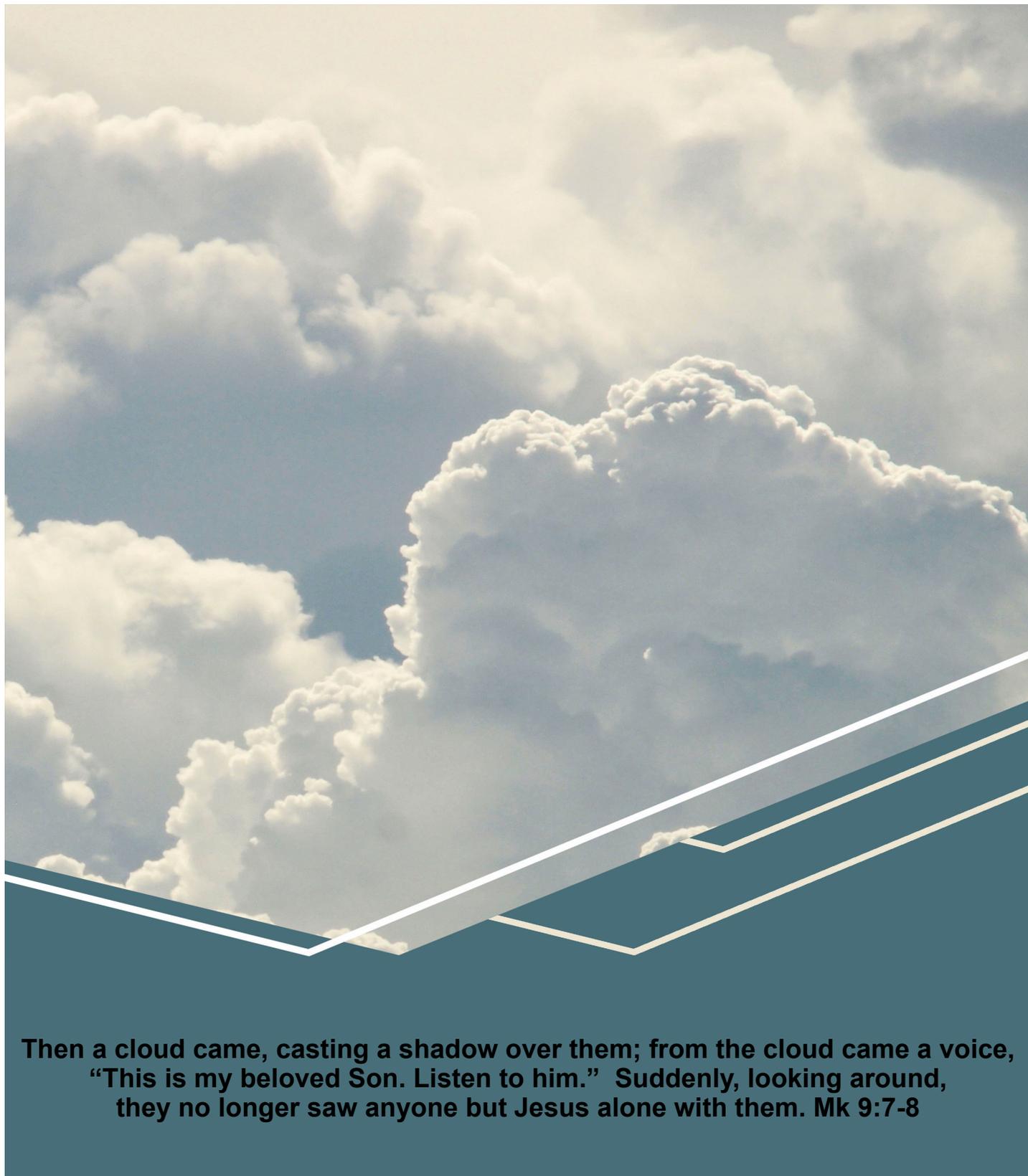




SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. Mk 9:7-8

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 26	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schack Norbert Murray	The Franko Family
Tuesday, February 27	Mass	8:30 am	Keeley Johnson William Purcell, Jr.	Jerry & Nancy Johnson The Bock Family
Wednesday, February 28	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Thursday, February 29	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, March 1	Stations of the Cross Mass	7:45 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Saturday, March 2	Mass	8:30 am	Carol Mae Westhoff Louie Marasovic	The Zahorik Family April Pesut
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Janice Krolicki	Augustana College Friends
Sunday, March 3 3rd Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	James P. Holt	The SFX Finance Committee
	Mass	11:00 am	Leo Gannon	The Gannon Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Nora Byrne	Paul & Katie Filbin

President's Schedule for February 24-25, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Ahlstrom

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

Dave Armstrong
John Baggio
Ed Barrett
Albert Boemo
Angela Bowman
Dorothy Burnicks
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Blake Donegan
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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:

Judy Sagilio

Cousin of Karen Van Huesen

Catherine Stubitsch

Sister of Paul, Mary and Tom



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of the
Cross
Every Friday
at 7:45 am**

**THROUGH
DEATH**

**TO NEW
LIFE**

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Pastor's Letter

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
Mark 9:2



Jesus takes three of his disciples on a retreat. They walk to a mountaintop, apart from the other disciples and their missionary work. Suddenly, they see Jesus as they have never seen him before, and he is conversing with Moses and Elijah. They are terrified and hear a voice that proclaims Jesus as the Beloved Son of God. Then, just as suddenly, all returns to normal. Jesus speaks of his rising from the dead, and they question what he means by this.

Our journey with Jesus, like that of the first disciples, is ongoing. We are invited from time to time to step apart from our ordinary activities and spend some time learning about Jesus. We might read the gospels or a book on Jesus; share our thoughts in a prayer group; walk the Stations of the Cross; go on a retreat; or just spend quiet time in his presence. We may not understand all of what we read, hear, or experience at first. Yet with each time set apart, each conversation, each opportunity to learn, we grow deeper in faith and closer to the one who saves us.

The second area of growth in missionary discipleship is **FAITH FORMATION**. *The missionary disciple seeks opportunities to learn more.* She or he *sets aside time* for programs, experiences, or regular practices that deepen their relationship with Jesus. Faith Formation is not something that we complete when we graduate from elementary or high school. It is a lifelong process of learning and growing that makes my relationship with Jesus a priority *at this point* in my life.

The Archdiocese is encouraging groups of parishioners to gather for an experience of synodality focused on the question, **“How can we be a synodal Church in mission?”** On January 31, our Discerning Deacons Synod Team offered our first *Conversations in the Spirit* for over 50 people. You are welcome to organize a conversation among friends or members of a group to which you belong and add your thoughts to the synodal process initiated by Pope Francis. We will add a summary of your group’s discussion to a larger parish report will submit to the Archdiocese before April 1. We can provide materials that define ‘synodality’ and ‘mission.’ We can also provide a group conversation guide. This conversation is occurring among Catholics *throughout the world*. Contact Mary Freeman or Maggie McMahon for more information.

See the **Lent 2024** page in this bulletin for several faith formation opportunities during the remaining weeks of Lent. May the Spirit lead us into an ever-deeper relationship with Jesus, and may that relationship inspire us to become missionary disciples for others.

Please see the announcement in this week’s bulletin from Mrs. Sharon Garcia, Principal of St. Francis Xavier Elementary School. On February 14, Mrs. Garcia announced that she will be retiring at the end of this year. As Principal of St. Francis Xavier Elementary School for the past eight years, Mrs. Garcia has led the updating of our curriculum across grades, established a middle school, hired and mentored new teachers, and built the reputation of the school. She led the school toward our second National Blue Ribbon Award and has maintained our eligibility to apply for a third Blue Ribbon in 2026. Mrs. Garcia guided the school through the COVID outbreak and our return to a regular school year. We have been blessed. We will be forming a Search Committee to find the next Principal of our parish elementary school. We are blessed with an excellent faculty and staff, dedicated students, and the generous support of school families and other parishioners. We will be looking for the right person to lead us forward.

Lenten Blessings,

J. Bill



A Note from Mrs. Garcia:

Dear SFX Families,

It is with mixed emotions that after 8 years as principal at St. Francis Xavier School, I am announcing my retirement effective June 28th. I feel blessed to have worked with the team here at SFX. Every day, I am inspired by the polite and engaged children and dedicated and creative teachers & staff that fill our hallways and classrooms. It is also a privilege to work with so many committed parents who give of their time, talent and treasure to provide many opportunities to our children. When we collaborate, St. Francis Xavier School is a very special place for all! During my time here, we faced challenges and we have had many triumphs. I was so proud to have faced these together, always striving to create a safe, meaningful, and faithful learning environment for our kids. Making school fun while learning, has also ranked as a top goal!

Here are a few highlights from this year. I will be sharing some exciting news with our families next week about teacher bonuses. This has been something we have worked to establish for years and it is because of our generous parents and community, that we can provide this to our teachers & staff. We have a faculty that is collaborative and according to the Intent to Return Forms that have been submitted, teachers plan on returning for the 2024-2025 school year. Our most recent iReady test scores show that we are excelling as a school in the domains that are tested. This year we implemented a new reading series for K-6th grades and a phonics curriculum in grades PS3-K. Teachers have been receiving professional development so that they can implement this curriculum in their classrooms. We are now in the process of reviewing a new curriculum series for science/STEAM to be adopted for next year. Our newly revised Strategic Plan, which will be shared with families soon, includes goals to study ways to improve our outdoor space for children, developing more faith formation for families, and as always, looking at ways to maintain a rigorous curriculum. In 2020 SFX was awarded its 2nd National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Education. Because of the hard work of this team, we are on track to apply for our 3rd Blue Ribbon in 2026. We have increased the number of liturgies each grade level attends this year and we enjoy being with our Falcon Faith Friends during our liturgies and sharing classroom activities together. One of the most heartfelt aspects of St. Francis is our Service Program and Service Day, which brings out the very best of who we are. The giving of talent that goes into providing our kids with an understanding of why service is such an important part of being a Catholic, in combination with the experiences provided, is amazing - it is the heart of SFX. When alumni return, many of those experiences are highlights of their years here and they share how they continue to serve others. When I talk to our students about being inclusive, kind & respectful, we all understand it personifies who we are at SFX.

I look forward to my next adventure with excitement. In the next few months, I will finish some plans we have started and plan the transitions into next year. I will miss the people of St. Francis Xavier School.

Thank you parents, faculty, school and parish staff, and most of all, the students of SFX. I will miss the people of St. Francis Xavier School.

You have been my focus for 8 years, and I will keep you all in my prayers. I look forward to hearing about all of the great things happening at St. Francis Xavier School.

God Bless,
Mrs. Sharon Garcia

Lent 2024

Began February 14th!

Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish, are you looking for a more meaningful Lenten devotion this year?

Gather with other men of the parish to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. By living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain us on this spiritual journey, we will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God.



Meetings will be **Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM in Unity Hall that started on February 13**. Scan the QR code or [click here to register](#)—or just show up anytime.

Questions? Contact Ernie Froemel at ernie.froemel@gmail.com

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

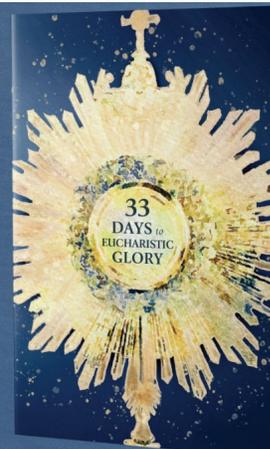
Gather with fellow parishioners on a journey of Eucharistic Consecration—a journey towards a deeper experience of Mass, a deeper relationship with Jesus, and the great joy of encountering God's relentless love for YOU.

The consecration involves a daily reflection, weekly faith conversation by zoom on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm which began on February 21, and flexible opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.

This isn't just another book.

IT IS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRED JOURNEY—

a Spiritual Pilgrimage



Zoom Conversations: Wednesdays, 8:00-8:45pm which began on February 21

Meeting ID: 845 7546 2404

Passcode: 013531

Register via the QR code, by emailing Heather Fitzpatrick (heatherfitzwelcome@gmail.com), or by clicking [this link](#).

Little Black Books for daily reflection

Available for free at all church entrances!



*Pray every day this Lent on **Hallow***



Stations of the Cross from Mary's Perspective

*Wednesday, March 6
7:00 pm in Church*

SFX Ladies Day Out

On Saturday, February 10th, nearly 150 SFX parishioners and friends gathered at the Elm for Ladies Day Out, an annual event hosted by the SFX Catholic Women's Club. Those who attended enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of live music, raffles, food, drinks, and fellowship. A great time was had by all! This year, the money raised at Ladies Day Out will support updates to the infrastructure of the church and rectory. Thanks to all who contributed, and a special thanks to the following CWC members who were instrumental in putting the event together:

Erin Thunander

Erin joined St. Francis Xavier in 2018 when she and her husband Matt moved to the suburbs from Chicago. She has appreciated the welcoming parishioners at SFX, where someone is always willing to help, encourage, or act as a sounding board. Erin was drawn to the Catholic Women's Club after attending Ladies Day Out and joined as the Treasurer in 2022 -- a perfect fit for her background, as she is CPA at an accounting firm. Erin has three children at St. Francis School: Maggie (10), Lucy (8), and Tommy (6). She enjoys co-chairing the school's book fair and ice cream social, and serves as a Girl Scout troop leader.

Jennifer Graham

Jen and her husband Eric have been parishioners at SFX for 11 years. She has found involvement in CWC to be rewarding and a lot of fun, and enjoys the friendly, welcoming community at SFX parish. Jen has a background in advertising, and is mom to two boys, Tommy (10) and Elliott (8), which she describes as the "best job ever." Along with the CWC, Jen volunteers at both SFX School and Spring Avenue School.

Katie Lutzow

Katie has been a parishioner at St. Francis for 12 years and loves the SFX community. She has been involved with CWC for a number of years, after being introduced to it through the Pre-Lenten Luncheon. Katie and her husband Scott have four children: Bennett (13), Madelyn (10), Emma (8), & Jack (6). Katie is Director of Marketing for Pivotal Growth Partners, and also volunteers at SFX School.





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Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #4
Elizabeth Bauer, Mark Bauer and Sara Quinn

In the first reading today, we encounter the story of Abraham's obedience to God's command to sacrifice his beloved son. This story challenges us to contemplate the depth of obedience and faithfulness that Abraham displays. It's difficult and painful to put oneself in Abraham's position and imagine God asking us to sacrifice our own child. What we see here from Abraham is an unwavering commitment to God's will, even in the face of unimaginable personal sacrifice. Abraham's obedience teaches us that true obedience to God requires radical trust and surrender, trusting that God's plan is ultimately for our good, even when it seems incomprehensible, and even crazy.

Similarly, in the Gospel reading, we find ourselves reading about the transfiguration of Jesus. This event serves as a reminder of Jesus' obedience to God's will, as he willingly embarks on the journey towards his sacrificial death. Jesus' obedience exemplifies selflessness and submission to God's plan, even when faced with the end of his own life. Further God tells the disciples to "listen to him", a reminder that to obey, we first have to listen, so that we know what our Lord wants from us.

Reflecting on these passages, we are challenged to consider our own obedience to God and the teachings of Jesus. Obedience is not merely about following rules or commands; it is about aligning our will with God's, even when it requires sacrifice and discomfort. True obedience involves surrendering our own desires and ambitions, allowing God to work in and through us for the fulfillment of his purposes. It's not always comfortable, but it is always good.

As we contemplate the obedience of Abraham and Jesus, may we be inspired to deepen our own commitment to God, listen to him, and embrace obedience as a pathway to spiritual growth and transformation. May we trust in God's faithfulness and goodness, knowing that obedience to his will ultimately leads to abundant life and everlasting joy.

A Look Behind the Scenes



On Tuesday, March 5, the Senior Women's Group of St. Francis Xavier hosts Diane Walsh who will tell us about her work in the juvenile Justice system. She will highlight current initiatives and review past mistakes. Diane is currently the Chief Legal Officer for the Juvenile Justice Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Previously she served as a Hearing Officer and then as a Supervisor in the Hearing Officer Section of the Child Protection Division.

Diane has been an active parishioner for many years. She has been a reader and Eucharistic minister. She has worked on a liturgy team and conducted Word and Communion services. She has served on the RCIA team and the Parish Pastoral Council.

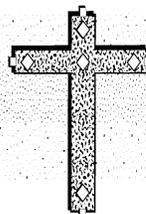
We look forward to an interesting, informative morning. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. Please meet in Unity Hall after the 8:30 am Mass for fellowship and light refreshments. The program will begin about 9:25 am.

Music Notes... New Hymnals!

The SFX Music Ministry is happy to announce the arrival and placement of new updated hymnals, which we began using on Ash Wednesday, at the start of our Lenten liturgical season. May God's grace be with us as we continue our journey of faith and renewal of heart through sung prayer...old and NEW.

We would like to extend an expression of gratitude and blessings for **Dr. Gary and Mrs. Karen Gibbs** who very generously donated the funds, in full, to purchase the hymnals.

Thank you, Karen and Gary!



Jesus is Lord!



New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30pm**, for a special Newcomer Blessing presided by Fr. Rich.

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

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

Who is invited?

Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish.*

Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet.*

Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us.*

Families with children of all ages.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7:00pm, or BOTH!

RSVP and Questions

Call or text Laura Duelm at

708-309-9079 or email lauraduelm@gmail.com

You are Invited to Ignite 2024!

Visit our website at
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EVENT COORDINATOR

Wendy McCarthy

SAB - Development Committee



Saturday, April 27, 2024

6PM - 11PM

at *Countryside Banquets*

IGNITE 2024 CHAIRS

Grace Reilly Burke '02 & Marie Hanson

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FEATURED LIVE AUCTION ITEM

**KENNEDY SPACE
CENTER
ASTRONAUT ADVENTURE**



**3-NIGHT STAY FOR 4 AT HYATT PLACE ORLANDO/UNIVERSAL,
BUS TOUR, MEET AN ASTRONAUT AND 2-DAY VISITOR COMPLEX ADMISSION**

You won't want to miss a chance to bid on this unique experience for four at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, approximately 45 minutes east of Orlando. More interactive than a museum, more inspirational than a science center, and more authentic and educational than a theme park, the Kennedy Space Center offers a mix of thrilling simulators, breathtaking attractions, behind-the-scenes tours, interactive exhibits, larger-than-life-3D space films, rocket launch viewing opportunities and more!

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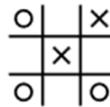
Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

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, March 5
Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com
or Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.



Engage Community February Event

Game Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 29th for a board game/card night.

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

When: February 29 from 7:00-8:30pm

Who: All are welcome: married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

What: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. We'll choose what to play based on the group's size and interests. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine).

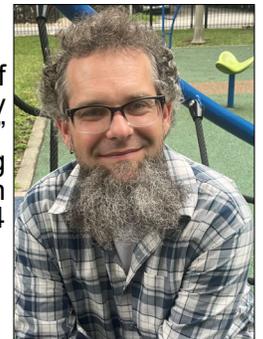
RSVPs are encouraged.

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

Your Parish Counselor

If you are like me, February can be a uniquely tough month. After the fresh chapter of January, February begins to feel like a rut. The cold days feel longer, and the gloomy darkness still falls early in the evening. If January is "getting back into the swing of things" after the holidays, it may be a challenge to get "back to the run-of-the-mill," making February difficult. Looking to make change to the routines in life? Support and connection are available as a guide through navigating life's challenges, consider reaching out at 704-750-0686 or bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

BC Shelly, M.A., M.Div., Parish Counselor Intern, St. Francis Xavier Parish
Phone: 704-750-0868 or Email: bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned

All Parish Service Day 2024

If you have questions, ideas,
or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact:

Mary Freeman
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mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



Doughnuts For A Cause!

St. Francis Xavier Religious Education is giving you the best reason to purchase a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts. From now until March 9, 50% of your order will be donated back to St. Francis Xavier Religious Education when you purchase via our fundraising sales page! Simply buy online, visit your local store and redeem using your code.

Codes never expire! Treat yourself or even gift them to friends and family by clicking on this link here: grouprai.se/krispykreme38257sa or by scanning the QR code to access the order page.



Thank you for your support!



Teens Needed for Ministries at 5PM Sunday Mass

Being part of the liturgy is such a special gift. And our 5PM Sunday Evening Mass is for teens and run by teens, but we need your help! Since our Confirmation Prep has shifted to 7th and 8th Grade, we are inviting these students to take part in the Mass as ushers and choir members (singing or instrumental). Below you will find the Teen Mass schedule for the rest of the school year. Please review the available slots to usher and sign up for one by clicking on this link: [Click Here](#) or by scanning the QR code.



We need at least four ushers for each Mass. A reminder email/text will be sent to you the week prior to the Sunday's you signed up to usher for. If you are in 8th Grade and are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister please see Katie McCarthy after one of the 5PM Masses or email her at kmccarthy@getblueprint.com.

Thank you and we can't wait to see all of our teens involved!

YOUTH NIGHTS @ ST FRANCIS
SUNDAYS JAN 21 - APR 7

FOR TEENS BY TEENS

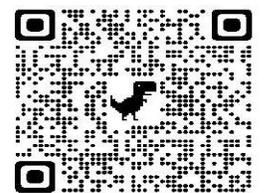
Bring your friends for: social time, dinner, a video, and small group (where you can share your thoughts or just listen.)

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, January 21-April 7 in Unity Hall, St. Francis Xavier (with St. John of the Cross & St. Cletus Youth Ministry)

Scan QR code to RSVP (and vote for food!)

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.



PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE PS3, PK4 & K PARENTS



JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Thursday, March 21

WHAT: Early Childhood Coffee with Principal Garcia. Meet some fellow parents and listen to a short presentation.

TIME: 8:30–9:30am

LOCATION: SFX in Joyce Hall



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
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- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **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.**

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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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