SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2023

ALL SOULS~Thursday, November 2, 2023

Marcie Aceto
Phyllis Beckman
Pope Benedict XVI
Gary Berger
Linda Bieniek
Bishop Kevin Birmingham
Charles Bliss
Lou Bourjaily
Joann Brieske
Jock Brown
Robert Burns
Sally Burson
Fran Buscareno
Paul Byron
Pat Callahan
Michael Cannon
Richard Carey
Teresa Cebellos
Yolanda Chavarria
Anita Chilson
Edward Clark
Jonathan Cook
John Cooney
Anna Cossyleon
Sandra Daggett
Rose Delabar
Olivia Denson
Baby Michael DiMarco
Judy D'Isa
Victoria Donile
Adele Driscoll
Rosemary Fanta
Stanley Filipiak
James Fix
Honoree Fleming
Camilo Flores
Adua Frasca
Baby Declan Fulghum
Robert Gana
Albert Gimesky
Mary Grand
Patricia Gregory
Patrick Greyerbiehl
Judith Gusland
Shirley Hamilton
Michael Hayes
Shirley Hennebry
Don Kelly
Marilyn King
Joan Koin
Tricia Krumholz
Frank Lake III
Rosemary Lucas
Jeanne Lusson
Charles Lynch
James Madden
Bishop John Manz
Lino Mardegan
Michael Marro
Patricia McCarty
Jack McDonagh
Michael McDonnell
Laura McGhee
Patrick McGinn
Jodi McMahon
Linda McMahon
Baby Callum McSherry
Agnieszka Michalak
Thomas Millard
Joan Miller
Bob Mungo
Atsuyo Nakamura
John Paul Nemeh
Irene O'Connor
Gladys Palach
Tom Parr
Ed Patyk
Joan Pejsa
John Poole
Marge Reimann
Joseph Resha, Jr.
Maria Rocco
Steve Rodgers
Margaret Roe
John Rogers
John Rokavec
Severin Paul Roth
Francisco Ruiz
John Rutkowski
Michael Sabella
Robert Saraz
Rita Scalcon
Joseph Schaefer
Richard Schmuhl
Rita See
Irene Siebold
Winnie Sinnott
Marlene Siwek
Lorraine Specha
Arvid Stasaitis
Michael Stewart
Diana Sunyog
Judith Sutfin
Carol Swiderski
Cynthia Szustak
Richard Unger
Bonnie Velander
Marilyn Vondrasek
Rose Wall
Helen Wargo
Joan Westerdahl
Vince Winkler
Elouise Wojcik
Karen Wojtowicz
Bonnie Yakowicz
Paul Young
Mary "Pat" Zeiler
John Zotti
Veronica Zurowski
Baby Violet Zurowski

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 30	Mass	8:30 am	Catherine Hofstetter Herbert & Mary Schrack	The Westerhoff Family
Tuesday, October 31	Mass	8:30 am	Mary Stukel	Tom & Lucile Nichol
Wednesday, November 1 All Saints Day	Mass Mass	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Kathy Kriz	The Westerhoff Family
Thursday, November 2 All Souls Day	Mass Mass	8:30 am 7:00 pm		
Friday, November 3	Mass	8:30 am	Joseph Malek	Marcia Malek
Saturday, November 4	Mass	8:30 am	Louie Marasovic Rich Dudek	April Pesut The Jagla Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Agnes Pouba	The Pouba Family
Sunday, November 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Estrella Niedermeyer William Lau Kathy Ogg Tricia Krumholz	The Bier Family Ann & Joe Clark Barb & Bill Ring The SFX Parish Staff

Presider's Schedule for October 28-29, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Milek **7:30 am** Fr. Milek **9:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk **11:00 am** Fr. Milek **5:00 pm** Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

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

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:

Frank Lake III
Husband of Rita
Father of Frank IV & Christopher

Jeanne Lusson
Mother of Michelle, Mark, Karen, Keith & Paul

Weddings

Kelsie Conway & Colin Madock
Lindsay Trost & Marty Napleton

Next Sunday, November 5 2:00 AM

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

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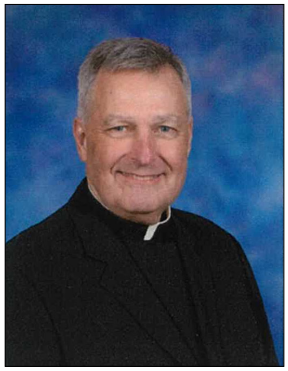
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Pastor's Letter

Called to Tell the Story



St. Francis Xavier is a blessed and gifted faith community that comes to life through our investment of time, talent, and treasure. The parish year that ended on June 30, 2023, was a year of renewed commitment and increased participation. More of you began to feel that it was safe enough to return to weekend Masses. You were joined by a growing number of young families, whose children provide a joyful "toddler chorus" at our Sunday morning Masses. The results of an Archdiocesan survey in the spring affirmed that St. Francis Xavier is a place of welcome, vibrant liturgy, and active outreach to those in need.

Your *stewardship of treasure* made this possible. The following report is one way we remain accountable to all who invest in our parish mission. We highlight some of the ways we practiced the good stewardship of time, talent, and treasure and present some basic statistics and the financial facts and figures at year end. *Your ongoing stewardship of treasure* is crucial to our continued vitality.

This past year, we continued to come into a fuller embodiment of our mission. Name Tag Sundays and "welcome evenings" helped us to better know one another and introduce new families to the parish. The parish gardens began to be restored through the leadership of a descendent of the woman who initiated a garden ministry over thirty years ago. Three open meetings led a discussion of the importance of women holding leadership roles in the Church, including a possible reopening of the ordained diaconate to women. We formed a parish Evangelization Team that has begun to encourage and implement ways in which we can engage in greater outreach to others, sharing our stories and personal experiences of Jesus. We expanded our administrative staff by shifting Jennifer Zeisloft into the position of Director of Stewardship and Development and hiring Peter Brown as our Director of Operations. In short, we established a solid foundation for the Holy Spirit to inspire our further growth and outreach with your support and involvement.

I ask each household to consider prayerfully the financial gift you can offer to fund our mission and ministries *this year*. The "Giving Treasure FAQ" page of this report provides a variety of ways to do so. Consider the value of our parish mission to your household and this community. If you have not yet begun to invest in our mission, please join those of us who do. If you invested in our mission this past year, **thank you!** If you donated electronically or via special gifts, you also helped us to anticipate our income.

Thank you for setting aside time to review the Annual Report. I thank our Director of Stewardship and Development, Jennifer Zeisloft, our Accountant, Jane Bandyk, and the parishioners who serve on our parish Finance Council for their dedication and counsel this past year. A letter from the parish Finance Council offers their perspective on our current financial situation. We are blessed to have such wise stewards of our resources.

God bless you all. Your faithful stewardship of Saint Francis Xavier continues to make us a vibrant community of faith in which *all are welcome* to come to know and serve the Lord Jesus. May we continue to ***tell the story*** and live our mission in Christ.

Peace,

Fr. Bill

Finance Council Letter

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

In our previous annual report, we emphasized the significance of taking a "clear and deliberate look at our financial future as a faith community." We successfully realigned our resources to further develop our stewardship of treasure. The results of this initiative prompted our recommendation and Father Bill's decision to invest in separating the roles of development and financial/operational management, ensuring the long-term stewardship of our parish.

While we have made significant progress, it is crucial to acknowledge the financial challenges we currently face. An operating deficit of $101,562, combined with the $700,000 roof/window project, significantly depleted our savings. Government funding helped us achieve an operating surplus during the 2021-2022 fiscal year, providing relief from the impact of COVID-19. Unfortunately, this funding has now ended. Additionally, inflation rates of 5% in recent years have significantly outpaced our rate of offertory increases. **The Finance Council's primary focus is achieving financial balance in our operations, where revenues match expenses.** Without this balance, we may have to curtail ministries to align our future budgets.

There are several encouraging factors contributing to our financial health:

- Weekend mass attendance and school enrollment is on the rise.
- The number of new families registering at our parish is the highest it has been in years.
- We've made strategic investments in our staff, hiring Deacon Peter Brown as the Director of Operations.
- We've created a Development Director role, with Jennifer Zeisloft transitioning into this position.

We humbly request our fellow parishioners who currently contribute to consider a 5% increase in your offertory gift for the fiscal year 2024. Our budget was approved with an operating deficit of approximately $90,000, after accounting for a 5% offertory increase. For those who are not regular contributors, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the parish financially on an annual basis. Out of our 3,300 registered parishioners, only about 40% donated monetarily at some point during the past fiscal year. **Various methods of giving can be found on the final page of this report.**

We are immensely grateful for your trust in our stewardship of the financial resources of St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our parish is blessed with an exceptional staff and volunteer base whose deepest desire is to act as missionary disciples of Christ. Let us collectively support them in their mission.

With gratitude and blessings,

Mike Bruni, Cathy Bier, Jennifer Driscoll, Tom Kostal, Rob Metzger, Jim Owen (Chair), Meredith Ritchie, John Schaff

Stewardship

Devoting Time in Prayer

"Hail, Mary, full of grace…" A tradition stretching back at least 500 years. St. John Paul II called it his favorite prayer. The rosary is prayed by many SFX parishioners as they devote time to God. For example, every Thursday, parishioners come together on Thursday mornings at 8:15am in the church or by the Mary Garden (weather permitting). Some bring special intentions. Others give an update on a special intention they may have shared previously. And then they pray the rosary. Newcomers are welcomed, settling in to learn anew what they may have observed their parents or grandparents pray often. Says Keli Dudek, "This group is my favorite at St. Francis. With all the stresses – from our kids at home to the wide-world – praying the rosary brings me faith, peace, and the confidence that Mary's hand is in the world."

The elementary school and SFX parishioners gather each October in the parking lot, praying the Living Rosary. As Katie Filbin shares, "I'm always amazed at how moving it is to hear our entire student body, along with fellow parishioners, pray the rosary together. It was a gorgeous fall morning and I have no doubt that everyone felt the presence of our Blessed Mother."

These are just two of many groups within our parish that pray the rosary.

If you would like a rosary, please contact the rectory office. And come join us on Thursday morning!

Sharing Talent

Our parish is blessed with many strong volunteer leaders. In Fall 2022, Katie Mulcahy approached Mary Freeman, our Outreach Coordinator, and Maggie McMahon, our Pastoral Associate, to promote dialogue on the restoration of the female diaconate. "Re-thinking the Participation of Women in the Church" was one of the major topics about which Pope Francis invited dialogue in light of the Synod on Synodality (taking place as of this publication date!). With women in the lead roles, SFX Parish hosted three listening sessions to gather input from parishioners ranging from ages 15 to 88. The Spirit electrified the room!

St. Francis Xavier Parish was a key leader in this Discerning Deacon archdiocesan-wide initiative. We experienced some of the fruits of these listening sessions in September at Mass when five women shared their reflections of the Sunday Scriptures. **Very few parishes offer an opportunity for men and women to reflect on Scripture during the homily. We are indeed blessed to have such faith-filled volunteers who share their talents with us all!** Stay tuned for updates on this topic throughout the year in our bulletin.

Stewardship

Giving Treasure

Historically the practiced model of "church" for American Catholics was one of first believing the same things and **then** belonging to one another. Presently inspired by Renew My Church, St. Francis is responding to the needs of our contemporary society by flipping the historical model upside down...first: you belong. You belong to God, you belong to Love, and *we* belong to *each other*. This belonging, this deep sense of community and welcome, then brings us to believe and behave as a community. Those who already feel this sense of belonging are called to act as instruments of Jesus' love by witnessing their faith and inviting others to do the same.

To facilitate both the experience of belonging and the ministry of witness and invitation, the parish staff and Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) placed an emphasis on hospitality last year. Hospitality moments which took place last year (Nametag Sundays, the Yule Flip, after-Mass socials) were building blocks which strengthened, and continue to strengthen, our community. Those who might have been tentative entering into these moments met others who welcomed them. **Your donations provide opportunities for our community to get to know each other and support each other as disciples, so taking the next step as witnesses in faith is that much easier.**

In gratitude for your stewardship,
Jennifer Zeisloft
Director of Stewardship & Development

Enrollment Statistics

Elementary School Enrollment
October 2022: 418
October 2023: 449

Religious Education Enrollment
October 2022: 611
October 2023: 609

Parish Statistics

Baptisms
2021-2022 70
2022-2023 175

Confirmations
2021-2022 115
2022-2023 126

Funerals/Burials
2021-2022 73
2022-2023 64

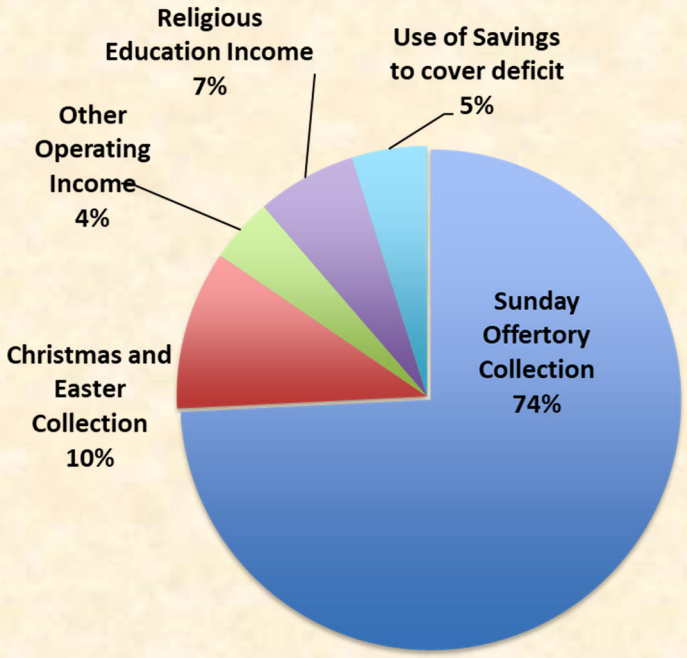
First Communions
2021-2022 134
2022-2023 117

Marriages
2021-2022 63
2022-2023 25

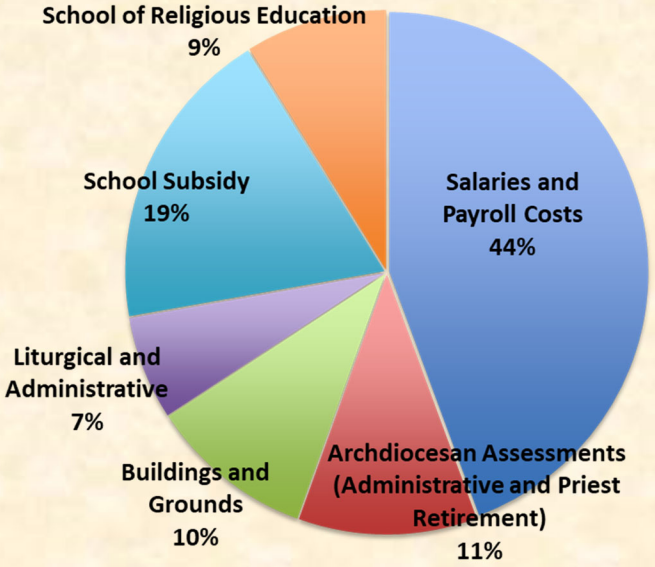
Newly Registered Families
2021-2022 105
2022-2023 104

Revenue and Support

2022-2023 Revenue and Support
Church and School of Religious Education



2022-2023 Expenses
Church and School of Religious Education



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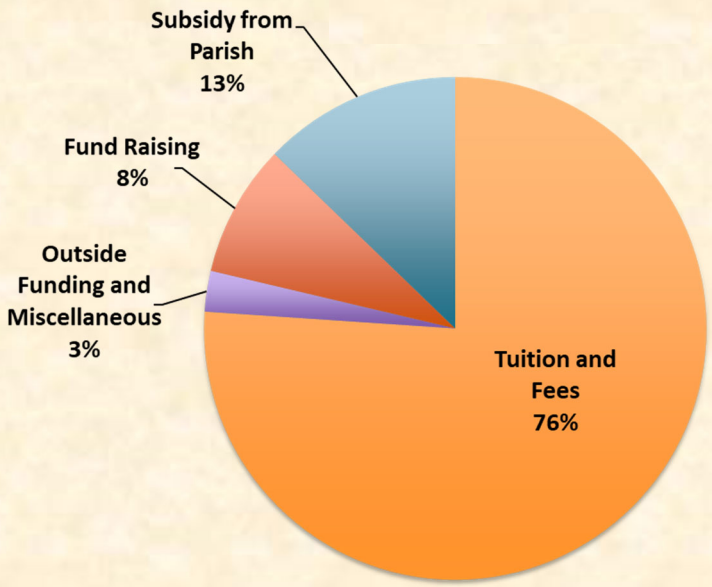
Elementary School



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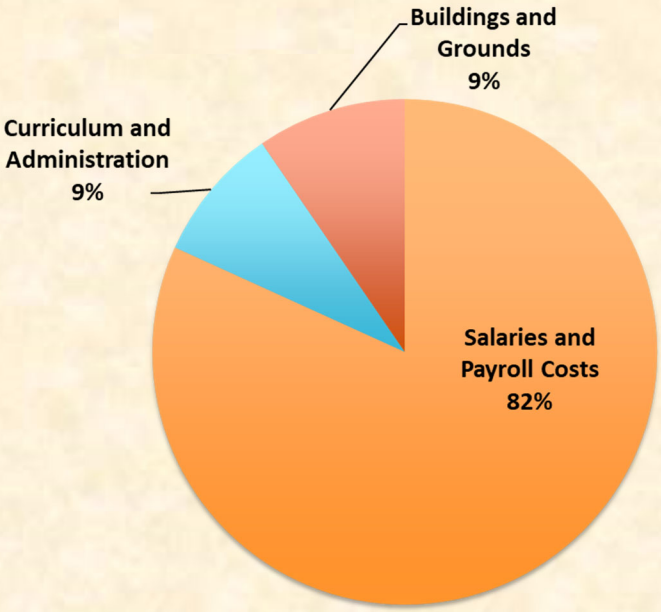

Finance Report

During budget preparation, the Finance Council, Director of Operations, and Principal strive to present the Pastor with a budget for approval whereby income equals expenses. For the 2023-2024 budget, the Finance Council recommended a 5% offertory increase and the use of $89,833 in parish savings to cover the budget deficit.

	Actual 6/30/2022	Actual 6/30/2023	Budget 6/30/2024
OPERATING CHURCH REVENUE			
Sundays, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter	$ 1,743,632	$ 1,761,074	$ 1,846,000
Other Operating Income and Interest Income	59,015	87,014	62,050
Religious Education Tuition, Fees, and Fundraising	93,785	134,059	129,490
Total Church Revenue	**$ 1,896,432**	**$ 1,982,147**	**$ 2,037,540**
OPERATING CHURCH/RECTORY EXPENSES			
Salaries, FICA, Health, Retirement Share, Prof Growth	$ 824,898	$ 924,385	$ 960,673
Archdiocesan Admin, Priest Retirement	256,736	232,164	243,038
Buildings and Grounds	236,242	214,193	219,459
Liturgical and Administrative	126,696	134,272	145,742
School Subsidy (see below)	152,507	394,540	373,201
Religious Education Expenses	147,291	184,155	185,260
Total Church/Rectory Expenses	**$ 1,744,369**	**$ 2,083,709**	**$ 2,127,373**
NET CHURCH OPERATING EXCESS (DEFICIT)	**$ 152,062**	**$ (101,562)**	**$ (89,833)**
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REVENUE			
Tuition, Fees and Misc. Operating Income	$ 2,509,566	$ 2,427,682	$ 2,718,465
Fundraising	266,148	262,900	300,000
Total School Revenue	$ 2,775,714	$ 2,690,582	$ 3,018,465
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXPENSES			
Salaries, FICA, Health, Retirement Share, Prof Growth	$ 2,422,000	$ 2,522,984	$ 2,702,103
Buildings and Grounds	279,956	295,099	313,813
Instructional, Technology, and Other Operating Expense	226,265	267,039	375,750
Total School Expenses	$ 2,928,221	$ 3,085,122	$ 3,391,666
(DEFICIT/SUBSIDY FROM PARISH)	**$ (152,507)**	**$ (394,540)**	**$ (373,201)**

NON-OPERATING REVENUE		
SFX received other (non-operating) income during the fiscal year:		
Building/Capital Project Fund		
Parishioner Donations		$ 103,656
Women's Club Contributions (fundraising events)		25,164
Men's Club Contributions (fundraising events)		10,000
Bequests		20,000
Memorials		8,553
	TOTAL	$ 167,373

Other Financial Information

STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION

	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	
Unrestricted Funds					
Cash and Savings on Deposit	944,564	1,758,742	1,462,994	1,430,263	
Current Cash Liabilities	471,293	540,551	545,359	535,406	
Net Cash Position	**$ 473,272**	**$ 1,218,191**	**$ 917,635**	**$ 894,858**	
Restricted Funds for Long Term Initiatives					
Building Fund	69,362	197,301	178,559	117,335	Note 1
Education Building			627,220	491,262	Note 2
Payroll Protection Program (PPP)	690,202	-	-	-	
Capital Campaign Fund	98,742	-	-	-	
Parish Endowment Fund	211,928	277,486	267,155	384,164	Note 3
Educational Endowment Fund	783,427	1,032,065	976,425	932,227	Note 3
Restricted Funds on Deposit	$ 1,853,660	$ 1,506,852	$ 2,049,359	$ 1,924,988	Note 4

Note 1: A masonry tuckpointing project was completed in July 2023, costing approximately $50,000.

Note 2: The Education Building Roof and Window project was completed in September 2023.

Note 3: The Educational Endowment Fund charter has been amended to benefit the operating and capital expenses of the elementary school only. An estimation of $100,000 originally intended for all parish educational purposes was reallocated from the Educational Endowment Fund to the Parish Endowment Fund for use in covering operating and capital expenses of all parish education endeavors.

Note 4: In October 2023, restricted funds on deposit fell to about $1.4 million when liabilities for the window/roof and masonry projects were paid out.

OTHER GIVING

SFX received directed donations for the following Outreach ministries:

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 (Payments through June 2023)	$ 91,335
SFX Food Pantry Donations*	64,422
St. Agatha Parish	19,052
St. Vincent de Paul	13,811
Fuller Center for Housing (previously Habitat for Humanity)	9,246
Other Charitable Organizations (for complete list, click here)	62,322
TOTAL	$ 260,188

*As of June 30, 2023, the Food Pantry maintained reserves of $166,264, which are not included in our **net** cash position because they will be used for food pantry purposes only.

Giving Treasure - Frequently Asked Questions

Considering which method of giving is right for you? Curious about ways in which St. Francis parishioners give? Check out the FAQ below.

What method of giving is most cost-effective for the parish?

Online donations from your bank checking or savings account. The processing fees for these are about 0.5%, as compared to credit card fees of 3.5%. For example, an annual donation of $1,000 via bank account provides support of $995, compared to $965 from credit card. We are happy to report that the largest percentage of last year's Sunday offertory funds (32%) came from this method of giving. To give in this method, scan the QR code below or Click Here.

If I want to give using my credit card, can I cover the higher transaction fee?

Yes – now you can! This is new to Give Central, our online giving processor. Log into your Give Central account and select "I would like to cover the processing fee" when you make or change your contribution. Currently, about 22% of our annual Sunday offertory is received from this method. To give in this method, scan the QR code below or Click Here.

Can I continue using my offertory envelopes?

Absolutely. We continue to receive 30% of our Sunday offertory in this way. We are looking at ways to reduce the cost of printing and mailing, and there may be future changes to the number of envelopes and frequency of mailing.

How important is my Christmas or Easter donation?

Very important! As the pie charts on the Revenue and Support page demonstrate, these two special donations totaled 10% ($215,000) of our funding last year. While all parishioners receive the envelopes with Fr. Bill's Christmas and Easter reflections, you can alternatively set up online giving right now using the QR code below or Clicking Here.

Are there any other methods to give to offertory?

Donations of appreciated stock, IRA distributions, and donor advised funds are just a few ways in which donors give so generously. Contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development (jzeisloft@sfxlg.org or 708/352-0168), if you have questions about these giving methods.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms...If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."
– 1 Peter 4:10-11

Make a donation with this QR code.

Thank you for your support to SFX Parish!

All Souls Day Mass
Thursday, November 2
7:00 pm

We extend to you and your family an invitation to join us here at St. Francis on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 pm for our All Soul's Day 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.

Register NOW for the Falcon 5K Run/Walk

www.SFXfalcon5k.com

Saturday
November 4th
8:00 am

Religious Education News

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.**

Veterans Mass and Reception

This year our St. Francis Xavier School 5th graders' service theme is Honoring Veterans and Active Duty Members. A component of their service includes writing letters to active duty members. In addition, the 5th graders will be hosting a mass & reception honoring our Veterans and Active Duty Members - this is set to take place on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

The 5th graders would love to invite local veterans/ active duty service members to the mass and reception on 11/3/23. They will send personal, mailed invitations to the event to names submitted. This is where our 5th graders need your help!!!

If you are or know of a veteran OR active duty member that we can invite to the mass/reception please RSVP providing their name, address and current status to grade5service@sfxlg.org. If you have any additional information you can share about the veteran or active duty member we would appreciate it. Multiple names are welcome!

Questions?
Contact Emily Czuba and Cathy Derus (5th Grade Service Leads) at grade5service@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 7

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com
or
Jack Horrigan 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.

15% of sales benefit
St. Francis Xavier Religious Education
October 29, 2023 from 11:00am to 9:00pm

Mention this fundraiser to your cashier (when dining in or carrying out) to make sure your organization gets credit for your purchase. We appreciate you using Jason's Deli to support your fundraising needs.

Jason's Deli
2060 York Road, Oak Brook

Are you going to hang a Christmas wreath this year? Why not support SFX's Cub Scouts?

Our pack is selling wreaths to support our adventures and service projects. We keep 30% of all sales.

Our wreaths are lovely - and priced in line with what you'd pay in a store. Best of all, they're delivered directly to your door just in time for the holidays by one of our scouts!

Order deadline is October 31. Wreaths arrive on November 18 and will be distributed shortly thereafter.

To place an order, you can use this QR code or click here.

SFX MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL
PIG ROAST

With Special Guests

'85 Chicago Bear & Super Bowl Champion
Tom Thayer

Voice of the Chicago Bears
Jeff Joniak

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
JOYCE HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
DINNER AT 7:00 PM
$100 PER PERSON

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

BEACH AVE BBQ EST 2016

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Beach Ave BBQ!

Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda

Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

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

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry		
Pastor	***Rev. William Tkachuk***	wtkachuk@sfxlg.org
Associate Pastor	***Rev. Richard Milek***	rmilek@sfxlg.org
Deacon	***Andrew Allison***	aallison@sfxlg.org
Deacon	***Phil Gianatasio***	pgianatasio@sfxlg.org
Pastoral Associate	***Margaret McMahon***	mmcmahon@sfxlg.org
Director of Community Outreach	***Mary Freeman***	mfreeman@sfxlg.org
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister	***Rev. William Killeen***	
Weekend Sacramental Minister	***Rev. Stan Ilo***	
Education Ministry		
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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, 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.

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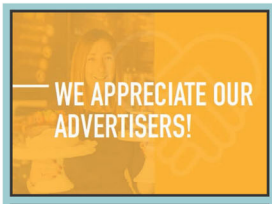

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