



# **SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

## **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **November 17, 2024**

**We congratulate the following young women and men  
of our parish who confirmed their faith in the  
Catholic tradition on Saturday, November 16th.**

**Nathan Anderson  
Matthew Becker  
Elizabeth Bilecki  
Molly Brennan  
Patrick Buckley  
Daniel Callahan  
Olivia Caputo  
Marco Carrillo  
Gabrielle Contois  
Annalise Crudele  
Julian DeHoyos  
Camille Dekoj  
Isabella Dumfeh  
Madeline Dwyer  
Max Dwyer  
Elena Edginton  
John Enright  
Janette Erickson  
Michael Faccenda  
Rose Faccenda  
Kasey Farnan  
Lily Fielding  
Luke Fielding  
Giuliana Fiordiroso  
Jackson Flickinger  
Emely Garcia  
Nicholas Gatto  
Alastair Gawel Barden  
Gabrielle Gergits  
Lucy Gergits  
Isabella Gomez  
Evangelina Gonzalez  
Kevin Guerrero  
Matthew Hall  
Frances Hamilton  
Katelyn Hamilton  
William Hartman  
Claire Hopkins**

**Neala Hubert  
Brendan Hyland  
Henry James  
Nina Johnsen  
Samantha Johnson  
Emma Jones  
Madeline Justak  
Kevin Kanzer  
George Karam  
Mary Karam  
Andrew Keach  
Gabriel Kolovitz  
Knox Kruk  
Olivia Lambert  
Annalena Liu  
Troy Lizik  
Maksim Magajne  
Emmet Malone  
Reese Mangano  
Ryan Meshke  
Lucille Miller  
Ryan Miller  
Lauren Mulcahy  
Malachy Muldoon  
Maura Mullen  
Clare Olson  
Lena Orlando  
Cameron Palmer  
Kayla Paszyna  
Alexander Polomsky  
Jack Puckelwartz  
Benjamin Radtke  
Eleanor Ramoley  
Isla Riboul  
Mia Riordan  
Megan Robinson  
Olivia Rooney  
Declan Sackley**

**Cecilia Sanchez  
Julian Sato  
Augustus Schaff  
Jack Schaff  
Kaylee Saucedo  
Ainsley Schmaus  
Margaret Schmit  
Evan Schwartz  
Abigail Scouffas  
Kellan Sedlacek  
Grayson Shepard  
June Smith  
Samantha Stowe  
Alyssa Strayer  
Matthew Strudeman  
Ryan Stuiber  
Adan Suarez  
Zoe Swierczynski  
Olivia Terlap  
Brady Thornton  
Gabriella Toczylowski  
Sean Trayser  
Austin Troche  
Noah Vadbunker  
Reagan Veese  
Jane Weber  
Sofia Wegmann  
Claire Wheeler  
Meghan Wood**

#### **Adult Candidates**

**Teresa Maria McKee  
Diana Herrera**

#### **Reaffirmation**

**Dominick O'Brien**

## Week at a Glance

|                        |                                |                               | Intention                                                        | Requested By                                                      |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, November 18    | Mass                           | 8:30 am                       | Antonio & Teresa Franzese<br>Living Intention Josephine Arciuolo |                                                                   |
| Tuesday, November 19   | Mass                           | 8:30 am                       | Frank & Helen Rizzo<br>James Barton                              | The Templeton & Costello Families<br>The SFX Food Pantry Ministry |
| Wednesday, November 20 | Mass                           | 8:30 am                       | Palma Frustaci                                                   | Gina Frustaci                                                     |
| Thursday, November 21  | Rosary<br>Mass<br>Adoration    | 8:15 am<br>8:30 am<br>6:00 pm | Jim Holt                                                         | Mary Beth McCrory                                                 |
| Friday, November 22    | Mass                           | 8:30 am                       | Dennett Burson<br>Dennis Schumacher<br>Joan Devitt               | Scott & Jill Burson<br>Monica & Joy Gyorke<br>Susan Devitt        |
| Saturday, November 23  | Mass<br>Reconciliation<br>Mass | 8:30 am<br>9:00 am<br>5:00 pm | John L. Barry<br>Patrick Doyle                                   | The Zahorik Family<br>The O'Hara Family                           |
| Sunday, November 24    | Mass                           | 7:30 am                       | Dr. Brian Moran                                                  | The Burke & Reilly Families                                       |
| Christ the King        | Mass                           | 9:00 am                       | Albert & Gretchen Sterwalt                                       | Cathy & Jeff Grimes                                               |
|                        | Mass                           | 11:00 am                      | Janice Krolicki                                                  | Your Augustana College Friends                                    |
|                        | Mass                           | 5:00 pm                       | Pamela Weldon                                                    | The McKenna Family                                                |

### Presider's Schedule for November 16-17, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 PM Fr. Tkachuk

### Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravalo  
Orlando Ares  
Vincent Austrebich  
Ed Barrett  
Angela Bowman  
Vivian Brickhouse  
Kevin Brooks  
Aiden Curtis  
Blake Donegan  
Pat Eaton  
Tom Flynn  
Bob Fredriksen  
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia  
Lilli Gregory  
Vincenzo Guzzo  
Junie Haase  
Mateo Herhold  
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf  
Angela Hill  
Jessi Rita Hoffman

Tiffany Kahn  
Brenda Kardatzke  
Michelle Kram  
Ayanna Kucera  
Eleanor Love  
Jill Miller  
Patrick Morgan  
Bill Mroz  
Rosemary Nash  
Ann Marie Niedo  
Laureen Rabe  
Aldona Ruppert  
Darshana Shah  
June Sheehan  
Michael Smith  
Lorine Solimeno  
Gregg Stephenson  
John Stopka  
Amanda Szila  
Olivia Tarsney

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.

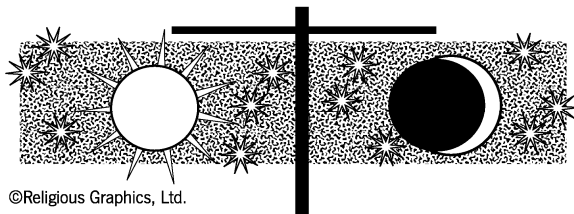
### Born Into Eternal Life



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

### Weddings

Angelina Timm & Ian Rodnick  
Megan Koerner & Nick Saleh



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



## Pastor's Letter

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."*  
Mark 13:31

Almost two weeks have passed since Election Day. This election cycle was so divisive that it could not help but end with feelings of sadness, anger, and fear among those whose candidate lost the election and vindication among those whose candidate won. I received emails from groups claiming that this was God's victory in our land and listened to those who wondered why God had abandoned our land. Yet our faith reminds us that God has given us the free will to make our own decisions and the graces we need to move forward from those decisions. Jesus reminds us that everything belonging to the earth is temporary and transitory. **The love of God in Jesus** is the one thing that is *always* with us and offers hope for our future. Our task as *missionary disciples* is to carry that hope forward, working toward communion among our diverse and sometimes conflicting perspectives. As a writer from The Well Spirituality Center in La Grange Park put it last week, *"especially after such a contentious election cycle, we must put our energy not to anger and division, but to the unifying love of God, neighbor, and all of creation."*

What are the words we carry in our hearts and speak to others as our nation transitions toward a new administration? Are they prayers that God's will be done within *any* partisan or political agenda? Will we be advocates for the dignity of *each* human life, whether a child living in the womb, a child living in poverty, an immigrant living in fear, a laborer unable to earn a living wage, or a person experiencing the limits of age or a physical or emotional disability? Do our words and actions witness to the commands of love that Jesus has given to all his followers? Will we focus on the things that will not pass away?

On Saturday afternoon, 107 high school teens and two adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Bob Casey. Thank you to Elis Guidice and Cindy Johnson of our Religious Education Office, to Maggie McMahon and our adult formation team, and to the catechists, middle school teachers, and adult volunteers who prepared these women and men to receive and live out the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts set aflame within you bring vibrancy and joy to our mission. We are blessed to have you among us.

This weekend, a group of high school juniors and seniors from our three area parishes are experiencing the Kairos Retreat. Please keep them in your prayers in the closing hours of their retreat and in their transition into a renewed living out of our faith. Thank you to the adults and youth who have given many hours of their time and witness over the past several months to make Kairos #43 possible.

Finally, thank you to Kathy Skokna and the Edyth Garden Ministry Team for the beauty they brought to our campus over the past six months. From planning to planting to weeding and watering to preparing the grounds for winter, you have brought us color and beauty as we enter and leave our worship space each weekend. Your labor of love has not gone unnoticed.

Autumn Peace,

*J. Bill*

# What's this I HEAR? We are getting a new church sound system?

Yes! Our church is poised to replace its decades-old sound system! This new mixing/processing system (the “brains”), inputs (microphones) and outputs (speakers) will bring our beautiful worship space to a whole new level of liturgical experience. Please check out the Frequently Asked Questions section below and in the upcoming bulletin articles to learn more.

The system will cost \$150,000. To date, I am thrilled to announce that 15 parishioners have pledged \$117,000! We hope that YOU will consider joining this mini campaign to help us raise the additional \$33,000. Options include:

1. Pledging a contribution; we ask that all pledges be paid in full by March 1, 2025. Consider a donation from your IRA or donor advised fund. Please reach out to me by December 13, 2024, if you would like to make a pledge.
2. Using the QR Code below or [click here](#) to donate to the building fund via Give Central.
3. Send a check payable to SFX Church to my attention, indicating it is for the audio system.

Please reach out to me with any questions. God bless you for your stewardship!

Jennifer Zeisloft  
[jzeisloft@sfxlq.org](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlq.org) or 708-352-0168 Ext. 515



**Antonio Franceschi, our Facilities Manager, provided the following information:**

## When will this system be installed?

Starting in December, Procom will be working in and around our church space replacing our old analog equipment with new upgraded digital equipment. During the upgrading process, a temporary system will be put into place while the overall completion of the project is done. This will allow us to continue our regular church services and other activities while the work is completed.

## How was our contractor selected?

SFX selected 5 contractors who have worked in and been approved by the Archdiocese of Chicago for church audio systems. Three of the 5 responded to our requests for bids, and we selected Procom Sound Systems. We have been working with them over the past year in designing a new state-of-the-art digital sound system that would dramatically improve our audio experience in our church space, with infrastructure that could be expanded to enhance our video experience as well.

## I use hearing aids. Will the new system link into them?

Yes - a WiFi-based assistive listening system will be installed. To use the system, a parishioner would download an app on their cell phone, then log into the dedicated assistive listening system WiFi network. Once logged in, the user would be able to enjoy a personal listening experience from anywhere in the church via their own personal ear buds or via their Bluetooth-enabled hearing aid.

# Church Pipe Organ Opportunity

Dear Parishioners,

We are excited to share a unique opportunity to complete our beloved pipe organ at St. Francis Xavier. As many of you know, our pipe organ is a work in progress. Previous fundraising efforts funded most of the initial installation. Between 2003 and 2022, we received donations that allowed us to install all but one of the components in the original design for the organ. These components were not included in the initial installation due to the need to allocate capital funds to replace the boiler that heats the entire campus. We are sharing this history openly with our community to ensure transparency in our history and our future plans.

The final component to complete the organ is the Trompette Royale, a distinguished addition to the Great 8' register. This component will amplify our music ministry and provide an inspiring sound experience for our community. The total cost to finish the organ, including all preparations and installation, is \$122,000.

If we are able to raise at least \$100,000 in commitments from our parish family, we can sign a contract to install the Trompette Royale and complete our organ in its full glory. Note that we are asking only for a commitment at this stage; please do not send any funds until we confirm sufficient support to proceed.

Those interested in committing to this meaningful project should email us at [organ@sfxlg.org](mailto:organ@sfxlg.org). Once we determine that we have enough pledges, we will provide further information to finalize the funding and begin work. The installation process, led by Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders, includes new electro-pneumatic chests, winding, a reservoir, and a blower. The Trompette Royale will be housed in the original organ chamber, and enhancements, including advanced expression controls, will allow for a nuanced, beautiful sound quality across all registers.

Thank you for considering this important request. With your support, we can enrich our worship experience for generations to come.



Pastor



Director of Music



*All time belongs to the Lord*

All cash tips benefit SFX!

Catholic Women's Club

St. Francis Xavier - CWC

JOIN US FOR  
HAPPY  
HOUR

DON'T MISS OUT 'ON A  
NIGHT OF FUN AS THESE  
FRIENDLY GUEST  
BARTENDERS FROM SFX  
SHAKE THINGS UP FOR  
YOU. GATHER YOUR  
FRIENDS AND LET'S  
CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20  
6:00PM - 8:00PM

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14 W. Calendar, La Grange

JIMMY BAJNER, ERIN SMITH AND MAGGIE MCMAHON



## Music Notes...

Upcoming Music—Ministry Events!

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 7:00 pm:

Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight Service

*\*Free-will offering suggested to benefit the  
SFX Music Ministry.*

*Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!*



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

# CLARINET *RECITAL* \*(2)

\*Previous performance: Saturday, October 19th – 7p.m.



Allen Sterwalt, **clarinet**

Mark Bilyeu, **piano**

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

**24** SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 2024

3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION!

Free-will offering baskets  
will be placed at the doors  
in support of the

**SFX Music Ministry.**

Thank you!



## 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.

## Advent Begins December 1

Pick up your "Little Blue Book" of Advent reflections  
at any door to the church building!



## Boys Church League Coaches Needed



We still need coaches for a freshman/  
sophomore team, as well as a junior team.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Bill  
at [wtkachuk@sfxlg.org](mailto:wtkachuk@sfxlg.org)

Thank you for your consideration.

## Nazareth Academy Entrance Exam Testing

Nazareth Academy invites 8th graders to Test at Nazareth Academy on December 7. Preference for admission and scholarships will be granted to students who test with Nazareth on that day. The exam begins at 8:00am and concludes at approximately 11:15am. **Pre-Registration is required.** More information and registration can be found at [www.nazarethacademy.com](http://www.nazarethacademy.com).

Parents are invited to an optional Parent Gathering Q & A session from 8:15-9:15am that morning. Pre-registration at [www.nazarethacademy.com](http://www.nazarethacademy.com) is required to attend.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden in LaGrange Park. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708-397-8505.

## OPLATKI



The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available at the Rectory.

The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.

The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

NEW FAMILY ENROLLMENT BEGINS DECEMBER 4

## WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus and others.

We strive to instill and nurture the belief that God is found everywhere, especially in one another.



## WE LEARN

TWO time U.S. Dept. of Education NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL and recipient of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award.



## WE SERVE

Our All-School Service Program exemplifies who we are as a school.

This year, we are holding our 15th annual Service Day!



CONTACT US TODAY! [ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG](mailto:ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG)

St. Francis Xavier Parish presents:  
**YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IN JOYCE HALL**



**Plus the return of Santa's Workshop  
In The Gym**

(More Details to come. Please note workshop fees are separate from breakfast and determined by workshop vendors.)

**Sponsorship Opportunities Available:**  
Reach out to Sarah Becker at  
[Srbeck525@yahoo.com](mailto:Srbeck525@yahoo.com) for more information

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THE YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST! PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RECTORY OR PAY DIRECTLY AT GIVE CENTRAL THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Admission: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Children 12 & Under: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

Seniors 65 & Older: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_



Please return this form with payment Cash or Checks (payable to St Francis Xavier Parish) to the rectory by December 5th. Any questions contact the Rectory at 708-352-0618

You may also pay and make reservations by scanning the QR Code and paying directly through Give Central

Please help our cooks by selecting from the below an expected time of arrival.

- ☐ 8:00 am - 8:30 am
- ☐ 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- ☐ 9:00 am - 9:30 am
- ☐ 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- ☐ 10:00 am - 10:30 am
- ☐ 10:30 am - 11:15 am
- ☐ 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE SFX CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE**



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BEGIN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PRAYER AND HEALING:

# HEALING WOUNDS & RELATIONSHIPS

FREE ALL-PARISH PRAYER  
CHALLENGE BEGINS NOV 13  
ON OUR PARISH PAGE

## Join Your Parish in Prayer on **Hallow**

Hallow is the #1 Catholic prayer and meditation platform in the world and is home to the largest digital community of Catholics online.

With over 10,000 guided prayers, meditations, and sessions, Hallow puts over 2,000 years of Catholic tradition at your fingertips, helping you grow in faith, build a habit of daily prayer, and discover different types of prayer.



Scan the QR code to sign up  
[hallow.com/parish](https://hallow.com/parish)

## Already on Hallow? Join your Parish!

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 [hallow.com/parish](https://hallow.com/parish). Once you've signed up, follow the steps above to join your parish!



## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Warm Clothing Drive

Start: **November 17 (Sunday)**  
through **November 24 (Sunday)**

In the spirit of Thanksgiving for all our blessings, we ask you to share with others in need.

**“Without charity the rich man is poor, and with it the poor man is rich.” St. Augustine**

Please donate your gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc.

### OPTIONS TO DONATE:

#### 1. (St. Francis Church)

Donation boxes will be at church entrances between **November 17-24** to deposit your clothing articles.

#### 2. (Drop-Off @ SFX Parking Lot)

On **Sunday, November 24** from **9:00am to 1:00pm**, you can drop off your donations in the parking lot behind St. Francis Xavier Church (124 North Spring Avenue) Knights of Columbus volunteers will accept your donations from your car; you do not need to leave your car!

#### 3. (Cash Donation)

If a cash donation is more convenient, simply scan the QR code below (point camera at the QR code to lead you to the donation website).

Cash Donations Accepted.  
Tax Receipts upon request.  
Please contact Knights of Columbus  
with questions: 708-306-2114.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

## 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, December 3

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

## “Keep Christ In Christmas” Poster Contest



The LaGrange Council 6483 Knights of Columbus is inviting the students of St. Francis Xavier Day School and Religious Education Program from First Grade through Eighth Grade to participate in the organizations international “Keep Christ In Christmas” poster contest.

The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing to District, State, National and International levels. The winning entries will serve as a basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage deeper understanding of the holiday. Entry forms will be available through school. Posters must be submitted to St. Francis Xavier Day School and Religious Education Program by **Friday, December 6th**.



INTELLECTUAL-DISABILITIES FUND “TOOTSIE ROLL” DRIVE • ESSAY CONTEST

## *An invitation*

Is our Order in your calling to serve?



**LA GRANGE 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. Leaders wanted. Look at all the good work we can do in the communities of the greater La Grange area listed on the blue border of this invitation.

Are you being called?

Text or call Brian Lisek at 630.939-2626 to learn how you can join and help us serve those in our communities with the most need.

To Knight!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST • FRESH CHRISTMAS-TREE SALE • DIGITAL RAFFLE

FOOD DRIVE • WARM-CLOTHING DRIVE • BLOOD-DRIVE SUPPORT • RETIREMENT-HOME BINGO NIGHT

KEEP-CHRIST-IN-CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST • SPELLING BEE CONTEST • FREE-THROW CONTEST



# Listening as a Universal Church

## *The Synod on Synodality*



Thanks to all who participated in listening sessions and Conversations in the Spirit about "Rethinking Women's Participation" in the Church as well as attending our St. Phoebe celebrations at St. Francis Xavier where women reflected on scripture. We are a blessed community of faith where women's gifts and contributions to the Church are encouraged and celebrated.

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By virtue of Baptism, women and men have equal dignity as members of the People of God. However, women continue to encounter obstacles in obtaining a fuller recognition of their charisms, vocation and roles in all the various areas of the Church's life. This is to the detriment of serving the Church's shared mission.

FINAL DOCUMENT FOR THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS #60 (1/6)

**What did the Synod's final document have to say about women?**

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Additionally, the question of women's access to diaconal ministry remains open. This discernment needs to continue.

FINAL DOCUMENT FOR THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS #60 (5/6)

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Crucial turning points in Church history confirm the essential contribution of women moved by the Spirit. Women make up the majority of churchgoers and are often the first witnesses to the faith in families. They are active in the life of small Christian communities and parishes. They run schools, hospitals and shelters. They lead initiatives for reconciliation and promoting human dignity and social justice. Women contribute to theological research and are present in positions of responsibility in Church institutions, in diocesan curias and the Roman Curia. There are women who hold positions of authority and are leaders of their communities.

FINAL DOCUMENT FOR THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS #60 (3/6)

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This Assembly asks for full implementation of all the opportunities already provided for in Canon Law with regard to the role of women, particularly in those places where they remain under-explored. There is no reason or impediment that should prevent women from carrying out leadership roles in the Church: what comes from the Holy Spirit cannot be stopped.

FINAL DOCUMENT FOR THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS #60 (4/6)

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The Assembly also asks that more attention be given to the language and images used in preaching, teaching, catechesis, and the drafting of official Church documents, giving more space to the contributions of female saints, theologians and mystics.

FINAL DOCUMENT FOR THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS #60 (4/6)

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Scripture attests to the prominent role of many women in the history of salvation. One woman, Mary Magdalene, was given the first proclamation of the Resurrection. On the day of Pentecost, Mary, the Mother of God, was present, accompanied by many other women who had followed the Lord. It is important that the Scripture passages that relate these stories find adequate space inside liturgical lectionaries.

FINAL DOCUMENT FOR THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS #60 (2/6)

For more information or to join the SFX Team and learn about preaching circles, Contact Martie Lukanich ([mrlukanich@hotmail.com](mailto:mrlukanich@hotmail.com)) and Maureen Windmoeller ([maurwind@gmail.com](mailto:maurwind@gmail.com)).

# BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

## Fall Into Giving

**Tuesday  
November  
26  
3:00-7:00 PM**

**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a  
healthy meal and  
drink plenty of  
water before  
donating.

**Please bring photo ID.**

**800-7TO-GIVE**

### **St. Francis Xavier Parish Community Blood Drive**

St. Francis Catholic Church-Gym, 145 N. Waiola  
(Ogden & Waiola) La Grange, IL 60525

To make an appt., call 1-800-7TO-GIVE, visit  
[Tinyurl.com/mr3aau25](http://Tinyurl.com/mr3aau25) or scan the QR code



Donate blood to support 62% of area patients  
who require blood products at 85 Chicago-area  
and NW Indiana hospitals.



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**Blood Center of IL & NW IN**

# FUNDRAISE WITH PIZZA?

*You betcha!*



Little Caesars  
Fundraising

## Support our Religious Education Program with Little Caesars!

We're selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Meal Deal Codes until December 1st to raise money for the SFX Religious Education Program. We are happy to bring back a beloved fundraiser. Help us to raise funds by purchasing some delicious Little Caesars items that will be delivered right to your home. To reach our goal, we need everyone's help. It's easy to join the fun!

Click this link:

<https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/products?support=1521a961-88af-4373-9d14-588f55cc437f&c=5>  
to place your order or scan this QR code to order.



## Religious Education News



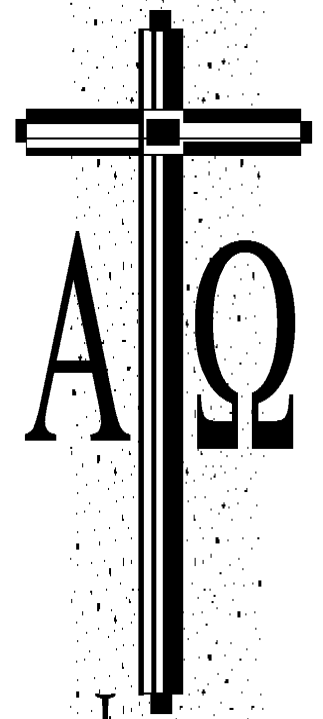
**Our Registration for the In Person Program  
is now closed, but registrations for our  
1 – 8 Online Program  
is still open until November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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## SPRED

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We currently have openings in our Saturday morning group for adults (ages 22+). If you know of any adults who would benefit from participating in the SPRED program, please contact Maureen Windmoeller at 708-250-1049.



### Interfaith Career Network

#### Leverage Indeed.com and Other Social Media Sites to Energize Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, November 21, 7:00-9:00 pm for an informative and enlightening evening as Mike Vogel, Director of Sales, National Accounts at Indeed.com shares thoughts and insights into how Indeed.com and other social media sites can be used to broaden your job search approach. Mike has progressed through multiple roles with Indeed.com and enjoys sharing his thoughts about various media sites to expand your search outreach. Mike's presentations are always thought-provoking, engaging and highly interactive. Mike leads teams of sales professionals with Indeed.com who help people find new jobs while also helping Indeed.com find top talent for their company's future.

We hope you can join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs for a great night of learning and sharing new ideas to make your job search more successful!

Visit <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com> for additional resources.

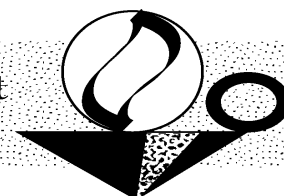
### Engage Community Fall Events

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Our next formal gathering of the Engage Community will be **Thursday, November 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier**. We are going to dive into food security and hunger. Starting with a taste of a Solidarity Meal from Feed My Starving Children and a discussion about hunger in the US and worldwide. So that we can plan, **please RSVP to the email below.**

For questions or to RSVP for either event, please email Jane at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com).

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Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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