead.
Liv-ing with the Fa-ther now; yet he is a-mong us. We are the bo-dy, he the head. **Refrain.**

One in love, as fam-i-ly, liv-ing with each oth-er, glad-ly we share each other's pain.
Yet he will not leave us so, soon he is re-turn-ing, tak-ing us back with him to reign. **Refrain.**

Responsorial Psalm 93: "The Lord is King"

Refrain: "The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty."

Communion Hymn: "I Myself Am the Bread of Life"

Refrain.

**I my-self am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life,
tak-en and blessed, bro-ken and shared by Christ that the world might live.**

This bread is spir-it, gift of the Mak-er's love, and we who share it know that we can be one:
a liv-ing sign of God in Christ. **Refrain.**

Here is God's king-dom giv-en to us as food. This is our bod-y, this is our blood:
a liv-ing sign of God in Christ. **Refrain.**

Lives bro-ken o-pen, sto-ries shared a-loud, be-come a ban-quet, a shel-ter for the world:
a liv-ing sign of God in Christ. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (7:30/9:00)

Crown him with man-y crowns, The Lamb up-on his throne; Hark!
How the heav'n-ly an-them drowns All mu-sic but its own.
A-wake my soul, and sing Of him who set us free,
And hail him as your heav'n-ly King Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
And rose vic-to-rious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glo-ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died, e-ter-nal life to bring.
And lives that death may die.

Recessional: "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Bring forth the King-dom of mer-cy, Bring forth the King-dom of peace;
Bring forth the King-dom of jus-tice, Bring forth the Cit-y of God!**

You are the salt for the earth, O peo-ple; Salt for the King-dom of God!
Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple; Life in the King-dom of God! **Refrain.**

You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple; Light for the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple; Shine for the King-dom of God! **Refrain.**

You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple; Bring forth the King-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, Grow in the King-dom of God! **Refrain.**

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"To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King" – Text: Martin B. Hellrigel /Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT

"Glorious in Majesty" – Text: Jeff Cothran/Tune: SHIBBOLET BASADEH

"Psalm 93: The Lord is King" – Michael Guimont

"Psalm 93: Praise the Lord" – Benjamin Cortez *Spirit & Psalm

"I Myself Am the Bread of Life" – Rory Cooney

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" – DIADEMATA, SMD/George J. Elvey

"Bring Forth the Kingdom" – Marty Haugen



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SFX Falcon Alumni Facebook: [facebook.com/sfxlgalumni](https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni)

SFX VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR
<https://vimeo.com/506617250>

See the latest happenings at the SFX school:

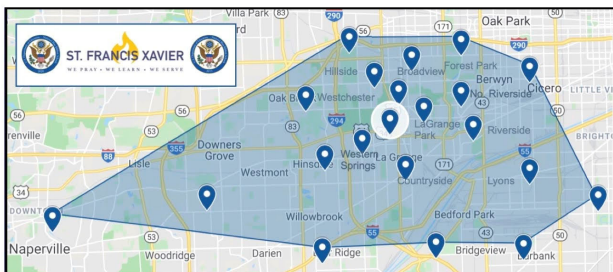
2021 Living Rosary: vimeo.com/626693886

Homecoming Pep Rally: vimeo.com/624574399

Homecoming Parade: vimeo.com/624559358

Homecoming Football Game: vimeo.com/624566088

Falcon 5K Video: vimeo.com/643629220



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Saint Francis Xavier School has students from 20 different ZIP Codes.

Contact us today to learn more about what Saint Francis Xavier School can offer your family!

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Over 350 students, family members, parishioners, alumni, current and retired faculty & staff registered for the 16th Annual St. Francis Xavier Falcon 5K. It was a picture perfect day for this family friendly run/walk (3.1 miles) on the USATF Certified chip timed course through the beautiful, tree lined streets of Harding Woods in La Grange Park on Saturday Morning 11/6/21. A Kids' Fun Run for children ages 10 and under kicked off the festivities at 8:00 am before the 5K start. Special thanks go out to Falcon 5K Chairs Meghan and Zack Fijal, Social Chair-Angie McMurray, Support Camille Brune and 80 wonderful volunteers for making this event a success! Falcon 5K Video: <https://vimeo.com/643629220>

Overall Results:

Overall Male

Scott Comeau- 19:05

Overall Female

Stacy McCarty- 23:07

Top 3 Finishers:

Male Age 10 & under

- 1st- Benjamin Mammoser
- 2nd- Will Mackenzie
- 3rd- Declan Sullivan

Female Age 10 & under

- 1st- Abby Fijal
- 2nd- Nora Trayser
- 3rd- Shannon Carroll

Male Age 11-12

- 1st- Sean Trayser
- 2nd- Burke Burns
- 3rd- Eddie Holmes

Female Age 11-12

- 1st- Allie O'Halloran
- 2nd- Madeline Briscoe
- 3rd- Lexie Perfect

Male Age 13-14

- 1st- Daniel Lewis
- 2nd- Matt King
- 3rd- John Mammoser IV

Female Age 13-14

- 1st- Taylor Carroll
- 2nd- Lucy Gergits
- 3rd- NONE

Male Age 15-18

- 1st- Aiden Fouliard
- 2nd- Alex McCarty
- 3rd- Daniel O'Gallagher

Female Age 15-18

- 1st- Evelyn Riordan
- 2nd- Gracie Brennan
- 3rd- Sarah Owen

Male Age 19 & Over

- 1st- John Walsh
- 2nd- Geof Brown
- 3rd- Steve Zlatic

Female Age 19 & Over

- 1st- Sarah Conzen
- 2nd- Kelly Zlatic
- 3rd- Melissa Grisoni

The Knights of Columbus of LaGrange and St. Francis Xavier Parish would like to thank you for your generosity in contributing to the 10th Annual Outerwear Drive.

It is because of your generosity that those in need will be warm this winter.



Please register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center at www.csithewell.org.

Advent at Home Directed Retreat on Monday, November 29 at 7:00 pm through Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm with Facilitators: Pat Bergen, CSJ, Diane Pfahler, SND, and Bridget Sperduto. Thomas Merton says, "Advent is the beginning of the end of everything that is not Christ." In addition to gatherings on Zoom on the evening of November 29 and December 14, each participant promises to spend a half-hour a day in prayer and to meet with a retreat director 5 times for ½ hour during the 16-day retreat. Cost of this retreat: \$125.



KRINGLE CRAZY KINDNESS

Thank you to all parishioners for your overwhelming support of the Kringle Danish fundraiser. Our teens collected orders for over 385 Kringle and over 50 of those are designated to be donated to the Food Pantry. Your generosity towards helping to defray the costs of the Mission Trip is so very appreciated by the teens. We're off to a great start! All orders can be picked up this weekend on Sunday, November 21, in God's Garage between noon-3:00pm. We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving sweet treat!

Volunteers Needed

TEACH Empowers ([Click HERE](#) to Volunteer) Provide English language tutoring to adults and/or help immigrants prepare for their citizenship test. Lessons provided remotely and in-person throughout western Cook and DuPage Counties. Must be 18+. Contact Amy at 708-968-7023 or asmetana@teachempowers.org for more details.



We are excited to announce that for the first time, the teens of St. Francis Xavier, St. John, and St. Cletus are uniting to attend a Mission Service Trip in the summer of 2022. It's been two years since our last trip and all current 9th-12th grades in high school are invited to attend. The teens will depart on Sunday, June 19th, volunteer for four days and have one free day and then return mid-day on Saturday, June 25th. They will roll up their sleeves to restore, paint and rehab homes and to help social agencies, while working side by side with their fellow teens and people in the area around Montague, Michigan. Join us for a life changing week of serving, reflecting, transforming lives, celebrating the Catholic faith, building friendships, having fun and bringing hope to the world. **WAIT LIST** registration forms and more information can be found on the youth ministry page of the parish website.

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

GRATITUDE is a lifestyle, and practicing it can change our lives. Being thankful and focusing on the positive aspects of life does not fix our difficulties, but it does have a beneficial chemical and energetic influence on our emotional state as long as we can stop, rethink, document what is occurring to us, become aware, and experience gratitude on a regular basis.

Research has demonstrated that expressing gratitude is beneficial to one's mental health. It boosts happiness while lowering sadness. It also improves empathy while lowering anger. It encourages individuals to become more social and create new relationships. In addition, studies have suggested that gratitude may also aid the recovery from trauma.

Thanksgiving is coming soon and we will be celebrating with our loved ones. Let us remember to be grateful every day. Let us not lose sight of the fact that we are a whole person with a mind, body, and soul, and it is necessary to pay attention to each of these areas, to seek balance, to heal, and to transcend toward a better quality of life.

Consider reaching out to your Parish Counselor Georgina Lopez at 323-487-2359 or glopez.claret@gmail.com (Under supervisor Dr. Worden IL license # 071-005991).

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.

Pig Roast 2021 is back on!! SFX Men's Club

*Friday, December 10
6:00-11:30PM*

*American Legion Post 1941
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*More details to follow.
Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com
for more information.*

SFX Women's Retreat 2022



Save the date--February 5th & 6th, 2022, at the Carmelite Retreat Center located in Darien, Illinois. More details coming soon!

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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. 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
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- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
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- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **1st Lieutenant Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Col. Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol

**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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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

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

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center (Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email glopez.claret@gmail.com.

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