



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## Pentecost Sunday

### May 19, 2024



**Jesus said to his disciples:**  
“When the Advocate comes  
whom I will send you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father,  
he will testify to me.” - Jn 15:26

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 20	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Marian Hannigan	The Hannigan Family
Tuesday, May 21	Mass	8:30 am	Mary Sfondilias	Patrick Daly
Wednesday, May 22	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Thursday, May 23	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Warren Kunstler	Ron Skupien
Friday, May 24	Mass	8:30 am	Ann Monahan	Mary Lou & George Braasch
Saturday, May 25	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Elizabeth Tisevich 90th Birthday Andre Eagle John Osborne	The Tkachuk Family From Mother Kristen, Michael, Thomas & Joseph Javorski
Sunday, May 26 The Most Holy Trinity	Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	People of the Parish Vince Winkler Rick Mahoney George Spanakis No 5:00 PM Mass	The Winkler Family The Owens Family Peter & Barbara Tomaino

### Presider's Schedule for May 18-19, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

### Please pray for . . .

Ed Barrett  
Albert Boemo  
Dick Callahan  
Tim Deveraux  
Blake Donegan  
Barbara Doyle  
Matthew Doyle  
Pat Eaton  
Thomas Flynn  
Kathy Gleason  
Lilli Gregory  
Junie Haase  
Angela Hill  
Jessi Rita Hoffman  
Tiffany Kahn

Richard Lavers  
Eleanor Love  
Tom Mallon  
Frances Marzo  
Patrick Morgan  
Audrey Olson  
Laureen Rabe  
Rita Mae Spearman  
Steven Stirm  
John Stopka  
Richard Szatkowski  
Olivia Tarsney  
Theresa Toher  
Pat Urycki

### Born Into Eternal Life



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

**Jeanne Grady Davis**  
Mother of Brian Davis

**Robert Gregory**  
Father of Chris, Jenny and David

**Julie Murray**  
Sister of Fr. Bill Stenzel

**Adam Potesak**  
Brother of Jamie Gonzalez

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.



**COME  
HOLY SPIRIT  
CREATOR BLEST**

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### Weddings

Sandra Diaz & Alejandro Castro  
Elizabeth Schnell & Giancarlo Crotti  
Victoria Lesnicki & Nick Genova  
Kaitlyn Olsick & Adam Gdowski



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## Pastor's Letter

*In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 12:13

Scriptures relate *two* distinct moments when the Holy Spirit comes upon the first disciples. In John's gospel, the first breath of the Spirit is given by Jesus on the evening of the day he rose from the dead. However, Luke places the coming of the Spirit in his sequel to the gospel, the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty days after the resurrection, the disciples remain huddled in the upper room, afraid to venture beyond the door let alone proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. The Spirit overwhelms them on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost and drives them out of hiding. Their bold words are understood in all the languages of the gathered crowd; their subsequent witness will encourage thousands of diverse people to embrace Jesus and his command of love.

The Spirit continued to teach and inspire the first missionary disciples in Luke's stories of the early decades of the church. *The Spirit "confirms"* a man not of the Jewish faith, making it clear to Peter that God offers baptism to *all* who desire to embrace Jesus. *The Spirit frees* Paul and his companions from prisons and gives them the words to speak before both great rulers and ordinary women and men. *The Spirit works through them* to heal the sick, free bound spirits, and raise the dead. *The Spirit becomes the living, breathing soul of the early church;* disciples go out to all parts of the known world and diverse people and cultures respond to their message.

**How is the Spirit living and breathing among us in our day?** In what direction is the Spirit seeking to lead us? How is the Spirit attempting to bring healing, insight, or communion through what we say and do and how we do it? The call of Pope Francis for the entire Church to engage in synodality is a call for each of us to listen carefully to the perspectives of others and to contribute our voice to the ongoing conversation, in word and deed.

**Belong. Believe. Be Love.** Last October, we each were invited to write down *three words* that best describe our faith community. Later in this bulletin is the story of how *almost 2,000 words* were combined and refined by the parish pastoral staff and Parish Pastoral Council with some professional guidance to create a *parish identity statement*. The above four words identify us as a community who **welcomes** each person, as they are and for who they are; **invites** us all to grow in what we believe; and **sends us out** to be the loving presence of God to people of all ages and backgrounds, especially those most in need of love, compassion, and healing.

Each week, our parish grounds reflect a bit more of the beauty of creation through the talents and efforts of Cathy Skokna and the "Edyth's Garden" ministers. In the Mary Garden on the east side of the campus, Sr. Mary Southard's sculpture, "Mary in the Garden," commissioned by parishioner Gordon Kickels in memory of his wife, has been cleaned and refreshed. The surrounding area has been thinned of overgrowth and given a young sapling and new plants and flowers. Take some time to stroll around the grounds and marvel at all that has been done through parishioner stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

**Please read carefully!** Father Rich may not want me to announce to you all that he celebrates **his birthday on Monday**, one day after the birthday of the church! I will not necessarily tell you to *wish him a Happy Birthday.* (I try to stay out of trouble.) However, I have no control over *what you choose to do* about acknowledging his birthday when you see him. I simply say,

**"Happy Birthday, Church!"**

**Peace,**

*F. Bill*

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INVITING NEW MEMBERS TO CONSIDER**

Parish Pastoral Council guidelines call for an ongoing rotation of PPC members. Several members of the current PPC are stepping down after several years of serving on the PPC. I thank Barb Kalnes, Marko Magajne, and Tony Pangan for serving in this important leadership position through the pandemic and into our initial evangelization efforts. Each will continue to serve in parish ministries.

We have begun the process of discerning parishioners to invite onto the PPC who will enhance the diversity of parish voices on the PPC going forward.

According to the guidelines, PPC members serve a two-year term and can ask to remain on the PPC for an additional one or two years. (Note: We have extended this guideline for the initial members to account for two COVID years.) After four consecutive years, a member is asked to step away from the PPC for at least five years before seeking to return. This allows us to continue to involve new voices.

If you are willing, interested, and able to be considered for a two-year term on the PPC, please submit your name to Father Bill no later than June 2. If you have any questions, please contact Father Bill or one of the parishioners whose names are listed below.

### **Continuing PPC Members**

Curt Aronson	<a href="mailto:curtaronson@gmail.com">curtaronson@gmail.com</a>	Alex Ruff	<a href="mailto:aruff8@comcast.net">aruff8@comcast.net</a>
Elizabeth Cooley	<a href="mailto:ehcooley@me.com">ehcooley@me.com</a>	Carolyn Simone	<a href="mailto:carolynsimone@gmail.com">carolynsimone@gmail.com</a>
Laura Duelm	<a href="mailto:lauraduelm@hotmail.com">lauraduelm@hotmail.com</a>	Jody Wise	<a href="mailto:jody_wise@hotmail.com">jody_wise@hotmail.com</a>
Mike Hattie	<a href="mailto:michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net">michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net</a>	Phil Zadeik	<a href="mailto:pjzadeik@gmail.com">pjzadeik@gmail.com</a>
Lindsey MacKenzie	<a href="mailto:lindseycotter@yahoo.com">lindseycotter@yahoo.com</a>		

### **Donate Your Worn American Flags**



A local Scout will be collecting American flags ready to be retired **this Sunday, May 19th** after the 9:00 am Scout Mass. All scouters, veterans, service men and women, family and friends are welcome to attend this Mass. Your donations will support our parishioner, Christian Orlando, who is working toward his Eagle Scout rank. A special flag retirement ceremony will take place on Flag Day, which is Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>. The location and details will be announced once they have been finalized.

### **Summer Rectory Hours**

**The rectory will be open from  
8:30 am until 4:30 pm  
starting June 4 Monday through Friday  
and Saturdays 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.  
Regular hours will resume  
on August 28.**



In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the rectory will be closed on Saturday, May 25 through Monday, May 27.

We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28 at 8:30 am.



## Fuller Center Collection May 18-19

The second collection at this weekend's masses supports the parish's annual mission trip to Clarksdale, Mississippi with The Fuller Center for Housing (formerly Habitat for Humanity.)

This summer, St. Francis Xavier will send a group of volunteers to the Mississippi Delta. Your donation will help cover the cost of building materials and other costs necessary for SFX volunteers to provide affordable housing for a Clarksdale family currently living in substandard conditions.



To make a donation,  
use this QR code or [Click Here](#).



"Clarksdale is a really cool place  
and I would not have seen it  
had it not been for this trip."



"I learned about the  
community by working  
alongside community members."



### 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 we meet on 2nd Thursdays of the month (location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or bulletin each month.)

**What:** Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration!

Questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org).

### Toddler Mom's Weekly Summer Book Study

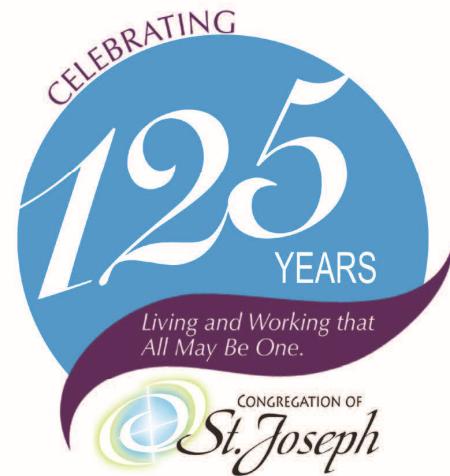
Join us for our Toddler Mom Weekly Summer Book Study on *Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius* by Lisa Cotter.

**Day:** Monday evenings, starting on Monday, June 10th and ending mid-August

**Time:** 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Who:** Moms with kids under 5 years who are looking to strengthen friendships with others in the Parish and continue their faith journey alongside a supportive community! We ask that you commit to attending most sessions within the series.

To RSVP for the series and obtain additional details, please reach out to Christine Scioscia at [ctheilacker@gmail.com](mailto:ctheilacker@gmail.com) or 630-803-9272 before June 1st.



We are so grateful to you and all who have helped us continue our mission of service to God and others.

To show our appreciation, please join us for an

### Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 9th, 2024  
1 - 3:00 p.m.

**Joseph House**  
Courtyard & Welcome Hall  
1515 West Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park

All are Welcome!

## **Belong. Believe. Be Love!**

Last September, we began a process of crafting an Identity Statement for our St. Francis community. We invited each parishioner to write down three words that “describe the St. Francis Xavier Parish community.” We received over 1800 responses.

Using these insights as the basis for discussion and brainstorming, the Parish Staff and Pastoral Council spent the next few months in conversation – distilling those words into a number of drafted phrases to be evaluated based on the following criteria: credibility, “sticky-ness,” dynamism, faith-inspiration, and uniqueness.

Finally, we have landed on a statement that meets all of the above criteria and reflects our aspirations for the St. Francis Xavier family:

### **Belong. Believe. Be Love!**

We love this statement for a number of reasons:

**It begins with belonging.** At St. Francis Xavier, *you belong*. Over 41% of the three-word responses included some variation of the word “welcoming!” This is both who we are and who we aspire to be: a family where, no matter where you may be on your faith journey, you are welcome and you belong.

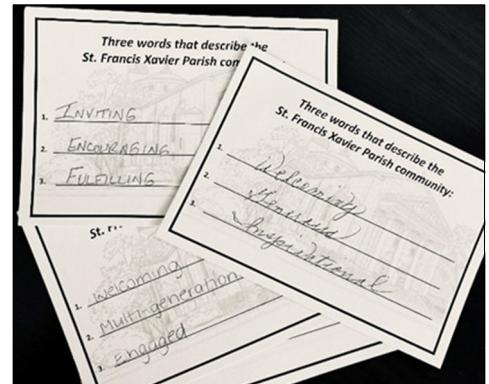
Secure in our sense of belonging to one another, we have the courage to **grow in belief as we walk the path of discipleship together**. Our belonging reveals the loving God in whom we believe, with whom we want to grow in personal relationship, propelling us deeper in intimacy with Love itself.

And finally, as we grow in intimacy with a God who is Love, **we become Love ourselves**. As St. Theresa of Avila said: Jesus has no hands and feet on earth but ours. St. Francis Xavier Parish is not only about our belonging to each other or our shared belief but our **mission to be Love in the world and share the good news of Jesus** with each person we encounter.

This dynamic identity statement reflects our journey of faith. It calls us deeper into relationship with God and others. It is, in short, both a statement about who we are *and* a roadmap for our mission to “wholeheartedly live and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in communion with God, others, and all of creation...through sacraments and worship, service and learning.”

As we begin using this statement in parish communications, we encourage you to reflect on your experience of belonging, believing, and being Love at St. Francis Xavier. Let this statement serve as a simple tool for inviting friends and neighbors to our family gatherings – where, indeed, they already belong!

With gratitude, the St. Francis Parish Staff and  
Parish Pastoral Council



# 10th ANNUAL ALL PARISH SERVICE DAYS!

June 4-8, 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 is open! [Click Here](#)

## 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
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* (see below)	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

\*We will be collecting adult and kids summer clothing. JUNE 1-7 at the Rectory.

If you have questions, please contact:

Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



## 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.sfxlg.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.

## All Are Welcome!

It was wonderful to share an evening with our newly registered parishioners at a recent Welcome Prayer Service, followed by hospitality in Unity Hall. Maggie McMahon led our prayer service to help us join together to pray and welcome those new to our Parish family. This beautiful evening was made possible by the warm hospitality of our Welcome Committee. It was great for everyone to mix and mingle for a light dinner and desserts. We hope you will come to our next gathering in September. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the SFX Hospitality, please contact Laura Duelm by email at [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com) or call 708-309-9079.



## 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, June 4.  
Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan [jhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We welcomed Trudi Urchell and Bernadette Pickens to our May meeting! Thanks to Fr. Rich for blessing our **23 lap blankets and 18 prayer shawls**. We give thanks to all of you for sharing your gifts with those in need of comfort.

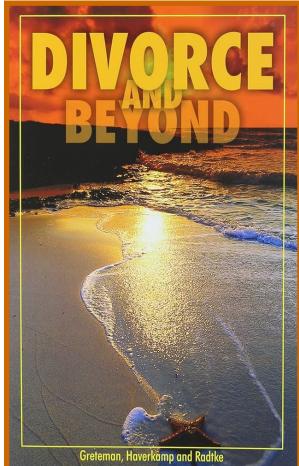
We had a special celebration to give thanks for all you do for this ministry and to show our appreciation to Mary Ellyn Witt, who has led our ministry the past two years as well as created our partnership with Fisher House. We are thankful for her service, dedication and organization. We wish Mary Ellyn and Chuck many blessings in their new home. God bless you Mary Ellyn and please stay in touch.

We were sorry that all our members could not make our afternoon tea social. A special thanks to Susie Lehuta for her delicious homemade cookies and creating a beautiful lap blanket for Mary Ellyn.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**JUNE 5 from 11:00am-Noon:** See All Parish Service Day sign-ups if you'd like to help deliver prayer shawls and lap blankets to Fisher House.

**SEPTEMBER 13 from 7:00-8:00pm:** Next prayer shawl meeting in Unity Hall. All are Welcome!



### 2024 Divorce and Beyond Support

Summer Series

Wednesday Evenings (7:00-8:30 pm)  
June 12 through July 24 (skipping July 3)  
in the St. Francis Xavier Rectory  
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

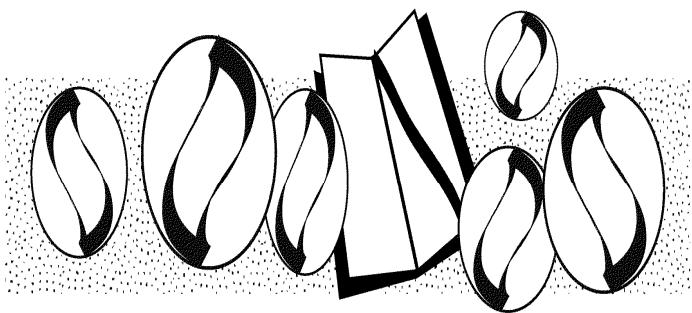


Divorce and Beyond is a faith-based process for divorced adults designed to offer support, fellowship and healing to those who are divorced or going through a divorce. Topics include: stress, anger, forgiveness and recovery. There is no cost to attend. There is a participant guide that will be provided at the first meeting.

To register on-line please scan the QR Code above, [click here](#) or call Missy Westerhoff at 708-352-0168.

### Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2024-2025 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more. Join the fun and reach out to Lauren Desmond [lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com) or Erin Thunander [erin.thunander@gmail.com](mailto:erin.thunander@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved.



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# WE ARE HIRING JOIN OUR TEAM!



## Development Associate

SFX is looking for an Associate Director of Development who is responsible for the management and success of St Francis Xavier School's fundraising efforts. This individual reports to and works closely with Jennifer Zeisloft, the Parish Director of Stewardship and Development, to guide fundraising efforts and actively communicate with other members of the school and parish staff to coordinate fundraising activities and donor stewardship.

The Associate Director of Development will also work in partnership with the school principal and school board to collaborate and ensure efficiency and effectiveness in all fundraising efforts. To apply, visit our website, at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org).



**Scan here  
to apply!**

## Engage Community

**May 30:** 7:00pm Unity Hall. Introduction to Chair Qigong (a Chinese system of physical exercises and breathing control related to tai chi). It's relaxing and fun.

### Summer Outings:

**Tuesday June 11:** Visit The Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John, Indiana. Guided tour to begin at 10:45, arrive by 10:30, 60 to 70 minute tour. No charge, donations encouraged. Half mile trail for walking; complementary wheelchairs or a "club car" (\$7 per person). Carpooling is available if you need a ride. Lunch at Teibel's in St. John planned for 1:00 pm (separate checks). **RSVP by June 4** and let us know if you need a ride there.

**Wednesday, June 19:** Dinner at Mattone's in LaGrange Park at 6:00 pm. Separate checks. **RSVP by June 16** to Jane at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, July 9:** Dinner at Olive and Feta in LaGrange at 6:00 pm. Separate checks. **RSVP by July 6**.

**Thursday, August 1:** Volunteer at Feed my Starving Children in Schaumburg from 12:00-2:00 pm. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious **MannaPack®** meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. Carpooling is available if you need a ride. Please **RSVP by July 25** and let us know if you need a ride.

**June, July, and August evenings:** Concerts in the park, TBD once schedules are published by local park districts. Join the email list for the most current updates.

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

# **SFX SUMMER CAMP**

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ACTIVITIES FOR RISING GRADE LEVELS K-1,  
2-3, AND 4-5.**

**OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM ANY SCHOOL  
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Session 1

**JUNE 10-JUNE  
21 2024\***

\*No camp on 6/19

Session 2

**JUNE 24-  
JULY 5 2024\***

\*No camp on 7/4

Admission per Session

**\$600**

+STEAM fee

**Camp Hours 9:00am-12:00pm**

- ✓ Daily Art Class
- ✓ Daily STEAM Class
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**SFX Summer Camp**

145 N. Waiola  
La Grange, IL 60525

**Registration Link**

<https://sfxcamp.cambrainregistration.com>

**More Information** (708) 352-2175 or [camp@sfxlg.org](mailto:camp@sfxlg.org)



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ST. CLETUS PARISH EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**WHAT IF HOLINESS IS ACTUALLY AN ADVENTURE?**

Wednesday, June 12, 2024  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
St. Cletus Church

**Special Guest Speaker: Matt Lozano**

Matt Lozano is the Director of Training for Heart of the Father Ministries. He is passionate about sharing the life-changing truth of God's Word in a clear and practical way. Matt has over twenty years of experience teaching in the classroom and around the world. He has a BA in History from JMU, an MA in Educational Leadership from Villanova University, and an MA in Theology from the Augustine Institute.

Matt is the coauthor of the *Unbound Ministry Guidebook* and *Abba's Heart*, his first solo book, *Free to be Holy*. Matt ministers alongside his wife Jennifer and they are blessed with five children.

**Free to Be Holy** is an invitation to understanding how Jesus made us holy and how we can approach a life of holiness with confident faith and joyful hope. The compelling promise of this book is that the pursuit of holiness is not a hopeless struggle but an adventure of discovering who we are in Jesus.

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## Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps!

### Want to Make a Difference? Want to Grow in Your Faith?

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) matches the skills and experiences of adults 50+ with Chicagoland nonprofits dedicated to walking with and assisting those most in need. IVC supports members in deepening their faith through formation opportunities rooted in the Ignatian tradition.

**Learn more by attending an upcoming information session.**

June 4 - **St. Francis Xavier Parish**, LaGrange

June 25 - **St. John of the Cross Parish**, Western Springs

Register online: [www.ivcusa.org/chicago](http://www.ivcusa.org/chicago)

Or Call: **201.407.6052** Or Scan QR Code:





## 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
- **Capt. 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
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
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# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

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Pastoral Associate  
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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  
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## Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

## Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

## Infant Baptisms

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

## Marriage

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## 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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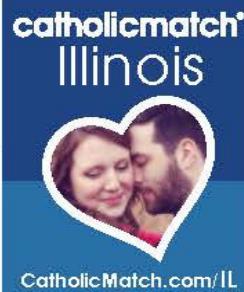
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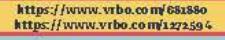
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