

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 8, 2019**



Who knows  
God's counsel,  
or who can  
conceive  
what the  
Lord intends?

Take up your cross  
and follow me,  
says the Lord.  
Anyone who does not,  
cannot be my disciple.



## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest	8:30 am	Frank Horacek Bea Nelligan	Mary F. Russell Lillian Bannach
Tuesday, September 10	8:30 am	Antoinette Mangione	The Mangione Family
Wednesday, September 11	8:30 am	Sr. Dorothy Lynch David Chikerotis	The Lucado Family Lynn Regan
Thursday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary	8:30 am	Antonio & Terese Franzese Sr. Dorothy Lynch	Arthur House CSJ's
Friday, September 13 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	8:30 am	Lawrence Barry	The Barry Family
Saturday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Anthony Discipio The Martin & Swieton Families Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding~Josiane Umuhoza & Nelson Ntwali Wedding~Sarah Copeland & Alexander Wood Sacrament of Reconciliation Dorothy Bauer	Joe Discipio The Martin Family     The SFX Faculty & Staff
Sunday, September 15 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Jim Dorris People of the Parish Kristal Johns Jean Marie Bend Roy Leslie Jim Curtis	Trudy Riordan  The Johns Family The Prendergast Family Betty Moyer The Filbin Family

## Please Pray For...

Julie Amato	Virginia Kottaridis
James Boardman	Lou Ellen Krueger
Jay Carroll	Mary Ann Lewis
Chili Challender	Marian Lucas
Tom Challos	Emmett Miller
Josephine Cindric	Patrick Morgan
Anthony Dina	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Bernice Niemiec
Pat Eaton	Arnold Oppenheim
Lily Fielding	Jane O'Reilly
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Ryan Patyk
Nancy Gibbs	Donna Pekarek
Lilli Gregory	James Pridmore
Wilson Gregory	Madison Raupp
Patricia Hassler	Anna Rose
Loretta Haxel	Marilyn Rutkowski
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Matthew Schiek
Linda Hillsman	Gretchen Sterwalt
Rose Ilo	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Mary J.	John Thoms
Jane Jacobsen	Anne Titzer
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Benny Kilman	Gregory Van Gorp
Jerry Kolman	John Zotti

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. 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:



### *Joan Cella*

Wife of Paul and Mother of Kathy

### *Sean Clinch Stephenson*

Husband of Mindie Kniss  
Son of Gregg & Gloria  
Brother of Heidi Marie Sass

### *Marcella Gorman*

Sister of Pat and Virginia

## Weddings



Josiane Umuhoza & Nelson Ntwali  
Sarah Copeland & Alexander Wood  
Ali McCracken & Patrick Singleton  
Anne Phillipp & Eric Gaylord  
Caitlin Hillsman & Devin Marino  
Mary Lewis & Jon Harrington  
Sara Flores & Cesar Torres

## Pastor's Notes

*“Simply put,  
if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you,  
whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye,  
you can't be my disciple.”*

Luke 14:33

The above line from today's gospel is from “The Message,” a translation that uses contemporary English to provide better understanding of Bible texts. For me, the “traditional” translation of today's gospel is one of the most troubling. Jesus says, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life...” How could Jesus, who brought a message of love for all, speak of hate? The problem lies not with the words of Jesus, but with the limits of the English language to express his words.

At this point in Luke's gospel, Jesus is nearing Jerusalem. He knows what awaits him there. He also knows that the “great crowds” who are traveling with him will desert him as he moves through his passion and death on a cross. What we translate as “hate” is not the opposite of love, but rather a radical detachment from the people and things of this world. When we allow anyone or anything or a desire to protect our own lives to take greater priority than living out our mission in Jesus, we separate ourselves from the very source of our lives.

The first disciples learn the truth of this in the final hours of his life on earth. They abandon him for fear of suffering as he does and losing their own lives. After his death, they come to realize that their lives are without purpose and meaning apart from Jesus. The loving persistence of the Resurrected Christ restores their relationship to Jesus; in the power of

the Spirit, they carry the message of Jesus to the far corners of the earth, neither fearing nor avoiding the consequences of so doing.

It is unlikely that any of us will face death as a result of living out our mission in Jesus. We may, however, be challenged to detach from, or face the opposition of, certain people or things. When faith, organized religion, or the Catholic Church is discarded as irrelevant, hypocritical, or even harmful, others may question our continued involvement. Some will dispute the value of church to animate our mission; or that “we,” rooted in Christ, are so much more than the sins and failures of our leaders, our institutions, or ourselves. Others may mock us for placing anything ahead of success, wealth, and security; yet others may say that we are foolish or even unpatriotic to take unpopular stands on issues of social justice. Jesus teaches us that we who would be his disciples must strive, however imperfectly, to place God and our mission in Christ at the center of our lives and detach from anyone or anything that would hinder us.

This weekend, members of the parish team that journeys with those seeking Baptism and baptized Christians exploring full communion with the Catholic Church are encouraging us to spread the news to friends or relatives who may be considering this. It can be risky to raise the topic with someone whom we think might be interested in the RCIA program. Yet we might be the very messenger God hopes to send them.

**Peace,**

*J. Bill*

## Scripture Reflections

Discipleship is a lifelong process, often called a journey. We learn things along the way, likely starting out resolutely as Jesus does on his own journey to Jerusalem. During this lifelong process we encounter different ways of looking at reality, new insights, challenging statements, and more. The metaphor of a journey is especially apt as we never stay still, nor does our environment or the people around us. We are all growing in knowledge, understanding, and experience with former ways of understanding giving way to the new. Developmentally, human beings tend to grow from a place of literalism to understanding the broader picture. Children can be told not to touch the stove, but as they mature they internalize the lesson and take care around a hot stove. Discipleship follows a similar path. We tend to be more literal in the early stages of a relationship with Christ, but as we mature we see the deeper meaning of his injunctions and exhortations. Let us continue on this path to an adult relationship with Christ.



## Thank You From St. Agatha Church

On behalf of the children and their families in our youth program, our News School Journalism Program, and parishioner children and grandchildren at St. Agatha. I want to extend our gratitude to you for your parishioners' donations totaling \$850 toward backpacks and school supplies, which were distributed to over 200 children and teens this past Sunday. Your gift helps us as we serve the youth and families in great need in the St. Agatha/North Lawndale neighborhood community.

The generosity of people like you helps us tremendously as we continue to live the mission of Jesus in the North Lawndale community through our outreach to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the poor and needy beyond our doors.

Please be assured of my continued prayers. May God bless you for your generosity and may God continue to bless you in all that you do!

Gentle peace!  
Fr. Larry Dowling, Pastor

## Special Circumstances For Receiving The Eucharist

The Catholic Church has historically recognized the intimate relationship of wheat hosts and wine as matter for the Eucharist. However, if you have Celiac Sprue Disease or a family member suffers from a gluten intolerance or if you are alcohol intolerant, receiving the Eucharist is life-involving in seriously challenging ways. The logistics or manner of accommodating lay persons with gluten or wine intolerance in a parish setting during the Liturgy of the Eucharist is left to the afflicted party and the pastor to decide the best way during Mass for the afflicted party to safely receive the Precious Body or the Precious Blood.

If you or a member of your family is affected by this circumstance, please contact our pastor, Fr. Bill Tkachuk, to discuss the particulars of your situation. Fr. Bill can be reached by calling the Rectory Office at 708-352-0168.

## Rectory Hours

The rectory hours are as follows:

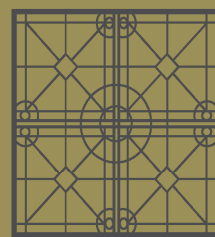
Monday-Thursday	8:30 am-8:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am-1:00 pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

**The 125th Anniversary Books  
Have Arrived!**

**Please stop by the rectory office  
to pick up your copy!**

125 YEARS



1890-2015

## Position Available Parish Director of Development

St. Francis Xavier Parish seeks a candidate for the position of Director of Development to serve as strategic leader and professional manager of all aspects of mission development and fundraising for the parish and parish elementary school. The Director of Development will be accountable for all fundraising initiatives and specific special events. The ideal candidate is a self-starter with at least 5 years of development experience, and is a person of faith committed to Gospel values. He or she understands and prioritizes the organization and responsible management of resources and helps the parish fund and fulfill its mission and purpose, including the parish mission to provide quality, affordable Catholic elementary education to families who want to provide this for their children.

This position is part time and a description is posted on the parish website ([www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)). If you are interested, please send a cover letter and copy of your resume to Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Business Manager, via the parish rectory.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a key advisory group to the pastor. The PPC can take various forms, based on how best to gather the “voice” of the parish, live the mission of the parish, and encourage the investment of parish resources in a way that best serves that mission. The current members of the PPC are recommending a new structure to accomplish this in our parish. You are invited to offer feedback on the following proposal at the next Parish Conversation: Monday, September 30, at 7:00 pm.

## **PROPOSED PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RENEWED STRUCTURE**

### **Mission Statement**

The St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) supports and animates the parish mission as an advisory group to the parish pastor and pastoral staff.

### **Purpose**

The PPC supports, enlivens, and advances the mission of the parish, and serves as a consultative group to the parish pastor and pastoral staff.

The PPC is a sounding-board for the pastor and offers input and advice on various issues that relate to the life and wellbeing of the parish. Issues may be brought to the PPC by the pastor, members of the PPC, or other parishioners. The PPC is drawn from a cross-section of the parish and provides the pastor with a collective wisdom from which he can draw in the exercise of his pastoral leadership of the parish.

### **Structure and Membership**

The PPC is comprised of parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish. The PPC can fluctuate between ten and fourteen members, based on what best serves the parish at a given point in time. The PPC meets with the pastor at least nine times each year. Individuals from parish groups or ministries may be invited by the pastor or the PPC to share their insights and perspectives in certain conversations; likewise, a parishioner may ask to be placed on the PPC agenda. In addition, the PPC periodically holds open parish Town Hall meetings to seek parishioner input and feedback. The PPC may form subcommittees to promote progress on larger issues. Approved minutes of PPC meetings are published on the parish website.

### **Responsibilities and Expectations**

PPC members do not represent a specific ministry, constituency, or group within the parish; each member represents the parish overall. The PPC seeks to respect diverse perspectives among PPC members and works toward consensus on issues that require a decision or recommendation. PPC members are expected to be present at all PPC meetings and at all meetings hosted by the PPC (e.g., Town Halls). Members of PPC also make it a priority to attend key parish activities and fundraising events.

### **Terms of Service and Selection of Members**

PPC members serve a two-year term. Each spring the Pastor invites the PPC, parish staff, and all parishioners to suggest candidates. In consultation with the pastoral staff and PPC, the pastor designates new PPC members from among the candidates. If for any reason a member of the PPC cannot complete a term, the pastor consults with the PPC and designates a replacement for the remainder of that member’s term.

The pastor and the members of the PPC select a Chairperson from among its members. The Chair serves a two-year term. The Pastor and members of the PPC also designate a vice-chairperson to serve in the absence of the Chair, and a secretary to prepare minutes of all PPC meetings. These officers each also serve a two-year term.

### **Rotation of Members – Staggered Terms**

The PPC will attempt to replace no more than one half its members every two years to provide for continuity for the PPC. Members can ask to serve for a second consecutive term; the Pastor will consult with PPC members to determine what is best for the PPC moving forward. After leaving the PPC, a member must wait at least five years before returning to the PPC. but may return to the Council after an interval of at least five years.

## What's going on in Youth Ministry???

### 6pm Mass & Ice Cream Social

Join us after the 6pm Mass THIS Sunday for an Ice Cream Social in the Unity Garden as we celebrate the start of a new school year.

### Quest Confirmation Parent/Teen Meeting

All teens who want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this April and their parents are asked to attend a parent/teen meeting on Thursday, September 12 from 7-8pm **OR** Sunday September 15 from 2-3pm, both in Joyce Hall. We will review the Quest program and highlight important information. Please plan to attend!

### Liturgical Ministers

Are you a teen in high school? Do you regularly attend the 6pm Sunday Mass? Are you trying to find ways to get more involved? As a new year starts, consider joining the Spirit Choir or training to become a Lector or Eucharistic Minister. All high school students are invited (and encouraged!) to participate in these very important ministries. If interested, contact Olivia Zurowski at 708-352-0168.

### Position Available

St. Francis Xavier School is looking for a Middle School Math Teacher. Must have current references and a valid Professional Educator's License. Interested applicants should contact Sharon Garcia at [sgarcia@sfxlg.org](mailto:sgarcia@sfxlg.org).

## SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Francis Xavier School. Come in to the Chipotle at 40 North LaGrange Road in LaGrange on Monday, September 23 between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Francis Xavier School.



**CHIPOTLE**

MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

## Class of 1960 Reunion

*Refresh old memories!  
September 26, 2019*

Looking for class of '60 alumni!  
For details contact: Chuck (Mike) Edwards  
(708) 354-0137 [cmp.edw@gmail.com](mailto:cmp.edw@gmail.com)

### Religious Education Registration

Classroom placement will be emailed to families the week of September 9. Religious Education begins for ALL sessions on September 22 with Meet & Greet anytime from 8:45am-10:15am. ALL are EXPECTED to come with parent(s) to meet catechists and receive important information. Registration will reopen AFTER September 22. Thank you for helping us to get the year off to a great start!

**VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED.**  
Please call 708-352-4555 for information.

Buy your tickets now!



# Oktoberfest

BRATS ★ BEER ★ MUSIC

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

**6:30 - 10:30 PM - SFX Parking Lot**

Mark your calendars and secure your babysitters for THE adult social of the year! Join us in our school parking lot for live music, beer, brats and good old-fashioned fun.

*Lederhosen optional! – Buy your tickets at [SFXoktoberfest.com](http://SFXoktoberfest.com)*

*Special alumni pricing available with advance ticket purchase.*

*Questions? Contact Prudence Hopkins at [pru73@yahoo.com](mailto:pru73@yahoo.com)*



**Come for the stein hoisting contest, stay for the dancing!**

Ripped right out of your high school yearbook pages,

The Student Body will play all your favorite high energy party anthems!



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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

# Children's Choir

*We sing as one family of faith!*

## Grades 1 – 8

*\*(District Schools & SFX Day School...All children are welcome!)*

# It's time to join!!

*Weekly commitment: Tuesday rehearsals 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
Sing once a month at the 5:00 p.m. Mass (Saturday)*

**First rehearsal: Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> (in church)**

## **Registration DUE DATE!!**

***\*Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>***



# St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form 2019 - 2020

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to be a parent helper at rehearsals. (circle one)      Yes              No

I am available to be a parent helper at Masses. (circle one)      Yes              No

*\*Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by September 16<sup>th</sup> to the attention of:  
Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Director of Liturgical Music  
St. Francis Xavier Church·124 North Spring Avenue·LaGrange, IL 60525  
asterwalt@sfxlg.org*

## Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 will be collecting donations after each Mass on Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22 for the Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive 2019.

Donations collected help fund SPRED and other Intellectual Disabilities programs. Donations are greatly appreciated.



## Knights of Columbus Fall Food Drive

Are you or your youth looking for a service project that makes a difference right here in our community? Volunteers are needed to help distribute food drive flyers to homes in LaGrange and LaGrange Park. Choose your own day and time Saturday, September 28 to Sunday, October 6. Flyers and rubber bands are provided. Most people volunteer for 1 hour, a total of 40 hours is available.

Donations are collected by the Knights of Columbus: [sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/food-for-families](https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/food-for-families) and delivered to the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry: [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org)>Parish>Ministries>Human Concerns; for distribution to local people, families and seniors struggling to make ends meet.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mike Hattie by text or email at 708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!



## St. Francis Family Ministry

Sign up for October through December Desserts for BEDS Guests is now open. Please plan to bring dessert for 18 guests. Can be homemade or store bought, no restrictions on ingredients. Please deliver to organizers in Joyce Hall between 6:30 and 7:00 pm. Access Joyce Hall through the SFX school entrance on Waiola. Doors will be unlocked at 6:30 pm. So that as many may participate as possible, we request that our generous bakers sign-up for no more than two dates at this time.

If you would like to be a back-up in case of unforeseen cancellations, please email [thsully28@yahoo.com](mailto:thsully28@yahoo.com). Any questions? Please call or text Theresa Sullivan at 773-592-7155. Thank you for your generous support! The sign up link is: [Copy of Oct-Dec 2019 Dessert for BEDS PL](#).

## Cossitt School Clothing Sale



**HUGE NAME-BRAND CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE**

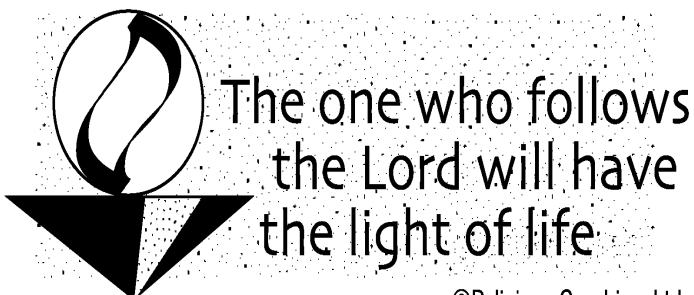
Cossitt School, conveniently located at 115 West Cossitt Avenue in LaGrange, will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, September 28 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Don't miss this huge selection of over 25,000 name brand items from Infant to Size 16!

**BUY!** Find amazing deals on gently used items including clothing, coats, shoes/boots, baby equipment, sports gear, books and so much more!

**SELL!** Clean out your closets! Sell your gently used Fall and Winter items and keep 60% of the proceeds!

**VOLUNTEER!** For an opportunity to shop the invitation-only presale ahead of the public, consider volunteering a minimum of three hours with flexible time slots!

Details for sellers, buyers and volunteers can be found at [www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale!!](http://www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale!!)



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# Tyler's Toy Drive

Supporting The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation

When SFX parishioner Tyler Duelm was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2005 at the age of 3, the SFX community responded with prayers and support for Tyler, his parents, Laura and Brent, and his siblings, Jessica and Jonathan. After a courageous, 8-month battle, Tyler succumbed to this terrible disease. To support children impacted by cancer, the SFX Catholic Women's Club hosted a parish-wide party and toy drive in honor of Tyler's birthday.

Now in its 13th year, the tradition of a community birthday party in September continues in Tyler's memory. Toys for Tyler is a great opportunity for young ones in our parish to embrace the spirit of giving while also enjoying a fun afternoon of playground games and entertainment.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**

**4:00-5:30 PM**

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARKING LOT**

(In case of rain Joyce Hall)

Fire truck, face painting, candy walk, and games!

Girl Scout Bake Sale (please bring cash)

Bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift to put a smile on children's faces!

All donated toys will be given to the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. Their mission is to provide comfort and distraction from painful procedures to children fighting cancer by distributing toys from 'treasure chests.' Toys in all shapes, sizes, and varieties are welcome. But, please, no stuffed animals.

~Action Figures  
~Dolls & Accessories  
~Trucks & Cars

~Gift Cards (\$5-\$10)  
~Play Dough  
~Board Games

~Nail Polish Kits  
~Activity or Sticker Books

~Art Projects & Supplies  
~Crayola Markers/Crayons

Can't make it? Drop your toy off at the Rectory by September 20

Questions? Catholic Women's Club, Cathy Murphy: [catherinelannes@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinelannes@hotmail.com)



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT



Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	+	Other Offertory*	=	August Total
August 2019	\$ 65,049		\$ 45,806		\$ 3,413		\$ 114,267
August 2018	\$ 59,248		\$ 52,204		\$ 18,523		\$ 129,975

\* Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions, and other miscellaneous gifts

**God bless you for your generosity to St. Francis Xavier Parish!**



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER DAY SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ORDER FORM



**Bricks are available in 2 sizes:**

Small 4" x 8" **\$175 each**

Large 8" x 8" **\$300 each**

**Deadline for orders is  
September 9th  
for the  
October installation.**

**Small Bricks – 3 lines**

**Large Bricks – 6 lines**

All engraving will be uppercase only.  
Spaces between words count as  
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*Day School*



*Religious Education*

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Messages are subject to approval. Please  
return this form to the Rectory.  
You can pay by check payable to:  
St. Francis Xavier Parish or  
*Credit card payment can be done  
**online only by [clicking here.](#)***  
*Email all Questions to:  
[bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org](mailto:bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org)*

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# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM



**Bricks are available in 2 sizes:**

Small 4" x 8" **\$175 each**

Large 8" x 8" **\$300 each**

**Deadline for orders is  
September 9th  
for the  
October installation.**

**Each line has 13 characters**

**Small Bricks – 3 lines**

**Large Bricks – 6 lines**

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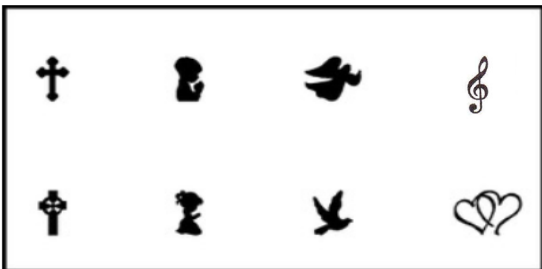
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Please return this form to the Rectory with check payment payable to: St. Francis Xavier Parish.

*Credit card orders can be done **online only** through the SFX website [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org)*

**Email all Questions to:**  
[bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org](mailto:bricksforsfx@sfxlg.org)

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**God as Us—the Sacred Feminine and the Sacred Masculine** on Wednesdays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23; November 13, 20 duplicate 90-minute sessions at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm with Facilitator, Shelby Boblick. Based on a DVD presentation by Richard Rohr, OFM and Cynthia Bourgeault, this program will help participants open their inner eyes and ears to insights on gender, spirituality and Divine awareness taught in the Christian Scriptures. Cost: \$15 per session.

**Introduction to the Enneagram** on Saturday, September 14 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm with Facilitator: Marci Madary, D. Min. The Enneagram describes nine different ways of thinking, feeling, behaving, and seeing the world. Combining psychology and spirituality, this personality system aids in one's search for self-awareness and self-acceptance, and can help improve relationships with family, friends and co-workers. Cost: \$40.

**Season of Creation Film Series: The Human Element** on Monday, September 16 from 1:00-7:00 pm. Environmental photographer James Balog uses his camera to reveal how climate change is affecting the lives of everyday Americans. A member of Citizens Climate lobby will facilitate discussion after both showings. Cost: Free will offering.

**Online Course: Integral Conscious Evolution: 10 Currents of Change** on September 16–November 18 with Facilitator, Patricia M. Bombard, BVM. Our personal and collective consciousness are affected in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century by positive currents of change. By naming these currents and consciously stepping into each one, we can more deeply claim the potential for our own growth, and decide to act differently: for the flourishing of ourselves, our relationships and the Community of Life of our precious planet. Cost: \$100.

**Helen Prejean – River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey** Talk/Book signing/Reception on Wednesday, October 30 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ returns to The Well to speak about her latest book and her own spiritual journey from near cluelessness to social activism. Known the world-over for her efforts to abolish the death penalty and her book *Dead Man Walking*, the spirit and joy of this remarkable woman is infectious. Cost: \$25, books will be available for purchase.

To register online and see a complete list of our new 2019 Programs, please go to [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048. The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

*St. Francis Xavier Parish  
New Parishioner Welcome*

**DINNER**

**Monday, September 16th  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
St. Francis Xavier Rectory  
124 N. Spring Ave., LaGrange**

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier!  
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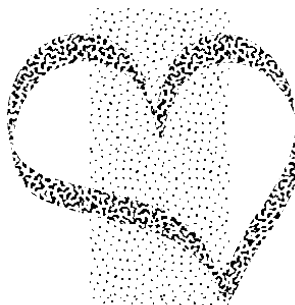
**Please RSVP by Friday, September 13th**  
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### **Catholic Women's Club**

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Tiziana Lambert at [tizianalambert@gmail.com](mailto:tizianalambert@gmail.com).

### **SFX Men's Club**

All men of the parish are welcome.  
For further information, please contact:  
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Joseph Enright at [joseph\\_owen@hotmail.com](mailto:joseph_owen@hotmail.com).



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## Fall Support Group Offerings at St. John of the Cross

### Support For Divorced and Separated Adults

St. John of the Cross Parish is offering a weekly support group for those who have been or are in the midst of the divorce process. Divorce and Beyond meetings are faith-based and designed to bring hope and eventual healing to one life's most painful and difficult experiences. Topics include; dealing with stress, anger, loneliness, forgiveness, and healing. Trained facilitators create an open and welcoming environment conducive to discussion, reflection and sharing, free of judgment or guilt.

Register at:

[www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond/](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond/)

### Nourish For Caregivers

Support for Caregivers support group meets the second Thursday of each month from 1:00-2:00 pm at St. John of the Cross parish and connects others going through similar experiences of caring for a loved one. This monthly support group helps renew and empower caregivers with emotional and spiritual support in addition to providing helpful and practical advice. **September 12 Topic:** One Is Enough! Learning to Live One Day at a Time.

Register at:

[www.stjohnofthecross.org/nourish-support-group/](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/nourish-support-group/)

### Healing Our Church

From Renew International HOC a pastoral response to the current sexual abuse crisis will take place in a small group setting at St. John of the Cross parish. Healing our Church helps parishioners deal with the complex and varied emotions associated with the sexual-abuse scandal, leading toward healing and moving forward as a family of faith.

Register by September 15:

[www.stjohnofthecross.org/healing-the-church-support-group/](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/healing-the-church-support-group/)

You may register online for any of these topics by calling St. John of the Cross Parish at 708-246-4404 ext. 137.

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Friday, September 20, 2019, 7:00 pm

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## Interfaith Career Network

Join us on Thursday, September 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Stephani Peterson, Sr. Manager of Careers in Nonprofits, will offer her insight on the nonprofit sector. Stephani will address the various types of nonprofits, advantages of working in the nonprofit sector, how to tailor your resume while showcasing transferable skills for your next position, and how to best succeed in this candidate driven market. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs.

## Job Opportunity

Ss. Barbara and Louise de Marillac Parish has an immediate opening for a **receptionist**, on the south campus in Brookfield. **Bi-lingual (Spanish) a must for this position**. Please email your resume to the north campus rectory at [parishoffice@slmparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@slmparish.org) and request a job description regarding this full-time position.

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- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
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**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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**



## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

*Pastor*  
*Deacon*  
*Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister*  
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*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
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### Education Ministry

*Day School Principal*  
*Assistant Principal*  
*Assistant to Day School Principal*  
*Day School Secretary (Main Campus)*  
*Advancement Director*  
*Tuition Accounts*  
*Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep*  
*Religious Education Administrative Assistant*  
*Religious Education Office Staff*

*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
*Mrs. Peggy Evans*  
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### Parish Office Staff

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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

*Coordinator*

*Mrs. Mary Freeman*

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### **Contact Information**

Parish Office 124 N. Spring .....708-352-0168  
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School of Religious Education .....708-352-4555  
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Fax Number .....708-352-4904  
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### **Rectory Hours**

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

### **Sabbath Liturgy**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and  
(6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass  
Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the  
tabernacle prayer area.

### **Liturgy Schedule**

Monday through Friday .....8:30 am  
Saturday .....9:00 am  
**St. Cletus** (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am  
**St. John of the Cross** (Monday - Saturday).....9:00 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 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

### **Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls**

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

### **Infant Baptisms**

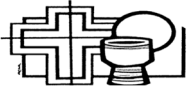
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

### **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.

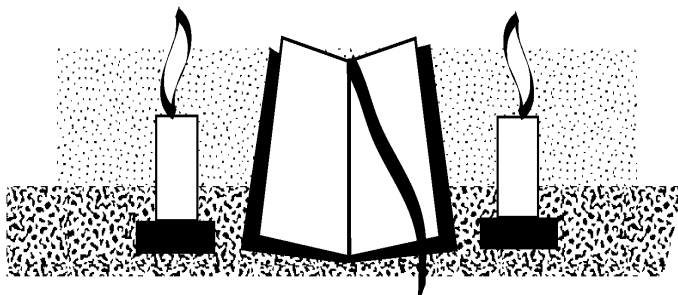
### **Parish Counselor**

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, 312-884-9879 at the Claret Center or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—September 14-15, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	E. Kudia J. Hayford D. Mulvenna	L. Bannach M. Becker T. Conwell C. Cooke J. Denson S. Devitt D. Dunlap Open Open		TBA	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	R. Hillsman M. Kalkowski S. Lindsay	K. McInerney P. Olson K. Stetz J. Van Gorp D. Walsh		C. Kline	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Ilo	K. Hayes M. Perkovich M. Rotert	J. Cogelja M. Lukanich B. McMahon L. Nichol C. Pratali R. Pratali D. Nighswander E. Olsen B. Olson		C. Jakubisin Gallery Choir	G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Ilo	A.M. Holmes J. Nowak S. Zlatic	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark O. Lastres P. O'Malley L. Ovník G. Rutkowski B. Sorice Open		B. Kalnes Celebration Ensemble	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Weihofen E. McGovern C. Anderson	K. Borawski A. Chimento N. Dekoker N. Kampe		TBA	O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



### Readings For The Week of September 8, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33  
 Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/  
 Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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