



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

All Saints Day November 1, 2025

All Souls Day November 2, 2025

All Souls' Remembrance Mass Monday, November 3, 2025 7:00pm

Marivic Alandy	Theresa Gazdziak	Philomena Messina
John Albertini	John Gleason	Robert Mical
Lona Atkinson	Edward Glynn	Maria Morales
Veronica Bagnuolo	Richard Goggins	Margaret Morel
Edward Barrett	Teresa Grannoni	John Mulholland
Marion Berger	Mimi Grimes	Rose Naputano
Eileen Brennan-Shoevlin	John Hagan	Ed Nowak
Kevin Brooks	Lucy Harck	Ed O'Connell
Catherine Brown	Jeff Hemminger	Clarice Olson
Kathleen Campbell	Bud Hoekstra	Maureen Owens
Edward Carr	Charlotte Hrubes	Mario Pasin
Mary Carroll-Jacques	Marianne Hurley	Diana Pasquinelli
Flo Christiano	Laura Januszewski	Gerald Patera
Robert Ciszewski	Nancy Johnson	Rosa Maria Perez-Figueroa
Jean Comer	James Jordan	Bruce Petersen
Dolores Crilly	Baby Owen De Leon Joyce	Colleen Pora
Josephine Cuchetto	Sarah Kacey	Wanda Praglowski
Claudette Danna	Bob Kallal	Marisol Rivera
Anthony D'Apice	Doris Kaps	Anna Russo
Kenneth D'Apice	George Kaup	Sr. Grace Sbrissa
Richard Deeman	Steven Kent	Joe Shanley
Abby Doherty	Jack Kiley	Sheila Slonskis
Barbara Doyle	Robert Kozurek	Rosemary Suchor
Matthew Doyle	Jean Kupec	Amanda Svilva
Meg Duranty	Marta Lastres	Theresa Toher
Frank Edelmann	Fr. Pat Lee	David Twomey
David Ehrich, Jr.	Sheila Link	Therese Tylus
Jennifer Elidaza	Rita Magner	Kenneth Uhler
Jack Farritor	Ronald Malec	Faith Vandermar
Fred Ferber	Richard Mannes	Joel Vargo
John Ferguson	Sharon Maresso	Cesar Velarde
Nancy Filip	John Marolis	Jeanette Waleske
Jane Flynn	Alicja Matyjaszczyk	Eileen West
Thomas Flynn	Nancy Joan McCarthy	Anne Wiemeler
Evelyn Freeman	Marge McDevitt	Jim Wilson
Ernie Froemel	Brian McLaughlin	Tom Witte
Liba Gartnerova	Geri McMahan	John Wolfe
Greg Gauthier	Emilio Messina	

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 3	Mass	8:30 am	Kay Malec Patrick Welch Special Intention	Julie Malec Patrick Daly
Tuesday, November 4	Mass	8:30 am	Larry Skippet	Nancy Panson
Wednesday, November 5	Mass	8:30 am	Michael Daly	Patrick Daly
Thursday, November 6	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Greg Gauthier	The Cooley Family
Friday, November 7	Mass	8:30 am	Michelle Mikula	The Driscoll Family
Saturday, November 8	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Dorice Gunn Marie Capellani	Jill Topf Pat DeMars
Sunday, November 9	Mass	7:30 am	Sharon Maresso	The Manning Family
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Mass	9:00 am	Ralph Rudolph Peg Morsch Foley Emmett Vaughan	Patty Lannan The Morsch Family Dolores Frankiewicz
	Mass	11:00 am	George Joseph & Jean Rose Manske	Meribeth Mermall
	Mass	5:00 pm	Donald Gross	The Welch Family

Presider's Schedule for November 1-2, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Chrzan

11:00 am Fr. Ilo

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio	Robert McMahon
Poppy Booth	Amy Miller
George Braasch	Brandon Moffett
Vivian Brickhouse	Greg Molinari
Joe Canepa	Patrick Morgan
Baby Caroline Cliggett	Bill Mroz
Mary Ann Curry	Ann Marie Nidos
Bruce Dold	Jim O'Brien
Blake Donegan	Connie O'Dette
Nathan Emkow	Mark Reilly
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Richard Reveles
Allen Godlewski	Amy Robinson
Vincenzo Guzzo	John Shramek
Junie Haase	Rita Mae Spearman
Angela Hill	Lyle Sprat
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Gregg Stephenson
Richard Holbach	Barbara Stewart
Michelle Jackson	John Stopka
Patricia Jones	Sophie Stratton
Nora Lou Kampe	Catie Sullivan
Terri Bergen Klein	Olivia Tarsney
Michelle Kram	Joe Vargas
Ella Mae Kuzel	Baby Emma Wallace
Eleanor Love	Liz Wilk

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

Born Into Eternal Life

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



Sheila Slonskis
Sister of Michelle Mirecki

Elizabeth "Faith" Vandermar
Mother of Jacki, Terri, Lorri & Cindi

Weddings

Emma Veon & Dan Donahue
Claudia Esparza & Hugo Ortiz



Make a gift to the
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**This Sunday,
November 2
2:00 AM**

Pastor's Letter

Fr. John's Homily from last Sunday

These days there's a saying that you hear often, especially in Church circles: "Christianity is alive and well, but mainstream denominational religion (the divided Church) is fading fast."

We're already in the second generation of folks who would describe themselves as being "spiritual, but not religious." At first that might sound alarming, especially for those of us who've given our lives to the service of the Church. It can stir anxiety about what's happening to our parishes, our pews, and our institutions.

I happen to believe that we are already living in a post-denominational Christian world. The arc of Church history is a long one, but from what I see, I'm sure that it's bending towards greater unity among Christians. The boundaries that have set different communities of Christians apart for centuries have lost much of their relevance for many people today.

I've come to understand this not merely as a story of dying, but as one of rising. Because maybe what's fading is not the Church at all - maybe what's fading is just the shell of the Church of the past. Maybe what's falling away are the walls that we build around the Gospel, so that something truer, freer, and more Christlike can be born instead.

Across the world, Christianity is bursting with life. In Africa, Latin America, and Asia, the faith is young, joyful, and contagious. There, the Church isn't an institution so much as a heartbeat - a gathering of people praying together, singing, serving, and loving. Faith is not a concept, but an encounter. It's Jesus alive in their midst.

Even here at St. Francis Xavier, I see the same Spirit moving. In the ministries and groups that serve the spiritual needs of our people. In young adults who are hungry for meaning in their lives and for justice in the world. In seekers who may not know the Catholic Creed by heart, but who long to live it with their hearts open wide.

Yes, Christianity is alive and well - it just may not look like it used to. What's fading isn't faith; it's form. People today are not walking away from God. They are walking away from what, to them, feels inauthentic. They're longing for authenticity over authority, relationship over rules, mission over maintenance, and Jesus over "the brand." They're weary of churches that seem more concerned with preserving structures than with transforming lives. They want to belong before they're expected to believe, and they want to see love in action before they hear it preached.

That's not rebellion. That's hunger - I would call it holy hunger - for what's real and true. And maybe that's exactly where the Spirit is leading us now. Because at its heart, the Church has never been about buildings or denominations. It's always been about people - broken, beautiful, blessed people - gathered by

grace, united by love, and sent to serve. When we strip away the extra layers, what remains is what Jesus intended from the beginning: a movement of mercy, a fellowship of forgiveness, and a community of compassion. That is what it means to be the Body of Christ in the world today - alive, breathing, loving, and real. That is the path forward for us. To **belong** - to welcome everyone without condition or reservation, because that's what God does. To **believe** - not just with our heads, but with our hearts, trusting that love is the truest doctrine of all. And to **be love** - to live it boldly, humbly, and bear-heartedly. If denominational religion is declining, then maybe this is God's pruning season - cutting away what's no longer life-giving - so that the vine can bear new and abundant fruit. Maybe this is the Spirit's gentle way of saying, "Come back to what matters most." So, no, the Church isn't dying. It's being reborn. And as pastors and ministers, as believers, as folks with big, generous hearts - our call is to help nurture this new birth; to stand tall, to love deeply, and to embody the Gospel with joy and authenticity. Because the world doesn't need more denominations. It needs more disciples. It needs people who **belong**, who **believe**, and who are ready to **be love**. It needs us.



Welcome

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

Michael DeAlba
Mike & Samantha Galligan
Ann Harris
Noelle Iglesias-Ostiguin
Steve Krug & Colleen O'Connor
Kathleen Lennon
Joanne Lessor
Sarah Manjarrez
Bridget Patton
Pamela Pizza
Timothy & Kathryn Tomaszewski
John & Laura Walsh
Jillian Wilder
Thaddeus & Gabriela Zuzga



Welcome New Parishioners

We invite all parishioners who registered with the parish to stop by Unity Hall after the 9:00am Mass on November 9th to receive a special Christmas ornament blessed by Fr. John. Join us for coffee, donuts, and a chance to connect with other parishioners. We hope to see you there!

—The Welcome Committee

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO SFX!

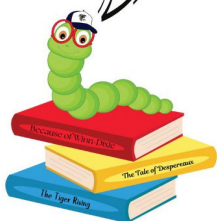


Joyce Hall

Tuesday, November 4
3:15 pm to 8 pm

Wednesday, November 5
8 am to 12 pm

Visitors must sign in with the school office



All Souls' Remembrance Mass Monday, November 3 7:00 pm

We extend to you and your family an invitation to join us at Saint Francis Xavier Parish for a Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 3 at 7:00 pm. 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.

Religious Education News



Our Registration for the In Person Program is now closed, BUT registrations for our 1 – 8 Online Program are 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>



Adoption and Foster Care Mass and Reception



Please join the Old Saint Patrick's Community for a celebration of everyone who is part of the adoption and fostering journey.

The **Blessing of Adoption and Foster Care Mass** will take place on **Sunday, November 9 at 5:00pm** and will be followed by a dinner reception in the rectory. All are welcome!

We hope you can join us!

Questions?

Reach out to Rachelle Lindo, Co-chair
rachelle.lindo@gmail.com.

The Adoption Creed

Not flesh of my flesh nor bone of my bone,
but still miraculously my own.
Never forget for a single minute,
you didn't grow under my heart, but in it.
~Author unknown

Companions Journeying Together

Thanks to all who came to write Christmas cards to prisoners. Not only did we enjoy each other's company, we were able to write over 200 cards. Through our sixty minutes of volunteer time, we sent the love, joy, and blessing of the Lord to over 200 people who deeply need to be touched by the Lord's love, especially at the holiday season.

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Party First Wednesday of the Month at 8:00pm!



Location rotates between homes. Email Claire Jakubisin claire.jakubisin@gmail.com or join the Toddling Together Group on the parish Hallow page to stay up-to-date on the location.



Jim Donahue State Farm Cereal Collection For St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry



To celebrate the season of giving, Jim Donahue State Farm is collecting breakfast cereal for the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry for the month of November. Cereal is one of the most requested items at food pantries, and our office has partnered with St. Francis Xavier to help those in our community impacted by food insecurity. Cereal boxes of all varieties and sizes welcome. Donations can be dropped off Mondays through Fridays, 9:00am to 5:00pm at our office located at 1005 E. 31st Street in LaGrange Park.

HEARTS ON FIRE

THE 120: YOUTH GROUP

LIVES ON MISSION



HIGH SCHOOL TEENS & PARENTS

The 120 exists to lead young hearts into a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, rooted in prayer, community, and mission. This high school youth group (9th-12th) is inspired by the early Church. We gather to grow in faith, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and be sent out as bold witnesses to the Gospel by:

- Coming together as a community in social events
- Dedicating time to serve the community
- Taking on leadership roles
- Leading each other through prayer
- Supporting each other in faith and friendship



WANT TO JOIN THE 120?

CHECK OUT THE PARISH
WEBSITE AND CLICK THE YOUTH
MINISTRY TAB FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL CHRISSY
(OUR YOUTH MINISTER):
CALAGNA@SFXLG.ORG



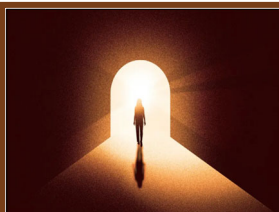
CHURCH LEAGUE

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW
(COACHES NEEDED!)

Church League is a group of local churches that organize a basketball season for high school teens who are not playing on a high school team. This is a great opportunity for teens to work together as a team, bond, and create community!

closes November 15th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL Calagna@sfxlg.org



Our “Spooky Season” Hallow Prayer Challenge Began on October 19th! *Near Death Experiences*

Journey with those who’ve been to the after-life and back as they tell their stories of heaven, hell and what lies beyond. 8 million Americans have reported having a near-death experience, but stories of people who were clinically dead claiming to have seen Heaven can leave us skeptical. What if we could verify these stories? Join us in a conversation with Father Robert Spitzer, S.J. as he helps us explore the scientific evidence for near-death experiences and introduces us to the stories of those who have lived them. Where does scientific exploration of life after death lead us? We’ll spend these seven days seeking the answer together.

Our Prayer Challenges are always free! Join via the St. Francis Xavier parish page on Hallow: go to hallow.com/parish and enter zip code “60525” to find St. Francis Xavier, LaGrange. Parishioners also receive all premium content at 25% discount after a 6 month free trial. Email parishsupport@hallow.app for help.



Pink Ribbon Community

A group for women at Saint Francis Xavier who share the firsthand experience of hearing, “You have breast cancer.” We will build community based on the foundation of our faith and our common diagnosis, focusing on supporting each other at all stages of the journey. We also will establish a network for reaching out to other women in the parish who find themselves grappling with a breast cancer diagnosis.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code to express your interest in this new community.

Questions? Email Shannon Nowak at shwood13@gmail.com.



Family Outreach Ministry



Join the Saint Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program.

The dates are:

November 8, 2025,
January 3, 2026,
March 7, 2026,
May 2, 2026



There are two time slots from which to choose:

- 9:00-11:00am: Food prep and cooking
- 11:00am-1:00pm: Food serving & clean up

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

Register, [click here](#).

Questions?

Contact Rachel Peterson 708-870-8808, petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net, Ana Dimailig 312-339-5955, apd3@core.com or Sara Whittleton 708-274-0574, sarawhittleton@gmail.com.

Veterans Day Mass and Reception



The 5th grade students at Saint 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 10, with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 3 to Erin O'Brien, eobrien719@gmail.com or 708-227-3746. We hope to see you there!



SPECIAL INVITATION FOR SFX VETERANS

Saturday, November 15th
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Joyce Hall
3:30–5:00 PM

On November 15th, Religious Education students will participate in a special service event focused on honoring veterans and learning the importance of gratitude and service.

We warmly invite SFX Veterans to join us and engage in informal conversations with students during the event.



If you would like to attend, RSVP to Terese Kartholl at terese.m.kartholl@gmail.com or 773.551.2117.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A Special Thanks to our Prayer Shawl ministry members for sharing their gifts with those in need of comfort and healing.

We distributed **97 shawls and blankets** at our blessing weekend. Please know that you can come to the Rectory anytime to select a shawl or blanket for someone in need.

Next meeting:
November 12, 2025 4:00-5:00pm,
Rectory Courtyard Room

Ministry Members: Rita Baumgart, Marge Branecki, Lorraine Donegan, Barb Foreman, Dolores Frankiewicz, Marilu Halm, Nancy Klaud, Michaeline Kruszynski, Susie Lehuta, Michelle Mirecki, Bernadette Pickens, Theresa Rodgers, Barbara Schumacher, Barbara Szulc, Trudi Urchell, and Sarah Zavala.



With Special Guests

'85 Chicago Bear &
Super Bowl Champion

Tom Thayer

Voice of the
Chicago Bears

Jeff Joniak



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

JOYCE HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER AT 7:00 PM

\$125 PER PERSON

\$75 FOR YOUNG ALUMNI

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



Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Beach Ave BBQ!

Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda



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Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



KEEP HOPE ALIVE 2025

You are invited to join **Cardinal Blase J. Cupich** to support the Archdiocese of Chicago's local Immigration Ministry and National Pastoral Migratoria®.

Monday, November 3, 2025 | 6 – 8 p.m.

Saint Ignatius College Prep
1076 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608

Co-chairs: **Rev. L. Scott Donahue** and **Peter O'Brien**

Special remarks will be given by
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich.

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26th World Scout Jamboree 2027 in Gdańsk, Poland

Scouts from Our Area Prepare to Step “Bravely” into the Future at 2027 World Scout Jamboree in Poland. Scouts from the Pathway to Adventure Council are gearing up for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure--the **2027 World Scout Jamboree in Gdańsk, Poland**. The event will bring together more than **40,000 Scouts from 170 countries** for two weeks of international friendship, outdoor adventure, and cultural exchange.

The theme of the 26th World Scout Jamboree is “**Bravely**,” a call for young people to face the future with courage, compassion, and curiosity. Hosted by the World Organization of Scouting and Polish Scouting Association, the Jamboree will celebrate what it means to live and lead bravely in today's world.

“Scouting teaches courage—not just to climb mountains or sail rivers, but to be kind, to lead, and to care for others,” said **Kate Mulcahy**, International Scout Representative for the Pathway to Adventure Council.

“The theme ‘Bravely’ reflects the heart of Scouting everywhere.”

Scouts ages 14–17 can apply now to join the U.S. contingent traveling to Poland in 2027. In addition to the Jamboree, participants will take part in leadership training and team-building activities that prepare them for global citizenship.

Since 1920, the **World Scout Jamboree** has united young people from across the globe every four years to share ideas, cultures, and a vision for a better world. For many Scouts, it's an experience that changes how they see themselves — and the world — forever.

For more information on how to get involved, visit the U.S. Contingent site at: wsj2027.us or contact **Kate Mulcahy** at Kate.mulcahy@me.com.



Wanted

Our parish's fathers whose youngest child is now in high school (or beyond) where ol' Coach Dad is now available to bear more fruit in our community.



The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a youth multi-level state free-throw contest this winter and we'd like our biggest basketball fans to join us to help make it great.



We're a fraternal Order that is an international Catholic men's ministry that is first in support of those with the most need. "Vivat Jesus!" has been our Latin motto since our 1882 founding because Jesus is central to our mission. Your home council has been leading good works in the greater LaGrange community since 1973. We could do much more with you involved, and we're inviting you to join us. It's easy. Simply send a text message to Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to get started. Today. To Knight! www.KofCLaGrange.org.

Let's Begin A Christmas Tradition in the Greater LaGrange Area Too

Since 1953, nearby Elmhurst has had a custom known as the "Front Yard Christmas Tree Tradition" where its residents stake small, freshly cut Christmas trees in their front lawns or parkways, decorated with lights and ornaments, to create a community glow of Christmas cheer. Modest 6' tall Christmas trees transform entire blocks into twinkling wonderlands.



Our Knights council thinks we can match that spirit. Order your 6' tall freshly cut Christmas Tree for \$65 today by contacting Brian Lisek at brian.lisek@me.com for delivery directly to your home during the beginning of Thanksgiving week by the LaGrange Council Knights Community Faith In Action team with no delivery charge.

The ordering window closes on Monday, November 10. These K of C Christmas trees are cut down at the Wisconsin tree farm on Sunday, November 23, making them the freshest trees available. So why not order your inside Christmas tree as well? Heights up to 12 feet (\$150) are available. Our team will deliver both directly to your home, just in time for Thanksgiving weekend decorating with no delivery charge. Each Christmas tree purchased helps the Knights do more in our community, www.KofCLaGrange.org.



Thank You

A special thanks to Carol and Craig Jacklin and Mike Hattie for coordinating the annual Knights of Columbus Fall Food Drive. We are grateful to Jewel in LaGrange Park for allowing us to accept generous donations from their shoppers. A heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus volunteers who stood outside the store all day requesting and accepting donations. Our empty shelves are filled again!

Please continue to provide donations of all types of food (e.g., cereal, canned goods, pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter and jelly, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc.) to the pantry. Donations can be dropped off at the side door of the Rectory (Door #5) on Mondays 9:00am-noon, the side altars of the church or the Rectory office. Thank you for your continued generosity!



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 4

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



Prayerful Pause

November 10 from 9:00-9:15am

No matter where we are in the world, we are ONE Community and we need each other. Meets Weekly on Mondays, 9:00–9:15am, Wednesdays, 9:00–9:15am, and Thursdays, 4:30–5:00pm. Free will donations encouraged. Drop in and connect meaningfully with others via Zoom only.

Reiki Circle

November 11 from 10:00-11:00 am

Join us for our in-person Reiki Circle to activate the healing energy you were born with, feel more calm, optimistic and empowered. Monthly; Second Tuesdays; In-Person at The Well. Facilitated by certified Reiki practitioners. Meets Monthly; Second Tuesdays: 10:00–11:00am. Free will Donations encouraged. In-Person Only.

Learn more & register:

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

BLOOD DRIVE COUNTDOWN

1 MONTH

Your Blood Drive is One Month Away!

Blood Drive Details

St. Francis Xavier Parish Blood Drive

November 25, 2025

3:00-7:00pm

145 North Waiola Avenue

(Ogden & Waiola)

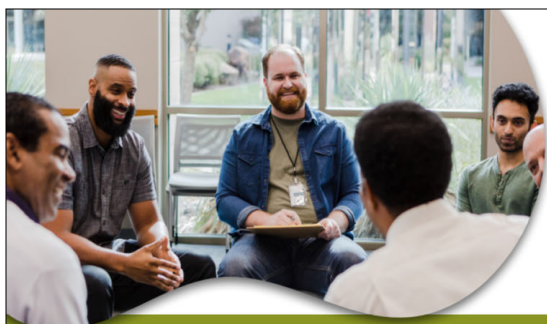
LaGrange

Drive Goal: 18

Schedule appointments:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11624098

- ◆ Helpful tips before donating:
- ◆ Get a good night's sleep
- ◆ Eat a healthy meal before donating
- ◆ Be well hydrated
- ◆ Make sure to bring your ID, such as your driver's license



Join Us



November 14-16, 2025

St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

Go to

www.midwestaugustinians.org for more details.



MEN'S RETREAT

STRAIGHT PATHS AND RESTLESS HEARTS: SEEKING WISDOM IN A NOISY WORLD

This fall, join men from across our communities for a powerful weekend of prayer, reflection, and fraternity. In a world filled with distraction and pressure, we are invited to return to the stillness where God's wisdom is found. Rooted in the spirituality of St. Augustine, this retreat will help you quiet your soul, seek clarity, and walk more confidently in God's path.

Facilitated by **Bishop Dan Turley, O.S.A.**, is a lifelong Augustinian missionary who has served 56 years in Latin America. Ordained in 1968, he became Bishop of Chulucanas and now serves as Bishop Emeritus. As the first Vicar of the Augustinian Vicariate in Perú, he worked alongside Father Robert Francis Prevost—now Pope Leo XIV—bringing both pastoral and personal insight into the Augustinian dimension of Pope Leo's pontificate.



Fr. James Keating, O.S.A., entered the Augustinians in 1965 after a year with Maryknoll and was ordained in 1984. With decades of pastoral ministry in New York City, Orlando, and Philadelphia, he now serves as Prior of the Augustinians' House of Theology in Hyde Park, Illinois, guiding and forming future Augustinian priests.





**You are invited to attend
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
LaGrange/Western Springs Unit
WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**

Day/Date: Friday, November 7, 2025

Time: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Formal Program

**Location: Township of Lyons/Community Room
6404 Joliet Road, Countryside**



Theme of the Day: Be Kind at All Times

**Special Guest Speaker: Mike Porfirio,
Illinois State Senator, 11th District**

**Addressing the Topic:
“Experiencing Jimmy Carter:
a Crusader for All People”**



The LaGrange/Western Springs Unit was founded in 1921.
Due to COVID restrictions we were unable to appropriately
celebrate our centennial. 2026 will be an exciting year.

Plan now to be part of this historic milestone!

For information/details, email cwulgws@gmail.com
or call 708-710-0644.

Our motto: Agreed to Differ - Resolved to Love - United to Serve

Engage Community – Events Building community with neighbors and friends



November 13: Museum tour and lunch

Where: Elmhurst History Museum - special exhibit, followed by lunch in a local restaurant.

Meet at the Museum at 1:00pm

Details: *World of Tomorrow: A Century of Progress.* The exhibition will delve into how the 1933-1934 world's fair, Chicago's second fair in 40 years, symbolized optimism and hope, illustrating Chicago's evolution from a frontier town to a sophisticated metropolis. This fair was one of the most successful in history, drawing a record-breaking 39 million attendees and featured a distinctive design aesthetic. RSVPs are encouraged.



November 20: Monthly meeting & Game night

Where: 7:00-8:30pm, Unity Hall.

Details: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. We'll choose what to play based on the group's size and interests. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine). RSVPs are encouraged.



December 7: Deck The Halls Presented by West Suburban Symphony

Where: 4:00-5:30pm at Hinsdale Central Auditorium,
5500 South Grant Street, Hinsdale.

Details: *Sparkling sounds of the season.* Tickets for general admission seating are \$35, discounted to \$30 for seniors age 65 and up and to \$10 for teenagers. Children 12 and under are admitted free with a ticket and an accompanying adult. Advance sales by phone or online at <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/westsymphony/1734>. Participants must buy their own tickets. **PURCHASE tickets EARLY!** Seating is unassigned so we'll try to meet-up before the concert and, if interested, grab a beverage afterward at the York Tavern. RSVP's strongly encouraged.

December 18: Christmas treats and "White Elephant" exchange,

Where: 7:00-8:30pm, Unity Hall.

Details: Have you received a gift that just isn't at home in your home? Now is your chance to give it to someone who might appreciate it. We're having a **White Elephant Party!** Bring a wrapped gift and a sense of humor! Refreshments will be potluck. RSVPs by December 18 or just join us!

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com. Engage focuses on building Christian community through a variety of social and service activities. All are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners, adults of all ages and life stages.



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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

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St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

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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.

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Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with a counselor, who will start in the Fall, from the Claret Center. Please call for an appointment at 773-643-6259.



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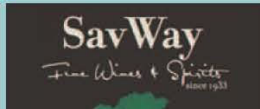


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