

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28, 2026



REWARD



“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

MATTHEW 10:42

BELONG

BELIEVE

BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, June 29	Mass	8:30 am	Emery Mapes Jimmy Pappin	Jesse & Claire Presley The Skokna Family
Tuesday, June 30	Mass	8:30 am	Henry & Theresa Gazdziak Joseph Gorgosz	The Gazdziak Family Bernadette Gorgosz
Wednesday, July 1	Mass	8:30 am	Mary Ann Curry	Gregg & Gloria Stephenson
Thursday, July 2	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, July 3	Mass	8:30 am	Dolores Nauheimer Edward & Kathleen McDonnell Special Intention	Judy Ovník The Cannon Family
Saturday, July 4 Independence Day	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Lorre Godlewski	 The Schroeder Family
Sunday, July 5 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass No Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	John Rogers Virginia Wielgos Frances Ruffolo No Mass Fourth of July	The Rogers Family Teri Meeusen Louise Such

Please Note: Due to the Fourth of July Weekend on Sunday, July 5th, there will be No 5:00 pm Mass.

Weekend Mass Schedule for July 4-5, 2026

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan **7:30 am** Fr. McCarthy **9:00 am** Fr. Milek **11:00 am** Fr. Chrzan **No 5:00 pm**

Saturday~5:00 pm (Vigil) *w/organ & piano traditional-mix
Sunday~7:30 am *w/organ & piano, traditional-mix
9:00am *w/organ & piano, traditional-mix (Gallery Choir...Sept-May)
11:00 am *w/piano, contemporary (PRAISE! Ensemble...Sept-May)
5:00 pm *w/piano, contemporary (Spirit H.S. Youth Choir [Grades 9-12]...Sept-May)

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio James Baumgart Poppy Booth George Braasch Vivian Brickhouse John Clinch Tom Davis Blake Donegan Alex Eaton Nathan Emkow Janet Foster Lupe Baker Garcia Kathy Gleason Allen Godlewski Vincenzo Guzzo Junie Haase Marie Hefler Angela Hill Craig Hirsch Jessi Rita Hoffman Richard Holbach Michelle Jackson Nora Lou Kampe Terri Bergen Klein Ella Mae Kuzel Kathleen McElroy	Robert McMahon Amy Miller Katie Miller Brandon Moffett Patrick Morgan Bill Mroz Pat Murphy Angela Bader Neczek Ann Marie Niedos Connie O'Dette Mark Reilly Amy Robinson Judi Schuberling Dick Simmons Rita Mae Spearman Gregg Stephenson Gary Sterwalt Jean Sterwalt John Stopka Sophie Stratton Olivia Tarsney Michael Thornton Lauren Tvrdik Joe Vargas Liz Wilk Vicki Wronski Holly Zienfeld
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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:

Janet Henshaw
Wife of Ray
Friend of the Tvrdik Family

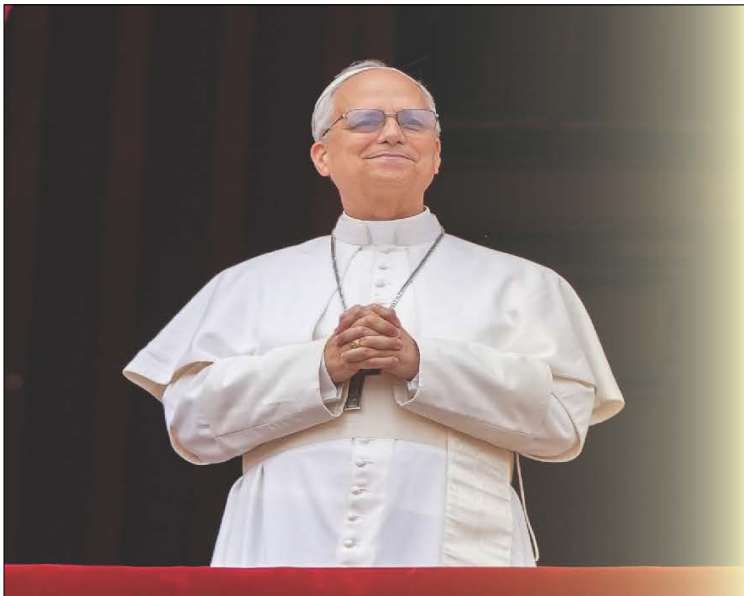
Eileen Uzarski
Mother of Joelle & Karen

Weddings



Aileen O'Carroll & Nick Peters
Jennifer Milligan & Harold Larke

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Support the Works of the Holy Father through the

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Be a sign of hope.

From his first appearance after his election in May 2025, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace and unity with the whole world. Throughout history, Catholics have shared Christ's mission with the world by proclaiming the Gospel and performing works of mercy that bring comfort to the poor and vulnerable.

For centuries, Catholics have joined in these works by supporting the Peter's Pence Collection, which helps to fund the Holy Father's mission to proclaim Christ's message in the world. Our gifts to the collection are "concrete signs of hope" that fulfill the two aims of Peter's Pence: "1) **To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See that assist him every day; and 2) **To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development."

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website:

www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html (English) or
www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html (español).

"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."—Pope Leo XIV, Homily at Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, May 18, 2025

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

SHARE

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested.

GIVE

Give generously to this collection as a sign of hope to those who suffer around the globe and as a demonstration of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can provide hope and minister to all for generations to come.

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In observance of the July 4th Holiday, the rectory office will close on Friday, July 3 at 4:30 pm. We will reopen on Monday, July 6 at 8:30 am.



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8/13: ST. CLETUS GALLAGHER ROOM

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Karaoke

JUNE 28TH 6PM-7PM
Dinner will be provided

Located in the Upper Room
(basement of the rectory)

Door 3 on Spring ave

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Join our GroupMe!




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Young Adult Ministry

3v3 Basketball Tournament

July 25 & 26, 2026

Young Adults 18-39:
Register your team for
either the recreational
or competitive bracket!




Email Maggie McMahon with any questions: mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

Engage Community

Make a Connection Enjoy Summer Sounds Discover New Interests

We are sampling the summer concerts! Join in for some fun!

****Look for a Blue Balloon to find the group****

July 1: West Suburban Concert Band's Patriotic Concert
Where: Memorial Park Amphitheater (Corner of Woodlawn and LaGrange Road) LaGrange Park from 7:00-8:30 pm.

July 9: Rhythm Makers Orchestra (Big Band)
Where: Burr Ridge Village Green, 701 Village Center Drive, Burr Ridge from 7:00-9:00 pm.

RSVP 2 days prior. Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.





Music Notes...A New Look for Our Cantors!

At our 5:00 p.m.-Sat. (Vigil), 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses, our cantors have begun wearing a liturgical musicians “alb”. In many Catholic churches today, liturgical musicians are returning to, or continuing, a renewal of traditional sacred vesture — albs, cassocks, choir robes, and other garments historically associated with reverence in worship. At the same time, some of these same church communities and musicians – including St. Francis Xavier - remain deeply committed to promoting progressive and relevant social concerns: racial justice, care for migrants, environmental stewardship, economic equity, disability inclusion, and the dignity of LGBTQ persons...to name a few.

To some of us, I realize this combination appears contradictory. Traditional liturgical clothing is often associated with theological conservatism, while progressive advocacy is frequently linked to more contemporary worship styles. Yet within Catholicism, these realities are not necessarily in conflict. In fact, I see the renewed use of traditional vesture, especially for the “cantor”, as entirely consistent with a broader commitment to human dignity and social transformation rooted in the Gospel.

The “alb” has long symbolized baptismal promise, renewal, and the shared dignity of all the faithful. Worn by clergy and lay music minister leaders serving at the altar, it represents not personal status but participation in sacred service and toward the communal act of worship. The cantor’s ministry during worship is to engage and inspire the praying assembly into the multiple sung parts of the Mass throughout. I believe that this specific vesture can encourage a more prayerful connection between cantor and assembly, as well as promote unity among our cantors. This can help all of us center more attention on prayer and sacrament rather than personal branding.

I would like to go a bit further and say that sacred vesture for our cantors may also aid in their own personal spiritual transcendence in liturgy. Personally, I have truly experienced a positive change in mind, body and Spirit since wearing an organist “cassock”...allowing me to focus on the prayer more fully. In an era shaped by constant performance culture and digital self-promotion, albs can serve as a visual reminder that when we walk into our most beautiful and inspiring church space, we are here to envelop ourselves into something bigger.

The St. Francis Xavier Church Music Ministry continues to sing the Gospel through themes of justice and solidarity into church life through music ministry inclusion, music selection, prayer leadership, and community engagement. Our “contemporary” song often includes themes of equality, unity, liberation, peacemaking, ecological responsibility, and care for the marginalized. Progressive social concerns are not looked at as political trends but as expressions of Catholic moral teaching.

As the Director of Music, I believe in softening the culture-war divide imposed from outside the Church...the idea that one must choose between incense and activism, chant and compassion, or reverence and reform. I am proud to say that our parish is a church community for everyone...no matter what your liturgy style preference is, or where you are in your faith journey...and that we will continue to pray and live our mission: **Belong, Believe, Be Love.**

God’s blessings to all of you. Let’s keep singing!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen J. Sterwalt".

Allen J. Sterwalt, Director of Church Music

AUDITION now for TUCK EVERLASTING in LATTE's Performance Company Summer Production!



Sign up at: www.lattetheater.com

Rehearsal location: 9008 Fairview Avenue in Brookfield (Parking lot entrance of Cornerstone Church).
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Mandatory heck week and performances run July 17th-26th.

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Charlotte Krestan, Mia Kabelis and Morgan Leahy
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the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry!

St. Francis Xavier Lay Preaching Circle

For a video lay reflection on this weekend's readings, please see the parish website or your Friday parish email containing the bulletin.

The St. Francis Xavier Lay Preaching Circle welcomes both men and women. To learn more, contact Maureen Windmoeller at maurwind@gmail.com.

Interfaith Career Network offers FREE assistance-OPEN TO ALL!

Topic: "Behavioral Interviewing:
What They Are Really Asking"

Speaker: Kathryn Kurinsky

Thursday, July 16th at 7:00pm
St. John of the Cross Parish Center
5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs

For job seekers, cracking the behavioral interview means learning to tell your professional story in a clear, structured, and compelling way—using real examples that demonstrate your skills, character, and resilience. This session is about understanding the strategy behind one of today's most common hiring tools and learning how to use that knowledge to your advantage.

Participants will learn:

- The STAR method for structuring any behavioral answer.
- How to build a personal "story bank" before the Interview.
- What interviewers are really listening for beneath the surface of each question.
- The most common mistakes that cost candidates the job and how to avoid them.

Kathryn Kurinsky brings more than 25 years of Human Resources experience across a variety of industries. She currently serves as Human Resources Director for a furniture manufacturer in West Chicago, where she oversees all areas of HR, including recruitment and retention, employee relations, and training and development. We look forward to seeing you!

For additional resources visit
www.interfaithcareernetwork.com!

**THINKING ABOUT
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?**

We would love to chat!

Email mmcMahon@sfxlg.org to start a conversation today

St. Francis Xavier 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, July 7

Contact: Peter Brown pbrown@sfxlg.org
for more information.

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Mindfulness Journaling Workshop featuring Kaiyoh Allison. On **Saturday, July 11** from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. In-person at The Well in Room 262. Cost: \$20. By definition, mindful journaling is the practice of bringing one's full attention and awareness to the present moment through writing and reflection.

Join us to center yourself in the present moment in a non-judgmental way. Through mindful journaling, we will gain a deeper understanding of our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors, as well as develop greater self-awareness and self-acceptance.

Register with this QR Code or visit our website csjthewell.org

<https://web.charityengine.net/mindful-journal-workshop>

Religious Education News

Registration for our 2026-2027 K—8 Religious Education Program is open!

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2026-2027 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:

www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education

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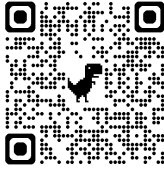
[Click here to register.](#)

Church Audio Update—Adaptive Audio System

SFX has installed a Bluetooth accessible Listening System. To access this new system you must have a smartphone along with earphones or Bluetooth capable hearing aids. Follow the steps to connect your device:

Step 1) (At home or at SFX) Download the Listen Wi-Fi App from your app store or scan the provided QR Code below.

Apple Users



Android Users



Step 2) (In SFX Church) Download the Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection by scanning the provided QR Code below Please make sure to turn on Wi-Fi for auto detection in your settings.

Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection



We plan to have non-Bluetooth options available in the upcoming months. For assistance please call the rectory at 708-352-0168 or email sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to set-up an appointment.



Please Pray for All Those Serving Overseas in the Military:

- **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
- **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 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 Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Nidos
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux
- **Capt. Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene and Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Capt. Sean Kampe, U.S. Army**—grandson of Nora Lou Kampe, nephew of Anne & Rob Knez, cousin of Sarah Dybalski and Rachel Patterson
- **Capt. Michael Shriber, U.S. Army Reserves**—friend of the Mackey Family
- **Capt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Commander Brandon Saxby, U.S. Army**—friend of the Zicarelli Family

Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...and please let us know when friends and loved ones return from their deployment Overseas.

Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Weekend Sacramental Clergy

Rev. John Chrzan
Rev. Richard Milek
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Community Outreach Ministry

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Rectory Hours

Monday-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

Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am
 St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 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.

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 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 (Door #5).

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

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 counselor, Benjamin Horen, from the Claret Center. Please call for an appointment at 630-923-8380.

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