



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

- Mk 10:51-52

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 28	Mass	8:30 am	Barbara Westhoff Ozburn Herbert & Mary Schrack Verona Whitmore	The Zahorik Family Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Tuesday, October 29	Mass	8:30 am	Marie Westhoff Nolan Krolicki	The Zahorik Family The Krolicki Family
Wednesday, October 30	Mass	8:30 am	Cookie Hofstetter	The Westerhoff Family
Thursday, October 31	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Mary Stukel	Tom & Lucile Nichol
Friday, November 1 All Saints Day	Mass Mass	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Edwin & Helen Adams Stephen Sfondilias People of the Parish	The Adams-Scotty Family Patrick Daly
Saturday, November 2 All Souls Day	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Joe Malek Louis Marasovic Marie Capellani	Marcia Malek April Pesut Pat DeMars
Sunday, November 3 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Mary Ann Smith Larry Skippet Paul Sottak Patrick Doyle	The Dougherty Family Nancy Panson The Cooley Family Susan Devitt

Presider's Schedule for October 26-27, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 PM Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

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

To add a name to the prayer list who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life

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



Betty Allison

Former Teacher at St. Francis Xavier

Connie Navarro

Wife of the late Maurice
Mother of Pat and Christine

Weddings

Maggie Reilly & Ryan Marske
Kelly Collins & Christopher Ellsworth
Molly Piech & Sean McMahon



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Pastor's Letter

Bartimaeus began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."
Mark 10:47

Mark inserts one final miracle story immediately before Jesus enters Jerusalem. He presents a clear contrast between a beggar who is asking to see and the authorities in Jerusalem who will refuse to see or accept who Jesus is. Although Bartimaeus is unable to see Jesus physically, he nonetheless recognizes Jesus as the son of David, a term associated with the messiah. The fact that Mark refers to Bartimaeus by name suggests that he had become a disciple and was known to the community of believers for whom Mark writes his gospel. Upon restoring his sight, Jesus sends Bartimaeus on mission, and he begins to follow Jesus on "the way" of the disciple.

This story challenges us to reflect on the areas of blindness in our own lives. In the words of a popular song from the past, "There is none so blind as he who will not see." In these final days of a divisive election season, in what people or places do we fail to "see" the presence of Jesus. Have we been tempted to "demonize" a candidate whose views we oppose and therefore fail to speak of them with respect as a child of God? Have we written off the dignity of entire groups of people because they hold views that we oppose? Are we speaking and acting in ways that will leave the door open to gracious family gatherings on Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are we failing to see and respect the dignity of each person, including the immigrant, the criminal, the powerful and the wealthy, the stranger whom I do not know and the friend whom I do not understand?

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us. Do we have the humility and the willingness to recognize our blindness and echo Bartimaeus in saying, "Master, I want to see."?

You may have heard that the Archdiocesan Review Board has determined that the allegations raised one year ago against **Fr. Bill Killeen**, our former and now retired associate, have been deemed unsubstantiated and Fr. Bill may now return to public ministry. Due to some immediate health concerns, he is unable to celebrate Mass among us at present. However, he is grateful for your past and ongoing prayers for his wellbeing.

This weekend at the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, Bennett Ferguson will introduce himself as the counselor from the Claret Center who will be available to meet with parishioners in search of counseling help. Bennett recently began meeting with people in one of the available private rectory offices. We welcome Bennett to the parish and are grateful for the opportunity he offers to parishioners through our agreement with the Claret Center.

This Friday is **All Saints Day**, and Masses for the holy day will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. Next Saturday is **All Souls Day**. At the Saturday 5:00 Mass, we will honor our tradition of recalling parishioners and those connected to parishioners who died since November 1, 2023. Family members are invited to bring a picture of your loved one to display on tables that will be set up at the base of the altar platform. *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

Of course, these two holy days follow the celebration of Halloween, which comes from its original name "All Hallows Eve." In England, families would leave favorite foods or treats on a table outside the door should their deceased loved ones "pay a visit." Children went door to door at night to collect the treats at each house. Failure to leave treats might result in that household being tricked by some prank. Among many Hispanics, it is a day to remember the dead by setting up "*altares*" inside the home, which are covered with the favorite foods and photos of their deceased loved ones. In whatever ways your household honors these days, may they be safe and blessed.

Autumn Peace,

Fr. Bill

**All Saints Day Mass
Friday, November 1
8:30 am and 7:00 pm**



Please join us at St. Francis Xavier Parish for the holy day of obligation on Friday, November 1 at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm as we remember all Saints.



**All Souls Day Mass
Saturday, November 2
During the 5:00 pm Mass**

We extend to you and your family an invitation to join us at St. Francis Xavier Parish for All Soul's on Saturday, November 2 during the 5:00 pm Mass. We will be remembering, in a special way, all family members and friends of parishioners who have died since November 1 of last year.

If you plan to be with us, please consider bringing a framed picture of your loved one to set on a table in front of the altar when you enter.



**Next Sunday,
November 3
2:00 AM**

**CWU LG/WS
World Community Day Celebration**



When: Friday, November 1, 2024
Time: 10:00 am Bible Study
11:00 am Celebration
Location: First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 South Ashland, LaGrange
(Catherine Avenue Entrance)

Church Women United LaGrange/Western Springs Unit invites all area women to a program, "Walk Humbly with God," on Friday, November 1, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 South Ashland (Catherine Avenue entrance).

Special guest speakers will include Sara Emmick from The Hope Chest and Kim Stephens, Pillars' Vice President of Domestic and Sexual Violence Services.

The morning will begin with a 10:00 am Bible Study, followed by the Celebration/Speaker presentations at 11:00 am, and conclude with an optional dutch-treat luncheon at Buck's Pit Stop in Hodgkins. Reservations are not required.

Attendees are encouraged to donate a \$5-\$10 gift card/e-gift card to Walmart or Target to assist trafficking victims who utilize outreach services provided through the Cook County Sheriff's Human Trafficking Unit. For those unable to attend who wish to support this worthwhile cause, e-gift cards will be accepted at the email address below.

For more information, contact: 708-710-0644 or email: cwulgws@gmail.com

Transition Prayer

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.





It is Wreath Time!



The St. Francis Xavier Cub Scout Pack is selling Christmas wreaths again this year!

The wreaths we sell are well priced, comparable to what you would pay at retail, and very high quality - fresh from the Northwoods. Best of all, they are delivered to your door by one of our Scouts. If you are going to buy a wreath this season, please buy through us and support your Cub Scout Pack.

This year, in addition to supporting the pack's activities, we are using the wreath sale to sponsor Christmas for families that use the SFX Food Pantry. Please help our Scouts in their effort to ensure families in our community have a memorable Christmas.

Order Deadline: November 8th

Delivery: Our truck arrives on November 23rd, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and we then distribute to your door.

Scan the QR code or order here:
go.wreathsaleapp.com/36044f/m/6ef8eb/



Cub Scouts Pack 33 Popcorn



The St. Francis Xavier Cub Scout Pack 33 will be selling popcorn outside of God's Garage after the 5:00pm mass on Saturday and after the 9:00 & 11:00am masses on Sunday. Cub Scout Pack 33 is excited for a fun filled year full of hiking, camping, museum tours, and numerous enrichment opportunities. Sales of popcorn go toward funding these many fun activities.

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



LaGrange Council 6483



If yours is a real Christmas tree family, this year simplify your shopping process with the Knights of Columbus. Now through November 3, your Knights council will be taking orders for 6-to-12 foot Wisconsin-fresh balsam-fir trees after most Masses at a courtyard table near the rectory's "God's Garage". Just look

for the message board. Cash, check, or Venmo payment accepted.

Your custom-height tree will be delivered to the school parking lot on November 26 "Thanksgiving Tuesday". In a drive-through fashion there, Knights will load your pre-paid tree atop your vehicle for you to bring home. You won't even need to get out of your vehicle.

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!



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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.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>

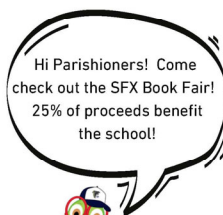
Open House Nazareth Academy

All families are welcome to discover Nazareth Academy at their **Fall Open House**. Nazareth is Catholic, Co-Ed and College Prep. Visit on Sunday, October 27 for a 10:00am presentation or Monday, October 28 for a 6:30pm presentation to explore more about the impact of Nazareth's 125-year legacy of educating the whole person.

Space is limited and registration is required at www.nazarethacademy.com.

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

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO SFX!



Joyce Hall

**Tuesday, November 5
3:15 pm to 8 pm**

**Wednesday, November 6
8 am to 12 pm**

Visitors must sign in with the school office

145 North Waiola Avenue, LaGrange

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 630-738-1369. We hope to see you there!

Church League Basketball Registration Opened



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.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The following is an excerpt from a document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*", which guides Catholics in how to make conscience-based decisions on political issues, including choosing candidates for public office. The complete document can be found through the following link: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>

Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals. (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (Fratelli Tutti, no. 70.) Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Edythe Ministry Fall Garden Days



The Edythe Ministry is preparing for Autumn! We will place mulch in our beautiful garden beds from 9:00-11:00am on Saturday, November 2. Any and all are welcome, no matter how much time or experience you may have. Donuts and cider will be served!

To sign up, please contact Becca Voith at beccacoox@gmail.com. If you have questions, reach out to Cathy Skokna at cmskokna@att.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



We distributed 60 prayer shawls and blankets at masses this month.

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

**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



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.

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*

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!*



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

BYSTANDERS INTERVENTION – What to do if you witness abuse?

As a friend, colleague or family member, you can make a big difference if you see or know about abuse or violence in a marriage. Only step in when it is safe to do so!

ASK: "Are you okay?" "What do you need from me right now?"

LISTEN: Empower them to make choices. Avoid telling them what to do. Praise them for coping in such a difficult situation.

SAY: Keep calm. Keep it simple. "I saw/heard/notice...and I'm feeling worried about you."

TELL: Get support from trusted professionals.

STAND BESIDE; Sit next to them and ask "How can I help?" or "Would you like some help?"

GET HELP: Have a support option ready, if they give you permission: 1-800-799 (SAFE) 7233. Secure an online chat: loveisrespect.org. TEXT "loveis" to 22522.

DOCUMENT: Suggest they keep evidence such as photos, dated journal entries screenshots.

CALL 911: If you think that you or someone else may be in danger

DON'T GIVE UP on them as a friend, even if they choose to stay in the relationship.

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF: Pay attention to how you are feeling. Set limits for what you can reasonably do to help.

www.dvrc-or.org/

Our Lady of Fatima



On October 10, 2024, St. Francis Xavier hosted the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima. It was sculpted in 1947 according to the instructions of Sister Lucia, one of the three visionaries. The purpose of the tours is *to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of hope, peace and salvation to people who may never have an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal.*

A Special Thanks to: Mary & Teresa Gonzalez, SFX Rosary Group, Knights of Columbus, SFX School, Fr. Rich, Mary Freeman, Maggie McMahon, Mary Alice & Dennis Fitzpatrick and St. Isaac Jogues Rosary Group.





Saturday, November 2

RACE!

Opportunities for the whole family!
Run & Walk & Stroller 5K
Kids Fun Runs (100m and 1/2 mile)

SFXFalcon5k.com

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SFXFalcon5K.com



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If you are not running please check out
where your help is needed, because it's
needed!

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Chicago Bears

Jeff Joniak



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

JOYCE HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER AT 7:00 PM

\$125 PER PERSON

*Cost for Senior members is a donation
to the Men's Club. See below for details.**



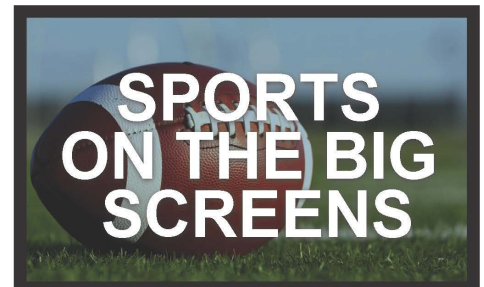
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*All male parishioners age 70 and over contact Matt Hubert directly at mthubert@gmail.com or 773-619-0554

COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Thanks to those who helped sign Christmas cards for prisoners. We signed over 200 cards and Companions was very, very appreciative. Know that the touch of God's love will be a Christmas gift to each of those prisoners.



Left to Right: Rita Baumgart, Beth Olson, Lucy Harck, Mary Sue McDonald, Michelle Mirecki, Jacquelyn Van Gorp, Marge Branecki, Margie Goc, and Debbie Church.



**St. Francis Xavier
Peace & Justice Event
Stateville Calling
Documentary & Discussion
November 10, 2024
3:00-5:00pm
Unity Hall
(between the Church & School)**

We will show *Stateville Calling*, a 50 minute documentary exploring parole reform and the struggle of aging inmates in Illinois followed by a discussion with Bill Ryan and Arkee Chaney.

Bill Ryan is a resident of Plymouth Place, who has spent the last several decades befriending and advocating on behalf of a group of men and women incarcerated for life, helping to abolish the death penalty in Illinois, publishing a newspaper written by prisoners, and ceaselessly negotiating with victim's advocates, legislators and lobbyists from both sides of the aisle.

"Art saved me" said Arkee Chaney about his 33 years in Illinois prisons. Arkee had been sentenced to life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) after being convicted of stealing \$110 in three different burglaries. While incarcerated, Arkee met Dr. Margaret Burroughs, the founder of the DuSable Museum and a volunteer art teacher at Stateville Prison. Dr. Burroughs encouraged Arkee's natural artistic ability. He began painting regularly in his cell and soon was teaching others to create art as well. Eventually the Illinois Prison Review board recommended his sentence be reduced to time served, Governor Pritzker approved, and Arkee was released from prison. Having no living family members who were able to take him in, Arkee came to live with Bill Ryan for two years. During that time, he continued to paint and create ceramics, setting up in Bill's garage, which became his art studio. We will display some of Arkee's art.

The film illustrates the forces that created our system, and surveys the competing arguments and data points at play to equip viewers to decide for themselves what should be done about criminal justice in Illinois.

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Maureen Windmoeller maurwind@gmail.com.



**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
- **Lt. 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

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Deacon
Deacon
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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
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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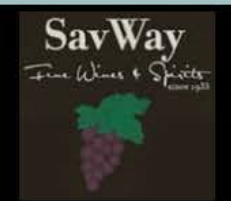
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