SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2023



And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, August 7	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Tuesday, August 8	Mass	8:30 am	Andrew Slonskis	Clare & Ernie Froemel
Wednesday, August 9	Mass	8:30 am	Tony Fey	The Clayton Family
Thursday, August 10	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, August 11	Mass	8:30 am	Lawrence Barry	The Zahorik Family
Saturday, August 12	Mass Reconciliation	8:30 am 9:00 am	Norm Wasz	The Wasz Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Joseph Resha	The Cooley Family
Sunday, August 13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Michael McDonnell Joseph Guidi Pamela Nelson Campbell John Rogers	The Lorenzini Family The O'Brien Family The Jolly Family Fred & Marilyn Ferber

Presider's Schedule for August 5-6, 2023

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

Please pray for . . .

Theresa Kandall

Baby Finley Adkins Mark Kiley Andy Allison Rick Mahoney Kathy Armstrong Darren Masier John Baggio Lisa Massaro Dick Callahan Colleen McClory Michael Cannon Jack McDonagh Jay Carroll Patrick Morgan Chili Challender Gert Ogilvie Peter Connelly Jane O'Reilly Laurie Coughlan Rita Pantoni Blake Donegan Beth Pfluger Barbara Doyle Geri Pfluger Matthew Doyle Anna Rose Nancy Duffy Santa Snieg Lily Fielding Rita Mae Spearman Kathy Gleason John Stopka Mary Grand John Strougal Lilli Gregory Richie Szatkowski Angela Hill Olivia Tarsney Rose IIo Theresa Toher Mary J. Liz Wilk Jane Jacobsen Bill Witowski

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:

Michael Sabella Husband of Marilyn Father of Susan & Elizabeth

Mary "Pat" Zeiler
Wife of the late Richard
Mother of Janet, Sharon, Peter
and the late Christopher

Weddings

Monica Barfield & Kamil Rusin Caitlin Walsh & Adam Loritz Bridget Doyle & Taylor Haack



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



The Assumption

Monday, August 14 7:00pm Mass St. Cletus

Tuesday, August 15

8:00am St. Cletus

8:30am St. Francis

9:00am St. John of the Cross

7:00pm St. Francis





St. Agatha Needs School Supplies

The children of St. Agatha's parish are in need of school supplies. Although the school has closed, the students in the parish are still in need.

If you are able to make a monetary contribution to help in the purchasing of these school supplies, please drop off or mail a check to the rectory made out to St. Francis Xavier, with a notation that it is for St. Agatha school supplies. We will then forward the donation to Fr. Larry Dowling at St. Agatha's.

Thank you for your consideration.





Positions Available:

- Classroom Teachers
- Substitute Teachers
- Teacher Assistants
- Lunch Supervisors

Contact: Principal Sharon Garcia sfxlgmain@sfxlg.org

An Evening of Prayer & Reflection

"What Does the Story of Salvation Have to Do with Me?" Come hear the most transformative message of all time!

St. Cletus Church, 600 West 55th Street, LaGrange Wednesday, August 16 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm Special Guest Speaker: Peter Newburn, DMin

Peter Newburn, DMin, has served in fulltime ministry at the parish, diocesan, and national levels for 35+ years. From 2012-2015, Peter and his wife Joy, along with their three children, were a missionary family in Cameroon (West Africa), where Peter taught theology at the major seminary. He continues to go Cameroon annually to lead priest retreats and provide formation for lay leaders in various dioceses. He is fluent in Spanish. Peter teaches Scripture and leadership formation courses at the University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein) and serves as a mentor and coach with Divine Renovation, a Catholic organization that supports pastors from all over the world in the work of parish renewal. Peter is passionate about the Kerygma and helping others to use their gifts to fulfill God's purposes.

Welcome

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

Christian Baczynski & Alice Moskal Shirley Bayers Robert & Mary Dorsey Kyle & Margaret Furry Ashley & Olga Green Hudson & Emily Hotaling Mark & Donna Jeziorczak James & Kathryn Johnson Joel & Karen Lane Mickevin & Claire Lee David & Becky Mahr Peter Prado & Susana Linares Mickey Mannos John & Kristen Markiewicz Robert Martin & Rachel Page George O'Grady



The Men's and Women's Club Invite you to the



SFX All Parish

BLOCK PARTY

Friday, August 25th 5:00-8:00 pm

Mission Trip Thank You!

We are still reflecting on the amazing teen mission trip to Cincinnati, Ohio! The teens learned how to build fences, build porches, garden, and paint! They also had a tremendous amount of fun! Thank you to each of you who supported this mission trip through Kringle purchases, donations to the second collection, and your prayers! We cannot wait to return next summer!













SFX Food Pantry School Supply Drive



We are continuing a 10+ year Parish tradition of collecting school supplies to support our pantry families. Please drop off donations at the rectory through Monday, August 14th.

Our hope & prayers are for a safe and healthy school year!

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Binders

Spiral Notebooks

Lined Paper (College Ruled & Wide)

Pocket Folders

Highlighters

Pens (Blue, Black & Red)

Crayons

Colored Markers

Colored Pencils

Pencils

Erasers

Scissors

Glue

Backpacks

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Open Staff Position: Youth Ministry Coordinator

We have been blessed to have Jenette Teran on staff as we restructured our program for high school youth this past year. Confirmation will now occur in the fall, beginning with the freshman class of 2023-2024. Freshmen then will join the parish youth ministry program, which is open to all high school students.

We continue the search for a new person to fill this position. The position description can be revised to accommodate a part time person; or expanded to cover one program that ministers to teens from both St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Parishes.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (theology or pastoral ministry preferred, but not required)
- Excellent people skills with a heart for high school youth
- An approach to ministry rooted in personal prayer and scriptural reflection
- Experience working in a collaborative environment
- Excellent organizational skills
- Able and willing to work evening and weekend hours

If you or someone you know is qualified and interested, please contact Fr. Bill at wtkachuk@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x302.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ALL- PARISH Children's Children's

2023 - 2024

Grades 1 – 8

*(District Public Schools & SFX Day School...All are welcome!)

Weekly rehearsals:

CHERUB CHOIR (grades 1 – 3)

Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 5th

SF CHORISTERS (grades 4 – 8)

Thursdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

*First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 7th

Choirs will sing monthly at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

*Registration Form on the next page! ---->

OR

Register on-line with this link:

https://forms.gle/bPaSCVkJ3DtpPg2s7

Registration DUE DATE!! *Thursday, August 31st

St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form 2023 - 2024

PLEASE PRINT		
Choir (circle one) *Cherub Choir (grades 1 - 3) *SF Chor	isters (grades 4 –	8)
Name of Child		
Name of Parent(s)		
Address		
3		
E-mail		
Cell Phone Number		
Home Phone Number *(if different)		
School		
Grade Age		
Birthday (month/day)		
I am available to be a parent helper at occasional <u>rehearsals</u> . (circle on	e) Yes I	No
I am available to be a parent belief at occasional Masses (circle and)	Ves	No

*Please e-mail, mail or drop off this form by <u>Thursday, August 31st</u> to the attention of: Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music Ministry St. Francis Xavier Church·124 N. Spring Ave.·LaGrange, IL 60525 asterwalt@sfxlg.org



Do you have an <u>ear</u> & a love for singing?
Consider joining one of our **CHOIRS**for the 2023-2024 Liturgical Season...
Your voice is needed!

Gallery Choir - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)

with one Sunday a month OFF.

*rehearsals: Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 12th

Celebration Ensemble – 11:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)

with one Sunday a month OFF.

*rehearsals: Thursdays - 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. *<u>First Rehearsal</u>: Thursday, September 14th

Spirit Choir - 5:00 p.m. (Sundays)

*voices: teens (9th - 12th gr.) (rehearsals: prior to Mass)

*First Rehearsal: Sunday, September 10th

Interested singers should contact our Director of Music Ministry <u>BEFORE</u> the first rehearsal.

Allen J. Sterwalt asterwalt@sfxlg.org / 708 352-0168

ADULT CONFIRMATION OPPORTUNITY

Gather with a community of adults seeking to "complete their sacraments of initiation" by receiving the sacrament of confirmation. Together we will explore our faith, the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and the gifts God has given us for a unique and specific purpose!

We will gather on Monday mornings at 8:30am at the rectory (beginning August 12).

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more information.



Are you (or is someone you know) thinking about becoming Catholic?

Mid-September we will start a new round of our collaborative RCIA journey with St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus. RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - is the process of spiritual and educational formation through which adults become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church.



We are asking for your help identifying and personally inviting anyone who might be considering becoming Catholic. They could be unbaptized or baptized Christians who want to accept the Catholic faith. RCIA is also designed for Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The number one reason women and men join the RCIA process is that someone they trust invited them to consider it. Please give it some thought!

If you are interested in the RCIA journey yourself, be bold! We would love to talk with you. No commitment necessary. Check out what previous participants had to say about their journey:

"I knew very little about the Catholic faith coming in...I loved being able to reflect on the topics as a group. Each RCIA volunteer brought a different perspective which was incredible and eye-opening. It was a long yet necessary journey!"

"I most enjoyed being able to share this special journey with others going through the same process."

"It's a great experience and worth the time."

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more information.



A summer series connecting families with littles (under 5 years old)

Popsicles in the Park

Where: Waiola Park, LaGrange (500 South Waiola Avenue)

When: 5:15pm on Friday, August 11

What: Bring the littles to enjoy a treat in the park. We'll have some for parents to enjoy as well!

Popsicle friendly clothing suggested.

Questions? Contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more information.

Religious Education News Your Gift and Talent is Needed!



Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for many volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2023-2024 school year at sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org.



Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education, Don't Delay!

The School of Religious Education is now accepting registration for the 2023-2024 school year.

We are happy to be able to offer two options to families:

In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons and our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays for families with busy schedules.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass <u>at least</u> 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 as classes fill up fast!

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:

Click "Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!" to register.



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SCRIPTURE STUDY 2023-24 Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ

Unity Hall 9:30-11:00 am Thursdays September 14-November 9, 2023 January 11-March 7, 2024

The Gospel of John Biblical Notions of Heaven

Register with Sr. Marianne Race mrace@csjoseph.org 708-363-6728

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, August 8

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

Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2022/2023 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more.

Join the fun and reach out to either Lauren Desmond <u>lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com</u> or Erin Thunander <u>erin.thunander@gmail.com</u> if you'd like to get involved.



Historical Bookshelves LaGrange Area Historical Society

I am Declan Collins, a parishioner, and a St. Francis Xavier School graduate. I am currently working on a project that will benefit our community. As my Eagle Project, I have chosen to construct bookshelves that will contain the historical records and documents of current and past residents of LaGrange and the surrounding communities.

These shelves will be located at the LaGrange Historical Society in the Vial House in LaGrange, Illinois. I will be using wood and a water-based polyurethane approved for the storage of historical records. These shelves will allow the Historical Society to preserve important books and documents for years to come. The shelves will also help to utilize space and improve room aesthetics.

My project has been approved by the Historical Society, The Boy Scouts of America, and my local Troop Leadership. In order to make my project a reality, I am asking for the financial support of family and friends. Not only will you be supporting me with this ambitious project, but most importantly, you will be helping the Historical Society to preserve records that can be seen by future generations!

I have estimated that my project will cost about \$1,500. I would appreciate your consideration of a donation of any amount. A donation of even \$1 would help me to complete my project and ultimately, earn my Eagle Rank in Scouting.

Donations may be dropped off at the parish office (124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL) in an envelope marked "Declan Collins-Historical Bookshelves Eagle Project". Checks should be made payable to "BSA Troop 407". Also, you may donate online at https://fundly.com/declan-collins-eagle-scout-project-historical-bookshelves. Excess funds received will be donated to the LaGrange Historical Society.

Thank you for considering a donation to my project.



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Listening as a Universal Church The Synod on Synodality



We are in the midst of a historical time in the Church... and SFX is a part of it!

Thanks to the 100+ SFX parishioners who have listened and been heard at our sessions regarding **Rethinking Women's Participation in the Catholic Church** over the past year. These gatherings have all been in response to Pope Francis' Call to engage in prayerful conversations about the movements of the Holy Spirit in the Church today as part of the Global Synod (giant listening session and dialogue) that has been underway for the past 3 years.

The working document for the global synod, <u>Instrumentum Laboris</u> (IL), was published a few weeks ago and contains extraordinary good news! The question of women's roles in the Church was named one of the priority themes to be discerned during the global synod meeting in Rome this October.

More good news! As you may be aware, a BIG difference in this synod versus others (e.g., Vatican II) is that **lay people**, **including women**, **have been invited to participate and vote!**

The IL also encourages participation at the local level, asking parishes to pray, reflect, act and make their own contribution by making our local churches more synodal (which basically means "better listeners!")

On the weekend of **September 9 & 10**, at all the masses, we invite the gathered community to:

- ⇒ **PRAY** through the intercession of St Phoebe for the Synod and the delegation going to Rome,
- \Rightarrow **CELEBRATE** women's gifts and contributions to the Church,
- \Rightarrow **HEAR** women of the parish reflect on scripture and
- ⇒ **BEAR WITNESS** to the critical and urgent need to re-think women's participation in the Church.

More details to follow!

For more information or to join the SFX team, contact: Katie Mulcahy at: ktom@sbcglobal.net For more information on the Catholic Church's discernment of women and the diaconate, click here.



Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy—nephew of the Devitt Family
- LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry—son of Jon Peterson
- Major Marcos Melendez, USMC—nephew of Jon Peterson
- Major Michelle Melendez, USMC niece of Jon Peterson
- Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army—son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- Lt. Daniel McGue—grandson of Sue Ryan
- Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC—nephew of Noel Cusack
- Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army—friend of Liz Wilk
- Spec Timothy Lucas, U.S. Army—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- Chris Johnson, USCG—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- Felix Estrada, U.S. Army—friend of John & Dawn McCormick
- Lt. Ryan Lavine, U.S. Army—nephew of Kim & Vince Henehan
- Chief Petty Officer Marko Mandac, U.S. Navy—husband of Anna, son-in-law of David & Lynn Rogers

Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Deacon

Deacon

Pastoral Associate

Director of Community Outreach Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister

Weekend Sacramental Minister

Education Ministry

Parish School Principal Assistant Principal

School Office Coordinator

Parish School Secretary

Director of Marketing & Enrollment

Tuition Accounts

Director of Religious Education

Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Youth Ministry

Coordinator

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Fax Number	708-352-4904
e-Mail	sfxinlg@sfxlg.org
Main Day School e-Mail	sfxmain@sfxlg.org
Main Religious Education e-Mail	sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org
Parish Web Site	www.sfxlg.org

Rectory Hours

Monday-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

prayer area.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:0)0 am
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabel	rnacle

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday)	9:00 am-12:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tu	iesdays at St. Cletus
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

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

Infant Baptisms

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

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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