



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi”—which translated means Teacher— “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” - Jn 1:38-39a

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 15	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Mary Claire Ruth Michael J. Daly	The Cummings Family Patrick Daly
Tuesday, January 16	Mass	8:30 am	Jodi McMahon	The Griffin Family
Wednesday, January 17	Mass	8:30 am	Pat Callahan	Dave Grimes
Thursday, January 18	Rosary Mass Adoration	8:15 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Friday, January 19	Mass	8:30 am	Phyllis Beckman	The Hannigan Family
Saturday, January 20	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Richard Mathis Adele Driscoll	SFX Rectory Staff Lynn Regan
Sunday, January 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	James Aitcheson Rose Wall Dick Parlon Chris Ellis	The Coffey Family Marge Branecki Pam Oplawski The Burke Family

Presider's Schedule for January 13-14, 2024

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

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio	James Lowry
Ed Barrett	Patrick Morgan
Dick Callahan	Rosemary Nash
Blake Donegan	Muriel Nerad
Barbara Doyle	Josephina Pangan
Matthew Doyle	Larry Plansky
Nancy Duffy	Rob Roper
Tom Flynn	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Kathy Gleason	Rita Mae Spearman
Lilli Gregory	Steven Stirn
Angela Hill	Charlie Swafford
Dave Hyland	Richard Szatkowski
Tiffany Kahn	Olivia Tarsney
Richard Lavers	

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.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Raymond Lang
Husband of Margaret
Father of Belinda & Andrew

Weddings

Julie Schiffler & Mike Kesnick



Make a gift to the
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Thank you for your
support!



Pastor's Letter

*"Where are you staying?"
"Come, and you will see."
John 1:38-39*

Two seekers approach Jesus with the above question. They have been coming to know about the "Lamb of God" from John the Baptist. Now John urges them to pursue a direct and personal experience by spending time with Jesus. Jesus, in turn, invites them to "come and see" by spending some time with him. Andrew, one of the two seekers, is so impressed after only a few hours with Jesus that he invites his brother Simon, who will become known as Peter, to come and meet Jesus for himself.

This is how most of us come to know Jesus. We are told stories of what Jesus said and did; we see depictions of what he did in paintings and movies; we hear from others how Jesus has made a difference in their lives. Then, someone invites us to participate in a Kairos retreat; to spend some time in private conversation with Jesus; or to attend an hour of quiet adoration before the Eucharist. Or perhaps we hear and follow an invitation come and see – to be with Jesus however and wherever he may choose to lead us. And sometimes, after a particularly powerful experience with Jesus, we can't wait to tell others what we have found.

Some time ago, a longtime parishioner wanted to talk about the doubts that had been arising in what had always been a solid sense of faith. She sometimes wondered if she "really believed" what she said she believed, and more frequently felt distracted or disconnected during Mass. Prayer was no longer as easy or as fulfilling as it once had been. And events in her family and in the world were causing her to doubt whether God really cared.

A friend in another part of the country recently shared that his daughter, whom they had enrolled in a Catholic school to obtain the best possible education in their area, had invited him to attend Mass with her on Friday mornings before school. He had stopped being active in church years earlier, although he still believed in the goodness of Jesus and the rightness of his teachings. On the one hand, how could he "go back" to a practice that he had long since abandoned? On the other hand, how could he ignore this

unexpected request from his teenage daughter?

A young couple wanted to connect their family with a faith community. They had been raised Catholic; but during their college years they drifted away from prayer: in community, with each other, or even privately. They had never bothered with a "church wedding" because they did not see the point. Yet now they were wondering what they might be missing, and what more they could offer to their children.

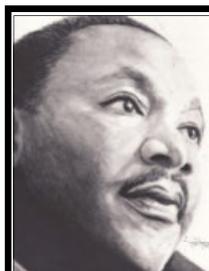
Alpha offers a time, a place, and a community with whom to explore the invitation of Jesus to "come and see." The evening begins with a shared meal, followed by some input to stir thought. In small groups, people are encouraged to share as much or as little as they choose. You can come alone, or you can invite a family member or friend to join you. It is an ecumenical approach that does not presume a background in a specific Christian faith tradition, or any faith tradition at all. **23 people have already signed up. What about you?**

Is John the Baptist pointing the way for you? Is Jesus inviting you to "come and see"? Or are you asked to be the "John" or "Andrew" for someone you know? Take the risk to find out.

On Monday we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the risks he took as a voice for justice and equality. We continue to grow as a nation that embraces *our unity and our diversity* as God-given blessings. We pray to become better able to see and hear that which denigrates groups of people and to speak and act on behalf of the most vulnerable. Dr. King's dream remains a goal and a challenge. May we refuse to hide in the shadows but choose to walk in the light!

Winter peace,

J. Bill



Rectory Closed

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 15. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30 am.

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Your Christmas donation is instrumental to the parish's ongoing mission!
Our Christmas goal is \$154,000 (7.5% of our budgeted revenue).



To date, we have received about \$151,000!

If you would like to help us close the \$8,000 gap you can make your gift online by:

- Clicking [here](#)
- Texting JOYFUL to 708-340-6630
- Using the QR code inside the front cover of this bulletin

In addition, there are still Christmas envelopes available in church or at the rectory.

God bless you for your support!

SFX Ministry Fair January 20th and 21st



**After the Mass at 5:00pm (Saturday)
7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 (Sunday)**

**We invite parishioners to join these
essential ministries:***

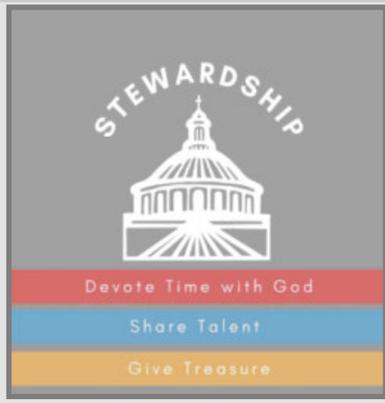
**Edythe Gardening
Welcome Committee
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Engage (over age 55)
Fuller House
Ministers of Care**

**Ushers
Family Outreach
Kitchen Angels
Wedding Ministers
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Liturgy Teams
BEDS**

**Please stop by our tables in Unity Hall after mass to meet with our
Ministry Reps and learn more about the ministries.**

**We are grateful for your interest and your
willingness to volunteer.**

***[Click here](#) to see descriptions of these Ministries.**



A Tax-Savvy Way to Support Our Parish

With an outright gift of appreciated securities or mutual funds, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities to St Francis Xavier Parish or School, please contact your financial advisor.

To initiate the stock donation process, please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development - contact information is on the Personnel page of the bulletin.

Christmas Flowers

In Honor of and In Memory Of:

Marianna Adams
 Henry S. Azzi
 Irene T. Azzi
 Paulette Bochnak
 Sally Burson
 Terry Conwell
 Lillian & Victor Copp
 Margaret Cuccia
 Doonan & Martin Families
 Joe Dykhuizen
 Wendy Slocum Fitzgibbons
 John & Bernice Grzeslo
 Hayes & Roach Families
 Peg & Stan Humecke
 Dick & Rose Kaiser
 Kalkowski Family

Kempfer & Van Ordstrand Families
 Josephine Kobyczyk
 Bill & Marie Krynicki
 Ben Lisek
 Dee Lisek
 Alfonso Mangione
 Antoinette Mangione
 Louis Mangione
 William & Mary McLaughlin
 McMurray Family
 Josephine Messina
 Edwin S. Michalek
 Eleanor A. Michalek
 Eleanor M. Michalek
 Elaine C. Michalek
 Marion Millas
 Jack & Shirley Miller
 John Munoz
 Lorraine Ovnik

Jerome & Alice Palicki
 Besse & Don Parlon
 Victoria Pavlaski
 Betty Peters
 Gilbert, Isabel & Richard Riess
 Rosemarie Russell
 Marilyn Rutkowski
 Sigrid Dietrich Schellinger
 Shannon Schweiger
 Claire Sharkey
 Joseph & Mary Simeoni
 James Stapel
 Dorothy Sullivan
 Rose Wall
 Carl Walsh
 A. David West
 Michelle West
 John Yelnick & Family



Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddling Together group) (subject to change each month)

When: 8:00pm (every 2nd Thursday)

What: Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration! We meet on 2nd Thursdays of the month (location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or bulletin each month.)

Family Outreach Ministry

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 2024 school year are: January 20, March 16 and May 18. There are two time slots to choose, or come for the whole time: 9:00-11:30am: Food prep and cooking or 11:30am-1:00pm: Food serving and clean up. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult.

To register [click here](#) or contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.



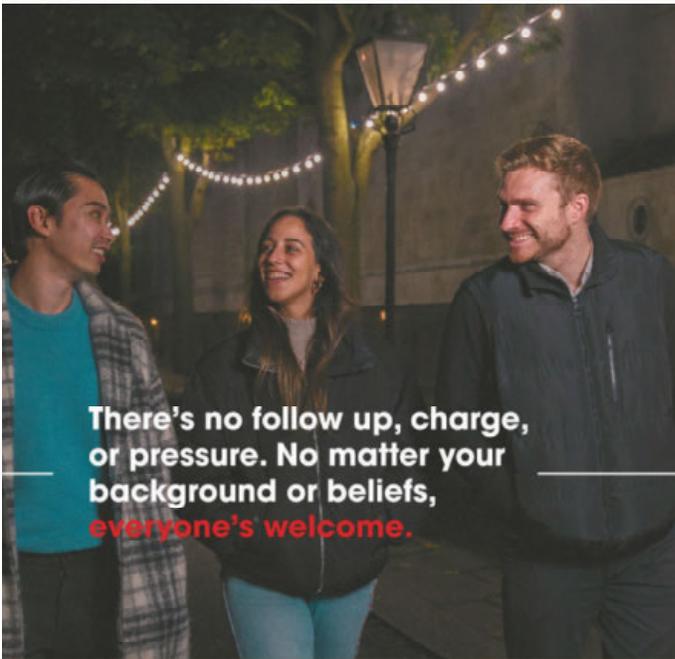
What is Alpha?



Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith in an easy and friendly environment.



Each session starts with food and a short talk. Then there's plenty of time to share your thoughts.



There's no follow up, charge, or pressure. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone's welcome.

OUR QUESTIONS DRAW US CLOSER.

WHO WILL YOU INVITE?

DINNER & DISCUSSION

JAN 22, 6:30PM
UNITY HALL

SCAN OR EMAIL
MMCAHON@SFXLG.ORG FOR MORE



Conversations in the Spirit

What happened at the Global Synod? Where do we go from here?

Wednesday, January 31 from 7:00-9:00pm
Unity Hall

How did we get to LGBT blessings? Could there be a female diaconate? Experience the synodal way of creating space for these topics, the same synodal way that our church leaders practiced at the Synod in Rome!

- Parishioner Katie Mulcahy will share her experience of being in Rome during the Synod
- We will practice the “conversations in the Spirit” to which Pope Francis invites us
- We will carry this way of “being church” forward in preparation for the next synodal gathering in Oct 2024

To RSVP email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or [click here](#).



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

“It is not enough to have a synod, you must be a synod. The Church needs intense internal sharing, between pastors and between the pastors and the faithful.” - Pope Francis

Giving 
WARMS THE HEART
DONATE BLOOD

Save the Date!
Knights of Columbus
LaGrange Local Council 6483
Blood Drive

You are invited to donate at the blood drive below:

St. Francis Xavier Church-Gym

Sunday, January 21, 2024—9:00 am-1:00 pm

145 North Waiola Avenue (Ogden Avenue and Waiola Avenue in LaGrange)

To make an appointment visit
<http://tinyurl.com/3bh9k8m3> or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE
or scan the QR Code with your smart phone’s camera.



Versiti is the blood provider for 83 local hospitals Giving warms the heart! Donate and keep warm this winter with a limited-edition Versiti beanie, while supplies last.



Knights of
Columbus®

Helpful tip:

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



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS *for* 2024-2025

CONTACT US TODAY! ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG

WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus and others. We strive to instill and nurture the belief that God is found everywhere, especially in one another.



WE LEARN

TWO time U.S. Dept. of Education NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL and recipient of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award.



WE SERVE

Our All-School Service Program exemplifies who we are as a school.

National Catholic Education Association Maxine Donahue Award recipient for service.



COME TO OUR OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 28TH 10:00AM-12:30PM

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR:

- STRONG CORE CURRICULUM
- DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION
- INTEGRATED ARTS (ART, MUSIC, SPANISH, PE, AND LRC)
- ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES
- ESTABLISHED & MEANINGFUL USE OF TECHNOLOGY



**SUMMER 2024
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 IMPORTANT NEWS AND
 SAVE THE DATE!**

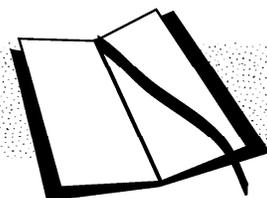
The Parish Pastoral Council is excited to announce that SFX will be partnering with Grace Lutheran for a Vacation Bible School Program. The Summer 2024 VBS will run the week of June 24th (Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm) so mark your calendars now as you plan your summer activities.

Registration for VBS will open at the end of January. More details about how and where to register as well as volunteer opportunities will be provided early next year. In addition to parent volunteers we will be looking for teen volunteers, a great way to get service hours.

For those of you not familiar with Vacation Bible School, the program is a faith based, one week long (mornings only) filled with fun indoor and outdoor activities. It is open for pre-K through 5th grade children. 6th through 8th graders can participate in a "service crew" which spends the week doing service projects in the community.

The PPC is very excited about providing the opportunity to the SFX community. Watch the bulletin and the SFX Facebook page for more details. You can reach out to Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com for further information about VBS and volunteer opportunities at this time. Thanks and have a Merry Christmas!

Hear the Word



of the LORD

YOUTH NIGHTS @ ST FRANCIS
SUNDAYS JAN 21 - APR 7

FOR TEENS BY TEENS

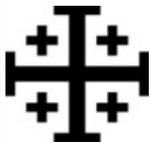
Bring your friends for: social time, dinner, a video, and small group (where you can share your thoughts or just listen.)

All are welcome. Bring your atheist friend from school, bring your Lutheran buddy, bring that new kid on your sports team. **Seriously, any teen is welcome.**

Sundays at 6pm, Jan 21- Apr 7
Unity Hall, St Francis Xavier
(with St John of the Cross & St Cletus Youth Ministry)

[Click here or scan QR code to RSVP \(and vote for food!\) for Jan 21](#)

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.



Save The Date

Kairos 42
February 22-25, 2024

Kairos 42 registration has opened [click here](#) to register. We have limited spots.

2024 Summer Mission Trip
June 9-14, 2024 in Louisville, KY

Rising Sophomores through Graduating Seniors join us for a life-changing week of service, faith and fun. St. Francis, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes are partnering for another Summer Mission trip to Love, Serve and Connect with Catholic Heart Workcamp in Louisville, Kentucky. We will join other teens from across the country as we serve community members painting, gardening, building, and volunteering with social service agencies. Teens will earn 30 hours of service for our Summer Mission Trip. Registration opened on December 20 at 9:00AM [click here](#) or go to our website for more information and to access the registration link. We anticipate these spots will go quickly; we require a \$150 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot.

Youth Ministry...in the meantime

After a series of interviews over the past seven months, we have not been able to offer someone the staff position of Coordinator of Youth Ministry. This leaves us without current leadership for several important ministries to our high school teens, especially:

- ◆ Planning and directing our bi-monthly program for teens on the evening of the first Sunday of the month (we alternate with St. John of the Cross).
- ◆ the ongoing coordination of the SFX Church League teams.
- ◆ our Kairos Retreat team (in collaboration with St. John of the Cross).
- ◆ our team for the summer mission trip.

Your stewardship of talent in any of the above programs would be a great gift to our teens. We can provide staff guidance and resources. If you are interested in ministering to our teens in any of these ministries, please contact Fr. Bill (wtkachuk@sfxlg.org).



Finding My Faith Story: A Half-Day Retreat

January 27 from 9:00am - 12:30pm
in Unity Hall (*optional lunch to follow*)

Using the four-door method of narrative spirituality, this retreat helps people find and tell their faith story by giving participants the spiritual tools to identify each of the following four elements in their own life story:

- a main character
- who encounters a compelling problem to solve
- identifies the power or talent needed to solve it, and
- takes action with this power to address the problem

Seeing our life story in these spiritual terms equips us to live the story in which we take action to use our own unique powers and talents to address the need that most touches our heart.

Retreat cost is \$10/person. [Click here to register!](#)

Any questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.

Interfaith Career Network

Helpful Advice from HR While Conducting Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, January 18 from 7:00-9:00pm:

- Think your resume is good? You may be way ahead of others who you are competing against! You may not!
- Think your business protocol during your search is good? You may be way ahead of your competition! You may not!
- Think you may want to learn more from the corporate, "other side" of recruitment - YES!

Get out ahead of your competition! Be the best you can be during your job search. Our speaker is Leslie Kelley, Director of Human Resources for Chervon North America, Inc. in Naperville. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in HR and a Master's Degree in Organizational Behavior. Leslie is actively involved in recruitment each week and can share some important tips that may launch your job search to the next level in a market that is topsy turvy!

We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.



BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY!

FOR THE
*St. Francis Xavier
Catholic Women's Club*

LADIES DAY OUT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
THE ELM
3:00 - 6:00 PM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:
FIDDLE STICKS

For tickets and more information,
please [click here](#).

Engage Community – January

Our next get together:

**Thursday, January 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in
Unity Hall at SFX.**

- Bridget Sperduto, the Director of The Well Spirituality Center part of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network, will be presenting **“Our Sacred Universe: Where Science and Theology Meet.”**
- Discussion and fellowship to follow

RSVPs, at the email below, are requested.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Ministry of Care is Planning to Expand

A Minister of Care is a person who brings the gift of the eucharist and friendship to fellow parishioners and others who are homebound, living in nursing homes, or recovering in the hospital. Our visits help those in need stay connected to the parish and our faith community.

It's a very rewarding ministry and I promise you will receive more than you'll give. The time required varies depending on the activity you choose. Perhaps a few minutes or more on a homebound visit to an hour or so conducting a Prayer and Communion Service or bringing the eucharist to those in the hospital. Those visiting the homebound schedule visits convenient for the minister and the person being visited. Nursing homes and the hospital have fixed schedules.

The Archdiocese requires new ministers to receive 12 hours of instruction prior to being commissioned. After training, you will "shadow" other ministers to learn about your chosen activity. When you are comfortable, you'll receive a quarterly schedule.

One day training is available at LaGrange Hospital

Saturday January 27th from 8:30am - 4:00pm
Lunch Provided.

So, are you ready to share your time and talent with those who are so grateful?

Please contact Scott or Mary Sue McDonald - Coordinators for the Ministry of Care at 847-528-1434 or sjmcdonal@yahoo.com or marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com



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.csjthewell.org/offerings/.

Radiance in the Ordinary: Discovering Abundance When We Need it Most on Thursday, January 18 from 6:30 - 8:00pm (CT) with Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Mark Burrows, PhD. Beauty is the gift present, if often hidden, in the most ordinary of moments. Drawing on poets and artists, we will explore how our awakening to beauty can lead us to see things "whole" in ways that inspire and encourage us to flourish in our lives. Hybrid. Cost: \$25.



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.

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, February 6

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com
or Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.

2023 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2023 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk will be emailed to all parishioners starting on January 26, 2023. The email comes from notifications@ondemandmail.com and has the subject line of "St. Francis Xavier Contribution Statement". Please contact Parish Accountant, Jane Bandyk, at jbandyk@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.

All Women Welcome To Attend



Church Women United LaGrange/Western Springs Unit invites all area women to attend their Annual Meeting/Brunch on Friday, January 19 at 9:30am. The event will be held at St. Cletus Parish, 600 55th Street in LaGrange. In addition to breakfast, there will be a brief update on the state of organization followed by guest speaker, Kendall Grant, St. Cletus Director of Social Concerns who will address the topic: "Beyond the Pantry". She will explore how the St. Cletus Food Pantry collaborates to provide food for people in need and support people beyond "just" groceries. A tour of the departmentalized pantry will be included.

Cost for the morning is \$10. Advance reservations are requested by January 12th. Questions and reservations may be directed to 708-710-0644 or email cwulgws@gmail.com.

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive, international Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. Their motto is: Agreed to differ, resolved to love, united to serve. The local unit was established in 1941 and will soon celebrate its 103rd anniversary.



Save the Date

4th Annual Building Inclusive Community Conference



Keynote Speaker: DR. Rachael Mahmood

Dr. Mahmood was born a cultural mosaic of Russian Jewish and Indian Hindu heritage, and she later married a Pakistani Muslim. With humor, vulnerability and insight, Dr. Mahmood will share lessons from her life and experience as an educator on how we can create spaces that foster a sense of genuine belonging for all.

SEVERAL WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM ON TOPICS SUCH AS:

Transgender Issues, Disability Etiquette, Bystander Intervention, Judaism/Anti-Semitism, Coping with Stress, Hate Crimes, Bridging Political Divides, Equity in the College Journey, and more.

Plus Poet Luis Tubens will share some poetry, LTHS Steppers will perform and youth will lead small group discussions based on what an inclusive community means to all of us.

For updates on the conference
sign up here



tinyurl.com/BICCrsvp

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024
9:00A-1:00P | LTHS SOUTH CAMPUS
4900 WILLOW SPRINGS RD.
WESTERN SPRINGS, IL



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

- **Sgt. FC Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Special Forces Group**—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
- **Warrant Office 3 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
- **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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Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
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Tuition Accounts
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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, Thursday, 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 sfxing@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

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

Parish Counselor

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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