

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 9, 2024

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption. Psalm 130

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday June 10	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Tuesday, June 11	Mass	8:30 am	Bill McGuire Living Intention	Ron Skupien
Wednesday, June 12	Mass	8:30 am	Larry Skippet Rose Stoiber	Nancy Panson The Lenti Family
Thursday, June 13	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Patrick Manahan	Roger & Jennifer Setzke
Friday, June 14	Mass	8:30 am	Paul & Phyllis Beckman	The Konstant Family
Saturday, June 15	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Janice Krolicki	Augustana College Friends
Sunday, June 16 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	People of the Parish Jerry Spearman, Sr. Besse & Dick Parlon No 5:00 pm Mass	Cathy & Jeff Grimes Pam Oplawski

Presider's Schedule for June 8-9, 20245:00 pm Fr. Milek7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk9:00 am Fr. Milek11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Orlando Ares	Richard Lavers
Ed Barrett	Eleanor Love
Albert Boemo	Frances Marzo
Kevin Brooks	Patrick Morgan
Blake Donegan	Audrey Olson
Barbara Doyle	Laureen Rabe
Matthew Doyle	June Sheehan
Pat Eaton	Rita Mae Spearman
Kathy Gleason	Gregg Stephenson
Lilli Gregory	Steven Stirm
Junie Haase	John Stopka
Angela Hill	Olivia Tarsney
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Theresa Toher
Tiffany Kahn	Sally 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.



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Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families:

Jay Carroll Brother of the late Tom Carroll

Weddings



Kaitlyn Olsick & Adam Gdowski Jessica Chia & Joe Morris Jessica Skorzewski & Alexander Luberda Alice Moskal & Christian Baczynski

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



Pastor's Letter

God asked the man, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" Genesis 3:11

How did sin disrupt the beauty of God's creation. Our ancestors told the story of Adam and Eve, whom God placed in a paradise that provided for all their needs. God forbid them *only one thing*: to eat the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that grew in the center of the Garden of Eden. But then a serpent appeared and slyly persuaded them that this "forbidden fruit" will not harm them; rather, it will enable them to become "like God." They ate the forbidden fruit; but the "knowledge" that it provided was how much they were *unlike* God. They became unwilling to stand naked before God. On the contrary, they saw their nakedness, in which they had once appeared honestly and openly before God, as a cause for shame. They foolishly tried to hide what they did not want God to see by covering themselves with leaves.

"Who told you that you were naked?" God knew the "knowledge" at the heart of their shame; and that knowledge destroyed the mutual intimacy of their relationship with God. They could no longer see themselves through God's eyes, as *beloved children*. The desire to "know more" stirred fears that God could not possibly love them in their "ungodliness."

Have you ever been seduced into believing that you could do something that was beyond your skill level or inherent abilities? Perhaps it was stepping in at first base; excelling in a certain academic subject; playing a specific musical instrument; or taking on a "do-it-yourself" home remodeling project. Some voice convinced you that you could do it and prove yourself equal to those with hard-earned knowledge, extensive experience, or innate talent. When reality revealed the harsh truth, you may have attempted to hide your embarrassment by attributing the "failure" to poor instructions, loss of interest, or interference from someone or something. The last thing you wanted to do was to admit that you had made a mistake and to accept that you had limits.

The story of Adam and Eve teaches us that God desires a relationship with each person *as they are*; <u>not</u> with a false image of whom we think we are supposed to be, or who we pretend to be. **God loves** <u>me</u>, **as I am and for who I am.** Say that to yourself three times. Jesus came to reveal God's love for us *as we are*. He offers healing when we try and fail to be someone we are not meant to be. **Jesus calls and sends** <u>us</u>, with the gifts that the Spirit has breathed *into* <u>us</u>; *through* <u>us</u> the Spirit makes some distinct aspect of God more present to others.

This weekend, we practice and celebrate our call **to love through service to others**. Thank you to all the individuals and households who are participating in the wide variety of service offerings provided by Mary Freeman, our parish Director of Community Outreach. Our annual **Parish Service Days** highlight service as a core component of our parish mission. These days remind us to remain open to opportunities to serve, in large or small ways, during the coming summer weeks.

Please keep in prayer our high school youth and the accompanying adult leaders who are participating in the **Teen Summer Mission Trip** with youth from St. John of the Cross Parish. They depart this Sunday for Louisville, Kentucky, where they will join teens from other parts of the country in a week of service projects to aid area families. Pray also for those who will soon participate in the **annual parish mission trip** to the Mississippi delta to build homes for families without adequate shelter through The Fuller Center for Housing (formerly Habitat for Humanity). We look forward to your safe return and the stories you will share with us.

Summer Peace,





Collection For Retired Priests

This weekend, there will be a special collection for the Retired Priests. Priests' Health and Retirement supports our hundreds of active and retired diocesan priests. We provide all of the healthcare needs of our active priests and the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

Funds received by Priests' Health and Retirement only support priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. They are separate and distinct from other efforts to support retired religious order priests, sisters and brothers.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is committed to caring for our retired priests, but we need your assistance and the generosity of every parish community.

To donate, <u>click here</u> or place your donation in an envelope marked "Retired Priest's Collection" and drop it off in the collection basket. **Thank you for your generosity!**



Thank You

Special thanks to everyone who donated to Fuller Center for Housing in May!

Your generous donation of **\$2,955** will be used by the SFX team travelling to Clarksdale, Mississippi in July to:

Do God's Work in the World!

Thank You

This crucifix was donated to the Edythe Garden and came from Holy Innocents Parish in Chicago. It had hung in the school entrance in the 1990's.



When the school closed in 2002, Michelle Mirecki brought

Jesus home with her. She had been the principal for only five years and it was hard to see the school close.

Michelle hung this in her backyard so that she would always remember the children and families of Holy Innocents. She would now like to share this with the St. Francis Xavier Community.



Religious Education News

Registration for our 2024-2025 K–8 Religious Education Program is now open!

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2024-2025 school year.

Our options are:

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

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

Please don't delay in registering your children today as classes fill up fast!

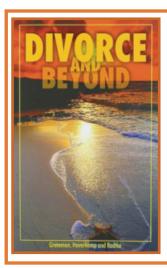
Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar: <u>https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education</u>

Click the quick link: "RE Registration Information for 2024-2025" on the left-hand side of the page to register.

Thanks to Everyone for Supporting our All Parish Service Days

May Christ's Light continue to shine at

BEDS, Bethlehem Woods, Catholic Charities, Catholic Heart Workcamp, Challenger Baseball, Companions Journeying Together, Congregation of St. Joseph, Edythe Garden, Exodus World Service, Feed My Starving Children, First Congregational Church, Fisher House, Food Pantry, Helping Hand, Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants, Interfaith Community Partners, Mission Our Lady of Angels, Plymouth Place, Rosary, Versiti Blood Drive, and the St. Francis Xavier Parish Community



2024 Divorce and Beyond Support

Summer Series Wednesday Evenings (7:00-8:30 pm) June 12 through July 24 (skipping July 3) in the St, Francis Xavier Rectory 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange



Divorce and Beyond is a faith-based process for divorced adults designed to offer support, fellowship and healing to those who are divorced or going through a divorce. Topics include: stress, anger, forgiveness and recovery. There is no cost to attend. There is a participant guide that will be provided at the first meeting.

To register on-line please scan the QR Code above, <u>click here</u> or call Missy Westerhoff at 708-352-0168.

Engage Community

Summer Outings:

Wednesday, June 19: <u>Dinner at Mattone's in</u> LaGrange Park at 6:00 pm. Separate checks. **RSVP** by June 16 to Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.

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



Sponsored by The Men's and Women's Clubs

Friday, August 23rd SFX Parking Lot 5:30-8:30 pm

Interfaith Career Network

Helpful Advice From HR While Conducting Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, June 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm. This is an opportunity to unlock your job search potential by harnessing AI creatively. This dynamic presentation will guide job seekers on how to leverage AI for success. Covering essential AI skills for job seekers, it will delve into crafting Al enhanced resumes and maximizing AI tools to streamline the job hunt, empowering individuals to navigate the modern employment landscape with confidence and innovation. Our presenter, Tiffany Sharkey, brings a wealth of expertise to the table as an HR Consultant at Acrisure, specializing in managing the full spectrum of an employee lifecycle. With a background spanning recruitment, onboarding, terminations and offboarding, she has provided support to companies of all sizes and stages across multiple states. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center. 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

Quarterly Resume Review

Join us on Saturday, June 22 from 9:00-11:00 am for a helpful 20-30 minute one-on-one conversation with an HR or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could refresh or enhance your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

Visit <u>http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com</u> for more resources.

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Weekday Masses June 17-20, 2024

Priests serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago will gather for their biennial convocation from June 17 through June 20. This gathering is an important and necessary time of spiritual renewal for the priests, so that they can better serve the People of God.

The priests have been asked to clear their schedules, so that they can fully participate in this experience. Consequently, during those four days, there might not be weekday Masses celebrated in some parishes. However, there will be prayer services to be determined by each parish. In cases of emergency, parishioners can contact parish staff who will make whatever referral is appropriate.

The people of the Archdiocese can support their priests in several ways. Their patient understanding of scheduling changes is very important. Even more important is the prayerful support they extend to priests who have prayed for them and with them. Please use the prayer found at the end of this announcement as a personal prayer or a family prayer.

As the priests gather for their convocation know that they bring you and your families in their hearts to this important time of prayer and reflection.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for all the priests of this Archdiocese of Chicago, especially as they gather in convocation.

> Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master, the Good Shepherd.

May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night Paused for the Summer

The monthly toddler mom's prayer night meeting will be paused until September.

New moms are welcome to join us for the "Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius" weekly study instead.

Enjoy the summer!

Questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.

Toddler Mom's Weekly Summer Book Study

Join us for our Toddler Mom Weekly Summer Book Study on **Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius** by Lisa Cotter.

Day: Monday evenings, starting on Monday, June 10th and ending mid-August **Time:** 8:00-10:00pm

Who: Moms with kids under 5 years who are looking to strengthen friendships with others in the Parish and continue their faith journey alongside a supportive community! We ask that you commit to attending most sessions within the series.

To RSVP for the series and obtain additional details, please reach out to Christine Scioscia at ctheilacker@gmail.com or 630-803-9272.

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Development Associate

SFX is looking for an Associate Director of Development who is responsible for the management and success of St Francis Xavier School's fundraising efforts. This individual reports to and works closely with Jennifer Zeisloft, the Parish Director of Stewardship and Development, to guide fundraising efforts and actively communicate with other members of the school and parish staff to coordinate fundraising activities and donor stewardship.

The Associate Director of Development will also work in partnership with the school principal and school board to collaborate and ensure efficiency and effectiveness in all fundraising efforts. To apply, visit our website, at www.sfxlg.org.



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- 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
- Capt. 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
- 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

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

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

Education Ministry

Parish School Principal Assistant Principal School Office Coordinator Parish School Secretary Director of Marketing & Enrollment Tuition Accounts Director of Religious Education Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Youth Ministry

Coordinator

Music Ministry Director

Parish Office Staff

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

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Parish Web Site	www.sfxlg.org

Rectory Hours

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

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 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

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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 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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