



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025



The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” - Lk 10:41-42

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, July 21	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Robert Arneberg Victor Copp	Jill Topf & Family Scott & Jill Burson
Tuesday, July 22	Mass	8:30 am	Raymond Rodier Bernard B. Kash	The Van Gorp Family The Dybas Family
Wednesday, July 23	Mass	8:30 am	Josie Kalkowski	The Kalkowski Family
Thursday, July 24	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Edward Carr, Jr.	The Bock Family
Friday, July 25	Mass	8:30 am	Jimmy Griffin Helen Adams	Sheila Downs Hayes The Adams-Scotty Family
Saturday, July 26	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Anna Russo	 The Cooley Family
Sunday, July 27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Johnson Jim Egan Lucy Harck People of the Parish	Mike & Nancy Kalkowski Carol Mooney The Byrne Family

Presider's Schedule for July 19-20, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Chrzan

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio	Brian McLaughlin
Poppy Booth	Amy Miller
George Braasch	Greg Molinari
Vivian Brickhouse	Patrick Morgan
Mary Ann Curry	Bill Mroz
Blake Donegan	Ann Marie Niedo
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Connie O'Dette
Allen Godlewski	Mark Reilly
Mateo Gomez	Amy Robinson
Vincenzo Guzzo	Juan Silva
Junie Haase	Sheila Slonskis
Angela Hill	Gregg Stephenson
Jessi Rita Hoffman	John Stopka
Michelle Jackson	Sophie Stratton
Patricia Jones	Anna Suero
Nora Lou Kampe	Olivia Tarsney
Michelle Kram	Joe Vargas
Ella Mae Kuzel	Eileen West
Randy Lange	Michael Westberg
Richard Lavers	Liz Wilk
Eleanor Love	Al Winkler

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:

James Jordan
Brother of Michelle Jordan

Steven Kent
Husband of Christina
Father of Madeline, Katherine, Mary Rose & Lilly

Maureen Owens
Mother of Kevin
Mother-in-Law of Michele
Grandmother of Sean & Patrick

Weddings

Elizabeth Lattyak & Scott Werner
Meghan Schick & Michael Ziccarelli
Dogmara Starzyk & Adam Stutzman
Linda Nguyen & Vinnie Cirolia
Colleen McCabe & Kyle Phillips



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Save the Date

Join us in welcoming Fr. John Chrzan

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Bishop Robert Fedek will install

Fr. John as our 11th Pastor

of St. Francis Xavier Parish at the 5 pm Mass

**Followed by our Annual SFX
All Parish Block Party**

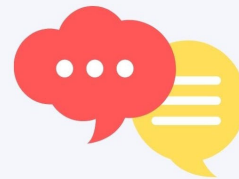
More information to come!

Pastor's Letter



Enjoy your summer!

Peace, Fr John Chrzan



Thinking about
**Becoming
Catholic?**

WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to start the conversation



Religious Education News

*Register today for our 2025- 2026
K – 8 Religious Education!*

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2025-2026 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.

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

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.

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

[Click Here](#) or scan the QR Code to take you to the registration page.



Your Gift and Talent is Needed!

Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person (Sundays & Wednesdays) this year by grade level twice a month, so we are looking for volunteers to step forward to join in this journey of faith with our youth. Please contact Elis Guidice, our Director of Religious Education, if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2025-2026 school year at sfxreligious@sfxlg.org.



[Lughnasa Celebration](#) on Sunday, July 27 from 2:00–4:00pm, in-person with facilitators: Ellen Wiggins and Bob Kent. Cost: Free or \$10 Donation. Our Sacred Earth is seeded with Divine revelation. Wild Belongings invites us into a deeper experience of this revelation through relationship with the land, the creatures near us. Lughnasa is a Celtic festival celebrating the first harvest. Falling equidistance between Summer Solstice and Fall Equinox, it is also the Christian holiday of Lammass. A time of honoring abundance and offering gratitude for all that has come from the land. We gather in ceremony for reflection and song and listen deeply to the Holy Wild.

Learn more & register:
<https://csjthewell.org/programs/>

Engage Community Summer Events

Connect with neighbors and friends, new and old, this summer!



August 5, Summer Nights Concert

Where: Hillside Commons in Hillside

5:30pm **Infatuations** a Rod Stewart Tribute Band; 7:30pm **Lisa McClowry** a Cher Tribute artist. Also, a car show, local food vendors and local artisan pop up shops.



August 13, Noon—Lunch Gathering

Where: Chai Yo Thai, 10026 Roosevelt Road in Westchester

Details: Thai food with exhibition kitchen. Separate checks. RSVPs, at the email below, are required so that we can provide accurate reservation information.

<https://chai-yothaiwestchester.com/>

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

Engage focuses on building Christian community through a variety of social and service activities. All are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners, adults of all ages and life stages.

SFX Food Pantry School Supply Drive



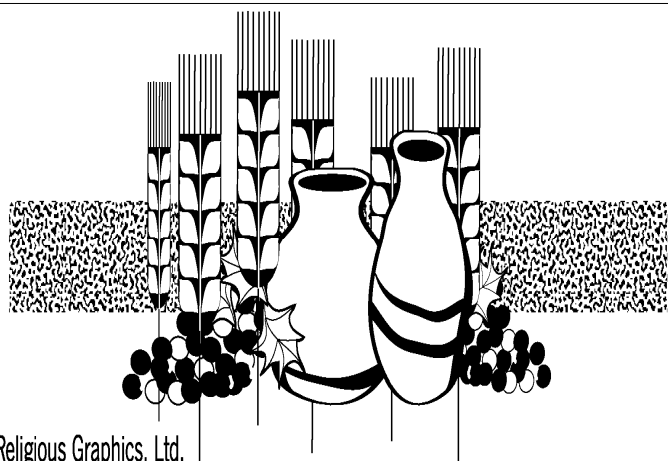
We are continuing a 10+ year Parish tradition of collecting school supplies to support our pantry families. Please drop off donations at the rectory through Monday, August 4th.

Our hope and prayers are for a safe and healthy school year!

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Binders
 Spiral Notebooks
 Lined Paper (College Ruled & Wide)
 Pocket Folders
 Highlighters
 Pens (Blue, Black & Red)
 Crayons
 Colored Markers
 Colored Pencils
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 Erasers
 Scissors
 Glue
 Backpacks

**Thank you for your continued
support and generosity!**



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Retreat in the Real World

An invitation to Discover The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius

The Spiritual Exercises, which are at the heart of Ignatian spirituality, is a collection of meditations, prayers, scripture readings, and contemplative and imaginative practices based on the experiences of Ignatius of Loyola. The particular version of the Exercises, called the 19th Annotation, takes place over about 30 weeks beginning in the fall, and aligns beautifully with the liturgical calendar. Often called a "spirituality for busy persons," the Spiritual Exercises invite those who are actively involved in the world to experience God in a deeper, more intimate way that supports everyday life—as the Jesuits often say—Finding God in All Things!

Perhaps you are looking for deeper peace and connection with God, or maybe you are longing for a transformational journey with Jesus without leaving your everyday commitments, or you may be looking for God's help in discerning a decision or embarking on a new season of life. These are just some of the reasons people are drawn to the Spiritual Exercises.

Here are a few initial guidelines:

- Retreatants commit themselves to about 45 minutes of personal prayer and reflection each day, for which scripture passages and resources are provided.
- Availability to meet once a week, either via video/remote conferencing or in person, with an Ignatian "guide" who facilitates helpful sharing about the ongoing experience. The weekly meeting is scheduled at a time convenient for both retreatant and guide.

Interested? Curious? Want to know more?

The UMI Midwest Jesuit Province trains spiritual directors to direct The Spiritual Exercises and will be offering the opportunity to make The Spiritual Exercises beginning this September 2025 accompanied by one of the intern spiritual directors at no financial cost. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lee Egan via phone or text: 708-785-5535 or email: lmegan435@gmail.com.



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Tickets at www.lattetheater.com
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7:00 pm Thursday, July 24th
7:00 pm Friday, July 25th
2:00 pm Saturday, July 26th
and 7:00 pm Saturday, July 26th

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SFX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Join your friends and fellow parishioners for our annual outing, raffle and dinner!

On-Course Challenges
Putt for Prizes, Longest
Drive & Closest to the Pin

Annual Raffle
with amazing prizes to
be announced soon!

Putt with the Principal
SFX Principal Jimmy
Bajner will be back for
another round of
raising money!

New this year!

Beat the Pro and
Go for the Gold Game
(Golf registration required)

FRIDAY

September 12th, 2025

LUNCH & CHECK-IN
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

1:00 PM SHOTGUN

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Questions? Email Golf Chairs Rob & Lisa Parolin at sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com

FIND YOUR FORESOME!



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Alpha men! TMIY men! Men's Club men! OCIA men! Former college-fraternity men!

Think back to this past Lent. Were you striving to be a better Catholic? Perhaps you're trying to lead your family back to the Catholic faith. Do you have any interest in assisting the elderly, the disabled, the poor, and supporting the cause of life?

Then, man oh man, this is your invitation to join the Knights of Columbus (www.KofCLaGrange.org). The energies of our parish's younger men (18 years old and up) are especially needed. It only takes all of us.

We're a fraternal Order that is the granddaddy of all Catholic men's ministries. Our Order is first in support of those, above, with the most in need. "Vivat Jesus!" has been our Latin motto since our 1882 founding because Jesus is central to our mission. Your home council has been leading good works in the greater LaGrange community since 1973. We could do much, much more with you involved, and we're inviting you to join us. It's easy. Simply send a text message to (our rush-chairman of sorts) Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to get started. Today. Tomorrow. To Knight!

Our next program event is the Intellectual-Disabilities Fund "Tootsie Roll" Drive on September 19, 20, and 21. It's a great time to join us.

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, August 5

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

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Care for Creation Workshop

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ON CARE FOR
OUR COMMON HOME



POPE FRANCIS

ENCYCLICAL LETTER

Tuesday, July 22 7:00-8:30 pm
St. Cletus Parish ~ Gallagher Room
600 West 55th Street, LaGrange

Answer the call of Pope Francis in his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* to care for our common home. In this workshop we will engage in conversation with each other as we explore our role as Catholics in stewardship of the Earth.



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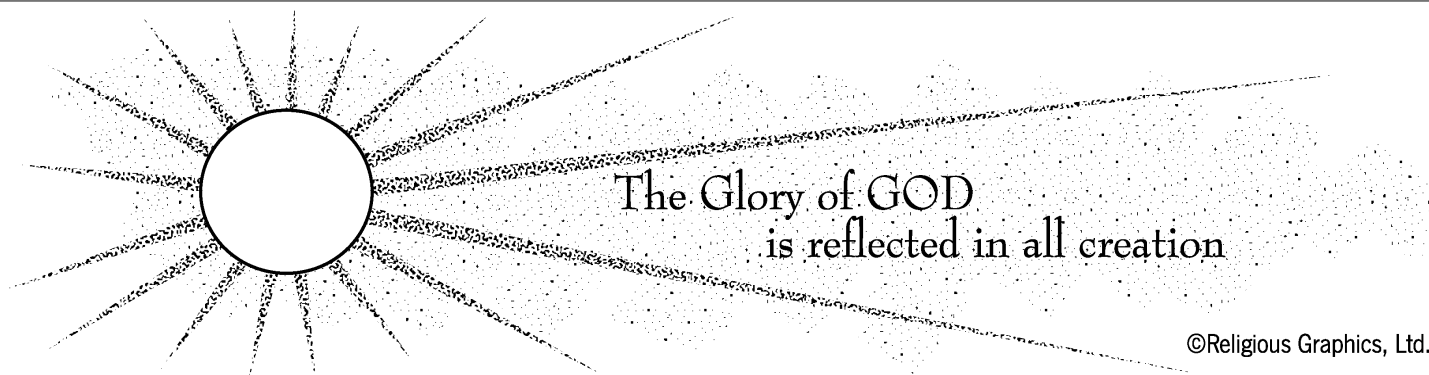


**Please Pray For...all those
Serving Overseas in the Military including:**

- **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

**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

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Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
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Director of Religious Education
Religious Education Administrative Assistant
Youth Ministry Coordinator

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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 a counselor, who will start in the Fall, from the Claret Center. Please call for an appointment at 773-643-6259.



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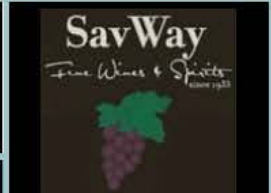
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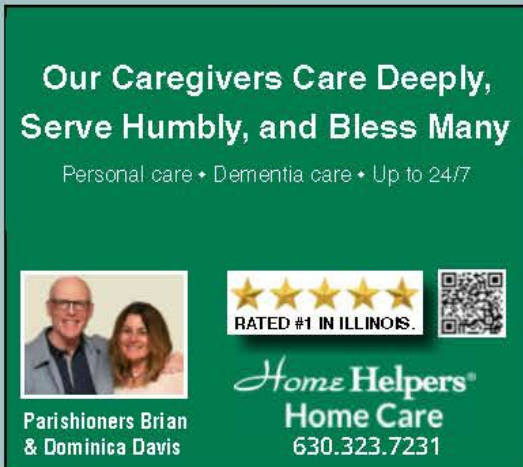


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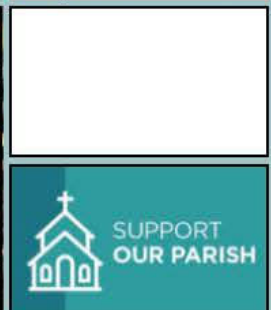
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