

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 1, 2023**



# RIGHTEOUSNESS



“When John came to you in  
the way of righteousness,  
you did not believe him;  
but tax collectors and  
prostitutes did.”

MATTHEW 21:32



## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 2	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Joseph Pavletic	The MacAskill Family
Tuesday, October 3	Mass	8:30 am	Rosemary Cushing	Maureen Smith
Wednesday, October 4	Mass	8:30 am	Raymond Barry	The Zahorik Family
Thursday, October 5	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, October 6	Mass	8:30 am	Cindy Dalton Michael Hayes	Rich & Sheila Hayes & Family The Martin Family
Saturday, October 7	Mass	8:30 am	Louie Marasovic Thomas F. Bell	April Pesut Rich & Sheila Hayes
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Richard Carey Olivia Gilliland Denson	The Cooley Family Tom & Lucile Nichol
Sunday, October 8	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	Joseph Guidi	The O'Brien Family
	Mass	11:00 am	John Rogers	The Jeff Augustyn Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

### Presider's Schedule for September 30-October 1, 2023

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 . . .

Baby Finley Adkins	Lisa Massaro
Scott Aulinskis	Ralph Metzger
John Baggio	Patrick Morgan
Dorothy Burnicks	Gert Ogilvie
Dick Callahan	Jane O'Reilly
Michael Cannon	Beth Pfluger
Jay Carroll	Geri Pfluger
Chili Challenger	Larry Plansky
Marion Coogan	Rob Roper
Blake Donegan	Anna Rose
Barbara Doyle	Eric Skaja
Matthew Doyle	Santa Snieg
Lily Fielding	Rita Mae Spearman
Sophie Francis	John Stopka
Kathy Gleason	Mike Sullivan
Lilli Gregory	Peggy Sullivan
Angela Hill	Charlie Swafford
Dave Hyland	Richie Szatkowski
Rose Ilo	Olivia Tarsney
Mary J.	Theresa Toher
Jane Jacobsen	Liz Wilk
Theresa Kandall	Bill Witowski
Mark Kiley	Dirk Witz
Rick Mahoney	

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:



**Agnieszka Michalak**  
Mother of Joanna & Natalia

**Tom Parr**  
Friend of Deacon Phil Gianatasio

**Richard Unger**  
Husband of Jean  
Father of John, Matt and Sarah

### Weddings

Kelly Honan & Brodie Reuter  
Beth Arnold & Dan Keane



Make a gift to the Sunday  
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## Pastor's Letter

*Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.  
Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,  
each looking out not for your own interests, but also for those of others.*  
Philippians 2:2-4

St. Paul reminds us that the *missionary disciple* brings joy into the world by proclaiming, both in word and in their relationships with others, how the death and resurrection of Jesus has transformed our world. Our witness lies not in grand gestures for all to see or in exaggerated claims of what we might do. Our witness lies in our actual, humble service of others, especially the person most in need, without regard to gender, creed, race, ethnicity, sexual identity, or social status. St. Francis Xavier Parish is blessed with a wealth of women, men, and youth who serve in large and small ways: helping others to grow in their relationship with Jesus; enhancing the vibrancy of our prayer together; and reaching out to care for those without housing or adequate food.

Each fall, the Archdiocese of Chicago presents the *Christifideles* Award to individual Catholic laypersons who have demonstrated, by participation in parish life, the personal and ministerial renewal called for by the Papal Exhortation, *Christifideles Laici*. This document called the laity to *the vocation of responsibility for the Church's life*, which springs from the gift and mission of their baptism. The pastor of each parish is asked to consult the Parish Pastoral Council and submit the names of one or two parishioners who have demonstrated such a response.

Since 2018, the PPC has built a list of *many* people who qualify for this award. The challenge is to submit only one or two names. Over the past five years, the award has been given to: Ernie and Claire Froemel, David Sherman, Elizabeth Cooley, Curt Aronson, and Laura Duelm. This Sunday at 2:00 PM, the *Christifideles* Award will be presented to our 2023 parish recipients, **Susie Lehuta and Katie McCarthy**.

**Katie McCarthy** has donated hundreds of hours of her time in various ministries. She has recruited and trained teen lectors and ministers of communion for the Sunday evening 5PM Mass. She has guided teen small groups in a way that helps them expand their faith on their own terms. Every Tuesday morning for the past eight years, Katie has been a dedicated and beloved volunteer at the parish Food Pantry. Earlier this year, Katie was instrumental in helping to develop an experiential series of Lenten events for hundreds of women of SFX. She helped develop our annual Living Rosary in our school parking lot, led by our elementary school students. Katie is a natural evangelizer. Her love for Jesus and her confidence in His love for her open her heart and her mind to want to help others to find Christ in their daily lives.

**Susie Lehuta** served as both a preschool aid and teacher in the parish elementary school. She has coordinated the parish lector program for several decades, and recruits, trains, and schedules women, men, and teens to serve the parish at weekend liturgies and the special celebrations of Holy Week and other prayer services. Through her efforts and skill, the scriptures are proclaimed with confidence and clarity. In addition, Susie coordinates the parish Kitchen Angels ministry, which provides home-cooked meals to parish families that are experiencing difficulties due to death, illness, or other challenges. She has been active in the annual parish retreat for women of the parish. Over her many years as a parishioner, Susie has been a key parish leader in many areas of parish life.

**Congratulations, Susie and Katie!** Thank you and God bless you for your witness.

**Autumn Peace,**

*F. Bill*





## 7th Annual Living Rosary

In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, parishioners and members of the community are invited to gather outside with SFX students, faculty and staff to pray the Rosary.

Friday, October 6th, 2023 at 9:15 am (weather permitting). In the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot.

## Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day

In observance of the Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day holiday, the office will be closed starting on Friday, October 6 at 4:30 pm through Monday, October 9. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 10 at 8:30 am.



*Connecting families with littles (under 5 years old)*

### **Pumpkin Painting (& Social)**

**Where:** 541 S Madison Ave, LaGrange

**When:** 11:00am-12:30pm on Saturday, Oct 14

**What:** You bring the pumpkins, we'll provide the paint. Messy clothes recommended (for parents and kids!)

### **Costumes in the Park**

**Where:** Spring Ave Park, LaGrange  
(1100 S Spring Ave)

**When:** 5:30pm on Friday, Oct 27

**What:** Your toddler can't decide on a costume? Break out a second or third option and gather in the park! Or just dress 'em up as a dino for the third year in a row. Either way: deck the family out for Halloween and join us for a Friday evening park playdate/social.

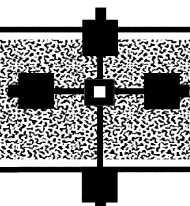
### **Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night**

**Where:** 5322 S Madison Ave, Countryside (subject to change each month)

**When:** 8:00pm every 2nd Thursday

**What:** Gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration!

Questions? Contact [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) for more info.  
Join our Facebook group: SFX Toddling Together!





## Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of September:

David Benitez & Elizabeth De La Cruz  
Brendan & Dana Carey  
Christopher & Hayley Cunningham  
Jesus & Norma Davila  
Betty Hadar  
George & Jeanette King  
Charles Knapp & Silvia Alvarez  
Brian & Vanessa Koprowski  
Ryan Marske & Margaret Reilly  
Christopher & Catherine Meshke  
John & Mary Kate Morley  
Matthew & Lindsay Navarro  
Elizabeth Nesler  
Bob & Eva Papineau  
Jose & Alexandra Pelayo  
Matthew & Jennifer Reindl  
Francisco Saucedo & Alma Lopez  
Meghan Schick  
Clayton & Jaclyn Sobol  
Mayra Tirado  
Farah Torres  
Rachel Williamson  
Wes & Erin Willis  
Bradley Yelton & Sarah Gardner  
Joseph Zarlenga & Nel Jajko



## SFX Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for a small, simple way to serve and love others? Look no further! St. Francis expanded their hospitality ministry last year, and it is easier for anyone to jump in and play a part in welcoming others to our community.

Through the established sign up on the SFX website, anyone can contribute meaningfully to the culture of hospitality and welcome – on your own schedule and at your own paces! Offer to write a few welcome notes to new parishioners, to greet at one or many Masses, or to attend a New Parishioner Prayer Service.

We are practicing hospitality as a way of life here at St. Francis! Even if you don't have the capacity to sign up for a service spot at this time, just smiling and introducing yourself to someone new this week can make a huge difference in our parish community.

[Click here](#), scan with your phone below or visit [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) – Parish – Ministries/Organizations – Hospitality Team to sign up for a small act!



## New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Wednesday, October 11th, at 6:30pm**, for a special Newcomer Blessing presided by Fr. Rich.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for **socializing in Unity Hall**. Alpine subs, salad, fruit and cookies will be served.

Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

**Who is invited? Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish \* Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet \* Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us \* Families with children of all ages \* ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7pm, or BOTH!

If you are able, **please RSVP by October 6th** to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

RSVP and Questions Call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com).





## Listening as a Universal Church

### The Synod on Synodality



During the weekend of September 9 and 10, SFX was one of 160+ Catholic communities that celebrated the feast of St. Phoebe, who St. Paul called deacon. We joined others around the world in honoring the gifts of women in our communities and praying through St. Phoebe's intercession for our Church as we prepare for this October's synod gathering in Rome, where the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate will be discussed. May this celebration of women's gifts for leadership and ministry be but one step we take as a community on the road to becoming a more listening (synodal) church where the gifts of all are welcomed!

Phoebe means "LIGHT"  
please write the  
Name of A Woman  
(or women)  
who have been a  
LIGHT  
on your faith journey.

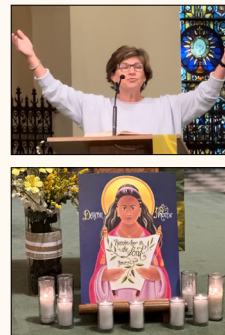


Our celebration included women giving a reflection on scripture at all the masses.

Thank you to  
Martie Lukanich, Maggie McMahon,  
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf, Katie McCarthy,  
and Maureen Windmoeller  
for sharing your gifts of preaching!

Special thanks to some of  
our Cantors and Lectors:

Kaitlin Fron, Riley McCarthy,  
Carolyn Kline, Susie Lehuta,  
and Kathy O'Connell.



### ***How can the Church of our time better fulfill its mission through greater recognition and promotion of the baptismal dignity of women?***

Did you know that this is one of the questions Church leaders will be deliberating when they gather this October in Rome for the General Assembly of the Synod? Since the beginning of the global Synod on Synodality in 2021, the call to rethink women's participation in the Church has emerged on every continent. Moreover, according to the recently released *Instrumentum Laboris*, which sets the agenda for October's synod gathering, "Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate to be considered" (B 2.3 #4). ***At SFX, we discussed this topic at the three listening sessions we hosted earlier this year. Thanks again to all who participated!***



Parishioner Katie Mulcahy will travel to Rome and bear witness as a leader in Chicago's Discerning Deacon Circle.

If you are interested in growing the conversation about women at SFX, contact Katie at [ktom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ktom@sbcglobal.net).

If you were inspired on St. Phoebe Day and want to stay up-to-date on the October synod, join October's weekly Rosary for a Synodal Church online at <https://bit.ly/synodrosary> and/or subscribe to Discerning Deacons' newsletter at <https://bit.ly/DDSubscribe>.



**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a 'Gospel of life.'  
It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly  
in respect for human dignity.**

*Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB*

**Respect Life and Human Dignity Events and Resources**

**Month of October: Annual Women's Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive:** Envelopes available at church doors. Please drop off at Rectory or in collection baskets. Online donations can be made at <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate>. Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.



**Sept 27–Nov 5: 40 Days for Life:** Help save lives through the power of prayer. For more information and sign up, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove).

**Sunday, October 1st 2:30-3:30 pm. National Life Chain:** Each year, since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of every October to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life and form a "Life Chain" across the country. Contact Kendall Grant at [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) if interested. The group typically meets at the corner of LaGrange Road and Ogden Avenue.

**Wednesday, October 11 6:30-8:00pm Rectory Courtyard Room: Peace & Justice Book Discussion.** "See No Stranger" A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love. See bulletin for details.

**Saturday, October 14: Knights of Columbus Food Drive.** See Bulletin for details.



**Saturday, October 14 5:00 pm Mass: Prayer Shawl Blessing.** Shawls will be available for those needing comfort and prayers after the weekend masses while supplies last.

**Sunday, October 15 12:30pm at First United Methodist Church LaGrange:** Go to [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org) and select LaGrange/Western Springs/Brookfield for more information and to donate online. Please bring a food item for local pantries.



**Wednesday, October 18 6:00-8:30 pm: Women's Care Center Fundraiser:** See bulletin for details.



**Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** If you are confused or troubled by what you are experiencing in your relationship, you should talk with a professional counselor (all services are free) in order to get clarity and help you make a decision about next steps. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233. There you can chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. For more information go to [www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org).

**Gospel of Life Prayer**

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life.

St John Paul II *Evangelium vitae*



# PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE PS3, PK4 & K PARENTS



## JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Thursday, October 5

**WHAT:** Early Childhood Coffee with Principal Garcia. Meet some fellow parents and listen to a short presentation.

**TIME:** 8:30–9:30am

**LOCATION:** SFX in Joyce Hall

Please RSVP to [esmith@sfxlg.org](mailto:esmith@sfxlg.org).



## Open Staff Position: Youth Ministry Coordinator

We continue the search for a new person to fill this position. The position description can be revised to accommodate a part time person; or expanded to cover one program that ministers to teens from both St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Parishes.

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (theology or pastoral ministry preferred, but not required)
- Excellent people skills with a heart for high school youth
- An approach to ministry rooted in personal prayer and scriptural reflection
- Experience working in a collaborative environment
- Excellent organizational skills
- Able and willing to work evening and weekend hours

If you or someone you know is qualified and interested, please contact Fr. Bill at [wtkachuk@sfxiq.org](mailto:wtkachuk@sfxiq.org) or 708-352-0168 x302.

## SFX Class of 1983 40 year Reunion

Friday, October 6 at 6:30 pm

Irish Times  
8869 Burlington Avenue in Brookfield, IL

Questions, please contact Mary-Ellen Devitt by phone at 312-613-2597 or [medevitt@outlook.com](mailto:medevitt@outlook.com).



Save the Date  
for the  
Falcon 5K  
Run/Walk

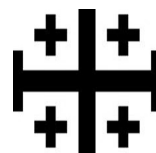
Saturday  
November 4th  
8:00 am

## Nazareth Academy Fall Open House

All families are welcome to learn more about Nazareth Academy at their **Fall Open House**. Visit on Sunday, October 29, for a 10:00 am presentation or Monday, October 30, for a 6:30 pm presentation. Space is limited and Registration is required at [www.nazarethacademy.com](http://www.nazarethacademy.com).

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

## Kairos



We are on our 41<sup>st</sup> Kairos since we began, missing four during COVID. Kairos hype and advertising is typically spread by the teens—but obviously, due to COVID, our attendance for our four prior retreats was down. We are slowly building back, though, and it's exciting!

Registration for our Kairos 41<sup>st</sup> Retreat, October 19-22, opened on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>!

Kairos is a 4-day retreat offered through St. John of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus, specifically designed for Juniors and Seniors to reflect, reset and re-discover your relationship with God. These spots will go quickly, so be sure to sign up soon. If you have any questions, please email Katie Pruitt at [Kpruitt@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:Kpruitt@stjohnofthecross.org).

The link went LIVE on Monday, August 28: <https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/apps/forms2/?f=39390>.

## High School Guys and Girls Church League Basketball



Registration Opens  
on Sunday, October 1, 2023!

High School Guys League Fee \$150  
[Click here](#) for online registration.

[Click here](#) to pay online via credit  
or electronic check.

High School Girls League Fee \$100  
[Click here](#) for online registration.

[Click here](#) to pay online via credit  
or electronic check.



## Healing Mass for Parents

Saturday, Oct 28 at 8:30am



## Have you or a loved one lost a child?

No matter when or how the loss occurred and no matter where you are in your faith journey or your grief, Jesus offers both healing and a community that loves you and your child.

### Gather on Saturday, October 28 at 8:30am

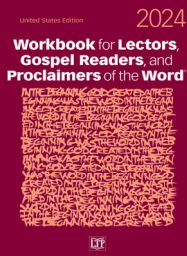
with other parents, families, and loved ones for a healing Mass to remember our children and pray together.

## Our Parish Counselor

My name is BC Shelly, and I am returning to St. Francis Xavier as the psychotherapy-counseling intern through the Claret Center. I am a fifth-year doctoral student from Adler University pursuing a Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Neuropsychology. My therapeutic style is client-centered, existential, and I believe people are experts in their own lives. I seek to meet people where they are and understand their perspective on their experience. If you are interested about self-exploration or would like help managing any concerns, consider reaching out to me at 704-750-0686 or [bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com](mailto:bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com). At this time, sessions are offered both virtual and in-person.

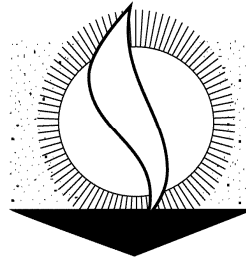


BC Shelly, M.A., M.Div., Parish Counselor Intern, St. Francis Xavier Parish,  
Phone: 704-750-0868 Email: [bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com](mailto:bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com).



## Workbooks For Lectors

The new workbooks for Lectors are available for pick up after all masses in the Priest Sacristy.



The word  
of the Lord  
lights the way

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The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park for questions call 708-482-5048. To register visit our website to see our entire lineup of fall programs and retreats, please register in advance at: [www.csjthewell.org/offerings/](http://www.csjthewell.org/offerings/).

**Put Your Best Foot Forward: Yoga and Your Feet** on Tuesday, September 26 and October 10 from 1:00–2:00pm with Facilitator: Nina Ginocchio. Oh my aching feet! If this is you, join us as we learn about the mechanics within the foot and ankle and work to strengthen and mobilize the area that is the foundation of our bodies. Each session will have a lecture component, yoga practice (standing or seated), and some foot self-care tips. Series cost: \$30.

**The Power of Compassion for Ourselves** on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am-12:00pm with Facilitator: David Ellzey. Infinite love is immediately available in this very moment. However, self-judgment, shame, and guilt deplete our ability to experience it and celebrate the radiant cosmic light of who we truly are. Experience the welcome relief and power of self-compassion through techniques of letting go, sacred breath, humor, being together, meditation, and deep silence. Cost: \$55.

**Find Your People: Combating Loneliness and the Friendship Recession in America** on Tuesday, October 17 from 6:30-8:00pm with Facilitator: Florence Ann Romano. Join us for a collaborative and meaningful conversation about the importance of a village at every stage of life - in other words, a support system for our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. We will explore the six archetypes of villagers that create a unique ecosystem of friendship - in your life and in other peoples' lives. Those who attend in-person will be gifted with a copy of Florence Ann's book *Build Your Village*. Cost: \$25.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry



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.

The blessing of shawls/lap blankets and their distribution mass is scheduled for 5:00pm mass on **Saturday, October 14**. Shawls and lap blankets will be displayed for distribution at the Sunday masses that weekend until our supply runs out.

Our scheduled meetings for the remaining of 2023 will be at Unity Hall on the following dates & times:

Thursday, October 12 from 7:00-8:00pm  
Wednesday, November 8 from 4:00-5:00pm  
**(change in time)**

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills. Any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at [mewittlagrange@yahoo.com](mailto:mewittlagrange@yahoo.com).

## Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2022/2023 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more.

Join the fun and reach out to either Lauren Desmond [lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com) or Erin Thunander [erin.thunander@gmail.com](mailto:erin.thunander@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved.

## Family Outreach Ministry

The St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry would like to invite you to join us this year to help prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. The dates for the 2023-24 school year are: November 18, January 20, March 16 and May 18.

There are two time slots to choose, or come for the whole time: 9:00-11:30 AM: Food prep and cooking or 11:30AM-1:00 PM: Food serving and clean up.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult.

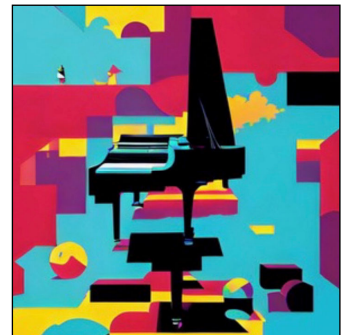
To register [click here](#).

**Join us for an evening of music and fellowship! All are welcome!**

## Multiplicity Jazz Ensemble



All Saints Episcopal Church  
Western Springs  
4370 Woodland Avenue  
Sunday, October 15  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Music from 7:00-8:30 pm



Barb Kalnes~Vocals, Tom Kalnes~Piano, Gary Swiontek~Bass,  
Rick Vitek~Drums and Michael Levin~Reeds.

Light refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.  
Feel free to bring your own alcoholic beverages.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/an-evening-of-jazz-at-all-sain/867286231634193/>





# SFX Men's Club

## Pig Roast – Save the Date!

### Friday, November 10, 2023

### More details to follow

Contact Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) for info.

### 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, October 3

Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or  
Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



### Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.

## Religious Education News



### **Your Gift and Talent is Needed for our Wednesday Classes!**

Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU for our Wednesday Classes! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! I am looking for many 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 2023-2024 school year at [sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org) Parent Newsletter.

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**Our In person Program Registrations are now closed,  
but registrations for our K – 8 Religious Education Online Program is still open.**

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!**

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

Click "[Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!](#)" to register.



## Come and Learn About the Heart of Ignatian Spirituality



**When:** Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm - 8:15pm

**Where:** St. Francis Xavier (Unity Hall)

**To register please [click here](#).**

*The purpose of The Spiritual Exercises is very practical: to grow in union with God, who frees us to make good decisions about our lives and to help others.*

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius for growth in the spiritual life. By learning to pay attention to our inner movements and embrace our uniqueness we can learn to live our lives more fully while searching for and discovering the will of God for each of us.

*Should I attend ...*

You may be asking questions such as: Do I desire a deeper relationship with God, myself, and the world in which I live? Do I desire a greater sense of direction and purpose in my life in light of my relationship with God? Do I feel that there is more to my life than I am experiencing? Do I want to understand better what I really want in my life?

The discussion will be led by Tom Marthaler who is a parishioner at SFX, a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, and certified spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition.

Please contact Maggie McMahon by email at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) if you have any questions.

## Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food For Families Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drive on October 14. Please join the Knights in making an immediate impact to replace hunger with food on the table!

Attach paper flyers to doorknobs of homes using rubber bands. Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights. Volunteers choose their own day, time and streets in LaGrange or LaGrange Park. Flyers will be available to distribute through October 9.

Donations benefit the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and the Chicago Food Depository.

This good cause, twice each year in April and October, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the St. Francis community.

**Another way to help is to:**

**DONATE ONLINE TO St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry**  
[sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families](https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families)  
or point your phone camera at the QR code to the right and click or text F4FSFX to 708-738-5930  
or email [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com)

To volunteer or for more information, please call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930 or email [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).



Thank you for your support.

**JESUS CHRIST**  
**is LORD!**

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*Thinking about*  
**Becoming Catholic?**

**WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!**

Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) to start the conversation

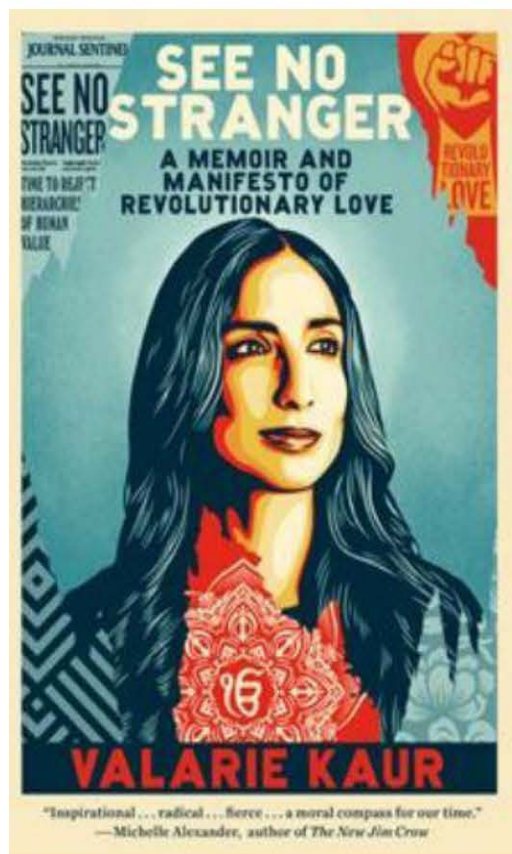




# West Suburban SUMMER READ 2023

## WHAT IS A SUMMER READ?

Read or listen to the selected book over the summer, then host or attend a book discussion in September.



"How do we love in a time of rage? How do we fix a broken world while not breaking ourselves? Valarie Kaur--renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer--describes revolutionary love as the call of our time.... It enjoins us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say: You are part of me I do not yet know... It is a practice that can transform a relationship, a community, a culture, even a nation. Kaur takes readers through her own riveting journey, ... reclaim[ing] love as an active, public, and revolutionary force that creates new possibilities for ourselves, our communities, and our world."

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**St. Francis Xavier Church**  
**Courtyard Room**  
**124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange**

**Enter the Spring Avenue entrance of the Rectory.**  
**Refreshments will be served.**

[Click Here](#) to RSVP.

## Participating Organizations:

- Baha'is of LaGrange
- Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
- First Congregational Church of LaGrange-Ministry of Missions
- Learning Anti-Racism Together (LART)
- St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry, LaGrange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, LaGrange Park
- Unitarian Church of Hinsdale—Racial Equity Team
- Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Park

Resources for the book are available at the author's website, [www.valeriekaur.com](http://www.valeriekaur.com).

**Questions? Contact Maureen Windmoeller**  
[maurwind@gmail.com](mailto:maurwind@gmail.com)



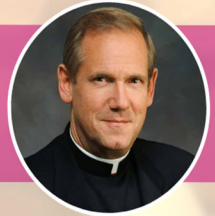
# SUPPORT MOMS AND BABIES

by playing

**3 Babies**  
born everyday  
to local WCC moms



Join honorary chairman  
*Monsignor Ken Velo!*



Babies like Lea  
need **heroes** like you!

**Wed., Oct. 18, 2023**  
**LuxuryBingoChicago.com**



*You support local women in choosing life, having healthier pregnancies, and becoming self-sufficient parents at*



The Women's Care Center has generously offered SFX and St. Cletus a table.  
Please contact Mary Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org)  
by **Sunday, October 1st** if you would like to join us!



## **Catholic Charities** Please Help Feed the Hungry

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help in our food pantry at 1400 South Austin Blvd. in Cicero.

### **Volunteer shifts:**

- Mondays: 9:15-11:15 am, 12:15-2:15 pm and 2:15-4:15 pm
- Tuesdays: 9:15-11:15 am, 12:15 and 2:15 pm
- Thursdays: 1:45-4:00 pm and 4:0-6:00 pm

### **Volunteers also needed on delivery days:**

- 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm
- Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

For information, contact Silvia De Casas at [sdecasas@catholiccharities.net](mailto:sdecasas@catholiccharities.net) or 708-329-4023.

### **West Regional Services**

1400 S. Austin Blvd, Cicero, IL 60804  
708-222-1491 catholiccharities.net

## **Holy Guardian Angels Parish** **OKTOBERFEST**

**When:** Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00–10:30 pm

**Where:** Holy Guardian Angels Parish,  
1125 Harrison Avenue, LaGrange Park

**Why:** Family fun for all with **FREE ADMSSION!**

**BINGO** from 1:00–3:00 pm in the St. Louise De Marillac Parish Center, Children's games and bouncy house from 3:00–7:00 pm

**Live entertainment:** Jim Drnek Polka Band from 4:30-7:30 pm and The Sylvie's 8:00-10:00 pm in the Colonnade Room. Delicious seasonal food and drink, with children's menu too.

**Cash Share the Wealth Raffle**, pull tabs and bag raffle. For Share the Wealth Cash Raffle tickets or other information please call Matt Sinda 847-682-7404

**Come rain or shine to have a great time!!**





**ALL ARE INVITED!!**

**The CommUNITY Mosaic Project  
Mural Dedication Celebration**

**Sunday, October 15**

**2 pm – 5 pm**

***The Center - 200 S. Washington***

**We Created. We Connected. Now... WE CELEBRATE!!!**



*The Community Center - 200 S. Washington St.*



***Fun for the Whole Community!***

**Rockin' Music by The Marjays**

**Cool Sounds by DJ OD**

**Incredible Breakdancing Demo by Motion Disorderz Crew**

**Delicious Food Provided by Local Restaurants**

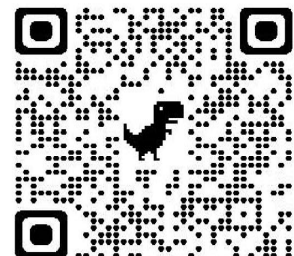
**Games, Activities and More...**

**Families, Friends, Neighbors, Village Officials, Fire and Police  
Departments, Churches, Organizations, and Businesses All Showed Up  
BIG to Be Part of the Story!**

**Over 30 Design Workshop Participants ~ 500 Tile-Laying Workshop Timeslots Filled**

**Join Us to Be a Part of a  
True CommUNITY Experience!!**

**To learn more scan this code, or just stop on by!**







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

- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **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
- **Staff Sgt. 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
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **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
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Felix Estrada, U.S. Army**—friend of John & Dawn McCormick
- **Lt. Ryan Lavine, U.S. Army**—nephew of Kim & Vince Henehan
- **Chief Petty Officer Marko Mandac, U.S. Navy**—husband of Anna, son-in-law of David & Lynn Rogers

**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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**



# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Rev. Richard Milek  
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Margaret McMahon  
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## Education Ministry

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Assistant Principal  
School Office Coordinator  
Parish School Secretary  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

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Janice Carr  
Ashley Augustyniak  
Peggy Evans  
Erin Smith  
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## Youth Ministry

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## Music Ministry

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## Parish Office Staff

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Director of Stewardship and Development  
Parish Accountant  
Pastor's Secretary  
Parish Secretary  
Staff Secretary  
Facilities Manager

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School of Religious Education .....708-352-4555  
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Main Religious Education e-Mail.....sfxreligiused@sfxlg.org  
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, Friday and Saturday 8:30 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.

## Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus 7:00-8:00 pm

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

## 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 9:30 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 our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.