

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 10, 2023**



# LISTEN



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”

MATTHEW 18:15

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, September 11	Mass	8:30 am	John Ovník, Sr. Andrew Slonskin	Judy Ovník The Mirecki Family
Tuesday, September 12	Mass	8:30 am	Lawrence Barry	The Zahorik Family
Wednesday, September 13	Mass	8:30 am	John Weigand	The Bovard & Weigand Families
Thursday, September 14	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, September 15	Mass	8:30 am	The Martin Swieton Families	The Martin Family
Saturday, September 16	Mass	8:30 am	Marie Westhoff	The Zahorik Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Gary Johnson	Your SFX Family
Sunday, September 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Pat Callahan	Mary Spain
	Mass	9:00 am	Rosemary Fanta	The Petkus Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Arvid Stasaitis	Kate Maline & Mary Tassi
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jock Brown	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn

## Presider's Schedule for September 9-10, 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 . . .

Baby Finley Adkins	Darren Masier
Kathy Armstrong	Lisa Massaro
Scott Aulinskis	Ralph Metzger
John Baggio	Patrick Morgan
Dick Callahan	Gert Ogilvie
Michael Cannon	Jane O'Reilly
Jay Carroll	Rita Pantoni
Chili Challenger	Beth Pfluger
Peter Connelly	Geri Pfluger
Laurie Coughlan	Larry Plansky
Blake Donegan	Rob Roper
Barbara Doyle	Anna Rose
Matthew Doyle	Eric Skaja
Nancy Duffy	Santa Snieg
Lily Fielding	Rita Mae Spearman
Sophie Francis	John Stopka
Dave Garland	John Strougal
Kathy Gleason	Mike Sullivan
Lilli Gregory	Peggy Sullivan
Angela Hill	Charlie Swafford
Dave Hyland	Richie Szatkowski
Rose Ilo	Olivia Tarsney
Mary J.	Theresa Toher
Jane Jacobsen	Helen Wargo
Theresa Kandall	Liz Wilk
Mark Kiley	Bill Witowski
Rick Mahoney	

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:

**Rose Delabar**

Wife of Robert

**Stanley Filipiak**

Husband of Kathy

Father of Evelyn, Michael, Bradley, Matthew and Christine

**Shirley Hennebry**

Mother of Daniel, Bridget and the late Margaret

**Tricia Blaha Krumholzy**

Sister of Terri, Michael, Loretta, Donna, Jim, Sheila, Mary and Brian

**Baby Callum McSherry**

Son of Mike and Katrina

**Baby Violet Zurowski**

Daughter of Peter and Olivia  
Sister of Carolyn

## Weddings

Kristen Bochenek & Kent Frayn  
Julianne Sinda & Jared Morton  
Molly Briody & Angelo Cavalieri  
Maggie Webb & Alexios Georges



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# Pastor's Letter

*"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*  
Matthew 18:20

This weekend, women of the parish invite us to reflect on the leadership role of women in the Church, as will many parishes across the Archdiocese. The Church just celebrated the Feast of St. Phoebe, a deacon of the early church referred to by St. Paul. In the early church, women often played key leadership roles, as reported in *Acts of the Apostles* and the letters of St. Paul. It also appears that *both men and women* were ordained as deacons to assist in administering the Sacrament of Baptism and for the care of the poor. Over time, the official Church suppressed the ordination of women deacons and, eventually, the ordination of men. The diaconate was restored for men over fifty years ago, following the Second Vatican Council. At the time, one bishop is said to have asked, "What about the women?" The question has yet to be answered.

A few days before I was ordained, several of my classmates and I had the opportunity to meet with a group of women who were completing the Master of Divinity program at Catholic Theological Union. The women shared their frustration at being given office clerical work during their internships, while their male counterparts were actively engaged in the pastoral and sacramental life of the Church. We responded with a commitment to open doors for them in the parishes in which we would serve and allow the people of the parish to experience the benefits of women serving in ministry alongside ordained men.

I have since had the privilege of serving on parish staffs with intelligent and compassionate women who demonstrated, through their stories and life experiences, what the Church had been missing in the limited roles open to women in church and parish life. Parishioners were able to connect with lay women and men from a faith perspective and life experience that differed from that of a male celibate. I have witnessed a woman's ability to facilitate the transformation of mind and heart through Spirit.

During my time as pastor of St. Nicholas Parish (now St. Pope John XXIII), I encouraged a group of parishioners, mostly women, who studied the theological and pastoral issues behind the possible ordination of women to the diaconate. These women were very active in parish ministry and leadership but did not feel called to pursue diaconal ministry themselves. Nonetheless, they saw the value of having the scriptures broken open from a woman's perspective and of having women serve through the various ministries of an ordained deacon. In 2013, they presented a position paper to Cardinal George, followed by a long and serious conversation that led with his commitment to present their position paper to Pope Francis. Their quiet, persistent efforts gave great hope to parishioners who feared that the institutional Church was not willing to listen.

I was encouraged recently to learn that a group had again raised the issue of the leadership role of women in the Church in connection with the Synod that will begin in a few weeks. I attended a well-attended parish listening session, with participants willing to listen and to provide feedback to the group that led the discussion. I believe that the Spirit is calling the Church to reexamine women's leadership at *all* levels of Church ministry and decision-making, and to pursue the issue of women serving as ordained deacons. I am heartened by what strong and faithful women have brought to the Church, and hopeful for how their participation may increase, here and throughout the Church.

Peace,

*J. Bill*



COMING SEPTEMBER 15, 16, AND 17  
BUT YOU CAN HELP IN ADVANCE



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SUPPORTING OUR  
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### 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](mailto:wtkachuk@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 x302.

### Ministry of Care is Planning to Expand

A Minister of Care is a person who brings the gift of the eucharist and friendship to fellow parishioners and others who are homebound, living in nursing homes, or recovering in the hospital. Our visits help those in need stay connected to the parish and our faith community.

It's a very rewarding ministry and I promise you will receive more than you'll give. The time required varies depending on the activity you choose. Perhaps a few minutes or more on a homebound visit to an hour or so conducting a Prayer and Communion Service or bringing the eucharist to those in the hospital. Those visiting the homebound schedule visits convenient for the minister and the person being visited. Nursing homes and the hospital have fixed schedules.

The Archdiocese requires new ministers to receive 12 hours of instruction prior to being commissioned. After training, you will "shadow" other ministers to learn about your chosen activity. When you are comfortable, you'll receive a quarterly schedule.

**One day of training is available at LaGrange Hospital.** Saturday, September 16th from 8:30am-4:00pm. Lunch Provided.

So, are you ready to share your time and talent with those who are so grateful?

Please contact Scott or Mary Sue McDonald the coordinators for the Ministers of Care by phone at 847-528-1434 or by email [sjmcdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:sjmcdonal@yahoo.com) or [marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com).



### Kairos

We are on our 41<sup>st</sup> Kairos since we began, missing four during COVID. Kairos hype and advertising is typically spread by the teens—but obviously, due to COVID, our attendance for our four prior retreats was down. We are slowly building back, though, and it's exciting!

Registration for our Kairos 41<sup>st</sup> Retreat, October 19-22, opened on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>!

Kairos is a 4-day retreat offered through St. John of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus, specifically designed for Juniors and Seniors to reflect, reset and re-discover your relationship with God. These spots will go quickly, so be sure to sign up soon. If you have any questions, please email Katie Pruitt at [Kpruitt@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:Kpruitt@stjohnofthecross.org).

The link went LIVE on Monday, August 28: <https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/apps/forms2/?f=39390>.

## That Man Is You Men's Group



**Tuesday Nights at 8pm in Unity Hall**  
Begins September 12

*Gather for social time, an interesting video, and small group discussion about authentic male leadership in faith, family, and the workplace.*

### TMIY Attendees say:

**"It was an amazing experience.  
Better than expected.**

*Really enjoyed getting to know the men in the group and growing in our faith journey together."*

**"Very positive experience!**

*It was my first participation in a men's group.*

*I was somewhat reluctant but was  
**surprised by interaction and discussion  
in a very positive way."***

**"Men's faith discussion group this year  
often leaves me still thinking  
on the small group prompts  
even after the session.**

**I felt I was able to open up  
in TMIY in a format that made it  
easy and comfortable to share and listen.**

*I've got more out of TMIY in my faith than  
my Sunday Mass attendance – **very engaging."***

**"We've covered quite a few topics, where, upon  
discussing, I found I wasn't alone in either a  
struggle or 'best practice.' The program has  
helped me reflect on my role and actions  
as a father and husband."**

Interested? Scan the QR code  
or [click here](#) to register.



## The Chosen - Season 3

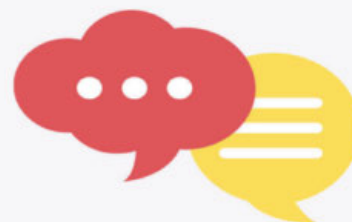
Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm



September 20-November 8  
St. John of the Cross Pastoral Center

Come see the story of Jesus through the eyes  
of those who followed him.

Register at [www.stjohnofthecross.org](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org) or email  
[mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org).



*Thinking about*  
**Becoming  
Catholic?**

**WE'D LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU!**

Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) to start the conversation

LOVE is the fulfillment  
of the LAW

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## St. Phoebe Celebration: Weekend of September 9-10

This weekend we celebrate St. Phoebe as we prayerfully listen and discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us on the topic of women in the diaconate as part of the global Synod on Synodality.



In honor of St. Phoebe, who personally delivered St. Paul's letter to the Romans, the following women will be offering scriptural reflections at all five masses this weekend:

5:00 SAT	Martie Lukanich, PsyD
7:30	Sr. Marci Hermesdorf, OP
9:00	Maggie McMahon, MDiv
11:00	Maureen Windmoeller, PT
5:00 SUN	Katie McCarthy



## This weekend, we invite those attending mass to:

- ⇒ **PRAY** through the intercession of St Phoebe for the Synod and the delegation going to Rome,
- ⇒ **CELEBRATE** women's gifts and contributions to the Church,
- ⇒ **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.



***I commend to you our sister Phoebe,  
[diakonos] of the church at Cenchreae.  
Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 16:1***

**“Growing up, I never heard about St. Phoebe.** She, like so many women of the early church, was lost to me for a long time...

Not until my late 20s do I recall Phoebe's name surfacing in my consciousness and even then, I couldn't place her beyond the heading "women of the early church." The reasons she remained in the shadows of my consciousness are as much a reflection of my own life and learning as of the institutions that have taught me and their conscious and unconscious influence on our wider perspectives as individuals and a church.

Phoebe appears in Paul's letter to the Romans, in which he exhorts the Romans: "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae." Paul writes, "I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me" (Romans 16:1-2).

Brief though it is, this introduction is full of import. In these two verses, Paul provides critical information about the woman he has entrusted to deliver his letter to Rome.

Calling her sister, deacon and benefactor, Paul signals that Phoebe is his co-worker in the kingdom. He has chosen her to convey his message and it is his hope that they, like her, will come to believe and to support the Christian mission. By identifying Phoebe as a deacon, Paul indicates that she was a preacher and teacher of the faith and gives us the earliest written record of women's ordained ministry in the church..."

*Excerpt from "Befriending Phoebe" by Sr. Colleen Gibson, SSJJ.*



# SFX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2023

New this  
year!

## TIME FOR NINE!

9-hole Morning Option  
Limited Spots!  
Register by 9/1

**\$200 per golfer**

Price includes:  
grab-n-go lunch, range balls,  
golf and a buffet dinner.

Optional VIP Package.

Each golfer will receive an  
SFX Golf Outing Swag Bag!

**FRIDAY**  
September 15th

**LUNCH 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**1:00 PM SHOTGUN START**

**DINNER, AWARDS & RAFFLE TO FOLLOW**

No in person registration on the day of the event.  
All registration payments due two days prior to the event.  
All necessary guidelines will be followed for the  
safety of the golfers and the course.

Please join us  
for our annual raffle,  
closest to the pin,  
longest drive contests,  
and much more!

Event sponsorships are  
available on Give Central.

Please use the  
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golf package plus  
purchase raffle tickets  
or event sponsorships.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AT: [SFXGOLFOUTING.COM](https://sfxgolfouting.com)**

Old Oak Country Club, 14200 Parker Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491

Any questions? Email Chairs: Lindsey & JB Mackenzie at [sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com) / Registration Chair: Katie Lutzow

**FIND YOUR FORESOME!**



# Make a Joyful noise

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

**Gallery Choir-9:00 am Mass (Sundays)**  
with one Sunday a month OFF.

\*rehearsals: Tuesdays – 7:00 to 8:30 pm

\*First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Celebration Ensemble-11:00 am Mass (Sundays)**  
with one Sunday a month OFF.

\*rehearsals: Thursdays-7:30-9:00 pm

\*First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

**Spirit Choir – 5:00 pm (Sundays)**

\*voices: teens (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> gr.) (rehearsals: prior to Mass)

\*First Rehearsal: Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

**Interested singers should contact our Director of Music Ministry  
BEFORE the first rehearsal.**

**Allen J. Sterwalt**

[asterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org)



## Religious Education News

**Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education, Classes begin September 10<sup>th</sup>!**

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 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 as some classes are already closed!**

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

Click “[Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!](#)” to register.

**Your Gift and Talent is Needed for our Wednesday Classes!**



Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU for our Wednesday Classes! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! 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](mailto:sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org).



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

Our partnership with the Fisher House at Hines VA has been a pure joy. We have now delivered 12 lap blankets and 8 shawls to Fisher House. They are available to the veterans hospitalized at Hines or a family member.

The blessing of shawls/lap blankets and their distribution mass is scheduled for 5:00pm mass on **Saturday, October 14**. Shawls and lap blankets will be displayed for distribution at the Sunday masses that weekend until our supply runs out.

Our scheduled meetings for the remaining of 2023 will be at Unity Hall on the following dates & times:

Wednesday, September 13~7:00-8:00pm

Thursday, October 12~7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, November 8~4:00-5:00pm  
(change in time).

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at [mewittlagrange@yahoo.com](mailto:mewittlagrange@yahoo.com).

## 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, October 3

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

## Add to the Beauty of the St. Francis Gardens



If you would like to donate any Mums or Black-eyed Susan's, please drop them off in the Rectory Courtyard between the church and rectory (enter from the stairs next to God's Garage). Email Cathy at [cmskokna@att.net](mailto:cmskokna@att.net) to tell her what you dropped off and she will make sure they are planted.

Cathy Skokna will then plant them around the parish grounds.

Thank you!



## 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 [lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com) or Erin Thunander [erin.thunander@gmail.com](mailto:erin.thunander@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved.



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## SPORTS BALL 2023

Friday, September 15 | 6:00pm

Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse at the Westin Hotel  
70 Yorktown Center, Lombard, Illinois

### SPECIAL GUESTS



George H. McCaskey  
Chairman, Chicago Bears  
Sports Celebrity



Juan Curiel  
CEO, American Boxing Organization  
Sports Celebrity



Dionne Miller - ABC 7  
Sports Anchor and Reporter  
Mistress of Ceremonies



Jim Flannigan  
Comedy Club Headliner  
Entertainment



Ticket & Raffle Sales

Join us for Aging Care Connections' 22nd  
Annual Sports Ball Gala, featuring:

Cocktail Reception - Silent Auction - Dinner  
Special Guest Q & A - Comedy Entertainment

For more information or to sponsor this event,  
Contact Jan Walch, Director of Philanthropy & External Affairs,  
p: 708-603-2243 / e: [jwalch@agingcareconnections.org](mailto:jwalch@agingcareconnections.org)





# West Suburban SUMMER READ 2023

## WHAT IS A SUMMER READ?

Read or listen to the selected book over the summer, then host or attend a book discussion in September.

Book Discussions Scheduled as of 9/3/2023

### ZOOM:

- Tues. Sept. 12, 7pm with CDG; register at <https://tinyurl.com/SRSept12>
- Tues. Sept. 19, 7 pm with UCH and UTUUC; register at <https://tinyurl.com/BCSept19>
- Wed. Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. with LART; register at <https://rb.gv/krbyo>

### IN-PERSON:

- Wed. Oct. 11 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, Unity Hall, 124 N. Spring, La Grange. Enter off church parking lot. Refreshments will be served.



"How do we love in a time of rage? How do we fix a broken world while not breaking ourselves? Valarie Kaur--renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer--describes revolutionary love as the call of our time.... It enjoins us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say: You are part of me I do not yet know... It is a practice that can transform a relationship, a community, a culture, even a nation. Kaur takes readers through her own riveting journey, ... reclaim[ing] love as an active, public, and revolutionary force that creates new possibilities for ourselves, our communities, and our world."

### Participating Organizations:

- Baha'is of La Grange
- Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
- First Cong. Church of La Grange—Ministry of Missions
- Learning Anti- Racism Together (LART)
- St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry, La Grange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, La Grange Park
- Unitarian Church of Hinsdale—Racial Equity Team
- Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Park

Resources for the book are available at the author's website, including a [learning hub](#), [reader's guide](#), [TED talk](#), information about the [Revolutionary Love Project](#) and the [Revolutionary Love Compass](#).

Contact [lagrangediversity@gmail.com](mailto:lagrangediversity@gmail.com) or [UCHracialequityteam@gmail.com](mailto:UCHracialequityteam@gmail.com) to host or join a book discussion.



## Family Outreach Ministry

*"I am so glad to be part of this wonderful service that feeds the hungry and is in an atmosphere of joy."*

*"We really enjoyed meeting the team of volunteers that serve weekly. The clients were also fun to chat with!  
A great experience with a team of kind, hard-working friends."*

The St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry would like to invite you to join us this year to help prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. The dates for the 2023-24 school year are: September 16, November 18, January 20, March 16 and May 18.

There are two time slots to choose from, or come for the whole time: 9:00-11:30 AM: Food prep and cooking or 11:30AM-1:00 PM: Food serving and clean up.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult. Registration can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5A62DAA8-saturday1>.

## Interfaith Career Network

Core Values + Company Culture = A Good Fit

In a job search, you're not just choosing a job, you're also choosing a culture. Join us on Thursday, September 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm for a discussion on how to go beyond asking the usual "What is the culture like here" interview questions to get the answer you really want to know. We'll zero in on why it's important for new hires to understand a company's culture before accepting a job offer. Also, what culture fit and culture add mean to ensure newly hired employee beliefs and behaviors are in alignment with a new employer's core values and company culture. Knowing an employer's values match yours is key for job attainment, productivity and retention. Our speaker, Jane Murtaugh is College of DuPage Human Resources Professor and Chair of COD's Human Resources Management Certificate. In addition Jane brings 20+ years of teaching HR, management, and organizational behavior in higher education; in addition to a wealth of corporate management and HR experience. Mark your calendar for this highly informative evening. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

Visit [www.interfaithcareernetwork.com](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com) for additional resources.



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park for questions call 708-482-5048. To register visit our website to see our entire lineup of fall programs and retreats, please register in advance at: [www.csjthewell.org/offerings/](http://www.csjthewell.org/offerings/).

**Called to Ecological Conversion Retreat** on Wednesday, September 20 from 9:00am–3:00pm. The state of the world is calling us personally and as a human community to an ecological conversion, with no time to waste! Ecological conversion will give us the hope and energy we need to save each of us and the planet as a whole. Cost: \$75 (includes lunch).

**Little Ravinia "Fun-raiser"** on Saturday, September 23 from 3:00–5:00pm Performer: Russell Schmidt In the spirit of Ravinia, Chicagoland's famed outdoor concert venue, The Well invites you to Take It Easy with us, for a lazy Saturday afternoon Fun-raiser in our courtyard. Enjoy the best of yesterday's and today's music, and sing along with a musician who specializes in Lite/Soft Rock, Americana, and Folk Rock genres. Cost: \$25, children under 12 are free.

**IN THE BEGINNING  
WAS THE WORD  
AND THE WORD  
WAS WITH GOD  
AND THE WORD WAS GOD**

**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](mailto:mrace@csjoseph.org) or 708-363-6728



## 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
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## Pastoral Ministry

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Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Director of Religious Education  
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Parish Secretary  
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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

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

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## Food Pantry

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

## Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

## Infant Baptisms

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

## Marriage

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

## Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, 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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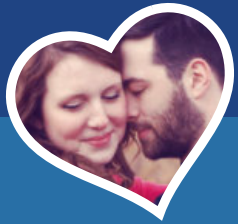
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