



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024



Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?”
Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and
are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” - Jn 6:67-69

Belong. Believe. Be Love.

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday August 26	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Joseph Michael Takash Mary Tio	The O'Malley Family Mary Beth McCrory
Tuesday, August 27	Mass	8:30 am	Frank Martino	Minnie Stephenson
Wednesday, August 28	Mass	8:30 am	James Stukel Fern Michopoulos Sean Stephenson	Tom & Lucie Nichol Ernie & Clare Froemel The Stephenson Family
Thursday, August 29	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Bridie Donnellan Roman Van Gorp	The Ferguson Family The Van Gorp Family
Friday, August 30	Mass	8:30 am	Patrick Doyle	The Cushing Family
Saturday, August 31	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Eileen Daly Elizabeth Skippet	Patrick Daly Nancy Panson
Sunday, September 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	People of the Parish Tom & Jay Carroll Donald Cushing & Harry Gronli Mary Wolf No 5:00 PM Mass	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn The Reilly Family The Quinn & Rodgers Families

Presider's Schedule for August 24-25, 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	Eleanor Love
Kevin Brooks	Patrick Morgan
Nick Caputo	Bill Mroz
Blake Donegan	Rosemary Nash
Barbara Doyle	Ann Marie Niedo
Matthew Doyle	Robert Potter
Pat Eaton	Laureen Rabe
Sasha Garber	Joe Scanlon
Lilli Gregory	Michael Smith
Vincenzo Guzzo	Loraine Solineno
Junie Haase	Rita Mae Spearman
Angela Hill	John Stopka
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Linda Sullivan
Tiffany Kahn	Olivia Tarsney

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.

Rectory Hours

The rectory will be open from
8:30 am until 7:00 pm Monday-Thursday
8:30 am until 4:30 pm Friday and
9:00 am until 12:00 pm Saturday
starting on August 26.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Casey Dillon

Son of Chuck & Margie
Brother of Matthew, Thomas & Patrick

Ann Marie Mason

Mother of Kathy Holmes

Weddings

Margot Miller & Ryan Heneghan
Elizabeth Eicken & Andrew Oxtoby
Kiley Cox & Jeff Smart



Make a gift to the
Regular Sunday Offertory
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Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

Joshua said, "Decide today whom you will serve."

Simon Peter said, "We have come to believe that you are the Holy One of God."

Joshua 24:15

John 6:68-69

Each of us must choose whether to accept the invitation to belong to a Eucharistic community. Jesus comes to the end of his teachings of the gift that he offers in himself as the Bread of Life. Jesus has met increasing resistance and ridicule as he proclaims the mystery of the Eucharist and offers himself as the Bread of Life for the life of the world. Many who had been following him up to this point cannot accept his teaching; they choose to walk away. Jesus challenges the remaining disciples, as Joshua once challenged the people of Israel, to **make a decision** and **choose to believe** in Jesus as the Bread of Life who becomes present to, for, and in us through the Eucharist. Jesus sends us out each week to be his presence and action in the world. Will we choose to go out **as missionary disciples** who bring Jesus to others in our words and actions? Or will we choose to walk a path that is less "controversial" and more "acceptable" to the world around us?

The challenge of Jesus is particularly significant for our witness over the next few months. Two political parties and a variety of candidates for public office will present their plans for the future. And we, the diverse disciples of Jesus in a pluralistic society, will come to diverse decisions as to what is in the current best interest of society and our nation. *Neither major party and no one candidate* will fully or perfectly apply the teachings of Jesus or Catholic Christian ethics to their policies and plans. In American society, different Christian traditions understand the teachings of Jesus or apply them differently; many live by other religious traditions; and many have *no* religious affiliation. Political perspectives approach the challenges of society in ways that are not fully consistent with religious perspectives. **Jesus does not challenge the missionary disciple** to build political *uniformity*. Rather he challenges us to *allow the gospel and Christian values to inform our political choices*, even though doing so may lead us to *diverse opinions* and decisions. We become the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life, as we *allow the Spirit to live in both our unity and our diversity*. We live the gospel and Eucharist most fully *when we listen to one another and seek to learn from one another* as God speaks in and through our diversity.

"Decide today whom you will serve." Will we reject the call to serve a political figure or perspective without regard to the teachings of Jesus and the voice of the Spirit? Or will we choose to walk with Jesus, in the Spirit, and allow God to nourish our minds and hearts through Word and Eucharist? Will we embrace the legitimate diversity of perspective that exists among us and become students of God as God speaks through those whose words seem hard to accept? Will we allow ourselves to be diverse members of the One Body of Christ?

Thanks to all who made our second Annual Parish Block Party possible, especially the members of the parish Women's Club and Men's Club. A new parish year has begun!

Late Summer Peace,

J. Bill

Here is what SFX did for one week this summer in Clarksdale, MS and reflections on their amazing experience!



Every year I come to Clarksdale, MS, I become more inspired with the hard work of every volunteer and Fuller Center employee. Knowing that every nail and wood plank goes into providing a family a home is the most fulfilling experience one could have.

It was a great opportunity to help people and I felt like I did something good which gave me a sense of pride.



Extremely rewarding experience. The people of the town are extremely kind and it's always amazing serving Clarksdale.



Meeting those in the local community who are passionate about Clarksdale and making it thrive was the most inspiring to me. It made me work harder while here and look forward to coming back next year.

Hard work with great people supporting a community that really appreciates the effort. Enjoyed watching the young team members take up the challenge and really step up!



I enjoyed learning about the first stages of building a house. It's important to be patient and measure 2x to cut 1x. It takes teamwork and trust during the initial stages of building. I am lucky to work with such a stellar group of people.

Having just dedicated/finished a house last Fall, this year's group set out from the starting gate. It was tough to visualize the impact of our work but as a gospel song goes "keep your eyes on the prize and hold on", we realized the importance of our work for the future homeowner who is holding on.

*Having a small hand in improving the lives of others while laughing, having fun and enjoying this town's people, music and culture - **that's what SFX Service is all about.***



Sharon Fitzpatrick, Zach Havlin, Claire Fitzpatrick, Brian McGovern, Chris O'Hea, Ben Williams, Tim Havlin, Bill Kelly, Mike MacConnie, Tom McGovern



Tess & Bob Albertini, Christopher & Sophia Weismantel

Thanks to all who have contributed to this 25+ year SFX Ministry!
Please consider volunteering for next summer! Questions? Contact Chris O'Hea at Chris.ohea@yahoo.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!



August is National Make-A-Will month.

Please Remember St. Francis Xavier Parish/School in Your Will or Trust

When considering which charities to include in your will or trust, we hope you will remember St. Francis Xavier Parish. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

"I give [*insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary*] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation solely located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Francis Xavier Parish/School (Tax ID #36-2171005) located in LaGrange, Illinois. However, if St. Francis Xavier Parish ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new *parish or parishes* erected in its stead."

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please visit www.giving.archchicago.org/bequest or contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development, in the SFX Parish office.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Wanted!

Deliver meals and smiles to the homebound older adults in your community.

Call 224-500-2365 or email volunteer@cnnssa.org to volunteer today!

Explore The Options:

- Doorstep Meal Delivery
- Support your local Community Café
- Brighten someone's day with calls through our Friendship line
- Get Creative and design heartfelt greeting cards

For more information about CNNSSA and its services, visit www.cnnssa.org.



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 bbcmahon@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@sfxlg.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.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/5955b1f231468>

Calling All 1974 SFX Grads for 50th Reunion!

We are hoping to get as many classmates as possible to gather for our **50th Reunion on Friday, October 4th** at Irish Times in Brookfield. Please reach out if you can make it. We can't wait to see you!

Katie Grace Brandt Katie.g.brandt@gmail.com.



In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the rectory will be closed on Saturday, August 31 through Monday, September 2.

We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30 am.

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.

LATTE Fall Acting Workshop

The LATTE Fall Acting Workshop for teens ages 13 through 19 begins on Saturday, September 7 at Cornerstone Church, 9008 Fairview Avenue, Parking Lot Entrance in Brookfield. The workshop starts at 9:45am through 3:30pm with auditions from 4:30-5:30pm for *The Outsiders*. Our Workshop, gives teens an opportunity to learn stand-up comedy, stage combat, play writing, about creativity in careers, developing character physicality, and strengthening neutral body postures.

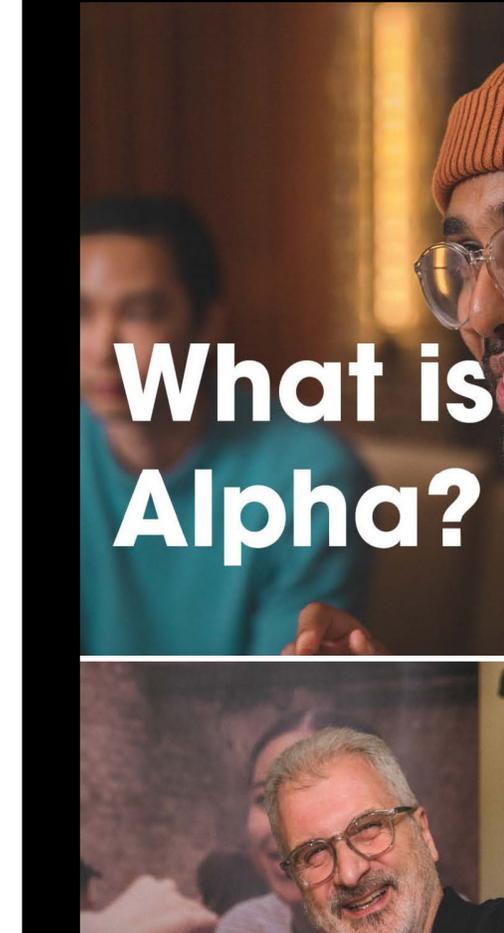
Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00pm and Saturdays from 12:00-3:00pm starting Tuesday, September 10. Mandatory Heck Week on Friday, November 8 through Thursday, November 14. Show dates are November 15-17.

This is a serious acting program for ages 13-19, and NOT a drop in program. The show is chosen for cast chemistry, complement, and talent.

For any questions, please go to www.lattetheater.com or for more information call 708-655-0989.



LaGrange Area Teen Theater Ensemble



What is Alpha?



Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith in an easy and friendly environment.



Each session starts with food and a short talk. Then there's plenty of time to share your thoughts.



There's no follow up, charge, or pressure. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone's welcome.

OUR QUESTIONS DRAW US CLOSER.

WHO WILL YOU INVITE?

DINNER & DISCUSSION

MON. SEPT 9, 630PM
UNITY HALL

SCAN OR EMAIL
MMCAHON@SFXLG.ORG FOR MORE



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



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 Schoolsingers 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),
and The Christmas Epiphany Concert (Jan. 4, 2025)**

**Registration Form below!*

OR

Register on-line with this link:

<https://forms.gle/FK8arxGT4VB2NfK9A>

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 *Joyful* 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

That Man Is You Men's Group



**Tuesday nights at 8:00 pm in Unity Hall
Begins September 10**

Christ didn't say, "I make new things." He said, "I make all things new." The Scriptures set the stage for a renewal of mind and heart. Encounter God the Father. Enlighten your mind with spiritual truths that will help transform the world. Become a new creation in Christ and allow mercy to consume your miseries.

TMIY Attendees say:

"It was an amazing experience. Better than expected.
Really enjoyed getting to know the men in the group
and growing in our faith journey together."

"Very positive experience! It was my first participation in a men's group.
I was somewhat reluctant but **was surprised by interaction
and discussion in a very positive way.**"

**"Men's faith discussion group this year often leaves me still thinking
on the small group prompts** even after the session.
I felt I was able to open up in TMIY in a format that made it
easy and comfortable to share and listen.
I got more out of TMIY in my faith than my Sunday Mass
attendance – **very engaging.**"

**"We've covered quite a few topics, where, upon discussing,
I found I wasn't alone** in either a struggle or 'best practice.'
The program has **helped me reflect on my role and
actions as a father and husband.**"

Interested?
Scan the QR code
or [click here](#) to register.



Senior Women's Group



Pillars Community Health

Healing. Caring. Educating.

Julie Ryan from Pillars will enlighten us on the history, mission, and scope of this vital organization in our community.

**Tuesday, September 10
Social Time 9:00 am
Presentation 9:30 am
St. Francis Xavier
124 North Spring Avenue
Unity Hall**

No RSVP needed.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



September 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm: Next prayer shawl meeting in Unity Hall. All are welcome!

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



Listening as a Universal Church

The Synod on Synodality

St. Phoebe the Deacon Celebration



We are in the midst of a historical time in the Church...and SFX is a part of it!

- (1) We are in the final year of the Synod! The Global Synod on Synodality is underway, lay people worldwide have participated as consultants to Pope Francis and the second assembly of bishops and lay people in Rome is happening this October. **(Note: Katie Mulcahy, SFX parishioner, travelled to Rome last October to meet and pray with Synod Delegates as part of the Discerning Deacons team. SFX hosted Conversations in the Spirit about her experience and the synthesis report that resulted.)**
- (2) During earlier phases of synodal listening, the call to “Rethink Women’s Participation” in the life of the Church in light of their equal baptismal dignity, emerged on every continent. The synthesis report encouraged local churches to “focus on the questions and proposals that are considered most urgent.” The report indicated that the topic of “Women in the Life and Mission of the Church” to be one such “urgent” area for discernment and called for further pastoral and theological research on women’s access to the diaconate.
- (3) In March 2024, Pope Francis announced the creation of 10 study groups to examine key issues raised during the Synod. One will study theological and canonical matters, including women and the diaconate. Study findings will be presented to the Pope by June 2025.
- (4) St. Phoebe, the deacon, was a real person (Romans 16:1-2). We can help restore her memory. We can help to renew the diaconate today to accompany people at the peripheries – wherever the light of Christ is needed most in our communities. We invite you to grow your devotion to St. Phoebe ahead of a global St. Phoebe Day celebration on October 3, livestreamed from Rome.

Source: Ignatian Spirituality Network and Discerning Deacons

On the weekend of **September 7 & 8**, at all the masses, we invite the gathered community to:

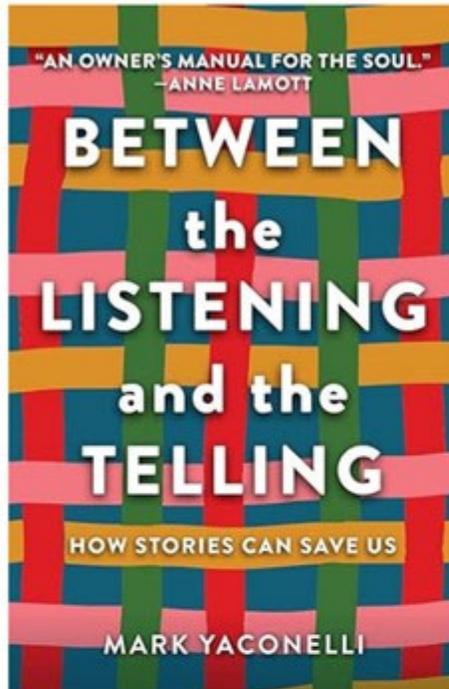
- ⇒ **PRAY** through the intercession of St. Phoebe for the Synod and the delegation going to Rome in October,
- ⇒ **CELEBRATE** women’s gifts and contributions to the Church,
- ⇒ **HEAR** women of the parish reflect on scripture and
- ⇒ **BEAR WITNESS** to the critical and urgent need to re-think women’s participation in the life and mission of the Church.

For more information on St. Phoebe, [click here](#).

To view A Synodal Church In Mission Synthesis Report, [click here](#).



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](#)



**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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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.

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
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Rev. Richard Milek
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Mary Freeman
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Director of Religious Education
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Parish Web Site.....www.sfxlg.org

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

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

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