

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 24, 2023**



# FIRST



**“Thus, the last will be  
first, and the first  
will be last.”**

MATTHEW 20:16

## Who do you say that we are?

Several weeks ago, Jesus asked a very similar question of his disciples. Peter spoke up, proclaiming Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Today, we invite all parishioners to respond to this question as it applies to St. Francis Xavier Parish. We also begin to provide the results of the Disciple Maker Index Survey, which all parishioners were invited to complete in Lent 2023. Today’s request is much simpler, and yet requires some reflection. What are the **three words** that you think best describe St. Francis Xavier Parish? If someone asked you to describe this parish in three distinct words, what three words would you choose?

### Disciple Missionary Index: The Results

Over the past few months, a group of parish staff, parish leaders, and I have reviewed the results of the Disciple Maker Index survey, which everyone was invited to complete during this past Lent. 271 parishioners chose to complete the survey.

#### Breakdown of Respondents

|                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99% Catholic                    | 67% Female                           |
| 95% Caucasian                   | 61% Pray daily                       |
| 88% Attend Mass at least weekly | 57% Parishioners for < 20 years      |
| 75% Married                     | 53% Give < 10% of my income annually |

There is much to be hopeful about in the responses. One clear strength of the parish is a sense of welcoming. Respondents also affirmed the vibrancy of our Masses and our various forms of outreach to those in need. There is strong belief in the Risen Lord and his presence in Word and Eucharist.

#### Motivation to Recommend

- St. Francis Xavier Parish to Others**
- 94% Information is readily available
  - 91% A welcoming community
  - 89% Financial transparency
  - 88% The parish staff
  - 85% Vibrant/ engaging liturgies
  - 81% Helps me to reflect on God in my life
  - 79% Preaching and homilies
  - 75% The pastor

#### Belief in Core Catholic Teaching

- 92% Jesus died and rose from the dead for my salvation
- 89% Scripture is the Word of God
- 86% Jesus’ moral teachings for my life as taught by the Church
- 83% Eucharist is really the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
- 73% The Church is critical to my relationship with God
- 71% Teaching authority of the Church

I also find hope in the areas that indicate opportunities for improvement. The strong sense of belief and community seemed not to extend outward to relationships in the community. A significant percentage stated that they had *never* shared with others the stories of Jesus or their own spiritual encounters with God. This is key to a *missionary* disciple, who shares their beliefs with others. Many of us were raised to think of this as a “Protestant” practice, while Catholics “came to Mass” and “obeyed” the teachings of the Church. However, our culture has changed significantly. Most Catholics do not “come to Mass” on weekends and have lost a sense of the purpose in doing so. We who gather to be nourished and strengthened by Word and Eucharist have a responsibility to *witness* to what we believe and how that directs what we do.

### Opportunities for Growth

#### I have never:

- 76%** Participated in a retreat
- 62%** Participated in a class or workshop to develop my faith
- 56%** Participated in a Bible study or prayer group
- 42%** Shared a personal faith story
- 36%** Shared a story of Jesus
- 35%** Invited someone to Mass
- 34%** Invited someone to a parish activity
- 21%** Prayed with someone
- 18%** Volunteered to serve someone

In the aftermath of a Church scandal that has shocked Catholics over the past 30 years, many have walked away from the Church and/or lost respect for its leaders. We who remain are challenged to **be** a church that is much broader and deeper than its hierarchy or even its failures in any given era. We are called to share with others the *meaning and support* that we find in coming together as the People of God and disciples of Jesus. How do we help and encourage one another in our mission of witness?

Posted to our website is a series of reports that provide additional results and insights that parish leadership will use to identify and develop future actions. We will take time to prayerfully develop realistic, yet aspirational, actions for the future. This will connect with the spiritual renewal effort already begun through Renew My Church and will focus on the unique opportunities for improvement and growth at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

Over the next two weeks, Maggie McMahon, our pastoral associate, and Elis Guidice, our Director of Religious Education and Sacramental Prep Coordinator, will offer their insights into what the survey results tell us in the areas of adult and family formation and their plans to address our opportunities for growth. I invite you to review the results on your own. We welcome your feedback on what you see and how best to move forward.

Peace,  
Fr. Bill

## Week at a Glance

|  |                                |   | Intention  | Requested By   |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Monday, September 25                                 | Mass                           | 8:30 am                                   | Antonio & Teresa Franzese<br>James Crossin   | The Franko Family  |
| Tuesday, September 26                                | Mass                           | 8:30 am                                   | Joseph Reska   | The Cooley Family  |
| Wednesday, September 27                              | Mass                           | 8:30 am                                   | John Yelnick   | Scott & Jill Burson  |
| Thursday, September 28                               | Rosary                         | 8:15 am                                   |  |  |
| Friday, September 29                                 | Mass                           | 8:30 am                                   | Besse & Dick Parlon  | Pam Oplawski   |
| Saturday, September 30                               | Mass<br>Reconciliation<br>Mass | 8:30 am<br>9:00 am<br>5:00 pm             | Palma Frustaci<br>Lillian Bannach<br>Arvid Stasaitis   | Gina Frustaci<br>Toni Conwell<br>The SFX Parish Staff  |
| Sunday, October 1<br>26th Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time | Mass<br>Mass<br>Mass<br>Mass   | 7:30 am<br>9:00 am<br>11:00 am<br>5:00 pm | William Gurney<br>Judy Gusland<br>Bob Mungo<br>John & Carol Cecchin<br>69th Wedding Anniversary<br>John Rogers | The Dybas Family<br>Pat Urycki<br>Nancy & Michael Kalkowski<br>Your Loving Family<br>The Cooley Family |

### Presider's Schedule for September 23-24, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

### Please pray for . . .

Baby Finley Adkins  
Scott Aulinskis  
John Baggio  
Dorothy Burnicks  
Dick Callahan  
Michael Cannon  
Jay Carroll  
Chili Challender  
Marion Coogan  
Blake Donegan  
Barbara Doyle  
Matthew Doyle  
Lily Fielding  
Sophie Francis  
Dave Garland  
Kathy Gleason  
Lilli Gregory  
Angela Hill  
Dave Hyland  
Rose Ilo  
Mary J.  
Jane Jacobsen  
Theresa Kandall  
Mark Kiley  
Rick Mahoney

Lisa Massaro  
Ralph Metzger  
Patrick Morgan  
Gert Ogilvie  
Jane O'Reilly  
Tom Parr  
Beth Pfluger  
Geri Pfluger  
Larry Plansky  
Rob Roper  
Anna Rose  
Eric Skaja  
Santa Snieg  
Rita Mae Spearman  
John Stopka  
Mike Sullivan  
Peggy Sullivan  
Charlie Swafford  
Richie Szatkowski  
Olivia Tarsney  
Theresa Toher  
Liz Wilk  
Bill Witowski  
Dirk Witz

### Born Into Eternal Life



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

**Helen Wargo**  
Mother of Michael

**John Zotti**  
Husband of Chris  
Father of John, Margaret & Patrick

### Weddings

Molly Briody & Angelo Cavalieri  
Maggie Webb & Alexios Georges  
Kelly Honan & Brodie Reuter



To add a name to the prayer list who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

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





## Blessing of Pets

September 30th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who preached by his life God's call for us to care for all of creation. His feast day comes at the beginning of a month in which we pray for a deepening commitment to healing our planet from the effects of climate change and a deeper respect for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi also has been a time when we offer blessings to pets and renew our commitment to be good caretakers. St. Francis Xavier Parish will offer a **Blessing of Pets next Saturday, September 30th, at 10AM**. We will gather on the Spring Avenue lawn across the ramp from the Mary Garden. Pets of all types and sizes are welcome. (Speedy plans to attend.) Pass the word to friends and neighbors.

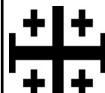
## Open Staff Position: Youth Ministry Coordinator

We continue the search for a new person to fill this position. The position description can be revised to accommodate a part time person; or expanded to cover one program that ministers to teens from both St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Parishes.

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (theology or pastoral ministry preferred, but not required)
- Excellent people skills with a heart for high school youth
- An approach to ministry rooted in personal prayer and scriptural reflection
- Experience working in a collaborative environment
- Excellent organizational skills
- Able and willing to work evening and weekend hours

If you or someone you know is qualified and interested, please contact Fr. Bill at [wtkachuk@sfxlg.org](mailto:wtkachuk@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x302.



## Kairos

We are on our 41<sup>st</sup> Kairos since we began, missing four during COVID. Kairos hype and advertising is typically spread by the teens—but obviously, due to COVID, our attendance for our four prior retreats was down. We are slowly building back, though, and it's exciting!

Registration for our Kairos 41<sup>st</sup> Retreat, October 19-22, opened on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>!

Kairos is a 4-day retreat offered through St. John of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus, specifically designed for Juniors and Seniors to reflect, reset and re-discover your relationship with God. These spots will go quickly, so be sure to sign up soon. If you have any questions, please email Katie Pruitt at [Kpruitt@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:Kpruitt@stjohnofthecross.org).

The link went LIVE on Monday, August 28: <https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/apps/forms2/?f=39390>.



## New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Wednesday, October 11th, at 6:30pm**, for a special Newcomer Blessing presided by Fr. Rich.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for **socializing in Unity Hall**. Alpine subs, salad, fruit and cookies will be served.

Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

**Who is invited? Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish \* Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet \* Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us \* Families with children of all ages \* ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7pm, or BOTH!

If you are able, **please RSVP by October 6th** to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

RSVP and Questions Call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com).

## URGENT ADVOCACY TRAINING

Join us in making sure our Illinois lawmakers save a scholarship program for students from low-income families! Students at St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Schools benefit from the Invest in Kids Act, which will end after this school year without the vote from our local representatives. See below to find out how YOU can help as a constituent of our voting district by attending our training session!



#SAVE MY SCHOLARSHIP

# ADVOCACY TRAINING

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

124 North Spring Avenue  
La Grange IL 60525

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023  
6:00PM – 7:30PM

Tax Credit Scholarships have helped students across Illinois, including dozens at St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier in La Grange, attend their best-fit school. With the Invest in Kids Act scheduled to sunset at the end of the school year, let's raise our voices in support of these life-changing scholarships. At this training, you will learn how you can advocate for this program to our local state representatives, who will vote on this Act at the end of October.

Please park in either lot and enter Unity Hall  
(located between the school and church buildings)



# SFX Men's Club

## Pig Roast – Save the Date!

### Friday, November 10, 2023

#### More details to follow

Contact Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) for info.

### SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish –  
we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the  
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 3

Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or

Jack Horrigan [jhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



### Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.



### Religious Education News

**Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education,  
Registration closes on September 27th!**

The School of Religious Education is still accepting registration for the 2023-2024 school year.

We are happy to be able to offer two options to families:

In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons and our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays for families with busy schedules. Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for “car ride” home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

**Please don't delay in registering your children today as some classes are already closed!**

Visit our website for complete information on  
registration, tuition and calendar:

Click "[Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!](#)" to register.

### **Your Gift and Talent is Needed for our Wednesday Classes!**



Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU for our Wednesday Classes! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! I am looking for many volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2023-2024 school year at [sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org)

## Come and Learn About the Heart of Ignatian Spirituality



**When:** Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm - 8:15pm

**Where:** St. Francis Xavier (Unity Hall)

*The purpose of The Spiritual Exercises is very practical: to grow in union with God, who frees us to make good decisions about our lives and to help others.*

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius for growth in the spiritual life. By learning to pay attention to our inner movements and embrace our uniqueness we can learn to live our lives more fully while searching for and discovering the will of God for each of us.

*Should I attend ...*

You may be asking questions such as: Do I desire a deeper relationship with God, myself, and the world in which I live? Do I desire a greater sense of direction and purpose in my life in light of my relationship with God? Do I feel that there is more to my life than I am experiencing? Do I want to understand better what I really want in my life?

The discussion will be led by Tom Marthaler who is a parishioner at SFX, a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, and certified spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition.

Please contact Maggie McMahon by email at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) if you have any questions.

## Engage Community Fall Events

All are welcome. Engage focuses on adults over 50 single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

The fall kick-off gathering Engage Community will be **Thursday, September 28 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at SFX**. We will preview plans for the coming year and have some time to socialize. No need to RSVP. Just stop in and bring a friend if you can.

For questions, please contact Jane by email at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com).

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

Volunteers are needed for the Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drive on October 14. Please join the Knights in making an immediate impact to replace hunger with food on the table!

Attach paper flyers to doorknobs of homes using rubber bands. Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights. Volunteers choose their own day, time and streets in LaGrange or LaGrange Park. Flyers will be available to distribute through October 9.

Donations benefit the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and the Chicago Food Depository.

This good cause, twice each year in April and October, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the St. Francis community.

**Another way to help is to:**

**DONATE ONLINE TO St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry**  
<sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families>  
or point your phone camera at the QR code to the right and click or text F4FSFX to 708-738-5930  
or email [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com)

To volunteer or for more information,  
please call or text Craig Jacklin at  
708-738-5939 or email  
[council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support.



  
*Thinking about*  
**Becoming Catholic?**

**WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!**

Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) to start the conversation



Connecting families with littles (under 5 years old)

### Pumpkin Painting (& Social)

**Where:** 541 S Madison Ave, LaGrange

**When:** 11:00am-12:30pm on Saturday, Oct 14

**What:** You bring the pumpkins, we'll provide the paint. Messy clothes recommended (for parents and kids!)

### Costumes in the Park

**Where:** Spring Ave Park, LaGrange  
(1100 S Spring Ave)

**When:** 5:30pm on Friday, Oct 27

**What:** Your toddler can't decide on a costume? Break out a second or third option and gather in the park! Or just dress 'em up as a dino for the third year in a row. Either way: deck the family out for Halloween and join us for a Friday evening park playdate/social.

Questions? Contact [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) for more info. Join our Facebook group: SFX Toddling Together!



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park for questions call 708-482-5048. To register visit our website to see our entire lineup of fall programs and retreats, please register in advance at: [www.csithewell.org/offering/](http://www.csithewell.org/offering/).

**Put Your Best Foot Forward:** Yoga and Your Feet on Tuesday, September 26 and October 10 from 1:00–2:00pm with Facilitator: Nina Ginocchio. Oh my aching feet! If this is you, join us as we learn about the mechanics within the foot and ankle and work to strengthen and mobilize the area that is the foundation of our bodies. Each session will have a lecture component, yoga practice (standing or seated), and some foot self-care tips. Series cost: \$30.

## SFX Class of 1983 40 year Reunion

**Friday, October 6  
6:30 pm**

**Irish Times  
8869 Burlington Avenue  
Brookfield, IL**

Questions, please contact Mary-Ellen Devitt by phone at 312-613-2597 or [medevitt@outlook.com](mailto:medevitt@outlook.com).

## Family Outreach Ministry

Thanks to all our SFX volunteers who helped with the Saturday Meals Program on September 16. We served over 70 neighbors in need! Please join Family Outreach Ministry at our next SMP outing on Saturday, November 18.



Please [Click Here](#) to Sign up to volunteer.

## Interfaith Career Network

### **Quarterly Resume Review**

On Saturday, September 30, 9:00-11:00 am, join us for a helpful 20-minute, one-on-one conversation with an HR, or other search related professionals. 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! We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street in LaGrange.

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

## Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2022/2023 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more.

Join the fun and reach out to either Lauren Desmond [lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com) or Erin Thunander [erin.thunander@gmail.com](mailto:erin.thunander@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved.

# **St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **September 11th, 2023**

**The Pastoral Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month and will have the minutes of the meeting published in the bulletin. If you have any questions related to St. Francis Xavier please feel free to contact us at [ppc@sfxlq.org](mailto:ppc@sfxlq.org)**

#### **Attendees:**

Curt Aronson, Elizabeth Cooley, Beth DiMarco, Laura Duelm, Lindsey Mackenzie, Marko Magajne, Fr. Bill Tkachuk and Jody Wise.

#### **1. Prayer**

- a. Parish mission statement (all attendees)
- b. Prayer for guidance of the Holy Spirit (Father Bill)
- c. Thank You Beth Dimarco for your incite and service

#### **2. Discussion / Action Items**

- a. The work continues to develop a St Francis Xavier Identity Statement – Jody Wise continues the process to form a succinct aspirational explanation of who we are at St. Francis Xavier. The process to collect the ideas and key words from our parishioners to help describe our parish, and distill these to define a crisp, concise identity. The process will begin late September and come to fruition in December.
- b. DMI Parish report was presented by Fr Bill and the findings will be shared with the Parish and the Evangelization team.
- c. Vacation Bible School collaboration between SFX and Grace Lutheran Church is moving ahead. There is great interest from both parties and we are moving ahead with a steering committee to move the process forward.
- a. Name Tag Sunday was generally well received and will continue. Discussion occurred on developing a team to manage the Name Tag Sundays, as well as to allow different ministries to sponsor some of the Name Tag Sundays. Further planning is occurring.

#### **3. Evangelization Team update:**

- a. Our kerygmatic soft entry point will be the 11 week program “Alpha” which will be piloted in fall 2023.
- b. The evangelization team has completed some diocese training sessions
  - i. Key points - sharing a personal encounter with Christ and the primacy of evangelization.
  - ii. The team will continue to review the broad items that promote a culture of evangelization (hallmark qualities of Hospitality, Engagement, Listening, Prayer, Inviting, Forming Relationships, leading to Witness and Mission).

#### **4. St. Francis Xavier Covid Update Church & School**

- i. All necessary protocols remain in place and are in alignment with Cook County COVID-19 guidelines as well as Archdiocese COVID-19 rules.

#### **5. Closing Prayer**

#### **6. Next Meeting – October 9th, 2023**



# Peace & Justice BOOK DISCUSSION 2023



"How do we love in a time of rage? How do we fix a broken world while not breaking ourselves? Valarie Kaur--renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer--describes revolutionary love as the call of our time.... It enjoins us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say: You are part of me I do not yet know... It is a practice that can transform a relationship, a community, a culture, even a nation. Kaur takes readers through her own riveting journey, ... reclaim[ing] love as an active, public, and revolutionary force that creates new possibilities for ourselves, our communities, and our world."

Don't Have a Chance to Read the Book?

No worries! We will be showing a video about the book before the discussion so all are welcome to participate.

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**St. Francis Xavier Church**  
**Unity Hall**  
**124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange**

Enter off church parking lot. Refreshments will be served.

[Click Here](#) to RSVP.

## Participating Organizations:

- Baha'is of LaGrange
- Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
- First Congregational Church of LaGrange-Ministry of Missions
- Learning Anti-Racism Together (LART)
- St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry, LaGrange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, LaGrange Park
- Unitarian Church of Hinsdale—Racial Equity Team
- Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Park

Resources for the book are available at the author's website, [www.valeriekaur.com](http://www.valeriekaur.com).

Questions? Contact Maureen Windmoeller

[maurwind@gmail.com](mailto:maurwind@gmail.com)

# SUPPORT MOMS AND BABIES

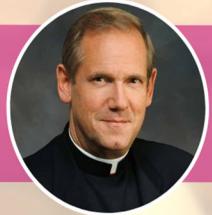


by playing

**3 Babies**  
born everyday  
to local WCC moms



Join honorary chairman  
**Monsignor Ken Velo!**



Babies like Lea

need **heroes** like you!

**Wed., Oct. 18, 2023**  
**LuxuryBingoChicago.com**



You support local women in choosing life, having healthier pregnancies, and becoming self-sufficient parents at



The Women's Care Center has generously offered SFX and St. Cletus a table.  
Please contact Mary Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org)  
by Sunday, October 1st if you would like to join us!



## Catholic Charities Please Help Feed the Hungry

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help in our food pantry at 1400 South Austin Blvd. in Cicero.

### Volunteer shifts:

- Mondays: 9:15-11:15 am, 12:15-2:15 pm and 2:15-4:15 pm
- Tuesdays: 9:15-11:15 am, 12:15 and 2:15 pm
- Thursdays: 1:45-4:00 pm and 4:0-6:00 pm

### Volunteers also needed on delivery days:

- 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm
- Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

For information, contact Silvia De Casas at [sdecasas@catholiccharities.net](mailto:sdecasas@catholiccharities.net) or 708-329-4023.

### West Regional Services

1400 S. Austin Blvd, Cicero, IL 60804  
708-222-1491 [catholiccharities.net](http://catholiccharities.net)

## Holy Guardian Angels Parish OKTOBERFEST

**When:** Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00–10:30 pm

**Where:** Holy Guardian Angels Parish,  
1125 Harrison Avenue, LaGrange Park

**Why:** Family fun for all with **FREE ADMISSION!**

**BINGO** from 1:00–3:00 pm in the St. Louise De Marillac Parish Center, Children's games and bouncy house from 3:00–7:00 pm

**Live entertainment:** Jim Drnek Polka Band from 4:30-7:30 pm and The Sylvie's 8:00-10:00 pm in the Colonnade Room. Delicious seasonal food and drink, with children's menu too.

**Cash Share the Wealth Raffle**, pull tabs and bag raffle. For Share the Wealth Cash Raffle tickets or other information please call Matt Sinde 847-682-7404

**Come rain or shine to have a great time!!**



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

- **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**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC** niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—son 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
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## Pastoral Ministry

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Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
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Weekend Sacramental Minister

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## Parish Office Staff

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## Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30 am-7:00 pm  
Friday ..... 8:30 am-4:30 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 7:00-8:00 pm  
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 9:30 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

## Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

## Infant Baptisms

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

## Marriage

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

## Parish Counselor

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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