



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday October 7	Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Tuesday, October 8	Mass	8:30 am	Chris Weiss	The Jim Donahue Family
Wednesday, October 9	Mass	8:30 am	Robert H. Ozburn	The Zahorik Family
Thursday, October 10	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	James M. Ruth	The Cummings Family
Friday, October 11	Mass	8:30 am	The Brown & Shifley Families Living Intention	
Saturday, October 12	Mass	8:30 am	Matt Engels	The Driscoll Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Irene Marie Wrona	The Blouin Family
Sunday, October 13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Mary Tio	John R. Washbish
	Mass	9:00 am	Bernard & Betty Martin	The Martin Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Edwin Desparrois	Peter & Barbara Tomaino
	Mass	5:00 pm	Terry Metzger	The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for October 5-6, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Novick

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 PM Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravalo	Leslie Koenig
Orlando Ares	Michelle Kram
Ed Barrett	Eleanor Love
Angela Bowman	Patricia Miller
Kevin Brooks	Patrick Morgan
Aiden Curtis	Bill Mroz
Blake Donegan	Rosemary Nash
Pat Eaton	Ann Marie Niedo
Tom Flynn	Laureen Rabe
Bob Fredriksen	Heather Riggins
Sasha Garber	Joe Scanlon
Lupe Baker Garcia	Darshana Shah
Lilli Gregory	June Sheehan
Vincenzo Guzzo	Michael Smith
Junie Haase	Gregg Stephenson
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	John Stopka
Angela Hill	Linda Sullivan
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Amanda Szila
Tiffany Kahn	Olivia Tarsney
Brenda Kardatzke	

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.

Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day

In observance of the Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day holiday, the office will be closed starting on Friday, October 11 at 4:30 pm through Monday, October 14. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 15 at 8:30 am.

Born Into Eternal Life

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



Michael John Condon
Brother of Thomas

Dominic Eorio, Sr.
Husband of Anelle
Father of Nina, Renae & Dominic, Jr.

Weddings

Patsy Brown & Chuck Shifley
Maggie Reilly & Ryan Marske
Kelly Collins & Christopher Ellsworth
Molly Piech & Sean McMahon



Make a gift to the
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Pastor's Letter

*God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone."
Genesis 2:18*

Our ancestors in faith wrote the Book of Genesis, not as a scientific documentation of how the world came to be, but as a spiritual story of the meaning and purpose behind it all. In the story of creation, God is motivated by a love that continues to expand outward. At the height of creation is humankind, to whom God entrusts the responsibility to care for all of creation. Our God, who is a communion of three distinct Persons, creates humankind in God's image: a *communion* of distinct beings. Man is neither to be alone nor to exist among others who all are identical to himself. *Humankind is a communion of beings diverse in gender, skin tone, and ways of understanding.* The binding element of our communion is the same as it is within the Trinity: a love that respects the distinctness of each person and deepens the bond that connects us all in loving care and service to one another.

As you read this, I am in final days of my annual silent retreat. I offer the remainder of this space to the parish Transition Team and encourage you to participate in the Zoom Town Hall meeting and/or the online survey, especially if you were unable to participate in one of the in-person Town Hall meetings.

Autumn Peace,

Fr. Bill

Pastor Transition Team Update

Our team has started the planning process for Fr. Bill's retirement in June 2025, and we need your input!

We have been tasked with drafting a comprehensive document for the Archdiocese of Chicago highlighting our parish's strengths, areas for improvement, and core values. We are not involved in selecting the new pastor. Our role is to provide this detailed information about SFX to the Archdiocese Placement Board. This ensures they choose a pastor who will be an excellent fit for our diverse and thriving parish.

To make this document representative of the entire SFX community, we want to understand the qualities you desire in a new pastor and what is important to you.

If you could not attend last week's Town Hall meetings, **please join us for the final Town Hall Meeting on Monday, October 7 at 8:00 PM via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86067450782?pwd=qf7aSeJCVhiLZeosTVqKiEoeUGbVgf.1>

In addition, we encourage all parishioners to **complete the SFX Pastor Search Survey by October 8.** It will be emailed to all parishioners and can be found using this QR code.



We encourage you to share your input. Your voice is crucial to shaping the future of our parish.

We invite you to say our Prayer of Transition:

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we seek our new pastor, we entrust our community to your Holy Spirit. You know the heart of our congregation and the unique gifts and challenges of our parish. May we remain united in your grace and rejoice in the promise of your will to bring the "fullness of joy." May our future pastor do the same, listening to your Spirit with courage and openness as you lead us to one another. Amen.

God bless,
SFX Pastor Transition Committee

Curt Aronson
Lee Egan
Mike Hattie
Maggie McMahon
Mike West

Elizabeth Cooley
Ernie Froemel
Katie Kanzer
Jim Owen
Maureen Windmoeller

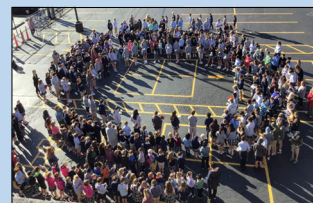
Jude Dumfeh
Elis Guidice
Terese Kartholl
Tony Pangan

8th 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.

Monday, October 7, 2024 at 9:15 am
following the morning Mass (weather permitting)
in the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot.



Transition Prayer

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Welcome

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

Jonathan & Kris Alba
Gregory & Elizabeth Armich
Karina Casillas
Susana Dominguez
Mary Fishback
Daniel & Kathleen Foster
Alexandra Gamboa
Fidel & Dolores Lechnar-Garcia
James & Erin Konrath
Andrew Kostelancik
Nicholas Lazzarotto
Ramiro & Dianna Marin
Andrew & Jill McGrath
Elyse Pearson
Nicholas & Andrea Redel
Teresa Ruiz
Todd & Michelle Schultz
Michael Sullivan & Allison Giermak
Anders & Teresa Swanson
Dan & Colby Ward
Tomasz & Beata Wilk
John & Laura Yedinak
John & Hillary Zaranti



Kairos 43 Retreat

Hosted by St. John of the Cross
Parish

November 14-17, 2024

**Offered for current
High School Juniors and Seniors**

Registration for the retreat opened on September 27th on the St. John of the Cross website www.stjohnofthecross.org, and will close on October 25th. Please contact MaryClaire Zurowski with any questions at mczurowski31@gmail.com.

Church League Basketball



**Registration Opened
on Sunday, October 1, 2024!**

High School Guys League Fee \$150
[Click here](#) to register and pay online.

High School Girls League Fee \$100
[Click here](#) to register and pay online.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA PARISH VISITATION

The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Mary and the Holy Rosary. At St. Francis Xavier Parish we have a Rosary Group praying rosary every Thursday at 8:15am in the Church or outside at the Blessed Mother Statue. We pray for our Parish and School, and for people's different intentions. We invite all of you to join us. This year we will have a special occasion to honor our Mother at St. Francis Xavier Parish Family.

WHERE:

St. Francis Xavier Church
124 North Spring Avenue
LaGrange, IL 60525

WHEN:

Thursday, October 10, 2024
From 8:30am to 4:30pm

SCHEDULE:

8:30am: Procession into Church by Knights of Columbus. Mass celebrated by Fr. Rich followed by the recitation of the Rosary.

9:00-10:00am: Confession open to all.

9:30am-4:00pm: Individuals and groups welcome to spend time with Our Lady of Fatima in our Church.

4:30pm: Fatima statue leaves the Church.

We look forward to honoring our Blessed Mother in this special way.

CONTACT: 708-352-0168



See full tour schedule at:
www.fatimatourforpeace.com



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Our Lady's Blue Army

www.BLUEARMY.COM

THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MUSIC MINISTRY
PRESENTS A...

CLARINET *RECITAL*



Allen Sterwalt, **clarinet**

Mark Bilyeu, **piano**

...with Claire Jakubisin, **voice**

19 SATURDAY

OCTOBER 2024

7:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION!
Free-will offering baskets
will be placed at the doors
in support of the **SFX Music
Ministry**. Thank you!



Christmas Midnight Mass CHOIR: New Singers Welcome!



A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been waiting to join, but you haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an **ear** and a love for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier **Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at 12:00am on December 25th**. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth. This will also be coupled with participation in the **Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight**, which is scheduled for **Saturday, January 4th at 7:00pm**. There will be a mandatory CONCERT run-through rehearsal on **Thursday, January 2nd at 7:00pm**.

REHEARSALS will begin on **Tuesday, October 22nd—7:00 to 8:00pm**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 17th.

If you have an **ear** and a **skill** for choral singing, please consider this invitation, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of the year. Interested singers should contact **Allen Sterwalt**, our **Director of Music**, before the first rehearsal on **October 22nd** at asterwalt@sfxlg.org.

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, November 5

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

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Pre-Sale



Are you a real-Christmas tree family? New this season, your Knights of Columbus council will be taking orders for 6 to 12 foot Wisconsin-fresh balsam-fir trees after Masses in October and November.

Your custom-height tree will be delivered to the school parking lot on November 26 "Thanksgiving Tuesday" for pick-up. That afternoon, Knights will load your tree atop your vehicle for you to take home.

Veterans Day Mass and Reception



The 5th grade students at St. Francis Xavier School would like to invite any Veterans and Active Duty Service Members, and their families, to a mass honoring their service to our country. The mass will be held at 8:30am on Monday, November 11 with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 4 to Emily Bersnak at grade5service@sfxlg.org or call 630-738-1369. We hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483



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

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

HOW DO I KNOW MY RELATIONSHIP IS UNHEALTHY?

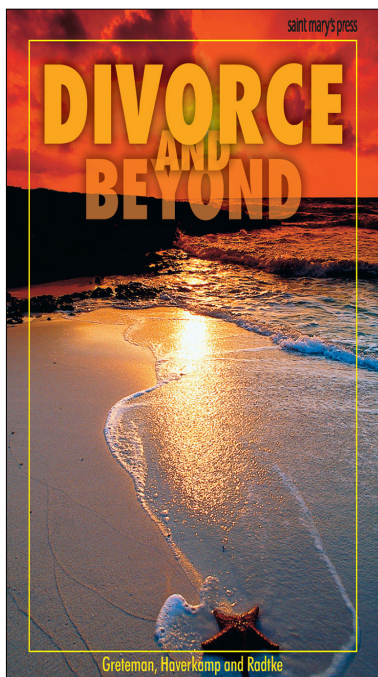
You are in an ***unhealthy relationship*** if you...

- feel pressure to change to meet your partner's standards
- are afraid to disagree
- constantly must justify what you do, where you go
- find yourself making excuses for your partner
- feel isolated from friends and family
- care for only on your partner and neglect yourself.

You are also in an unhealthy relationship if these signs apply to your partner.

- constantly criticizes you and your ideas and actions
- makes all the decisions
- controls everything
- never listens to you
- blames you for bad things or events in his/her life
- calls you names or yells at you
- shoves, pinches, hits, punches, kicks or otherwise hurts you
- does not respect sexual boundaries and physical space

www.dvrc-or.org/



2024 Divorce and Beyond Support

Fall Series

Wednesday Evenings (7:00-8:30pm)

October 9 through November 13

St. Francis Parish School Library

145 North Waiola Avenue, LaGrange

(Please enter off the parking lot doors)

Divorce and Beyond is a faith-based process for divorced adults designed to offer support, fellowship and healing to those who are divorced or going through a divorce. Topics include: stress, anger, forgiveness, and recovery. There is no cost to attend. There is a participant guide that will be provided at the first meeting. There is no cost to attend and a participant guide will be provided at the first session.

To register online [click here](#), use the QR Code or call Missy Westerhoff at 708-352-0168.





Edythe Ministry Fall Garden Days

The Edythe Ministry is preparing for Autumn! Our beautiful garden beds will be tidied up from 9:00-11:00am on Saturday, October 19 and mulched on Saturday, November 2, also from 9:00-11:00am. Any and all are welcome on either date, no matter how much time or experience you may have. Donuts and cider will be served! Please contact Becca Voith at beccacoox@gmail.com to sign up. If you have specific questions, reach out to Cathy Skokna at cmskokna@att.net.

Companions Journeying Together



Christmas card signing for prisoners on Saturday, October 12. We will meet in the Courtyard Room after the 8:30 am Mass. Cards will be provided, but please bring any cards you may have (no glitter or glued-on pieces). Your outreach to the prisoners is extremely heartwarming, especially during the holiday season.

That Man Is You Men's Group



**All men are invited to join us in Unity Hall
8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

The video presentation is by Dr. Mark Miravalle, President, International Marian Association and St. John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He speaks about the *Four Great Truths about Mary*, emphasizing:

- Our Advantages Over the World, the Flesh, and the Devil
- Bringing Mary Into Our "Homes"
- The Three Identities of Mary
- The Dogmas Regarding Our Blessed Mother
- How Are We Men Called to Be Like Mary?
- Getting to Know Our Spiritual Mother Better

Join us for the presentation and the small group discussion that follows immediately.



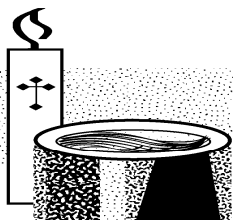
SFX Men's Club

Pig Roast – Save the Date!

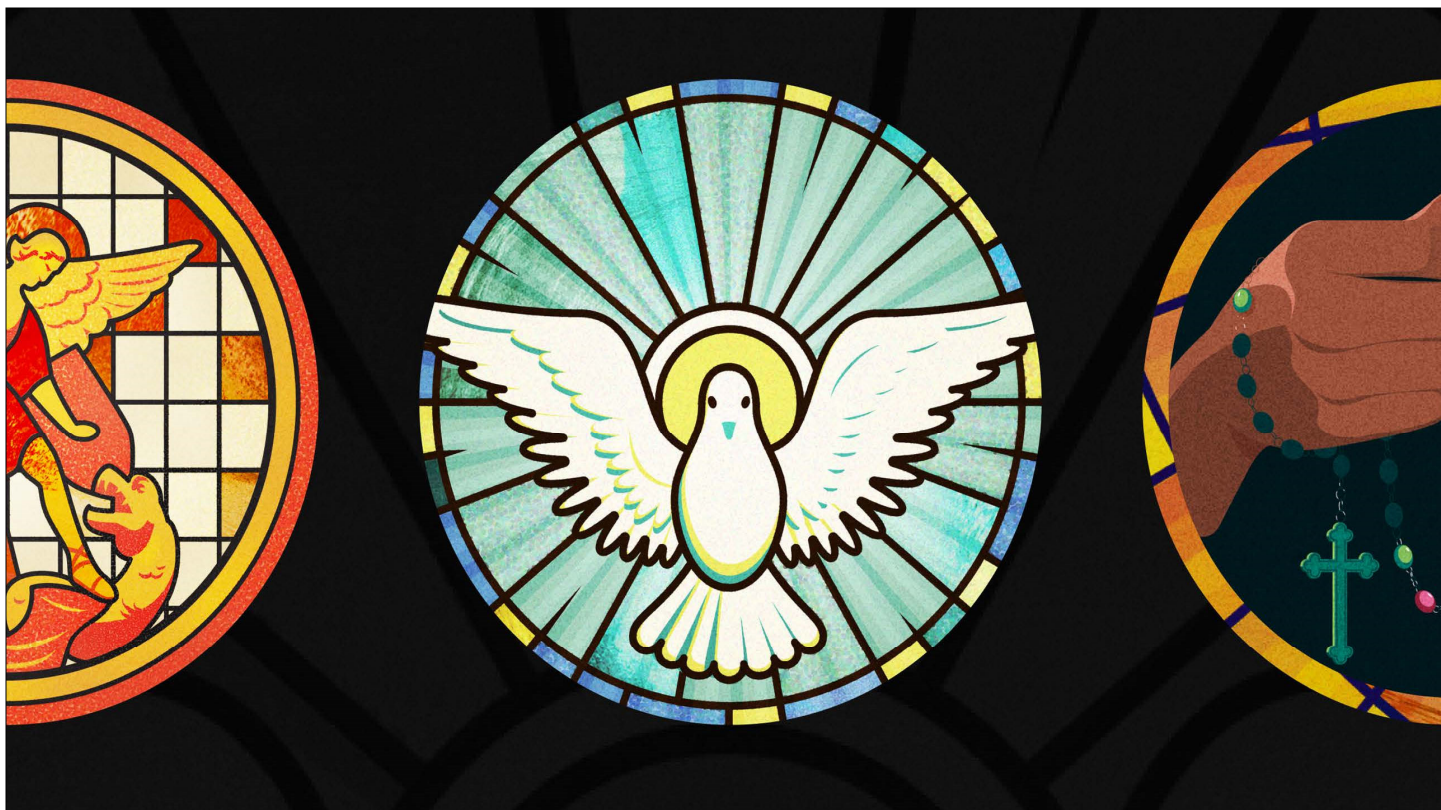
Friday, November 8, 2024

More details to follow
www.sfxpigroast.com

Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com for info.



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Scan the QR code to sign up
www.hallow.com/parish

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Log into **Hallow**

On the bottom right, tap **Community**

Enter your parish's zip code

When you see your parish's name, tap **Join Parish**

New to Hallow?

Receive full access to Hallow for just \$1 by scanning the QR code below or visiting www.hallow.com/parish. Once you've signed up, follow the steps above to join your parish!



Religious Education News

Our Registration for the In Person Program is now closed, but registrations for our 1 – 8 Online Program is still open until November 30th.

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:

<https://www.sfxlq.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FALCON 5K

Saturday, November 2

<p>RACE!</p> <p>Opportunities for the whole family! Run & Walk & Stroller 5K Kids Fun Runs (100m and 1/2 mile) SFXFalcon5K.com</p>	<p>SPONSOR!</p> <p>Logo placement on Tshirt, website, etc. \$1,000/750/\$550/\$250 Become a Sponsor Page: SFXFalcon5K.com</p>
<p>VOLUNTEER!</p> <p>BEFORE/DURING/AFTER If you are not running please check out where your help is needed, because it's needed!</p>	<p>SUPPORT!</p> <p>Buy a family support sign to cheer on the Falcons! Hurry, they are going fast! \$150 each. Go to: SFXFalcon5K.com...Become a sponsor page...then select Course Marker "shout out!"</p>

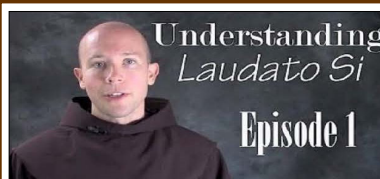


Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessings of prayer shawls will be at the **5:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 5, 2024**. Shawls and lap blankets will be available at all the masses, while supplies last, to bring comfort to someone in need.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13 from 4:00-5:00pm in the Rectory Courtyard Room. Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!



St. John of the Cross of Western Springs Presents...

Join SJC CARES in viewing videos by Fr. Daniel Horan on Mondays, Beginning, Monday, October 14 through November 18 at 7:00pm in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs.

We will show two short videos on each of the six Laudato Si Chapters each Monday. Following the video, starting at 7:30pm and lasting 30-45 minutes, you are invited to discuss questions in small groups followed by one large group. Laudato Si provides discussion questions on each chapter. The discussion questions for each week will be provided on week earlier in the church bulletin.

Let us know that you can attend by clicking [here](#) to RSVP.

If you are unable to attend this weekly event, you can read and or view these You Tube videos by Fr. Horan: Understanding Laudato Si. You can also purchase Laudate Si: On Care for Our Common Home online (for example, www.Amazon.com, paperback for \$8.99).

New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on

Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30pm, for a special Newcomer Blessing.

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** 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

**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

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. Their mission is to help pregnant women choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, and become better parents...with support from cradle to kindergarten. 93% of moms choose life for their babies...*because of you!*



Sept 25–November 3: 40 Days for Life: Help save lives through the power of prayer. For more information and sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove.

Sunday, October 6th 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. Representatives from St. Cletus typically meet at the corner of LaGrange Road and Ogden Avenue.

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*



**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. 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
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Sean Kramer, U.S. Army**—friend of the Cooley Family
- **Lr. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Nidos

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...and please let us know when
friends and loved ones return from their deployment Overseas.**

Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
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Rev. Richard Milek
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Office Operations/Events Manager
Tuition Accounts
Director of Religious Education
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

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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

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, Bennett Ferguson, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone at 312-880-7606.

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