



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024



“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:48-50

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday August 12	Mass	8:30 am	Andy Harmon Fran Buscareno Herbert & Mary Schrack Marcie Metzger	The Harmon Family The Westerhoff Family The Metzger Family
Tuesday, August 13	Word & Communion Service	8:30 am		
Wednesday, August 14	Mass	8:30 am	Carol Grimes	Dave Grimes
Thursday, August 15 The Assumption of Mary	Rosary Mass Adoration Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Deirdre Dennedy People of the Parish	The Ferguson Family
Friday, August 16	Mass	8:30 am	R. Alex Westhoff	The Zahorik Family
Saturday, August 17	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Fred Westhoff John Wahlstrom, Jr.	The Zahorik Family Lynn Regan
Sunday, August 18 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Tom O'Brien Leonard J. Timpone Deceased Members of the Martin & Hayes Families Nolan Krolicki Rose Stoiber	Bob & Bridget Hamilton The Timpone Family The Martin Family The Krolicki Family The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for August 10-11 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Orlando Ares	Tiffany Kahn
Ed Barrett	Eleanor Love
Kevin Brooks	Patrick Morgan
Nick Caputo	Bill Mroz
Blake Donegan	Rosemary Nash
Barbara Doyle	Ann Marie Niedo
Matthew Doyle	Laureen Rabe
Pat Eaton	June Sheehan
Nancy Egan	Michael Smith
Thomas Flynn	Loraine Solineno
Kathy Gleason	Rita Mae Spearman
Lilli Gregory	John Stopka
Vincenzo Guzzo	Linda Sullivan
Junie Haase	Olivia Tarsney
Angela Hill	Sally Witz
Jessi Rita Hoffman	

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:

Tom O'Brien
Husband of Barb
Dad of Liz & Katie

Loretta Zderad
Aunt of Christine Connors

Weddings

Kathleen Flavin & Andrew Mikes
Margot Miller & Ryan Heneghan



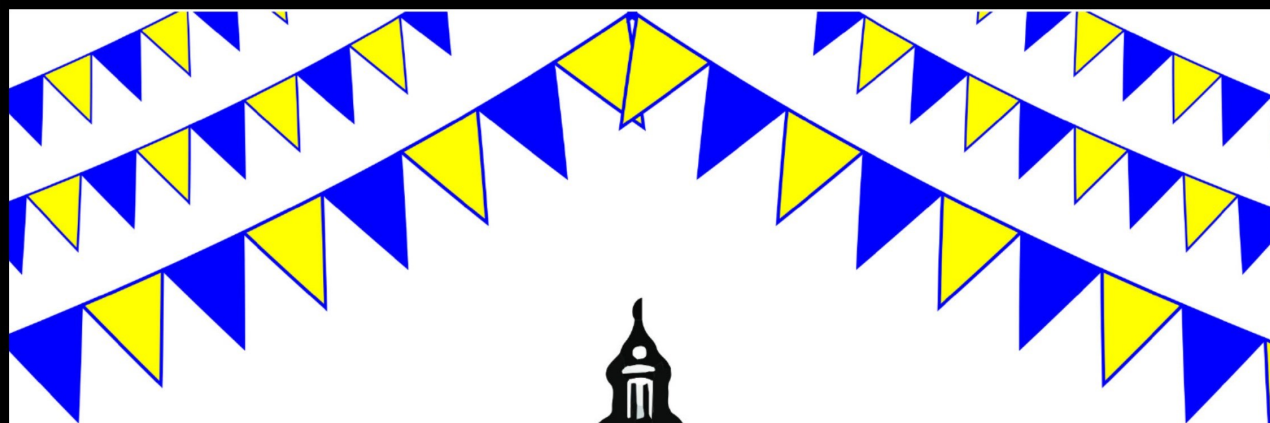
Blessed are you, Lord
through your goodness
we have this bread
and wine to offer



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SFX All Parish **BLOCK PARTY**

Sponsored by The Men's and Women's Clubs

Friday, August 23rd

SFX Parking Lot
5:30-8:30pm

Cost: \$10 Individual—\$35 per Family
Tickets Include:

Hot dog meal
Ice Cream Truck

DJ All Night!
Kids Activities

Brick Oven Pizza from *GP Italiano*, Beer, Wine, and Soda Available for Purchase

[Volunteer at the event!](#)

Questions? Email Katy Ktcass9410@gmail.com

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN AN SFX MINISTRY!

Please [click here](#) to view our
Ministry Resource Guide
or use the QR Code.

Reach out to the contact person
if interested in volunteering for
any of these essential liturgical ministries.
Questions? Call the parish office 708-352-0168.



Thank you for sharing your time and talent!



Music Notes...

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule *with musical styles...*

Saturday (Vigil)

5:00 pm Organ/Piano/Traditional-Mix

Sunday

7:30 am Organ/Piano/Traditional-Mix

9:00 am Organ/Piano/Traditional-Mix

11:00 am Piano/Contemporary

5:00 pm Piano/Contemporary

Summer Blessings!



Liturgy Planning Volunteers Needed

Please consider joining the liturgy planning team for an important part of our Masses each week. Teams discuss Reflections of the Readings for the week, write a Penitential Rite, Intercessions and the Final Blessing.

By spending about 1-2 hours a month and working with other parishioners you will learn more about liturgies and help plan masses. This is both rewarding and thought-provoking. With teams of 2-6 people, you can collaborate in person, via email, or through Zoom sessions to write the Ordo, no prior experience is needed. It's a great way to contribute to our community and deepen your understanding of the liturgy. Consider being part of this meaningful work! We would need you to start this fall after Labor Day.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact, Bernadette McMahon, Liturgy Team Coordinator at bbmcmahon@comcast.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



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 this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2024-2025 school year at sfxreligious@sfxlq.org

Register Today!

Register Now for K-8 Religious Education, Don't Delay!

The School of Religious Education is accepting registration for the 2024-2025 school year.

We are happy to be able to offer two options to families:

- In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays 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/ART/5955b1f231468>

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

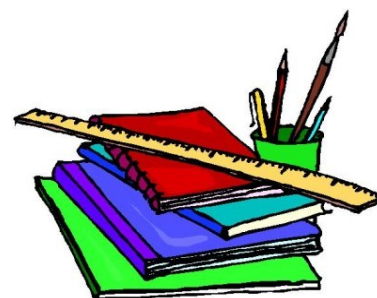


Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 15, 2024

St. Cletus Parish	St. Francis Xavier	St. John of the Cross
Thursday August 15	Thursday August 15	Wednesday August 14
8:00 AM – English	8:30 AM – English	7:00 PM – English
12:00 PM – English	7:00 PM – English	Thursday August 15
7:00 PM – Spanish		9:00 AM – English

St. Agatha Needs School Supplies



The children of St. Agatha's parish are in need of school supplies. Although the school has closed, the students in the parish are still in need.

If you are able to make a monetary contribution to help in the purchasing of these school supplies, please drop off or mail a check to the rectory made out to St. Francis Xavier, with a notation that it is for St. Agatha school supplies. We will then forward the donation to St. Agatha's.

Thank you for your consideration.

GOD is LOVE

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



Children's Choir

2024 - 2025

Grades 1 – 8

**(District Public Schools & SFX Day School...All are welcome!)*

Weekly rehearsals:

[Gr. 1-3] Tuesdays / [Gr. 4-8] Thursdays – 3:40 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

***First Rehearsals: Sept. 3rd (gr. 1-3) / Sept. 5th (gr. 4-8)**

(SFX Day School singers who choose to remain on-campus after 3:05 p.m. dismissal will be escorted into the church space for snack/homework time each week as we wait for District Public School singers to arrive after their later school dismissal times.)

Choir will sing monthly at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

PLUS ON

Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28), Christmas Eve (Dec. 24),
& The Christmas Epiphany Concert (Jan. 4, 2025)

**Registration Form on the next page! ----->*

OR

Register on-line with this link:

<https://forms.gle/FK8arxGT4VB2NfK9A>

Registration DUE DATE!! *Monday, August 26th

St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form 2024 - 2025

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Child _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Mobile Phone Number _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Birthday (month/day) _____

I am available to be a parent helper at occasional rehearsals. (circle one) Yes No

I am available to be a parent helper at occasional Masses. (circle one) Yes No

**Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by Monday, August 26th to the attention of:*

Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music

St. Francis Xavier Church · 124 N. Spring Ave. · LaGrange, IL 60525

asterwalt@sfxlg.org



Make a *Foyful* noise

Do you have an ear & a love for singing?

Your voice is wanted!

Consider joining one of our **CHOIRS**
for the 2024-2025 Liturgical Season...

Gallery Choir—9:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)

with one Sunday a month OFF.

**rehearsals: Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

**First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 10th*

Celebration Ensemble—11:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)

with one Sunday a month OFF.

**rehearsals: Thursdays - 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

**First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 12th*

Spirit Youth Choir – 5:00 p.m. (Sundays)

**voices: teens (9th – 12th grade) (rehearsals: prior to Mass)*

**First Mass: Sunday, September 8th*

Interested singers should contact our

Director of Music, **Allen Sterwalt**

BEFORE the first rehearsal/Mass.

asterwalt@sfxlg.org



Thinking about Becoming Catholic?

WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to start the conversation

Owen's Story of "Becoming Catholic"

God was not a large part of my life up until about 8 years ago. Regardless I was raised to do the right thing for the right reason. I was also told to work hard. However, I quickly found, I could never live up to the ideals I knew were right. Additionally I felt like I had a God shaped hole that I could never fill.

And because I could never live up to these ideals I had become bitter and resentful at life. It seemed like I was always losing my temper. I was indignant and unhappy with life and afraid of everything. Where ever I was, or whatever I was doing, I usually felt lost and unsatisfied. Christianity was the last place I was willing to look for answers.

Around this time, my father gave me a book, I was sure I would never read. It was C.S. Lewis's Mere Christianity. As the years went on, I progressed further and further into the book. Truth had illuded me since I thought everyone was only looking out for their own interests, and any span of generosity was actually masked by selfishness and short lived. However, this book started to help. Eventually, it started to make more sense than it didn't. Not only that, it was beginning to cultivate in me something I had never had before. Not a conscience, or principles, but a relationship with the creator of the universe.

As I progressed, life felt brighter, more fulfilling, and right side up for a change. It wasn't perfect, but it worked, wasn't getting worse, or staying the same. I was finally able to handle life on life's terms. During this time, I also started going to church again.

As I started to engage with God more, I started to be lead deeper and deeper towards him. I landed finally at the Catholic Church. During O.C.I.A. formerly R.C.I.A. I met great friends, learned a lot, and solidified what I was coming to learn was the true, the good and the beautiful. Though I have a ways to go, this culminated in communion. Oxford dictionary defines communion as "the sharing or exchanging of intimate thoughts and feelings, especially when the exchange is on a mental or spiritual level". This is what I hope to share with others. The intimate relationship others can have with the one true God who is the pinnacle of vibrance, character, and unwavering love.

ALREADY CATHOLIC?

Spread the word to those who might want to become Catholic or complete their sacraments!

The number one reason that women and men join the OCIA process is that someone they trust invited them to consider it. September marks the "typical" beginning of our communal process, please give it some thought and start inviting now!

Interested parties: contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or call the rectory at 708-352-0168.



Hi all! Welcome to our new members. The McMahon family is in town for most of August, so we are throwing some weekend socials on the calendar. :) As always - all are welcome! And as always, if you'd like to add an event to the calendar and "host" (which mostly looks like showing up to the park at the time of the event), please let me know. See below some kid & parent events coming up very soon!

Splash, Play, Caffeinate

Where: Gordon Park & Splash Pad, LaGrange (Tilden & Ogden Avenues)

When: 9:30am on Saturday, August 24

What: Gather the littles to play and splash while the adults caffeinate! We'll bring the coffee. Feel free to bring friends!

****Weather dependent event, if too cool for the splashpad we will play at the park instead.**

There is no cost to attend. Questions? Contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more info. Join our Facebook group: [SFX Toddling Together!](#)

Engage Community-Summer

Concerts in the Park: (no need to RSVP. Join the email list for updates).

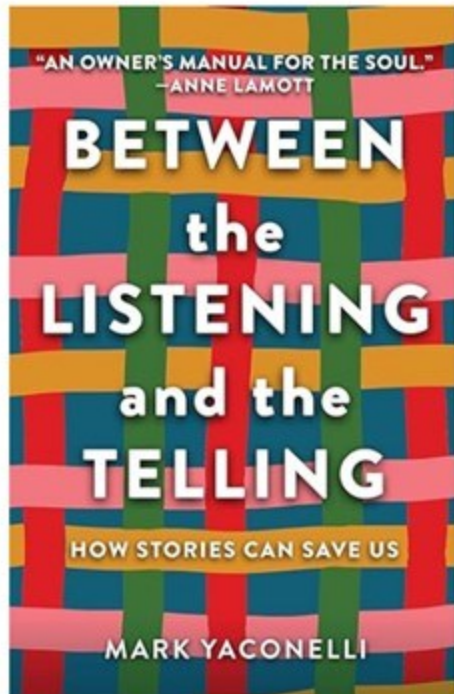


Tuesday, August 20: Ides of March, at Hillside Commons. Concert Starts at 7:30pm, Classic car show and food trucks start at 5:00pm.

For questions, 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.



West Suburban SUMMER READ 2024



“This is how stories can save us: we step into the reality of another person’s existence and instead of judgment feel kinship.”

Join Us for a Book Discussion!

September 24, 2024

6:30-8:30pm

St. Francis Xavier Courtyard Room
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

Light Refreshments will be served

RSVP to Maureen Windmoeller maurwind@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

“Storyteller, author and activist” Mark Yaconelli brings “an eloquent, impactful treatise on the need to tell and listen to stories...Yaconelli offers practical ideas based on his real-life work in cultivating storytelling for the purpose of forming identity, resolving differences, and finding healing.”

~Josh Olds, LifelsStory.com

Organizations Invited to Participate (partial list):

- Baha'is of LaGrange
- Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange
- First Cong. Church of LaGrange—Ministry of Missions
- First United Methodist Congregation of LaGrange, IL
- Learning Anti-Racism Together (LART) (Western Springs)
- Pizza and Social Justice (Glen Ellyn)
- Redeemer Lutheran Church of Hinsdale
- St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry, LaGrange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, LaGrange Park
- Together Is Better Alliance (Chicago)
- Unitarian Church of Hinsdale—Racial Equity Team
- Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Park

Author interviews, other resources [HERE](#)



Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Charity is at the heart of our faith and the work of the Knights of Columbus. If you're a Catholic man from age 18 to 78 with a calling for service by focusing on others, live a life of faith in action. Jesus calls us to bear fruit. Become a Knight. Leaders wanted. We've got good work to do in our community. Text or call Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to learn how you can help us serve those with the most need. To Knight!

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, September 3

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

Looking For Volunteers



St. Francis is blessed with volunteers who help beautify our Church grounds with planting flowers, trimming trees, mulching, and much more. For the months of July and August, the Edythe Ministry is open to extra helping hands in the areas of watering, weeding and deadheading flowers in the morning or evening. If you are interested in spending an hour or so around the Church one day a week, please text Becca Voith at 302-775-6493 or email Beccacoos@gmail.com.

Thank you, The Edythe Ministry, Cathy Skokna

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.

We are also hiring for the position of:

✦ School Administrative Assistant



**Scan here
to apply!**

Be an Angel! Make a Difference!

The Dominican Literacy Center is in need of tutoring volunteers for the 2024-2025 sessions. The Center offers tutoring in speaking, writing, and reading of English to immigrants and Citizenship exam preparation. It is unique in that it offers tutoring on a one-to-one basis (one student with one tutor).

A time commitment of 1½ hours per week is all that is necessary. Classes are held at the Dominican Literacy Center, which is located on the 2nd floor, 1503 Rice Street in Melrose Park. Classes are offered in the morning and afternoon.

The four consecutive tutor-training sessions will be held on: August 26, August 28, September 3, and September 5 at our Center, 1503 Rice Street in Melrose Park from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

To volunteer or for more information, please call the Dominican Literacy Center at: 708-338-0659.

Thank you! Sr. Judith Curran, O.P. and Sr. Beverly Jeanne, O.P.

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Save the date

KNOW THY NEIGHBOR: CONNECTING WITH CHICAGO'S CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Join us for conversation with CCHD Grantees, appetizers and an open bar!

September 13, 2024 | 6 – 8 p.m.

Old St. Mary's Church

RSVP here: bit.ly/CCHDneighbor.



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
- **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
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta

**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

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Deacon
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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.

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 the Claret Center by calling 773-643-6259.



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