

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023



CORNERSTONE



*“The stone that the
builders rejected has
become the cornerstone.”*

MATTHEW 21:42AB

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 9	Mass	8:30 am	Mary Ellen Grande	Sr. Marci
Tuesday, October 10	Mass	8:30 am	Elwood & Tio Families	Mary Tio
Wednesday, October 11	Mass	8:30 am	James Roche Marie Ann Barry	The Robert Napleton Family The Zahorik Family
Thursday, October 12	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, October 13	Mass	8:30 am	Betty & Bernard Martin	The Martin Family
Saturday, October 14	Mass	8:30 am	Sean Richards	The Greyerbiehl Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jonathan Cook	The Cooley Family
Sunday, October 15	Mass	7:30 am	John Rokavec	The Grimes Family
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	Jock Brown	Dolores Lewis
	Mass	11:00 am	Joseph Resha	The Cooley Family
			Bob O'Malley	Marie O'Malley
	Mass	5:00 pm	Dick, Pat & Chris Zeiler	The Schwendner Family

Presider's Schedule for October 7-8, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Killeen

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Ilo

5:00 pm Fr. Cycson

Please pray for . . .

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

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:



Bishop Kevin Birmingham

Fran Buscareno

Wife of Vince
Mother of Annamarie & Anthony

Michael Cannon

Brother of Eileen Kelly
Uncle of Bridget Kelly

Weddings

Beth Arnold & Dan Keane



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



Pastor's Letter

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.*

*Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:6-7

I experienced my first eight-day silent retreat in January 1987 on the Atlantic Coast in Gloucester, Massachusetts. I was feeling somewhat lost in my life and deeply desired to reconnect with Jesus. It took *five days of climbing huge oceanside boulders* before I decided to just *lie down on one of those boulders and be still*. Within a short while, I powerfully encountered the depth of the love of Jesus for me in a way that is far beyond anything I could express in words. All that the Lord was asking of me was that I *be still* and let him come to me. Thirty-six years later, now sitting in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, I melted into the silence within a few hours of my arrival. God is good!

Stillness of spirit is the attitude into which St. Paul invites us this weekend. He teaches us to begin with prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings in our life, and only then to move on to the people and situations into which we invite God's loving presence. This is the path to peace of mind and heart that is beyond our understanding. **Jesus is seeking us.** He lived, died, rose, and continues to live among us and be present to us. *God seeks us* and waits for us to be still and be open to God's presence.

Several weeks ago, I was joined by three members of our parish staff and over 1,000 men and women from across the Archdiocese for a Day of Spiritual Renewal. The day powerfully reminded us that when we proclaim the resurrection of Jesus, we proclaim that **Jesus lives** – not as a figure in history or a character in the stories of scripture; but *in this moment*. He becomes present to us in the Eucharist and becomes present to the world through the community of believers who carry his message in word and action.

Jesus wants to be known. He wants to walk with us. He wants to guide us when we are troubled and embrace us when we feel lost or alone. He wants to share our joys and encourage our dreams. He wants to sit with us as we watch the sun rise or set, take in our surroundings on a beautiful day, or speak from the bottom of our hearts. And he wants us to tell the stories of our relationship with him so that, through us, others may come to know him. Sometimes he comes to us as we reflect on the blessings in our life. Sometimes he speaks to us as we share our concerns or pray for people or situations in need of prayer. Sometimes all we need to do is to *be still*.

Give yourself the blessing of being with Jesus today. Give thanks, offer a prayer, or just be still. Jesus will find you. And he is waiting to be found.

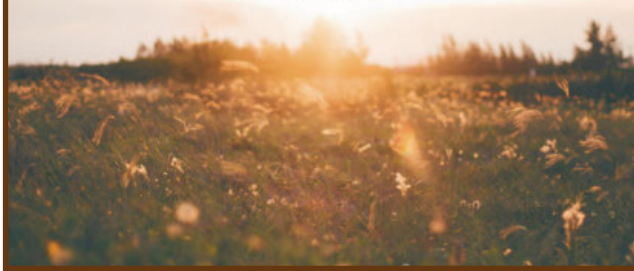
Happy "October National Holiday", whatever name you give it or without a name at all. Autumn days are too precious to let pass unnoticed.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill

Healing Mass for Parents

Saturday, Oct 28 at 8:30am



Have you or a loved one lost a child?

No matter when or how the loss occurred and no matter where you are in your faith journey or your grief, Jesus offers both healing and a community that loves you and your child.

Gather on Saturday, October 28 at 8:30am

with other parents, families, and loved ones for a healing Mass to remember our children and pray together.

Indigenous Peoples' Day/ Columbus Day

In observance of the Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day holiday, the office will be closed starting on Friday, October 6 at 4:30 pm through Monday, October 9. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 10 at 8:30 am.



Christmas Midnight Mass Choir: New Singers Welcome!

A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been wanting to join, but just haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an **ear** and a **love** for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at 12:00 am on December 25th. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth.

Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, October 24th- 7:00 to 8:00 pm**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 19th.

If you have an **ear** and a **skill** for choral singing, please consider this invitation, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music Ministry, **before** the first rehearsal on **October 24th** at asterwalt@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



*Connecting families with
littles (under 5 years old)*

Pumpkin Painting (& Social)

Where: 541 S Madison Ave, LaGrange

When: 11:00am-12:30pm on Saturday, Oct 14

What: You bring the pumpkins, we'll provide the paint. Messy clothes recommended (for parents and kids!)

Costumes in the Park

Where: Spring Ave Park, LaGrange
(1100 S Spring Ave)

When: 5:30pm on Friday, Oct 27

What: Your toddler can't decide on a costume? Break out a second or third option and gather in the park! Or just dress 'em up as a dino for the third year in a row. Either way: deck the family out for Halloween and join us for a Friday evening park playdate/social.

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: 5322 S Madison Ave, Countryside (subject to change each month)

When: 8:00pm every 2nd Thursday

What: Gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration!

Questions?

Contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more info.

Join our Facebook group:

SFX Toddling Together!

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 will be on **Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 to 8:30 pm** in Unity Hall at SFX. Our guest speaker, Sr. Pat Bergen from The Well Spirituality Center will present the topic: What is happening and Where on Earth is God? A timely topic with discussion. So that we can plan, please RSVP at janeLGPark@gmail.com.

We have an informal get together in the works as well. Please join us for a lunch outing to the McCook Bohemian Restaurant, 8300 Joliet Road in McCook on **Wednesday, October 18 at 11:30 am** (separate checks). Please RSVP at the email below so that we can provide accurate reservation information. Website: <https://mccookbohemian.com/>.



Wonderfully Made @LUC

In partnership with the Institute of Pastoral Studies and the Department of Theology, and with support from the Office of Institutional Diversity/Equity/Inclusion, the Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy's **Anti-Oppressive Film Series** presents **Wonderfully Made-LGBTQ+R(eligion)** directed by Yuval David and produced by Mark McDermott.

Synopsis: *Wonderfully Made-LGBTQ+R(eligion)* is a combined fine art project and feature-length documentary that together strike at the root of anti-LGBTQ+ attitudes by exploring the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics. The message, however, applies to any religious tradition that does not fully embrace our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters.

Date/Time/Location: October 16th from 5:00-8:00pm, Damen Student Center, 6511 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL, 60660

Register to attend at: <https://www.luc.edu/fcip/programs/anti-oppressivefilmseries/wonderfullymadeluc/>

Catholic Theological Union in Hyde Park (on the South Side of Chicago) is hosting a screening of this film the next day, on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30pm. Check their event page for more information: <https://ctu.edu/event/wonderfully-made-lgbtqreligion-movie-night/>



New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30pm**, for a special Newcomer Blessing presided by Fr. Rich.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for **socializing in Unity Hall**. Alpine subs, salad, fruit and cookies will be served.

Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

Who is invited? Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish * Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet * Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us and Families with children of all ages * **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7pm, or BOTH!

RSVP and Questions Call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email lauraduelm@gmail.com.

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.

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:

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

Wednesday, November 8 from 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.



Listening as a Universal Church *The Synod on Synodality*



As the Synod gathers in Rome (10/4-10/29), we pray with Catholics across the globe:

***We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and
not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.***



Parishioner Katie Mulcahy will travel to Rome in mid-October and bear witness as a leader in Chicago's Discerning Deacon Circle.

If you are interested in growing the conversation about women at SFX, contact Katie at ktom@sbcglobal.net.

If you were inspired on St. Phoebe Day and want to stay up-to-date on the October synod, join October's weekly Rosary for a Synodal Church online at <https://bit.ly/synodrosary> and/or subscribe to Discerning Deacons' newsletter at <https://bit.ly/DDSubscribe>.

All are invited to pray for the synod.

SFX zoom rosary each Wednesday at 7:30 am. [Click Here](#)

Rosary in the Mary Garden each Thursday at 8:15 am.

Follow SFX Facebook for information on the synod!



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/.

The Power of Compassion for Ourselves on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am-12:00pm with Facilitator: David Ellzey. Infinite love is immediately available in this very moment. However, self-judgment, shame, and guilt deplete our ability to experience it and celebrate the radiant cosmic light of who we truly are. Experience the welcome relief and power of self-compassion through techniques of letting go, sacred breath, humor, being together, meditation, and deep silence. Cost: \$55.

Find Your People: Combating Loneliness and the Friendship Recession in America on Tuesday, October 17 from 6:30-8:00pm with Facilitator: Florence Ann Romano. Join us for a collaborative and meaningful conversation about the importance of a village at every stage of life - in other words, a support system for our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. We will explore the six archetypes of villagers that create a unique ecosystem of friendship - in your life and in other peoples' lives. Those who attend in-person will be gifted with a copy of Florence Ann's book *Build Your Village*. Cost: \$25.

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a 'Gospel of life.'
It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly
in respect for human dignity.**

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB

Respect Life and Human Dignity Events and Resources

Month of October: Annual Women's Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive: Envelopes available at church doors. Please drop off at Rectory or in collection baskets. Online donations can be made at <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate>. Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.



Sept 27–Nov 5: 40 Days for Life: Help save lives through the power of prayer. For more information and sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove.

Wednesday, October 11 6:30-8:00pm Rectory Courtyard Room: Peace & Justice Book Discussion. "See No Stranger" A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love. See bulletin for details.

Saturday, October 14: Knights of Columbus Food Drive. See Bulletin for details.



Saturday, October 14 5:00 pm Mass: Prayer Shawl Blessing. Shawls will be available for those needing comfort and prayers after the weekend masses while supplies last.

Sunday, October 15 12:30pm at First United Methodist Church LaGrange: Go to www.crophungerwalk.org and select LaGrange/Western Springs/Brookfield for more information and to donate online. Please bring a food item for local pantries.



Wednesday, October 18 6:00-8:30 pm: Women's Care Center Fundraiser: See bulletin for details.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month: In a time of crisis, most people feel overwhelmed by many emotions: confusion, fear, anger, guilt, shame, doubt, depression, hopelessness, anxiety and more. When the crisis involves abuse (physical, emotional, verbal, financial or sexual) the victim usually feels completely alone. Often victims are afraid or embarrassed to tell anyone; they fear no one will understand. They may think God has abandoned them. But God is there to offer strength and guidance. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233. There you can chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. For more information go to www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org.

Gospel of Life Prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life.

St John Paul II *Evangelium vitae*



**Save the Date
for the
Falcon 5K
Run/Walk**

**Saturday
November 4th
8:00 am**

Open Staff Position: Youth Ministry Coordinator

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.

Nazareth Academy Fall Open House

All families are welcome to learn more about Nazareth Academy at their **Fall Open House**. Visit on Sunday, October 29, for a 10:00 am presentation or Monday, October 30, for a 6:30 pm presentation. Space is limited and Registration is required at www.nazarethacademy.com.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

Workbooks For Lectors

The new workbooks for Lectors are available for pick up after all masses in the Priest Sacristy.

High School Guys and Girls Church League Basketball



**Registration Opens
on Sunday, October 1, 2023!**

High School Guys League Fee \$150
[Click here](#) for online registration.

[Click here](#) to pay online via credit
or electronic check.

High School Girls League Fee \$100
[Click here](#) for online registration.

[Click here](#) to pay online via credit
or electronic check.

Family Outreach Ministry

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: November 18, January 20, March 16 and May 18.

There are two time slots to choose, 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.

To register [click here](#).



SFX Men's Club

Pig Roast – Save the Date!

Friday, November 10, 2023

More details to follow

Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com for info.

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish –
we need your help!
Monthly meetings on the
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 7

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



Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.

Religious Education News



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 Parent Newsletter.

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**Our In person Program Registrations are now closed,  
but registrations for our K – 8 Religious Education Online Program is still open.**

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for "car ride" home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

**Please don't delay in registering your children today!**

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

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

## Come and Learn About the Heart of Ignatian Spirituality



**When:** Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm - 8:15pm

**Where:** St. Francis Xavier (Unity Hall)

**To register please [click here](#).**

*The purpose of The Spiritual Exercises is very practical: to grow in union with God, who frees us to make good decisions about our lives and to help others.*

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius for growth in the spiritual life. By learning to pay attention to our inner movements and embrace our uniqueness we can learn to live our lives more fully while searching for and discovering the will of God for each of us.

*Should I attend ...*

You may be asking questions such as: Do I desire a deeper relationship with God, myself, and the world in which I live? Do I desire a greater sense of direction and purpose in my life in light of my relationship with God? Do I feel that there is more to my life than I am experiencing? Do I want to understand better what I really want in my life?

The discussion will be led by Tom Marthaler who is a parishioner at SFX, a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, and certified spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition.

Please contact Maggie McMahon by email at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) if you have any questions.

## Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food For Families Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drive on Saturday, October 14. Please join the Knights in making an immediate impact to replace hunger with food on the table!

Attach paper flyers to doorknobs of homes using rubber bands. Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights. Volunteers choose their own day, time and streets in LaGrange or LaGrange Park. Flyers will be available to distribute through Monday, October 9.

Donations benefit the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and the Chicago Food Depository.

This good cause, twice each year in April and October, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the St. Francis community.

**Another way to help is to:**

**DONATE ONLINE TO**

**St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry**

**[sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families](https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families)**

**or point your phone camera at the QR code to**

**the right and click or text F4FSFX to 708-738-**

**5930 or email [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com)**



To volunteer or for more information, please call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930 or email [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support.

## 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.





# Peace & Justice BOOK DISCUSSION 2023

## Don't Have a Chance to Read the Book?

No worries! We will be showing a video about the book before the discussion so all are welcome to participate.



"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."

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**St. Francis Xavier Church**  
**Courtyard Room**  
**124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange**

**Enter the Spring Avenue entrance of the Rectory.**  
**Refreshments will be served.**

[Click Here](#) to RSVP.

## Participating Organizations:

- Baha'is of LaGrange
- Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
- First Congregational Church of LaGrange-Ministry of Missions
- Learning Anti-Racism Together (LART)
- St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry, LaGrange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, LaGrange 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, [www.valeriekaur.com](http://www.valeriekaur.com).

**Questions? Contact Maureen Windmoeller**  
[maurwind@gmail.com](mailto:maurwind@gmail.com)



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Monsignor Ken Velo!*



Babies like Lea  
need **heroes** like you!

**Wed., Oct. 18, 2023**  
**LuxuryBingoChicago.com**



*You support local women in choosing life, having healthier  
pregnancies, and becoming self-sufficient parents at*

**Women's  
Care Center**

## Our Parish Counselor

My name is BC Shelly, and I am returning to St. Francis Xavier as the psychotherapy-counseling intern through the Claret Center. I am a fifth-year doctoral student from Adler University pursuing a Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Neuropsychology. My therapeutic style is client-centered, existential, and I believe people are experts in their own lives. I seek to meet people where they are and understand their perspective on their experience. If you are interested about self-exploration or would like help managing any concerns, consider reaching out to me at 704-750-0686 or [bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com](mailto:bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com). At this time, sessions are offered both virtual and in-person.



BC Shelly, M.A., M.Div., Parish Counselor Intern, St. Francis Xavier Parish,  
Phone: 704-750-0868 Email: [bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com](mailto:bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com).

We share one cup,  
one bread  the gift of life



## 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
- **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

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# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

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

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Rev. Richard Milek  
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Director of Marketing & Enrollment  
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Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

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## Parish Office Staff

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Director of Stewardship and Development  
Parish Accountant  
Pastor's Secretary  
Parish Secretary  
Staff Secretary  
Facilities Manager

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School of Religious Education .....708-352-4555  
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## Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm  
Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

## Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

## Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

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

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

## Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus 7:00-8:00 pm

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

## Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

## Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

## Food Pantry

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

## Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

## Infant Baptisms

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

## Marriage

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

## Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.



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