



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
Christ the King of the Universe
November 26, 2023

KINGDOM



“Come, you who are blessed by
my Father. Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.”

MATTHEW 25:34

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 27	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Herbert & Mary Schrack R. Alex Westhoff	The Zahorik Family
Tuesday, November 28	Mass	8:30 am	Eugen Callahan	The Nighswander Family
Wednesday, November 29	Mass	8:30 am	Catherine Hofstetter Joan Dunne	The Westerhoff Family The Dunne Family
Thursday, November 30	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, December 1	Mass	8:30 am	Shirley Hennebry	Dave Grimes
Saturday, December 2	Mass	8:30 am	Jessica Barry Louie Marasovic	The Zahorik Family April Pesut
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Albert Gimesky Helen Rizzo	Prox & Bernard Kazyak The Templeton & Costello Families
Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent	Mass	7:30 am	Lillian Catelli	Alice Vida
	Mass	9:00 am	Jock Brown	Dolores Lewis
			Carol Pratali	The Pratali Family
			Olivia Denson	Liz Shaw
	Mass	11:00 am	Steve Domzalski	Robert & Elizabeth Nale
	Mass	5:00 pm	John Christianson	The Driscoll Family

Presider's Schedule for November 25-26, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkahuk

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Baby Finley Adkins	Darren Masier
John Baggio	Lisa Massaro
Dorothy Burnicks	Patrick Morgan
Dick Callahan	Gert Ogilvie
Jay Carroll	Jane O'Reilly
Chili Challender	Larry Plansky
Marion Coogan	Laureen Rab
Laurie Coughlan	Rob Roper
Irene DeYoung	Anna Rose
Blake Donegan	Sandra Smith
Barbara Doyle	Santa Snieg
Matthew Doyle	Rita Mae Spearman
Lily Fielding	Gregg Stephenson
Kathy Gleason	John Stopka
Lilli Gregory	Charlie Swafford
Angela Hill	Richie Szatkowski
Dave Hyland	Olivia Tarsney
Rose Ilo	Bill Witowski
Jane Jacobsen	Erik Witz
Eleanor Love	
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:

Don Veverka
Father of Tanya, Holly & Marc

Weddings

Lindsay Trost & Marty Napleton
Stephanie Jaslowski & Dan Wulfing



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



Pastor's Letter

In Christ, shall all be brought to life.
1 Corinthians 15:22

Each Church year ends with the celebration of Christ as King of the Universe. We conclude our year of the gospel of Matthew with a tale of how we all will be judged at the end of time and space as we know it. Those who have spent their lives in service of the mission of Jesus by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting prisoners will be welcomed into God's kingdom; each act of kindness and mercy toward a person in need was an act of kindness directly to Christ. Those who have spent their lives focused only on their own needs learn that they have spent their lives ignoring Christ, regardless of how devoutly or frequently they "worshipped." This image summarizes much of what we have been hearing over the past few months. Our investment in bringing the message of Jesus and reaching out in love to those in need is what "builds treasure" that lasts and that deepens our relationship with Jesus.

Next Sunday is the feast day of our patron, Saint Francis Xavier. Francis was an early companion of St. Ignatius. He responded to a call to bring the message of Jesus to eastern Asia, especially Japan, India, and islands off the coast of China. Francis Xavier felt called to "set the world on fire" with the light of the Gospel and the fire of the Spirit.

For over ten years, our parish elementary school has marked our patron's feast day with a Day of Service. This Friday each grade, from pre-school through eighth grade, will spend the day in a service activity that connects to that grade's service theme for the year. Some students will go out to prepare food boxes to be sent to areas in special need; others will entertain the residents of Bethlehem Woods with BINGO and carols; others will spend time interacting with children from areas different than our own. *All* will return to share the stories of how God gifted them as they reached out to serve others.

Next Saturday, the children in our School of Religious Education will also participate in a Day of Service. Families have been offered a variety of service opportunities to share as a family. Our children model for us fitting ways to honor our patron saint by living out the gospel through service and kindness to others.

Our parish did not have an associate pastor from June 2019 – August 2020, which overlapped with the arrival of COVID. The Thursday morning Mass was replaced with praying the rosary at 8:15 AM. After recent discussions with the rosary group and others, we have decided to restore the Thursday morning Mass *beginning Thursday, December 7*. The rosary will still begin at 8:15, with Mass immediately following. All are invited to participate in either or both gatherings every Thursday.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. Free "Little Books" for Advent are now available. Advent wreath kits and prayer books are available for sale in the back of church. Tags from our annual Giving Tree will be distributed to those who want to participate in this Advent sharing program. The tag might identify a gift for a family in need, locally or on the west side of Chicago, or a way to support efforts to shelter the homeless and feed the poor. Gifts will be due the following Sunday, December 10.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual
growth opportunities for all parishioners

ADVENT 2023

Seasonal Advent Table

Advent wreaths, candles, and family prayer books for you to take home (while supplies last!)

Little Blue Books - available for free at all doors!

Area Advent Reconciliation Service - December 9, 1:00pm at St John of the Cross
(First Reconciliations begin at 12:00pm, seasonal service to follow.)

Forgive Everyone Everything, Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00pm
Dominican University, Lund Auditorium

Gregory Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. Dominican University, in collaboration with The Well Center for Spirituality, is hosting this evening of stories of radical kinship, healing and forgiveness shared with Fr. Boyle's incredible capacity for courage and kindness and incredible ability to recognize God in all people and things. Tickets \$10. Register [here](#) or by email: mmcahon@sfxlg.org.



God loves you. Pay Attention.

Ignatian Morning of Meditation

*"Pray as if God will take care of all: act as if all is up to you."
St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Saturday, December 9th

9:30-10:45am, Unity Hall
9:00am coffee + treats

For many, the days between Thanksgiving and Christmas are some of the busiest of the year. The liturgical season of Advent can get swallowed up in the pre-Christmas rush. How do we find time for prayer? How do we cope with all the expectations? Is there a practical solution out there?

Ignatian Spirituality is built upon recognizing and experiencing the presence of God in our everyday thoughts and actions. As a result, our normal lives can be filled with more joy and gratitude. It is about being conscious of God's unconditional love for us and responding by living with greater purpose and meaning.

St. Ignatius of Loyola invites us to use our mind and imagination to engage in prayerful conversation with God. We will spend time learning about each of these Ignatian Prayers: ***The Colloquy***, ***Imaginative Contemplation***, and ***The Examen***.

The reflection 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.

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org, [click here](#), or scan the QR code to register.





GIVING TREE **Our Tradition Continues!**

Tags for both gift cards and specific items will be available at all the masses on **December 2 and 3**. We ask that gifts and gift cards be returned to Unity Hall by noon on **December 10**.

Online monetary donations will be collected through **December 17** via Give Central.
[Click here](#) or you can scan the QR code to make a donation.



The Giving Tree will support St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago, Food Pantry families and migrant families. Thank you for continuing to spread Christmas Cheer!

Any questions, call 708-352-0168 or email Merry Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

Mark Your Calendar!

On Tuesday, December 5, the Senior Women's Group of St. Francis Xavier presents a program by:

Storyteller Jay Payleitner



A more personal look at Jay

Besides Jay's career in advertising and radio, he grew up close to home in St. Charles, married his high-school sweetheart, Rita, and together they raised five children and fostered ten babies. He has written several books dealing with relationships between generations and spouses.

Jay will share lessons learned about surviving and enjoying the holidays in his presentation "Be Like Linus" on Tuesday, December 5. Join us in Unity Hall at about 9:00 am, (after the 8:30 Mass) for light refreshments and fellowship. The presentation will begin at 9:30 am. Plan to join us. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



Connecting families with littles (under 5 years old)

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: 5322 South Madison Avenue, 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 information.
Join our Facebook group: SFX Toddlers Together!

SPRED

SPRED is a parish-based ministry that provides faith formation and spiritual nourishment to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages and function levels. The St. Francis Xavier SPRED group is for adults aged 22 and older. Our Saturday group meets twelve times a year from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to celebrate God's love and message. Over the summer, we plan fun activities to stay connected.

If you know of anyone who can benefit from SPRED, is 22 or older, and would like to join our Saturday group, please contact Maureen Windmoeller 708-250-1049 or Nancy Kalkowski 708-860-5470.

SPRED Catechists Needed

SPRED is an Archdiocese of Chicago program that provides individuals with intellectual disabilities a caring environment to celebrate God's love and message. The St. Francis Xavier Saturday SPRED group is looking for catechists to work with our special friends who are adults, aged 22 and older. The group meets every other week for a total of twelve sessions between October and April each year. Catechists also attend a planning meeting prior to each SPRED session. If you would like more information, please contact Maureen Windmoeller 708-250-1049 or Nancy Kalkowski 708-860-5470.



YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 10th

Name: _____

Regular Admission: _____ x \$12 = _____

Children 12 & under: _____ x \$5 = _____

Seniors 65 & older: _____ x \$10 = _____

Total = _____

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

- ☐ 8:00 am - 8:30 am
- ☐ 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- ☐ 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- ☐ 10:30 am - 11:00 am
- ☐ 11:00 am - 11:45 am
- ☐ 11:45 am - 12:15 pm

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 @ 708-352-0618

AN EVENING OF *Prayer & Reflection*

THE SEASON OF ADVENT:
A NEW BEGINNING
WITH *Jesus*

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Brendan Lupton
PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL FACULTY OF THEOLOGY; ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF DOGMATIC THEOLOGY AND CHURCH HISTORY.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

(708)352-6209 www.stcletusparish.com

ST CLETUS PARISH
600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525



The St. Francis Xavier Parish presents: YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST (in Joyce Hall)

Sunday, December 10th - 8 a.m. to 12:30 (last seating at 12:15)

Purchase Tickets for Breakfast time at sfxlg.org



see order form opposite page

Admission: \$12

Children (12 and under): \$5 - Seniors (65 and older): \$10

Featuring Santa's Workshop (in Gym)

**Join Santa Claus in Santa's
DIY Workshops and Photos
from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

- **Cookie Decorating**
- **Holiday Canvas Painting**
- **Participate in Christmas
Craft Service Projects**
- **And Much More!**

Separate fee applies to some of the
workshop activities above.



SANTA WILL BE THERE!

**Sponsored by the SFX Catholic Women's Club
and the**



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**



SFX RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICE EVENT

Saturday, December 2, 2023

EVENT DETAILS

Location: Joyce Hall

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Students and parents will pack kits for migrant children experiencing their first winter in Chicago. Kits will be delivered to the Chicago Refugee Coalition for distribution.



Scan QR code for event details, registration, and the Amazon wishlist.

ITEM DONATIONS

We are seeking donations of children's winter items, such as:

- Hats or headbands
- Gloves or mittens
- Scarves or gaiters
- Warm Socks
- Boots and Coats - new or used

For a full list of suggested items, check out the Amazon Wishlist.

Have questions or want to get more involved? Contact:

Terese Kartholl (terese.m.kartholl@gmail.com)

Cristina Tamm (anacristinasisson@gmail.com)

Religious Education News



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:
"Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!" to register go to sfxlg.org.



Nazareth Academy Entrance Exam

**Saturday, December 2
8:00am**

Nazareth Academy invites 8th graders to Test at Nazareth Academy on December 2. 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 nazarethacademy.com.

Parents are invited to an optional Parent Gathering Q & A session from 8:30-9:30am that morning. Pre-registration at 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.

SFX ALL SCHOOL SERVICE DAY

Friday, December 1, 2023

SERVICE

Please pray for our students as they serve at the following sites:

PRESCHOOL 4

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry

KINDERGARTEN

Palos Children's Farm

FIRST GRADE

Bethlehem Woods

SECOND GRADE

St. Lucy / St. Catherine School

THIRD GRADE

Marillac House

FOURTH GRADE

Feed My Starving Children

FIFTH GRADE

American Legion Hall

SIXTH GRADE

SEASPAR Abilities Awareness Bowling

SEVENTH GRADE

Feed My Starving Children

EIGHTH GRADE

Greater Chicago Food Depository
St. Mary Star of the Sea

*This week the school will collect items for several sites.
Scan this code for more information on how to participate.*



WE PRAY. WE LEARN. WE SERVE.

Engage Community November



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

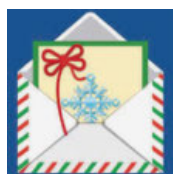
Our next gathering will be on **Thursday, November 30 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Unity Hall at SFX.**

We are having a Catholic Trivia contest!

Just for fun and bragging rights. No ringers please (looking at you Fathers Bill and Rich).

Beverages and snacks provided to feed your competitive brain. So that we can plan, please bring a friend or two and RSVP at the email below by November 27.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.



Christmas Cards For Prisoners



Reach out to prisoners by sending a Christmas card! Cards may NOT have glitter, or anything glued on them. Don't use crayons or markers.

Please sign some cards (first name only).

- * Use cards that represent a diverse population
- * Place stamps in a separate envelope, NOT on card envelopes
- * Don't use cards that talk about masses or novenas

You can write a cheerful line or two also if you wish. Do NOT seal the envelope. Place cards in the box in the church vestibule by November 26.

Stamps or cash donations are also very much appreciated.

Thank you, and God bless you for your loving outreach.



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/.

Breaking Open Advent Scripture Series on Wednesdays: November 29; December 6, 13, and 20 from 1:00-2:15pm (CT) with Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ. Advent is a season of hope, a season of welcoming newness, noticing what is coming to light. Join us as we break open the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday in light of Christ, The Light of the World, who has been coming into the world since the first blaze of light. The Mystery of Christmas is being revealed and is more profound than most of us imagine. Series cost: \$80.

Forgive Everyone Everything on Tuesday, December 5 from 7:00pm (CT) *Co-sponsored with the Siena Center of Dominican University* with Facilitator: Greg Boyle, SJ. Join us for an evening of stories of radical kinship, healing, and forgiveness shared with Fr. Boyle's incredible capacity for courage and kindness and incredible ability to recognize God in all people and things. Gregory Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world, and author of the 2010 New York Times-bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart*. In-Person only, at Dominican University, Lund Auditorium. Cost: \$10.

Youth Ministry...in the meantime

After a series of interviews over the past seven months, we have not been able to offer someone the staff position of Coordinator of Youth Ministry. This leaves us without current leadership for several important ministries to our high school teens, especially:

- ♦ Planning and directing our bi-monthly program for teens on the evening of the first Sunday of the month (we alternate with St. John of the Cross).
- ♦ the ongoing coordination of the SFX Church League teams.
- ♦ our Kairos Retreat team (in collaboration with St. John of the Cross).
- ♦ our team for the summer mission trip.

Your stewardship of talent in any of the above programs would be a great gift to our teens. We can provide staff guidance and resources. If you are interested in ministering to our teens in any of these ministries, please contact Fr. Bill (wtkachuk@sfxlg.org).

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 or Erin Thunander erin.thunander@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved.

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 5

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



SFX Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for a small, simple way to serve and love others? Look no further! St. Francis expanded their hospitality ministry last year, and it is easier for anyone to jump in and play a part in welcoming others to our community.

Through the established sign up on the SFX website, anyone can contribute meaningfully to the culture of hospitality and welcome – on your own schedule and at your own paces! Offer to write a few welcome notes to new parishioners, to greet at one or many Masses, or to attend a New Parishioner Prayer Service.

We are practicing hospitality as a way of life here at St. Francis! Even if you don't have the capacity to sign up for a service spot at this time, just smiling and introducing yourself to someone new this week can make a huge difference in our parish community.

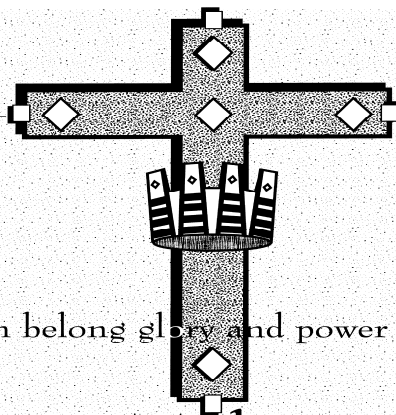
[Click here](#), scan with your phone below or visit www.sfxlg.org – Parish – Ministries/Organizations – Hospitality Team to sign up for a small act!



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.



To him belong glory and power forever

CHRIST the KING

Christmas Concert & Candlelight Service

Follow the Star!

Saturday, January 6, 2024 — 7:00 p.m.

The St. Francis Xavier Music Ministry

*Celebration Ensemble, Gallery Choir;
Children's Choir & Instrumentalists*



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

SCRIPTURE STUDY 2024
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ

Unity Hall
9:30-11:00 am
Thursdays
January 11-March 7, 2024

The Gospel of John
Biblical Notions of Heaven

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

BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAM USING PASTOR'S NAME

An email scam continues to use Fr. Bill's name as part of an email scam that is sent to random parishioners. This has been happening to pastors and ministers of other communities for several years. The pastor is listed as the sender with a fake (though sometimes credible) email address. An emergency request is made for money through the purchase of gift cards. If you respond, the sender asks you to reveal the PIN number on the gift card and return a picture of the card that includes the PIN. The scammer can use this information to redeem the gift cards.

Fr. Bill and the parish staff will NEVER make a personal request for money in this way. Requests for financial contributions to the parish or parish school will come via direct communication from the parish or school.



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
- **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

Pastoral Ministry

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Deacon
Deacon
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Parish Web Site.....www.sfxlg.org

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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