



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Our First Communicants

Sebastian Andalcio

Ava Androwich

Kayla Arellano

Cate Babel

Maggie Babel

Matthew Bak

Sarah Barsano

Connor Benka

Tommy Bersnak

Josephine Betlinski

Tyler Boese

Reese Bolen

Joseph Bosko

Josephine Boughamer

Maura Broughton

Violet Bucio

Lily Buczkowski

Breigh Burke

Jack Cafarelli

Leo Carbone

Jack Cholis

Emma Collins

Timothy Comeau

Emmett Cora

Carly Creed

Olivia Curtis

Liam Daly

Sean Davies

Alejandro Davila*

Madeline Davis*

Olivia Davis*

Leo DeHoyos

Alexander Derus

Jack Diaferio

Valeria Diaz

Molly Donahue

Maxwell Eagan

Rory Farnan

Amelia Fiorentino

Frances Fitzpatrick

Myles Flickinger

Viv Funke

Joseph Gallagher

Emilia Gemkow

Mateo Gomez

Emma Gonzales

Nash Gonzalez

Natalia Grabarkiewicz

Elliott Graham

Colin Griffin

Austin Guerrieri

Andrea Gutierrez

Ryan Hacholski

Catherine Healy

Harvey Hernandez

Charlotte Holub

Michael Holub

Julian Janowski

Jameson Johnson

Mia Kabellis

Benjamin Kartholl

Lucia Knapp

Matias Knapp

Brianna King

Presley Koprowski

Charlotte Krestan

Maggie Lane

Morgan Leahy

Grant Lorenzi

William Lyons

William Macko

Charlie Mahoney

Sophie Mahoney

Poppy Malone

Nico Martinez

Edith Mathy

Patrick McDowell

Jude McGarry

Maura McMahan

Phoenix Medina

James Merlo

James Mertz

Simon Moran

James Mullen

Ellie Musker

Tucker Nielsen

Daniel Nisivaco

Hazel O'Brien

Conal O'Reilly

Candace Pak

Jake Papineau

Valerie Parnell

Andrew Pasquesi

Andrew Pedroza

Owen Pedroza

Oliver Plane

Lucas Pochopien

Charles Pollard

Christina Postelnick

Mary Quinn

Anya Rischow

Renata Rivero Copado*

Grant Robinson

Patrick Rogers

Francisco Matteo Saucedo

Isabella Saucedo

Samantha Schmidt*

Henry Seidelmann

Will Shanley

Lucy Sherwood

Donovan Shields

Ximena Sida-Medina

Anthony Sobol

Teagan Steker

Ellen Strayer

Dory Taglia

Benjamin Tamm

Jack Thomas

Olivia Thompson

Lucy Thunander

Angelo Torres*

Bella Torres*

Rafael Vergara

Zoey Wickert

Violet Wier

Payton Willis

Ty Willis

Cole Wolf*

Kane Wolf*

Ian Wysocki

Ella Zatopa

*will receive at later date

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 6	Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Tuesday, May 7	Mass	8:30 am	Paul & Jaquie Flood	The Flood Family
Wednesday, May 8	Mass	8:30 am	Stanley Humecke Walter Ogila, Robert Walsher, Rose Walsher & Barbara Selucky	Jerry & Nancy Johnson Natalie Walsher
Thursday, May 9	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Rosemarie Agnello	Yvonne Agnello Adams
Friday, May 10	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Saturday, May 11	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Fran Buscareno Antonio Fiordiroso	The Fanta Family The Fiordiroso Family
Sunday, May 12	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
The Ascension of the Lord	Mass	9:00 am	Arvid Stasaitis	The Stasaitis Family
Mother's Day	Mass	11:00 am	Helen Wargo Barbara Shifley No 5:00 pm Mass	The Sangiacomo & Martens Families The Shifley Family

Presider's Schedule for May 4-5, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Stenzel 7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk 9:00 am Fr. Hoffman 11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk 5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Ed Barrett	Richard Lavers
Albert Boemo	Eleanor Love
Dick Callahan	Tom Mallon
Tim Deveraux	Frances Marzo
Blake Donegan	Patrick Morgan
Barbara Doyle	Audrey Olson
Matthew Doyle	Rita Mae Spearman
Pat Eaton	Steven Stirm
Thomas Flynn	John Stopka
Kathy Gleason	Richard Szatkowski
Lilli Gregory	Olivia Tarsney
Junie Haase	Theresa Toher
Angela Hill	Pat Urycki
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Cindy Williams

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

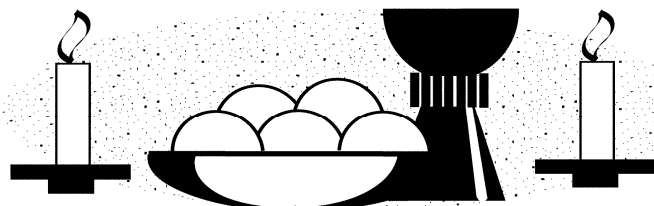


Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died,
as well as their families:

Evelyn Farrar
Mother of Janice Devereux
Mother-in-Law of Tim Devereux
Grandmother of Tim & Terry Devereux

Weddings

Sandra Diaz & Alejandro Castro
Elizabeth Schnell & Giancarlo Crotti
Victoria Lesnicki & Nick Genova



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Pastor's Letter

*Jesus said, "I chose you and appointed you to **go and bear fruit that will remain.**"*
John 15:16

"I chose you." Jesus makes it clear to the first disciples, and now to us, that he initiates our relationship with him. God always reaches out first; we then choose to accept or reject God's invitation. When we look closely at those he chooses, we might question his judgment; after all, one would deny him, and another betray him. It appears that Jesus was not aiming for the "perfect dozen." Some were educated; but most were laborers and possibly illiterate. Jesus looks into their hearts and sees their *potential*. In the same way, *Jesus has examined our hearts and called us, as we are*, to follow him. He waits for our response.

"I appointed you." Jesus not only *called* the first disciples to follow; *he also sent them* to carry the message of God's love and to bring healing and hope to all they encountered. *He gave them a mission* to share what they had found in him and to invite all into communion with Jesus – man and woman, Gentile and Jew, servant and free. The Risen Lord appoints us in the same way. In the Spirit, *we are sent as missionary disciples*, to bring the person and message of Jesus to others and then to welcome them into the community of believers. *We are appointed* to reach beyond barriers that would divide us; and embrace all as equally deserving of God's love.

"Go and bear fruit that will remain." Jesus challenged his first disciples to do much more than "increase their numbers." Their mission was not about gathering the most converts or impressing those to whom they would preach. They were to bear *fruit that would remain* – to reach those who would then produce the seeds of further fruit. Their mission was to invite others into a commitment that could cost them their reputations, if not their lives. The rapid growth of the early church, even in the face of punishment and martyrdom, suggests that *their message pierced hearts and minds*. Jesus asks the same of us today. ***We have been chosen*** to "go make a difference" in the lives of those most in need of God's love and care. ***We have been appointed*** to be the hands and heart of Jesus to family, friends, neighbors, and strangers alike.

This weekend we celebrate the fruits of a gift made twenty-five years ago. A collection of founding parishioners, guided by their pastor, Fr. Bill Stenzel, established an endowment that they hoped would grow to become an ongoing resource for the parish elementary school. Our former principal, Ms. Barbara Snopek, established a scholarship within the endowment fund. Fr. John Hoffman, our next pastor, encouraged ongoing contributions to the endowment. Earnings from the initial investments plus additional contributions have grown the St. Francis Xavier Educational Endowment to over \$1 million. Having achieved this milestone, a percentage of the endowment's annual earnings can now be used to enhance our programs and resources and to affirm the school staff in their mission. We thank you who planted the seeds and all since who have watered and helped this initial gift to grow and bear fruit as intended.

Last Sunday, our **School of Religious Education** celebrated the end of another year of faith formation for over 600 of our children. **Thank you** to our DRE, Elis Guidice, her assistant, Cindy Johnson, and all the women, men, and youth who served as volunteer catechists. This weekend, we celebrate **First Eucharist** for over 130 children in our parish elementary school and parish school of religious education. Please welcome them to the Eucharistic Table this weekend and make them feel at home among us. Sunday evening at 5:00 PM Mass, we celebrate our **graduating high school seniors**. We give thanks for the blessing you are and send you out to set the world on fire in whatever path you have chosen to follow in the fall.

Please note: As has been our tradition, there will be **no 5:00 PM Mass next Sunday, Mother's Day**. Spend the day with the mothers in your life, whether physically or spiritually. It is good to give thanks.

Easter Blessings,

F. Bill

Celebrating a Milestone

Devoting time in prayer to God, sharing of talents, and giving of treasure have all combined for over 125 years to make St. Francis Xavier Church and School the place we are today. A sign of our vitality is the ability to financially steward our Catholic community for future decades; an endowment is one component of financial strength. Endowments benefit those who will be in our SFX community for centuries to come; donors' gifts continue to provide meaningful influence both now and 100 years from now.

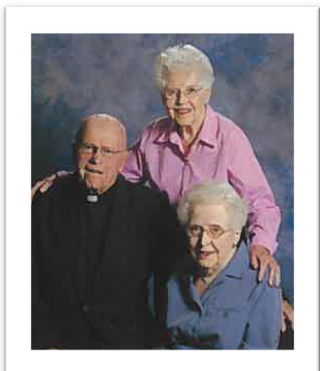
Our parish has two endowments - one for the parish elementary school, and one for the parish in general. The SFX Educational Endowment began in 1999, when a group of about 30 inaugural parish families donated the seed capital. The Parish Endowment began in 2007.

The Finance Council and our pastors have stewarded the two endowments over the years, beginning with these first gifts entrusted to the parish. This weekend, we celebrate the attainment of our first milestone for the Educational Endowment: **\$1 million!** The purpose of this endowment is "to perpetuate, partially support, and uphold the educational ministries of St. Francis Xavier School." For about the past 15 years, we have allocated distributions of under \$5,000 annually to tuition assistance. This year, having reached the \$1 million milestone, we are pleased to announce that the first major distribution of 4% (\$40,000) will provide much deserved bonuses for teachers and staff. For more information about our two endowments, check out our [Parish website \(under Stewardship\)](#).

May God bless these inaugural donors, and a few others who wish to remain anonymous!

Jock and Patsy Brown	Bob and Cecilia Kaiser	Otto and Mary Lou Molitor
John and Mollie Carroll	Vern and Julie Kramer	Joe and Bea Nelligan
Tom and Ellie Carroll	John and Lenore Madden	Mark and Jeanne Cushing Reilly
Tom and Lillian Cunningham	Terry and Carolyn Mahoney	Bob and Pat Roach
Joan and Ned Devitt	Terry and Cheryl Matray	Joe and Sally Shannon
Jim and Joan Dunne	Joseph and Marjorie McDevitt	John and Babs Ward
Dave and Carol Grimes	Greg and Mercedes McDonnell	Jim and Liz Wilson

We thank you for planting the seeds that have blossomed into a beautiful blessing for present and future St. Francis Xavier Elementary School students and teachers. Your generosity will bear great fruit for years to come. Through prayer, learning, and service, may we continue to form and educate young people who are committed to the mission of our patron and eager to set the world on fire!



Behind every milestone lies some significant stories. One of our legacy stories is that of the O'Connor siblings - Eleanor, Irene, and Fr. Jim - who were pillars of our parish community from the early 20th century until recently. Born in the 1920s, they were deeply rooted in our parish; all three attended our elementary school. And 70 years ago, on this weekend, Fr. Jim celebrated his first Mass as a diocesan priest - here at St. Francis Xavier. His sisters remained active in many parish ministries and organizations. All three ensured that their unwavering dedication to our community would extend beyond their lifetimes. A portion of their bequest to our parish was directed to the Educational Endowment and helped us surpass the \$1 million milestone.

SFX Educational Endowment

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier,

On behalf of the school's faculty and staff, as well as our parents and students, thank you to all inaugural donors of the Educational Endowment! So many blessings come together to make St. Francis Xavier School one of the best in the Archdiocese of Chicago. One of these blessings is your ongoing stewardship!

St. Francis Xavier School stands as a beacon of excellence, where service, compassion, and academic achievement converge to shape the future leaders of tomorrow. Our dedicated teachers are at the heart of our success, employing innovative teaching methodologies to create a dynamic learning environment where students thrive academically, socially, and spiritually. We take great pride in our recognition as a two-time exemplary high-performing National Blue Ribbon School, a testament to our unwavering commitment to student success and overall academic excellence. Our all-school Service Program is in the fabric of our core values, empowering our students to see the change they can affect in our community and beyond.

As we continue on our journey of academic excellence and faith development, we remain steadfast in our mission to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders following in the footsteps of Jesus.

With deep gratitude,

Sharon Garcia, Principal



When speaking of the friendships formed at St. Francis Xavier, Alumna Gabriella Eraci said, "With the Catholic Values that are instilled, these friendships are really rooted in compassion and love. And I am so grateful for them. I'm grateful for my time at St. Francis as I was so impacted by all of the teachers and parents and friends. They make you want to be a better person. These enduring bonds, forged within our nurturing environment, continue to shape lives long after graduation."

A member of the Science Department at Nazareth Academy speaks to the achievements our students have made in science by saying, "Students from St. Francis Xavier regularly perform at high levels in sciences at Nazareth Academy. It is common to find many St. Francis Xavier graduates successfully navigating our honors-level sciences. They tend to be comfortable with hands-on learning, specifically when conducting laboratory experiments. Students from SFX tend to be engaged academically, engaged in the school community, and respectful."

ATTENTION ALL 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!!!

This Sunday, May 5th, the 5:00 Mass will be celebrating all of our 2024 high school graduates. You are encouraged to wear a t-shirt highlighting your next adventure. The parish will be providing pizza in Unity Hall after mass. All graduates are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection

Gail's Story: Family Self-Sufficiency is one of Catholic Charities most effective and beloved programs. Gail* is a 2019 graduate from the program. She shared, "When I first started, my exact thoughts were, 'This is a program for people trying to keep it together'. It challenges the participant to set goals and make game plans to achieve them while creating a custom work plan that caters to the specific life circumstances." She goes on to say, "To date, I have accomplished every goal that my case worker and I set." Since leaving the program, Gail continues to work toward goals based on the near- and long-term needs for her children and herself.

*Name changed to protect privacy

Please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day, May 12th or anytime at
www.catholiccharities.net/give/fy24sp/

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of April:

Daniel & Patricia Balster
Michael & Molly Conry
Anthony & Valerie Esposito
Taylor Frank & Daniel Giuliani
Elijah & Yessenia Gonzalez
Daniel & Angeli LaLonde
Gary Lewis & Maria Lopez
Jose Coronal Luna & Mayra Lopez
Nick & Amy Morrone
John & Laura Polivka
Eric & Maureen Rimlinger
Donivine & Payton Stewart
Greg & Cara Van Landingham
Rebecca Voith
David & Nancy Wickster
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Spring 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May is a month to remember and celebrate the mothers and mother figures in our lives. These women—on whom all generations depend—are essential to the fullness of God's plan for human life.

May is also the month when we celebrate the important work of our Catholic Charities. Helping mothers in need is core to our Catholic faith and a cornerstone mission for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Whether they be single mothers, mothers of children with special needs, foster mothers, or mothers who are migrants, we help them and their children.

Your generous donation to the Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities enables this urgent work. Catholic Charities was founded more than a century ago by the Archdiocese to help those in need in Cook and Lake counties. As the largest provider of human services in our region, Catholic Charities serves nearly 400,000 people annually. This tremendous reach of services is only possible through your generous support.

Each year I call on our parishes to support Catholic Charities, and so I encourage you to be generous by contributing, either:

- In-person during the second collection on Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12
- Online at www.catholiccharities.net/donate
- By mail to Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 8275, Carol Stream, IL 60197-8275

Thank you for your on-going support and partnership. May Mary, our Mother whom we honor in May, continue to inspire us to take up the mission of her Son with joyful enthusiasm.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Blase Cardinal Cupich".

Archbishop of Chicago



Vacation Bible School Registration Closes Today Sunday, May 5th!

As you may know from previous announcements, SFX is partnering with Grace Lutheran for this summer's VBS program. The VBS program will run the week of June 24th (Monday-Friday) from 9am to 12 noon at Grace Lutheran. *VBS is open to children aged 4 through 4th grade. 5th-6th Graders can participate as members of a "service crew" that will spend the week organizing and conducting a variety of service projects.*

Here is link you can use to register your child or children: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/273552> or use this QR code to access the registration.



A successful VBS program is not possible without the help of parent and teen volunteers! The registration form will describe the various volunteer opportunities available. Not all of them involve a five-day commitment. Volunteering for some role is not required but it is highly encouraged. We will be reaching out in the near future to follow up on your volunteer preference to provide further information. For those of you who have volunteered in the past you know what a rewarding experience it is for you and your children.

We look forward to a successful 2024 program and are grateful to Grace Lutheran for allowing the SFX community to resume our partnership with them. If you have any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.

LATTE Theater Proudly Presents M*A*S*H!

M*A*S*H changed the face of television with Hawkeye, Trapper, "Hot Lips" Houlihan, Klinger, and the rest of the 4077th gang. Join this medical triage team as they create their own insane bedlam to stay sane in the Korea conflict. M*A*S*H* is a comedy, trauma, satire, and melodrama all at once. And this stage play is funny and real. Laughter heals all wounds!

Plymouth Place Auditorium, 315 North LaGrange Road in LaGrange Park

Tickets can be purchased at www.lattetheater.com.
\$5 Students/Seniors, \$15 Adults

SHOW TIME: 2 PM Sunday, May 5th. Runtime 2 hours 15 minutes with a 10 Minute Intermission.



Religious Education News

*Registration for our 2024-2025
K – 8 Religious Education Program
is now open (as of 3/16/24)!*

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2024-2025 school year.

Our options are:

- In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Our virtual asynchronous grade level program has lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays and is best for families with busy schedules.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for "car ride" home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

**Please don't delay in registering your children
today as classes fill up fast!**

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

<https://www.sfxlq.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>

Click the quick link
"RE Registration Information for 2024-2025"
on the left-hand side of the page to register.

Family Outreach Ministry

Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry on Saturday, May 18 as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. There are two time slots from which to choose: 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 please click here or contact Ana Dimialig apd3@core.com or Rachel Peterson at peterstonrtw@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

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.) Questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlq.org.

FOOD PANTRY GRATITUDE

A Special Thanks to:

The **Knights of Columbus** who spent an entire Saturday at the **Jewel in LaGrange Park and Countryside**. As a result, we received 503 bags of groceries and \$852.49, including a \$200 donation from **Trader Joes**.



Thanks to Craig and Carol Jacklin for organizing the events and all the volunteers who solicited donations and transported them to the food pantry!

Scout Troop 33 for spending a day at the LaGrange Park Jewel soliciting donations. We are so grateful for all the bags of food and the \$163 in donations.



The **7th Grade Religious Ed** classes for their generous donation of breakfast items and help with sorting and stocking the food pantry.

Thanks to all of you, our empty shelves have been filled with wonderful choices for the 100 families we serve each week! Our Ministry is able to offer assistance to our neighbors in need because of our generous parish and community partners!

Each item makes a difference!



ALL PARISH SERVICE DAYS!

June 3-8, 2024

Doing God's Work in the World

**Kick off your summer by being part of an outreach team
with family, friends and fellow parishioners!**

**Teens, get a jumpstart on your
Confirmation and high school service requirements!**

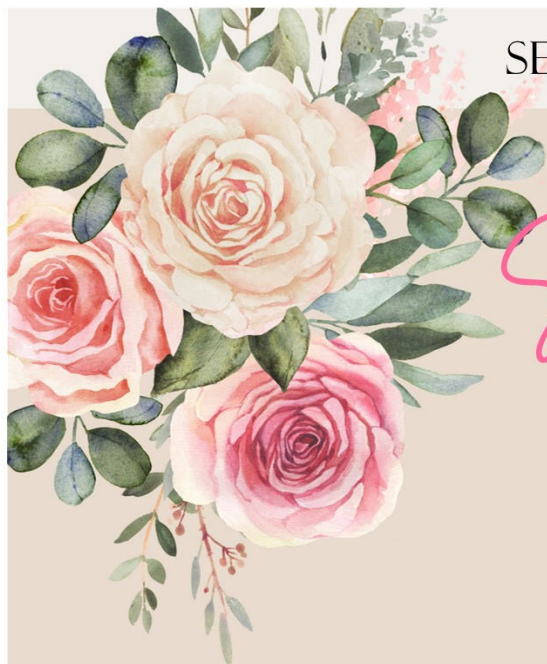
Registration will begin May 10th.

SERVICE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE PARTNER	PROJECT	TEAM LEADER(S)
SFX Food Pantry (6/4)	Serve pantry guests	Mary Freeman
BEDS (Summit) (6/5)	Set Up & Serve Lunch and Dinner	Mary Freeman
Fisher House (6/5)	Deliver Prayer Shawls	Mary Ellyn Witt
Rosary (6/6)	Pray in Mary Garden	Katie Kanzer
Feed My Starving Children (Aurora) (6/6)	Pack meals for people around the world	Terese Kartholl Cristina Tamm
Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (6/7)	Pray at Broadview Detention Center	Mary Freeman
SATURDAY JUNE 8 ACTIVITIES		
BEDS	Pack Shelf Stable Meals at SFX	Alice Vida
Blood Drive	Donate Blood in SFX Gym	Mark Azzi
Challenger Baseball	Play ball with a buddy at Sedgwick Park	Paul Saladino
Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)	Write Notes at SFX	Marge Branecki
Congregation of St Joseph	Clean up CSJ plots at Queen of Heaven Cemetery	Emily Bersnak Clare Pasquesi
First Congregational Saturday Meal Program	Prepare and Serve Lunch	Ana Dimailig Rachel Peterson
Fuller Center for Housing	Bless Team before they depart for Clarksdale, MS to build and repair homes	Chris O'Hea
Helping Hand	Garden Cleanup at a home in LaGrange area	Lisa Radville Greg Schuler
Interfaith Community Partners (Random Acts of Kindness)	Repurpose flowers at SFX and deliver to seniors	Margie Hull Rebecca Riven
Migrant Clothing Drive	Organize donated clothes and deliver to Catholic Charities	Joan Stopka Karen Boyd
Mission OLA (Our Lady of Angels)	Garden, Clean, Pack Food bags in Chicago	Matt Kanzer
SFX Food Pantry	Sort & Stock Food	Lynn Regan Alice Vida
SFX Garden	Help plant annuals around the church	Kathy Skokna

If you have questions, please contact:

Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP

Spring LUNCHEON

30 North
Plymouth Place
315 N. La Grange Road
La Grange Park, Illinois

Thursday, May 16, 2024
(Gathering @ 11:30)
Luncheon @ Noon

Exciting new venue! Choice of entrees!
Cobb salad with chicken
Club sandwich
Cheese ravioli

Please RSVP by **Monday, May 13** to the rectory with \$25 and entree selection.

If transportation is needed, contact Clare @ 708-420-2959
or Mary Sue @ 708-616-5474.

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 La Grange Hospital on
Saturday, May 18th from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Lunch Provided.**

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

For information regarding the training 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.

Engage Community

May 30: 7:00pm Unity Hall

Topic: Introduction to Chair Qigong (a Chinese system of physical exercises and breathing control related to tai chi). It's relaxing and fun.

Watch this space for summer outings announcements. Concerts, dining, plays, and other activities to make the most of summer in Chicagoland.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Donated Yarn Request

The bins in our Prayer Shawl Ministry closet are getting a little low with donated yarn. Our members have made beautiful shawls and lap blankets with yarn that has been donated from parishioners. If you have any machine-washable skeins of yarn that you would like to donate, please bring them to the rectory. We are not accepting needles or crochet hooks at this time. Thank you!

Next Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

Our next scheduled meeting will take place in Unity Hall on:

Wednesday, May 8 from 4:00-5:00 pm
(please note the time change).

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

Any questions, please contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlq.org.



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, May 7 Contact Matt
Hubert mthubert@gmail.com
or Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.

Interfaith Career Network

Helpful Advice from HR While Conducting Your Job Search

Come join us on Thursday, May 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm. You'll be so glad you did! Think your resume is good? You may be ahead of others who are competing against you. 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! Join us to get out ahead of your competition. Be the best you can be during your job search! Our speaker is Leslie Kelley, Director of Human Relations for Chervon North American Inc. in Naperville, IL. 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 <http://www.intfaithcareernetwork.com> for additional resources.


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*No camp on 6/19

Session 2
**JUNE 24-
JULY 5 2024***

*No camp on 7/4

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Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm
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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

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
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Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

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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.

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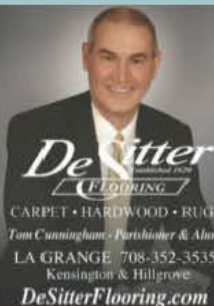
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