



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
The Holy Family
December 31, 2023

Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon
you and remain with you
throughout the year.

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 1	Mass	10:00 am	Ed Burke	The MacAskill Family
Mary the Mother of God				
New Year's Day				
Tuesday, January 2	Mass	8:30 am	Dick & Cookie Hofstetter	The Westerhoff Family
Wednesday, January 3	Mass	8:30 am	Olivia Denson	Liz Shaw
Thursday, January 4	Rosary	8:15 am		
	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, January 5	Mass	8:30 am	Petra Prado	Judy Giannelli
Saturday, January 6	Mass	8:30 am	Louie Marasovic	April Pesut
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Ed Patyk	Joe Discipio
Sunday, January 7	Mass	7:30 am	Pat Callahan	Dave Grimes
The Epiphany of the Lord	Mass	9:00 am	Ruth & Anthony Bell	The Braasch Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Jim Martin	The Martin Family
			Jock Brown	The Martin Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Presider's Schedule for December 30-31, 2023

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

Please pray for . . .

Baby Finley Adkins	James Lowry
John Baggio	Rick Mahoney
Ed Barrett	Darren Masier
Dorothy Burnicks	Lisa Massaro
Dick Callahan	Patrick Morgan
Jay Carroll	Rosemary Nash
Chili Challenger	Muriel Nerad
Marion Coogan	Gert Ogilvie
Laurie Coughlan	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Larry Plansky
Barbara Doyle	Laureen Rabe
Matthew Doyle	Rob Roper
Nancy Duffy	Anna Rose
Lily Fielding	Sandra Smith
Tom Flynn	Santa Snieg
Kathy Gleason	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Lilli Gregory	Rita Mae Spearman
Angela Hill	Gregg Stephenson
Dave Hyland	John Stopka
Rose Ilo	Charlie Swafford
Jane Jacobsen	Richie Szatkowski
Tiffany Kahn	Olivia Tarsney
Richard Lavers	Bill Witowski
Eleanor Love	Erik Witz

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:

Norine Byrne
Mother of Tom

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



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*

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Your Christmas donation is instrumental to the parish's ongoing mission!
Our Christmas goal is \$154,000 (7.5% of our budgeted revenue).



Ways to Give:

1. Father Bill's Christmas letter included an envelope for your offering
2. To make your online gift:
 - Click [here](#)
 - Text JOYFUL to 708-340-6630
 - Use the QR code inside the front cover of this bulletin

God bless you for your support!

OUTREACH HOLIDAY BLESSINGS

We give thanks for the overwhelming generosity of the entire St. Francis Xavier Community this holiday season!

Our Thanksgiving Collection of **\$4,319** will be shared with the Catholic Parishes of Oak Park Migrant Ministry and Exodus World Service.

Our Giving Tree provided **\$5,000** in gift cards to St. Agatha's on Chicago's west side. In addition, **\$5,840** in gift cards were shared with the **150** families who received food from our pantry for Christmas. Lastly, **75** beautifully wrapped toys were given to families supported by Catholic Charities.

Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who shared Christmas **JOY** with the individuals and families we serve through the food pantry including: candy bags, Christmas trees and homemade cards, items for our Christmas bazaar, homemade blankets, shawls, scarves, laundry & dish soap and **3,074** boxes of cereal! A special thanks to the volunteers who serve our clients in all kinds of weather throughout the year! The Food Pantry Ministry could not happen without their **2,413** hours of service! We are a blessed faith community!



Pastor's Letter

*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom,
and the favor of God was upon him.*

Luke 2:40

Family

I have always felt that the Feast of the Holy Family arrives at the perfect time. Not because our hearts have been softened by the image of Mary and Joseph and the Child Jesus in the manger, as beautiful and holy as that may be. But because we probably have experienced the frustrations and tensions and imperfections of being family. I am open to the possibility that there are those among who have been celebrating a picture-perfect Christmas week. Nonetheless, being together for so much time and dealing with the expectations, tasks, and interpersonal tensions that are expressed or suppressed can leave many of us feeling less like the family of Bethlehem and more like the Griswolds.

Today, scripture reminds us that, on the day they presented their firstborn child in the Temple, Mary was warned by a devout elder that her heart would be pierced, and her child contradicted and opposed. With that news, the family returned to Nazareth, where the family needed to establish a new household, and Joseph had to rebuild his trade. And while their child would be sinless, he would nonetheless be a child who needed to be taught and guided like any other child. He would go through the “terrible twos” and the struggles of adolescence. He would make mistakes and would need to be taught right from wrong. (Remember, we are told that, when a young teen, he decided to hang back on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, leaving his parents to search for him in a panic over several days.) He would need to learn his prayers and the history and traditions of his religion and proclaim lines from the Torah like any of his peers.

So, **what makes this family holy, and what does that teach us?** Joseph, Mary, and Jesus were committed to loving God above all else and loving one another as they loved themselves. They encouraged one another in coming to know and to live out God's desires for them, and, when necessary, corrected one another with loving kindness. They reached out to help those in need and saw themselves as connected to others.

All of this is possible for all of us. We may not live it as well as they did. But we can strive to set expectations for one another and set an example for those who know us. We can let this family be made of flesh and bones rather than of card stock or marble. We can refuse to think that their holiness is beyond our reach. *We can invite God into our homes and our extended families* to bring healing where there is injury, forgiveness where there is hurt, understanding where there is diversity of perspective, and patience with ourselves and one another.

What better Christmas gift could we give to one another.

Christmas Peace,

J. Bill



Finding My Faith Story: A Half-Day Retreat

January 27, 2024 from 9:00am - 12:30pm
in Unity Hall (*optional lunch to follow*)

Using the four-door method of narrative spirituality, this retreat helps people find and tell their faith story by giving participants the spiritual tools to identify each of the following four elements in their own life story:

- a main character
- who encounters a compelling problem to solve
- identifies the power or talent needed to solve it, and
- takes action with this power to address the problem

Seeing our life story in these spiritual terms equips us to live the story in which we take action to use our own unique powers and talents to address the need that most touches our heart.

Retreat cost is \$10/person. [Click here to register!](#)

Any questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.

HOLIDAY DRINKING GUIDELINES

1. Drink only if you can. If you have been told not to drink, or if you take medication that does not mix with alcohol, don't drink.

Just one drink can hurt you.

2. Don't drink more than one drink per hour. If you can drink more than this without feeling any effect, it may be a symptom of the disease of alcoholism.

A high tolerance for alcohol is a sign of disease – not a good thing.

3. Don't drink if you "don't drink." Don't take a beverage to avoid hurting your host or hostess.

Not drinking is okay.

4. Alcohol mixes better with the gasoline in a car than with the driver. If you plan on having a "really good time?" then plan on not driving.

Drunk drivers can kill people.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING GUIDELINES

1. Never tell a guest, "Aw, c'mon. One drink won't hurt you. It's Christmas!"

The calendar has no effect on the effects of alcohol.

2. Don't serve more than one drink per hour to any guest. Minimize the time before serving food.

Don't poison your guests.

3. Don't give a guest who "doesn't drink" a hard time. Don't argue when someone says, "No thanks."

Provide non-alcoholic refreshments and let your guests choose.

4. Hot coffee or cold towels only make a person more awake. If a guest is drunk, do not let them drive. Get them a ride or cab or let them sleep it off.

Drunk drivers can kill people.



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS *for* 2024-2025

CONTACT US TODAY! ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG

WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus and others. We strive to instill and nurture the belief that God is found everywhere, especially in one another.



WE LEARN

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Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddling Together group) (subject to change each month)

When: 8:00pm (every 2nd Thursday)

What: Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration! We meet on 2nd Thursdays of the month (location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or bulletin each month.)

Toddling Together Playtime & Social

Where: St. Francis Preschool Classroom

When: Sunday, January 14th at 10:00am (between 9:00 & 11:00am masses, meet in Unity Hall to walk over together)

What: Gather with other families of littles to run off some energy and socialize pre/post mass.

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

Join our Facebook group: SFX Toddling Together!

Kitchen Angels

The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years yet many of our parishioners are not aware of this outreach ministry.

If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please contact **Susie Lehuta** at 708-354-6380 or lehutams@gmail.com.





Save the Date!

**Knights of Columbus
LaGrange Local Council 6483
Blood Drive**

You are invited to donate at the blood drive below:

St. Francis Xavier Church-Gym

Sunday, January 21, 2024—9:00 am-1:00 pm

145 North Waiola Avenue

(Ogden Avenue and Waiola Avenue in LaGrange)

To make an appointment visit
<http://tinyurl.com/3bh9k8m3>
or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE or scan the QR Code
with your smart phone's camera.



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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, January 2

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.

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.

**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

Engage Community For January

Our next outing: **Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00 pm** to the **Elmhurst Historical Museum** (120 East Park Avenue, Elmhurst) for their exhibit: **Lost Chicagoland Department Stores.**

Take a nostalgic trip back to the heyday of Chicago area department stores like Marshall Field's, Sears, Carson Pirie Scott, and more. Learn about the eclectic history of these iconic retailers through an array of artifacts, images, video, and memorabilia. Exhibit collaborator, historian, and author Leslie Goddard will share many fascinating stories and items from popular city and suburban department stores of the past.

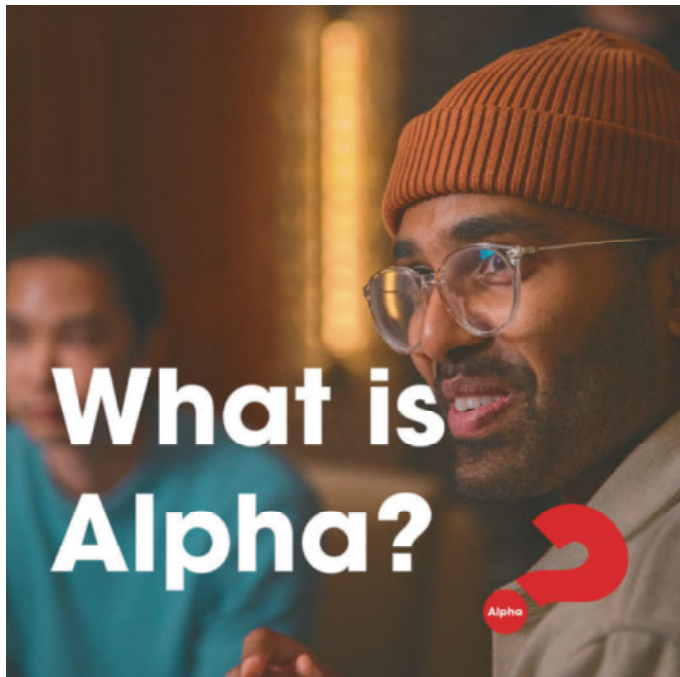
For questions or [to RSVP, please email Jane at \[janeLGPark@gmail.com\]\(mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com\)](#)

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

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 2024 school year are: January 20, March 16 and May 18. There are two time slots to choose, or come for the whole time: 9:00-11:30am: Food prep and cooking or 11:30am-1:00pm: 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](#) or contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.



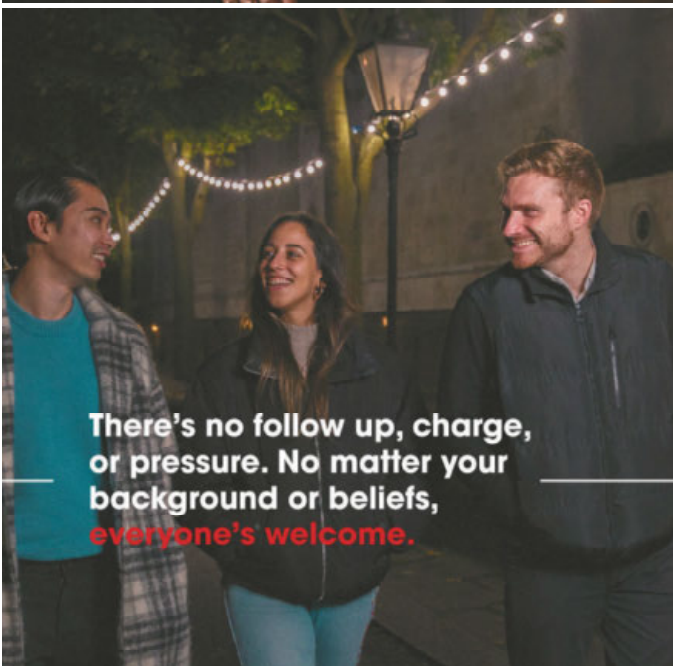
What is Alpha?



Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith in an easy and friendly environment.



Each session starts with food and a short talk. Then there's plenty of time to share your thoughts.



There's no follow up, charge, or pressure. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone's welcome.

OUR QUESTIONS DRAW US CLOSER.

WHO WILL YOU INVITE?

DINNER & DISCUSSION

JAN 22, 630PM
UNITY HALL

SCAN OR EMAIL
MMCAHON@SFXLG.ORG FOR MORE





**SUMMER 2024
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
IMPORTANT NEWS AND
SAVE THE DATE!**

The Parish Pastoral Council is excited to announce that SFX will be partnering with Grace Lutheran for a Vacation Bible School Program. The Summer 2024 VBS will run the week of June 24th (Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm) so mark your calendars now as you plan your summer activities.

Registration for VBS will open at the end of January. More details about how and where to register as well as volunteer opportunities will be provided early next year. In addition to parent volunteers we will be looking for teen volunteers, a great way to get service hours.

For those of you not familiar with Vacation Bible School, the program is a faith based, one week long (mornings only) filled with fun indoor and outdoor activities. It is open for pre-K through 5th grade children. 6th through 8th graders can participate in a "service crew" which spends the week doing service projects in the community.

The PPC is very excited about providing the opportunity to the SFX community. Watch the bulletin and the SFX Facebook page for more details. You can reach out to Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com for further information about VBS and volunteer opportunities at this time. Thanks and have a Merry Christmas!



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BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY!

FOR THE
*St. Francis Xavier
Catholic Women's Club*

LADIES DAY OUT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**THE ELM
3:00 - 6:00 PM**

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:
FIDDLE STICKS**

**Are You Registered
As Parishioners?
Do We Have A Record
of Your Children?**

We invite all to register as parishioners. If you are not receiving periodic mailings from the parish, you are not in our database. A registration form can be picked up at the back of the Church or filled out on our website, www.sfxlq.org.

To help with our planning, we also ask that you let us know about your children, so that they can also be included in the database. Sometimes children are baptized elsewhere or families move into the parish after their children have been baptized. Consequently, we don't know about them until it is time to register for the Day School or for Religious Education. Again, the registration form available at the back of the Church or on the website can be used for this purpose.

Thank you for helping us keep our information as up-to-date as possible!

YOUTH NIGHTS @ ST FRANCIS
SUNDAYS JAN 21 - APR 7

FOR TEENS BY TEENS

Bring your friends for: social time, dinner, a video, and small group (where you can share your thoughts or just listen.)

All are welcome. Bring your atheist friend from school, bring your Lutheran buddy, bring that new kid on your sports team. **Seriously, any teen is welcome.**

Sundays at 6pm, Jan 21- Apr 7
Unity Hall, St Francis Xavier
(with St John of the Cross & St Cletus Youth Ministry)

[Click here or scan QR code to RSVP \(and vote for food!\) for Jan 21](#)

**THERE IS A
PLACE FOR YOU.**



Save The Date

Kairos 42
February 22-25, 2024

We will open Kairos 42 registration on January 9 at 9:00AM. We have limited spots.

2024 Summer Mission Trip
June 9-14, 2024 in Louisville, KY

Rising Sophomores through Graduating Seniors join us for a life-changing week of service, faith and fun. St. Francis, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes are partnering for another Summer Mission trip to Love, Serve and Connect with Catholic Heart Workcamp in Louisville, Kentucky. We will join other teens from across the country as we serve community members painting, gardening, building, and volunteering with social service agencies. Teens will earn 30 hours of service for our Summer Mission Trip. Registration opened on December 20 at 9:00AM [Click Here](#). Please check out our website for more information and to access the registration link on December 20. We anticipate these spots will go quickly; we require a \$150 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot.

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).



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

- **Sgt. FC Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Special Forces Group**—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
- **Warrant Office 3 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

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Deacon
Deacon
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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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