



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025



“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

- Lk 14:13-14

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, September 1 Labor Day	Mass	8:30 am	Joseph M. French Special Intention	The Hayes Family
Tuesday, September 2	Mass	8:30 am	Jack Farritor	The Burke Family
Wednesday, September 3	Mass	8:30 am	Dennis Schumacher Jim Martin	Barb Kern The Martin Family
Thursday, September 4	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Greg Gauthier	The Cooley Family
Friday, September 5	Mass	8:30 am	Helen Cullinan Thomas Nichol, Jr.	The Driscoll Family Tom & Lucile Nichol
Saturday, September 6	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Louie Marasovic Rosanne Discipio	April Pesut Joe Discipio
Sunday, September 7 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	John Juray Helen Cullinan Lamar Whitmore Elizabeth Mungo George O. Saleh Maria C. Ibarra	Larry & Cathy Fey The Byrnes Family Jacquelyn Van Gorp Mark & Jennifer Zeisloft The Saleh Family Ben Welch & Family

Presider's Schedule for August 30-31, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Chrzan

11:00 am Fr. Ilo

No 5:00 pm Mass

Due to the Labor Day Holiday there will be No 5:00 PM Mass this Sunday, August 31

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio	Brian McLaughlin
Poppy Booth	Greg Molinari
George Braasch	Patrick Morgan
Vivian Brickhouse	Ann Marie Niedo
Mary Ann Curry	Connie O'Dette
Blake Donegan	Mark Reilly
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Amy Robinson
Vincenzo Guzzo	Juan Silva
Junie Haase	Sheila Slonskis
Angela Hill	Rita Mae Spearman
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Gregg Stephenson
Richard Holbach	John Stopka
Michelle Jackson	Sophie Stratton
Patricia Jones	Catie Sullivan
Nora Lou Kampe	Olivia Tarsney
Terri Bergen Klein	Joe Vargas
Michelle Kram	Baby Emma Wallace
Ella Mae Kuzel	Eileen West
Randy Lange	Liz Wilk
Richard Lavers	Denise Witt
Eleanor Love	

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:

Sheila Link

Wife of Bill Link

Sharon Maresso

Mother of Bob, Mother-in-Law of Jennifer
Grandmother of Allie, Maddie, Carlie & Maggie

Mario Pasin

Husband of Mary Kay
Father of Mark, Therese, Antonio, Paul and Robert

Weddings

Reanna Matyas & Dominic DiCola
Nicole Jeske & Jared Montalbano
Isayanan Chanpheng & Colin Stepuszek
Therese Grady & Derek Malley



Make a gift to the
Regular Sunday Offertory
with this QR Code.
Thank you for your support!





In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the rectory will be closed on Saturday, August 30 through Monday, September 1.

We will reopen on Tuesday, September 2 at 8:30 am.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, September 10 from 7:00-8:00pm
in the Rectory Courtyard Room.
Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

Save the Dates:

October 9: Thursday—4:00-5:00pm

October 11: Saturday—5:00-6:00pm Mass

November 12: Wednesday—4:00-5:00pm

February 12: Thursday—4:00-5:00pm

March 11: Wednesday—4:00-5:00pm

April 9: Thursday—7:00-8:00pm

May 13: Wednesday—7:00-8:00pm

*Learn from the Lord
who is meek and
humble of heart*

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Ministry of Care is Planning to Expand

A Minister of Care is a person who brings the gift of the eucharist and friendship to fellow parishioners and others who are homebound, living in nursing homes, or recovering in the hospital. Our visits help those in need stay connected to the parish and our faith community.

It's a very rewarding ministry and I promise you will receive more than you'll give.

The time required varies depending on the activity you choose. Perhaps a few minutes or more on a homebound visit to an hour or so conducting a Prayer and Communion Service or bringing the eucharist to those in the hospital. Those visiting the homebound schedule visits convenient for the minister and the person being visited. Nursing homes and the hospital have fixed schedules.

The Archdiocese requires new ministers to receive 12 hours of instruction prior to being commissioned. After training, you will "shadow" other ministers to learn about your chosen activity. When you are comfortable, you'll receive a quarterly schedule.

One day training is available at LaGrange Hospital. Saturday, September 6th from 8:30am-4:00pm. Lunch provided.

So, are you ready to share your time and talent with those who are so grateful?

For information regarding the training, please contact: Scott or Mary Sue McDonald, Minister of Care Coordinators, by phone 847-528-1434 or by email at sjmcdonal@yahoo.com or marysuecdonal@yahoo.com.



Weekend Mass Schedule *with musical styles...*

Saturday (Vigil)

5:00 pm Organ/Piano/Traditional-Mix

Sunday

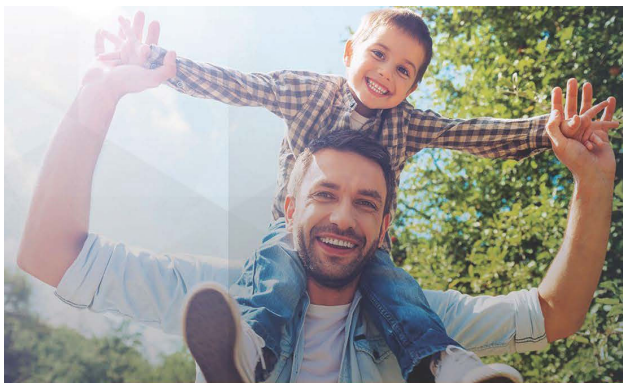
7:30 am Organ/Piano/Traditional-Mix

9:00 am Organ/Piano/Traditional-Mix *w/choir

11:00 am Piano/Contemporary *w/choir

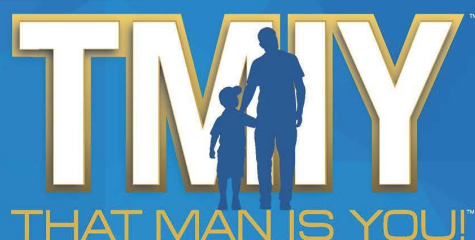
5:00 pm Piano/Guitar/Contemporary *w/teen choir





THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



THY KINGDOM COME

FEATURING NEW, DYNAMIC PRESENTERS

DISCOVER:

- How to confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day.
- What it takes to overthrow an empire and inherit the kingdom of God.
- A new way and a new perspective on this life and the next.
- How to wrestle with the mysteries of a kingdom "not of this world" yet simultaneously "within you."
- God's transforming power through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts.
- The God of mercy and experience His superabundant compassion and love.
- Jesus Christ present as the true King of your heart and claim your royal inheritance.
- How to live with an eternal perspective.
- How to become the man we need to rebuild the kingdom!

SPEAKERS:



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Kickoff on September 9.
Tuesdays 8-9:30 pm.
Unity Hall at St Francis
Xavier Church

SCHEDULE

8pm: Meet and greet
8:20pm: Speaker video presentation
8:50pm: Small group discussion
9:30pm: Dismissal

REGISTRATION

Scan QR code to register or just show up!
For more info contact: Patrick McMahon
patrick.mcmahon65@gmail.com





"Thy Kingdom Come" Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm in Unity Hall

Jesus did not say, "I've come to save you from Roman oppression and taxation." Christ did not promise a worldly kingdom. In fact, He said, "My kingship is not of this world...My kingdom is in your midst...My kingdom is within you!" The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is there is His Kingdom. Let us live with an eternal perspective.

[Click here](#) to register, scan the QR Code, or contact mike.jakubisin@gmail.com for more information.

Participants at Saint Francis Xavier 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've 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."



FALL ALPHA Series Please Join Us!

Alpha is a program that allows honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions - like faith and meaning. All are welcome!

Our fall session starts on Monday, September 8 at 6:30pm Unity Hall.

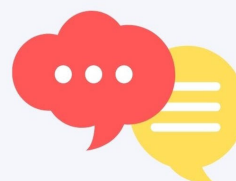
Alpha is both fun and profound. You get a delicious free meal; you watch a thought-provoking video and then have great discussions in a safe space!

Why should I try it out?

Because at Alpha

- It's ok to have questions about faith.
- It's ok to not know everything.
- It's ok to be searching for something more.
- It's ok to ask yourself - what do I really believe.
- It's ok to yearn to feel connected.
- It's ok to wonder what THIS LIFE is all about.

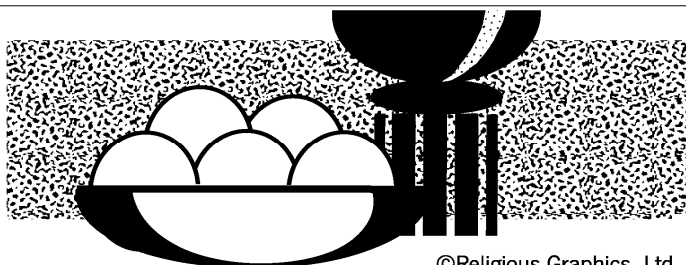
To register please,
[click here](#)
or use the QR Code.



Thinking about
Becoming Catholic?

WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to start the conversation



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Daily, we hear heartbreaking stories of suffering from Gaza. So many innocent victims, including those who belong to Christian communities, face violence, dire living conditions, and hunger. Our Holy Father Pope Leo has said "Gaza is starving," as he called for a cease fire. In a particular way, the faces of Gaza's hungry children make an indelible impression on our hearts.

Perhaps we feel helpless to address this complex story that involves international players. There is, however, a pathway for us to respond. Two very reliable agencies of the Catholic Church are already there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded. They are the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

On the weekend of September 6-7, the parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago will take up a special collection that will be promptly forwarded to CNEWA and CRS.

Whatever you can give will go far to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. I know the compassion and generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In the name of all those who will benefit from your support, I thank you.

Finally, let us pray urgently for the gift of peace in our wounded world, a peace which only the Lord can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Card. Cury".

Archbishop of Chicago

To donate, you may also go to: archchicago.org/supportgaza.

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 2025-2026 Liturgical Season...

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

with one Sunday a month OFF.

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

**First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 2nd*

PRAISE! Ensemble – 11:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)

with one Sunday a month OFF.

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

**First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 4th*

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

**voices: teens (9th–12th grades) (rehearsals: prior to Mass – 4:00 p.m.)*

**First Mass: Sunday, September 7th*

Interested singers can register using the “link” below...

<https://forms.gle/1ArxcpFkopoty388>

BEFORE the first rehearsal/Mass.

Questions? Contact Allen Sterwalt @ asterwalt@sfxlg.org

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ***PARISH** *(District & SFX Schools)

Children's Choir

2025 - 2026

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. 9th (gr. 1-3) / Sept. 11th (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. 27) & Christmas Eve (Dec. 24),

***Registration Form ATTACHED! ----->>>**

Make it easier!...

Register on-line with this link:

<https://forms.gle/HXrG1PsWEtJEU4e8>

Registration DUE DATE!! *Friday, September 5th

St. Francis Xavier **Parish** Children's Choir

Registration Form 2025 - 2026

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 use "digital link", e-mail, mail or drop off this form by Friday, September 5th to the attention of:*

*Mr. Allen Sterwalt, **Director of Parish Liturgical Music***

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

asterwalt@sfxlg.org



The 120 Youth Group Presents: Saintry Game Night Kick-Off event.

High School teens: Join The 120 **September 7th after the 5PM Mass** for an unforgettable Game Night in our brand-new teen space (located on the garden level of the rectory)!



We're kicking off the start of our youth group and celebrating the canonization of two incredible role models—**Carlo Acutis** and **Pier Giorgio Frassati**—with a night full of games, community, dinner, and fun.



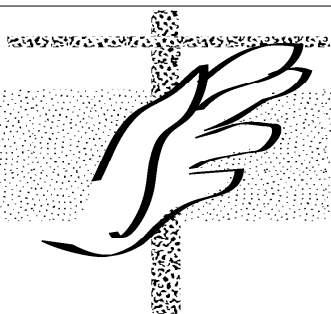
Come hang out, bring your friends and meet new friends, and grow in community!



*The Upper Room (our new teen space) – Garden Level, Rectory
Right after the 5PM Mass*

RSVP using the QR code or the link located in the Youth Ministry page of the parish website— we can't wait to see you there!

Any questions, feel free to email Calagna@sfxlg.org.



LORD
Bless the labor
of your people



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

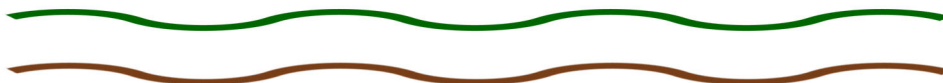
PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The annual celebration of the Season of Creation invites the world's 2.6 billion Christians to prayer and action to protect Earth, our common home and to discern the guidance it offers us for bringing about the New Creation of which Jesus spoke. The Season of Creation takes place from **September 1st**, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to **October 4th**, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is a liturgical season dedicated to prayer, reflection, and celebration of God as Creator. It invites all Christians and all people of faith and good will to reflect prayerfully on the gifts of Creation and the mission given us by God to care for Creation and respond to its needs and crises today.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si which includes this prayer for our earth.

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor of the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey toward your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.



St John of the Cross has invited St Francis Xavier Parishioners to be part of their Catholics Are Responsible Environmental Stewards (CARES) Ministry. See below for 10 great issues on what you can do right now as well as an invitation to their plant based dinner bash on 9/18/25. If you have questions, please contact SFX representative Kevin McGann kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com.

[CARES Newsletters](#)

SJC Plant Based Dinner Bash:

RSVP here-<https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/apps/forms2/?f=52400>



Celebrate St. Phoebe Honoring Women's Service in the Church



This Wednesday, September 3, St. Francis Xavier will join Catholics around the world for the Feast of St. Phoebe Virtual Prayer and Celebration hosted by Discerning Deacons, a lay-led initiative in the Church that invites Catholics to engage in communal, prayerful discernment about women's roles in Church service and ministry.

In the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul commends St. Phoebe to the church in Rome, introduces her as a deacon (diakonos) of the church at Cenchreae, and asks that they "receive her in the Lord" (Romans 16:1-2a). She carried Paul's important message to the Christians in Rome during a time of persecution, showing leadership and dedication to God's people.

We will honor her legacy and connect it to today, as the Church reflects on women's roles in ministry through the Synod process.

The Synod on Synodality, launched by Pope Francis in 2021, made historic strides in affirming women's leadership in the Church, while keeping the topic of women's ordination (specifically as deacons) under respectful study. The emphasis now shifts toward implementation and listening at local levels to bring these teachings to life.

Please join us for an evening of prayer, inspiring stories from around the world, and reflection on how women continue to serve the Church today.

When: Wednesday, September 3
Time: 6:30 PM REFRESHMENTS will be served.
All men and women are welcome!

Sign up [here](#).

Save the Date!

On the weekend of September 13 and September 14, our annual St. Phoebe celebration will take place at all masses, lifting up women's leadership in SFX ministries!

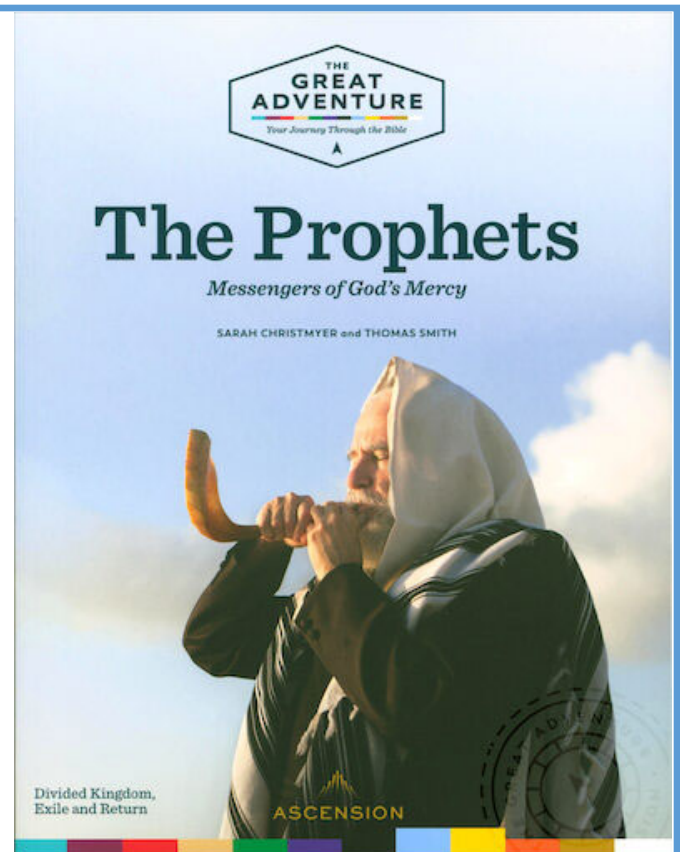
Fall Scripture Study Begins September 11! Thursdays at 9:30am in Unity Hall

This fall explore *The Prophets* in a 10 session series by Ascension Press:

"It is nearly impossible to understand the work and the message of Jesus without the prophetic books. In *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*, presenter Thomas Smith examines who the prophets were, their role during their time, and the meaning of their messages for our own time. Discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others."

All participants will receive a workbook. A suggested donation of \$20 per registrant can be made by [clicking here](#) or via cash donation at the first session.

Email mmcmahon@sfxlq.org to register!





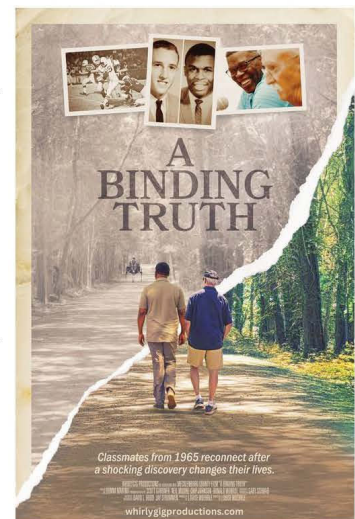
Diversity Days in La Grange

A Binding Truth Documentary Screening

Fri., Sept. 12, 2025, 6:00 pm

Screening & Discussion at the La Grange Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

This award-winning documentary tells the story of two high school classmates from 1965 in Charlotte, NC. Years later, they reconnect when a shocking discovery reveals secrets that would change their lives. Their story is also America's story of slavery's legacy and our current racial divide.



BONUS PRESENTATION:

Sun. Sept. 28 at 3:00 pm: CA2BC Zoom Interview with Jimmie and De Kirkpatrick and Director Louise Woehrle.

Film screening and presentation sponsored by CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange Area, La Grange Public Library, First United Methodist Church of La Grange, The Kind Exchange and other organizations under the umbrella of CA2BC, a collaboration of community groups and institutions working toward a more inclusive society.



Space is limited and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:
<https://tinyurl.com/MOVIE09122025>

For more information email LaGrangeDiversity@gmail.com and visit
<https://www.umcnic.org/CA2BC/ABindingtruth>

Swing by God's Garage next weekend (September 6 and 7) after all Masses to register for golf, show your support with a sponsorship, and purchase raffle tickets for some amazing prizes!
All are invited to this TEE-riffic way to give back to our school and parish!



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

DINNER, AWARDS & RAFFLES TO FOLLOW

Scan QR Code or use the link below to register and to purchase raffle tickets, event sponsorships, and more!



\$250 per golfer

Price includes: grab-n-go lunch, range balls, golf cart and buffet dinner.

Each golfer receives swag, snacks, and surprise bonuses!

Event Sponsorships available on Give Central

All proceeds benefit the parish and school.

No in-person registration on the day of the event. All registration payments due two days prior to the event. All necessary guidelines will be followed for the safety of the golfers and the course.

SCAN OR CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AT [SFXGOLFOUTING.COM](https://www.sfxgolfouting.com)

Old Oak Country Club 14200 Parker Rd, Homer Glen IL 60491
Questions? Email Golf Chairs Rob & Lisa Parolin at sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com

FIND YOUR FORESOME!



**43rd Annual
Misericordia
Family Fest
Fun For All Ages
Sunday, September 7
11:00am to 6:00pm**

*All proceeds support Misericordia's programs
for children and adults with intellectual
and developmental disabilities.*

Misericordia Campus, 6300 North Ridge
(just south of Devon Avenue).

Free parking is available at S&C Electric
(just east of Ridge) with shuttle bus service.

Tickets can be purchased online at
www.misericordia.org or by calling 773-273-2768.
*Tickets purchased at the gate cost \$10 for adults,
\$5 for seniors and children, and children under 3 are
free!*

Misericordia offers exceptional programs for more
than 600 children and adults with mild to profound
intellectual and developmental disabilities from
diverse racial, religious, and socio-economic
backgrounds. This year, Misericordia must raise
almost \$34 million for costs not covered by the State
of Illinois.

- **Main Tent Entertainment;** In Spite of Ourselves Band, Finbarr Fagan, The Shannon Rovers, Misericordia Heartbreakers (dance troupe) and Heartzingers (choir). **WGN's "Mr. Fix It" Lou Manfredini.**
- **NFL game day football played on large screen TV's in our famous beer tent!**
- The children's games area features dozens of old-fashioned games (e.g., ring toss, Bozo buckets) that are free and offer prizes!



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
sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org.



The Season of Creation

**First pilgrimage started: Sunday, August 3
7:00-9:00pm**

**Last pilgrimage: Wednesday, November 5
10:30am-12:00pm**

Join us for 9 Pilgrimage opportunities from August 31st to November 5th!

Free Flow of Letting Go: Painting with Watercolors

Facilitator: Sr. Frankie Dutli, CSJ
Saturday, September 13
9:00am-3:00pm
\$100 In-person at The Well

An experiential metaphor for the spiritual journey, watercolor painting defies precise control yet yields wonderful results when we are able to let go. This experience is for beginners to learn the basic techniques of painting with watercolors.

Integral Ecology for a Flourishing Earth Community

Thursday, October 2
6:30-8:00pm
Virtual
\$45 per person

This talk explores how Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's evolutionary spirituality and Thomas Berry's ecological vision inspire the integral ecology of Pope Francis' Laudato Si. Offering a foundation for environmental care and social justice.

Speakers: John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology.

Learn more & register:

<https://csjthewell.org/programs/>

Engage Community

**Connect with neighbors and friends,
new and old!**



September 3 at 5:30pm

Dinner Get-together

Where: The Grapevine,

9 West Hillgrove Avenue in LaGrange

Details: Fine Mediterranean cuisine in a quaint, cozy atmosphere. Separate checks.

RSVP at the email below required by September 2.

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.

Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years yet many of our parishioners are not aware of this outreach ministry.

If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please contact **Susie Lehuta** at 708-354-6380 or lehutams@gmail.com.



Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who are struggling to stay together. You will learn how to communicate calmly and respectfully, and then you'll learn tools for handling conflict and other stresses together – in a way that strengthens and uplifts your marriage! Since its inception, Retrouvaille has helped over 200,000 married couples rebuild their marriages, and we can help you too if you are willing to work hard. Our next weekend program is:

September 19th – 21st, 2025 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL

Call us today at 815-246-2080, email us at

JolietRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org, or visit us at

www.HelpOurMarriage.org/Joliet for more information.





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

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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

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
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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.

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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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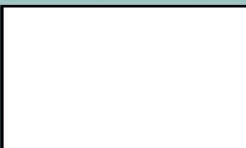
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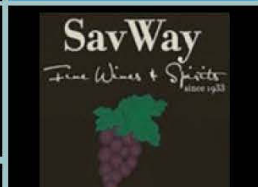
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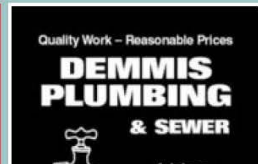
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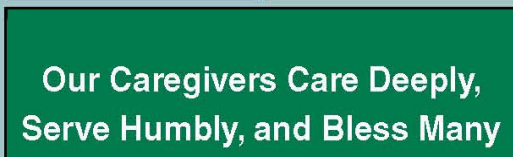


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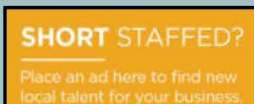
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