

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023



FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, September 18	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Nancy Vesely Special Intention Terry Conwell	Marge Branecki The Conwell Family
Tuesday, September 19	Mass	8:30 am	Margaret Nichol Adele Driscoll	Tom & Lucile Nichol The Food Pantry Crew
Wednesday, September 20	Mass	8:30 am	Tyler Duelm	The Duelm Family
Thursday, September 21	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, September 22	Mass	8:30 am	Gary Johnson	The SFX Faculty & Staff
Saturday, September 23	Mass	8:30 am	Salvatore Frustaci Jacquelyn Van Gorp-Living Intention	Gina Frustaci Margo Hannigan
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Simeoni, McLaughlin, Lucarelli, and Joyce Families	Sylvia & Tim McLaughlin
Sunday, September 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Carol Lindsay Hayes and Bill Lindsay	The Nighswander Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Pat Callahan Rose Wall	Dolores Lewis Tom & Lucile Nichol
	Mass	11:00 am	Dr. Marion Panepinto	The Foster Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Marian Dudek	Eva Dudek

President's Schedule for September 16-17, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Killeen

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
Kathy Armstrong
Scott Aulinskis
John Baggio
Dorothy Burnicks
Dick Callahan
Michael Cannon
Jay Carroll
Chili Challenger
Peter Connelly
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

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

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Adele Driscoll
Mother of Bob

Weddings

Kristen Bochenek & Kent Frayn
Julianne Sinde & Jared Morton
Molly Briody & Angelo Cavalieri
Maggie Webb & Alexios Georges



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



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.

Pastor's Letter

Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21

It was awesome! I am inspired and enlightened by the five women who offered their reflections on the scriptures last weekend. Each of them approached the scriptures from a different perspective and brought to life the words of Jesus. As much as I love to preach each weekend, I also love to listen to the preaching of another as they speak from the same scriptures. I value this even more when the preacher is someone whose life experience is different than my own due to gender, race, or life experience. This weekend we were given a great gift from **Martie Lukanich, Sr. Marci Hermesdorf, Maggie McMahon, Maureen Windmoeller, and Katie McCarthy**. Thank you to the entire parish team that coordinated the details of the weekend. Perhaps they inspired some young women among us to consider a future as leaders and ministers in the Church.

This week, Jesus takes his teachings on how to live in loving relationship with one another *one step further*. Peter again thinks he understands the teaching; he proudly asks Jesus if he is to forgive a person as many as *seven* times. At the time of Jesus, forgiving a person *once* might be considered more than was necessary; *forgiving a second time was unthinkable*. By extending it to seven times, Peter thinks he has understood how much farther the love of neighbor must go. Jesus' response of "seventy-seven times" is not intended to provide an exact number. Rather, such a number would equate to infinity for Peter. **Our forgiveness of others must be countless**, as is God's mercy toward us.

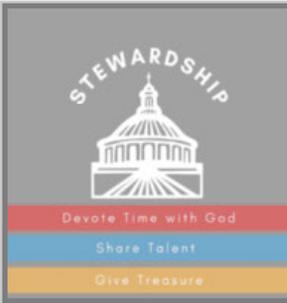
Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our sins, *as we forgive those who trespass against us*." It is only to the extent that we open our hearts in loving forgiveness of another that we open our hearts to receive the forgiveness God desires to share with us. *It is not that God punishes us* for our failures to forgive, as does the king in the parable. Rather our God loving and eagerly desires that we accept God's mercy. The reality of the human heart is that we remain closed to God's forgiveness while we are refusing to offer that same gift to one who has harmed us. *The other person does not need to apologize or even be sorry for what they have done*. **Forgiveness is the act of love that opens our heart to God's love.**

The same is true of our struggle to forgive ourselves. We may fear that God has not forgiven us for some past act. We must lovingly forgive ourselves to open our hearts to the forgiveness that God wants to share with us. The second great commandment of love is *both to love ourselves and to love our neighbor as ourselves*. This love is not selfish; it is our gratitude for the gift of our life.

Next weekend, we will be asked, "Who do you say that St. Francis Xavier Parish is?" We will each be asked to provide three distinct words that best answer this question. Take some time this week to ponder what three words you will choose.

Autumn Peace,

F. Bill



Your Gift, God's Hands

Offertory Report

Total Sunday Collection

July 1 through August 31, 2023: \$250,263

After a brief summer hiatus for the "Your Gift, God's Hands" article, we return to report on the impact your offertory donations have on the mission here at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Sometimes, significant capital improvements to our buildings are essential. This summer, it was literally the roof over our heads! We are so grateful for our parish savings, which enabled us to do a project costing almost \$700,000 without a major capital campaign. In addition to our savings, we received generous contributions to the building fund from a few parishioners over the past few months. Fundraisers hosted by the Catholic Women's Club and the Men's Club over the past two years brought in over \$50,000 as well.

Two 3rd floor, south-facing classrooms received new windows as part of this project, which provided major enhancements to ventilation, air conditioning, and aesthetics. As Laura Walls shares, *"The classroom looks so brand new and fresh! The students were so excited about the new state-of-the-art air conditioners, especially on those very hot first days of school."*



CWC Board members Jennifer Graham, Lauren Desmond, and Erin Thunander, in a "before" photo.



Laura Walls, 6th grade school teacher, in an "after" photo of our new windows and roof deck.

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

Make a gift to Sunday Offertory with this QR code or [Click Here](#).



Seminarian Collection

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the Seminarians. The collection provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation ordination as a priest of Chicago.

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

The Chosen - Season 3
Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm



September 20-November 8
St. John of the Cross Pastoral Center

Come see the story of Jesus through the eyes of those who followed him.

Register at www.stjohnofthecross.org or email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.

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 or 708-352-0168 x302.



Love one another
as I have loved you

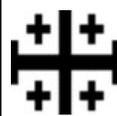
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Kairos

We are on our 41st 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 41st Retreat, October 19-22, opened on Monday, August 28th!

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.

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



Thinking about
Becoming
Catholic?

WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to start the conversation

SFX All Parish Block Party Highlights

On Friday, August 25, the St. Francis Catholic Women's Club and Men's Club hosted the SFX All Parish Block Party. The event was tremendously popular, drawing a large turnout from the parish and school communities. Parishioners of all ages gathered to celebrate the end of summer and beginning of the school year, catching up with friends over brick oven pizza cooked on site by GP Italiano. Kids enjoyed face painting and competed in pop-a-shot and giant bozo buckets. The LaGrange Fire Department also made a guest appearance so kids could explore a firetruck.

This was a first-time collaboration between the Women's Club and Men's Club, and they hope to make it an annual event! Kit Joyce, Katy Casamassimo, Matt Hubert, and Jack Horrigan took the lead on planning the Block Party. As we look ahead to planning for next year, please [click here](#) to share your feedback.

CWC Member Features



Kit Joyce

Kit has been a parishioner at St. Francis Xavier since 2013. She and her husband Jim joined the parish because Jim's great uncle, Fr. Pierce Joyce, was SFX's long-term pastor. Kit loves the parish's strong sense of community, and she has enjoyed attending the annual CWC women's event each year since joining SFX. Kit has three sons, Michael (age 9), James (age 7), and Tommy (age 5). In addition to working with the CWC Board since 2021, Kit coordinates fundraising for Autism Speaks.

Katy Casamassimo

Katy and her husband Rocco joined the parish in 2011. Katy has been active on the CWC Board since 2020, and her favorite part of SFX is the parish's focus on service. Her family enjoys participating in the annual All-Parish Service Day, through which they have volunteered for service opportunities with the parish food pantry, BEDS, and the Challenger softball program. Katy is a social worker at Hauser Junior High School and has two daughters, 7th grader Francesca and 5th grader Sienna.





SFX Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for a small, simple way to serve and love others? Look no further! St. Francis expanded their hospitality ministry last year, and it is easier for anyone to jump in and play a part in welcoming others to our community.

Through the established sign up on the SFX website, anyone can contribute meaningfully to the culture of hospitality and welcome – on your own schedule and at your own paces! Offer to write a few welcome notes to new parishioners, to greet at one or many Masses, or to attend a New Parishioner Prayer Service.

We are practicing hospitality as a way of life here at St. Francis! Even if you don't have the capacity to sign up for a service spot at this time, just smiling and introducing yourself to someone new this week can make a huge difference in our parish community.

[Click here](#), scan with your phone below or visit www.sfxlq.org – Parish – Ministries/Organizations – Hospitality Team to sign up for a small act!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The blessing of shawls/lap blankets and their distribution mass is scheduled for 5:00pm mass on **Saturday, October 14**. Shawls and lap blankets will be displayed for distribution at the Sunday masses that weekend until our supply runs out.

Our scheduled meetings for the remaining of 2023 will be at Unity Hall on the following dates & times:

Thursday, October 12

7:00-8:00pm

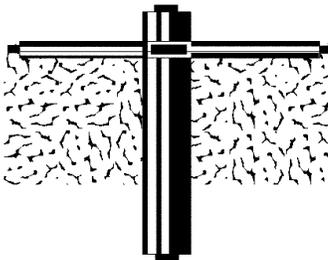
Wednesday, November 8

4:00-5:00pm

(change in time).

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at newittlagrange@yahoo.com.



**BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION,
YOU HAVE SET US FREE, O LORD**

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Family Outreach Ministry

"I am so glad to be part of this wonderful service that feeds the hungry and is in an atmosphere of joy."

*"We really enjoyed meeting the
team of volunteers that serve weekly.
The clients were also fun to chat with!
A great experience with a team of kind,
hard-working friends."*

The St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry would like to invite you to join us this year to help prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. The dates for the 2023-24 school year are: November 18, January 20, March 16 and May 18.

There are two time slots to choose, or come for the whole time: 9:00-11:30 AM: Food prep and cooking or 11:30AM-1:00 PM: Food serving and clean up.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult.

To register go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5A62DAA8-saturday1>.

Add to the Beauty of the St. Francis Gardens



If you would like to donate any Mums or Black-eyed Susan's, please drop them off in the Rectory Courtyard between the church and rectory (enter from the stairs next to God's Garage). Email Cathy at cmskokna@att.net to tell her what you dropped off and she will make sure they are planted.

Thank you!

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
or
Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.

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 or Erin Thunander erin.thunander@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved.



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



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/offerings/.

Little Ravinia "Fun-raiser" on Saturday, September 23 from 3:00–5:00pm Performer: Russell Schmidt In the spirit of Ravinia, Chicagoland's famed outdoor concert venue, The Well invites you to Take It Easy with us, for a lazy Saturday afternoon Fun-raiser in our courtyard. Enjoy the best of yesterday's and today's music, and sing along with a musician who specializes in Lite/Soft Rock, Americana, and Folk Rock genres. Cost: \$25, children under 12 are free.

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.

Interfaith Career Network

Core Values + Company Culture = A Good Fit

In a job search, you're not just choosing a job, you're also choosing a culture. Join us on Thursday, September 21 from 7-9 pm for a discussion on how to go beyond asking the usual "What is the culture like here" interview questions to get the answer you really want to know. We'll zero in on why it's important for new hires to understand a company's culture before accepting a job offer. Also, what culture fit and culture add mean to ensure newly hired employee beliefs and behaviors are in alignment with a new employer's core values and company culture. Knowing an employer's values match yours is key for job attainment, productivity and retention. Our speaker, Jane Murtaugh is College of DuPage Human Resources Professor and Chair of COD's Human Resources Management Certificate. In addition Jane brings 20+ years of teaching HR, management, and organizational behavior in higher education; in addition to a wealth of corporate management and HR experience. Mark your calendar for this highly informative evening. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

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 for additional resources.

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.

Support Moms and Babies by Playing Luxury Bingo

FUN Event for a WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION!

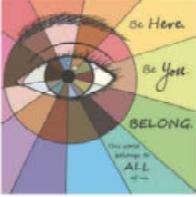
Join honorary chairman Monsignor Ken Velo on Wednesday, October 18 from 6:00-8:30pm at Drury Lane in Oakbrook - Cocktail attire.

The Women's Care Center has generously offered SFX and St Cletus a table. Please contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlq.org by Sunday, October 1 if you'd like to join us!

You support local women in choosing life, having healthier pregnancies, and becoming self-sufficient parents at Women's Care Center.



LT Community Conversations

Date/Time/Location	Event Description
September 22 (7-8:15 AM) South Campus Library RSVP Here!	<p align="center">Sankofa Community Connection/Conexión comunitaria Sankofa de LT</p> <p align="center">Please Join Us for Coffee and Conversation/Una invitación para tomar café y conversar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to families/community about how we can gather together to make LT a more inclusive space • Para escuchar a las familias/comunidad sobre cómo podemos reunirnos para hacer que LT sea un espacio más inclusivo
September 26 (6-7:30 PM) South Campus Library	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p align="center">Defining Equity & Belonging/ Equidad y Pertenencia</p> <p>Come out to meet LT's Bilingual Coordinator (Ms. Julie Jacobo) and Director of Equity and Belonging (Dr. Jennifer Rowe) as they lead this community conversation that will help to define these terms and the actions we can take to foster an inclusive community for all.</p> </div> </div>



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 or 708-329-4023.

West Regional Services

1400 S. Austin Blvd, Cicero, IL 60804
708-222-1491 catholiccharities.net

Holy Guardian Angels Parish OKTOBERFEST

When: Saturday, October 7th 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 Siede 847-682-7404

Come rain or shine to have a great time!!

Composting 101

St. John of the Cross Parish invites you to Composting 101 on Tuesday, September 19 from 7:00-8:15pm in the SJC Parish Center.



LEARN composting do's and don'ts. **CREATE** a fun and educational family activity.
DISCOVER a composting option right for you!

Register at www.stjohnofthecross.org/compost <<http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/compost>>.
Sponsored by SJC CARES (Catholics Are Responsible Environmental Stewards)

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You are invited to our 21st Annual Fall Benefit



Friday, September 29, 6-10pm
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Includes: Fun and games, dinner, beer and wine,
cash bar for liquor, silent auction, paddle raise,
sing-a-long and karaoke



West Suburban SUMMER READ 2023

WHAT IS A SUMMER READ?

Read or listen to the selected book over the summer, then host or attend a book discussion in September.

Book Discussions Scheduled as of 9/3/2023

ZOOM:

- Tues. Sept. 19, 7 pm with UCH and UTUUC; register at <https://tinyurl.com/BCSept19>
- Wed. Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. with LART; register at <https://rb.gy/krbyo>

IN-PERSON:

- Wed. Oct. 11 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, Unity Hall, 124 N. Spring, La Grange. Enter off church parking lot. Refreshments will be served.



“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.”

Participating Organizations:

- Baha'is of La Grange
- Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
- First Cong. Church of La Grange—Ministry of Missions
- Learning Anti- Racism Together (LART)
- St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry, La Grange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, La Grange 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, including a [learning hub](#), [reader's guide](#), [TED talk](#), information about the [Revolutionary Love Project](#) and the [Revolutionary Love Compass](#).

Contact lagrangediversity@gmail.com or UCHracialequityteam@gmail.com to host or join a book discussion.



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
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Felix Estrada, U.S. Army**—friend of John & Dawn McCormick
- **Lt. Ryan Lavine, U.S. Army**—nephew of Kim & Vince Henehan
- **Chief Petty Officer Marko Mandac, U.S. Navy**—husband of Anna, son-in-law of David & Lynn Rogers

**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.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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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 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

Infant Baptisms

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

Marriage

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

Parish Counselor

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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