



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 1, 2024



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

***Belong. Believe. Be Love.***

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday September 2	Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Tuesday, September 3	Mass	8:30 am	Jim Martin	The Martin Family
Wednesday, September 4	Mass	8:30 am	Adele Driscoll Stanley Filipiak	Mary Beth McCrory The Filipiak Family
Thursday, September 5	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	John J. O'Rourke	Patrick Daly
Friday, September 6	Mass	8:30 am	Thomas E. Nichol	Tom & Lucile Nichol
Saturday, September 7	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Louie Marascovic  Roseanne Discipio	April Pesut  Joe Discipio
Sunday, September 8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Mary Tio Lamar Whitmore Helen Wargo Patrick Doyle Stanley Filipiak	John R. Washbish Jacquelyn Van Gorp The Sangiacomo & Martens Families Mary & Tim McGrath The Filipiak Family

### Presider's Schedule for August 31-September 1, 2024

**5:00 pm** Fr. Tkachuk

**7:30 am** Fr. Tkachuk

**9:00 am** Fr. Milek

**11:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk

**NO 5:00 PM MASS**

### Please pray for . . .

Ed Barrett	Patrick Morgan
Kevin Brooks	Bill Mroz
Nick Caputo	Rosemary Nash
Aiden Curtis	Ann Marie Niedo
Blake Donegan	Robert Potter
Barbara Doyle	Laureen Rabe
Matthew Doyle	Heather Riggins
Pat Eaton	Joe Scanlon
Sasha Garber	Michael Smith
Lilli Gregory	Loraine Solineno
Vincenzo Guzzo	Rita Mae Spearman
Junie Haase	Gregg Stephenson
Angela Hill	John Stopka
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Linda Sullivan
Tiffany Kahn	Olivia Tarsney
Eleanor Love	

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.

### Rectory Hours

**The rectory will be open from**  
**8:30 am until 7:00 pm Monday-Thursday**  
**8:30 am until 4:30 pm Friday and**  
**9:00 am until 12:00 pm Saturday**  
**starting on August 26.**

### Born Into Eternal Life



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

**Bob Hauck**  
Father of Julie

### Weddings

Elizabeth Eicken & Andrew Oxtoby  
Kiley Cox & Jeff Smart  
Missy Doyle & Nathan Stadheim



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





# Pastor's Letter

*Be doers of the word and not hearers only.  
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God is to care for orphans and widows.  
James 1:22,27*

Protecting the vulnerable in society is a core value in Mosaic law. In the time of Jesus, this especially included widows and orphans, who could not adequately provide for themselves without husbands or adult sons. It also extended to foreigners who could not find adequate work to support their families. The people of Israel lived as a community responsible for all who were part of their community, friend and stranger alike. The spiritual health of the community was measured by how well the community met the needs of those most in need.

The apostle James emphasizes the importance of this practice for the early Christian community. He addresses those who would eloquently proclaim the teachings of Jesus yet not put them into practice. Jesus had explicitly extended love of neighbor to include one's enemy, which made the challenge to an active love even more challenging. Early Jewish Christians had to embrace relatives and friends who had expelled them from the synagogues; they had to accept Gentile Christians whom they once viewed as pagans. The disciple of Jesus was to be known less by eloquent words than by care for those most in need: friend, stranger, or enemy.

We disciples of Jesus continue to be challenged by the command to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable among us. In the image of the seamless garment presented by Cardinal Bernardin, the challenge extends to the child in the womb and the child living in poverty or threat of harm. It extends to the person without a job, or without a job adequate to provide for their household. It includes those seeking safety and stability for their families, without regard to their immigration status or past mistakes.

Such outreach is not a matter of our politics or opinions on the systems or structures that will best resolve the larger issues. It is the consequence of our faith in Jesus and his call to be missionary disciples who practice what Jesus preached. We can care for the immigrant seeking asylum and differ on how best to determine their status as citizens. We can provide food to those unable to provide adequate food for their households and advocate for different solutions to the issues of hunger, homelessness, and underemployment. We can show compassion to women and couples experiencing difficulties surrounding pregnancy and differ on how best to advocate for the unborn in sometimes complex medical and practical circumstances. In every situation, we must face the challenge to see the "other" as sister or brother; to respond to their immediate and critical needs because we all belong God's one family.

This weekend we offer thanks for the often unseen women and men who labor in so many ways that make life as we know it possible. For over a century, the social teachings of the Catholic Church have advocated for the dignity of all human labor and the fair treatment of workers. Respecting the dignity of the laborer grew in importance as we moved from a largely family-based farm society to an institutional industrial society. Over time, workers gained the right to safe working conditions, reasonable hours and wages, protection of children, and equal opportunity based on ability and willingness to work hard. I encourage us to take time to be aware of and perhaps personally greet the laborers in restaurants, on our streets, and in our stores; we can also call to mind those who labor unseen on night shifts, in food preparation, and on the other end of customer service lines.

**Happy Labor Day and thank you!**

Peace,

*J. Bill*

# SFX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2024



JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS AT OUR ANNUAL OUTING, RAFFLE, AND DINNER!

## NEW THIS YEAR! FRIDAY SEPT. 13th

### Off-Course Challenges

Open to anyone and everyone! Putt for prizes, or shoot for cash with the "chip in" 50/50 bucket.

### Putting Course Option

Hoping to join the fun and support a great cause but don't have time for 18? Play the "Falcon's Nest" putting course (5:00 pm start) and enjoy dinner with friends afterward.

### Streamlined 18-Hole Play

No more finishing in twilight! Wrap up your round with time to try the off-course challenges before dinner.

### Putt with the Principal

Meet Principal Jimmy Bajner on the course and let him sink a putt for you!

**LUNCH 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**1:00 PM SHOTGUN START**

**5:00 PM PUTTING COURSE**

**DINNER, AWARDS & RAFFLE TO FOLLOW**

Scan the code or use the link below to register and to purchase raffle tickets, add-ons, event sponsorships, and more!



## SUPPORT SFX

All proceeds benefit the parish and school

**\$250 per golfer**

Price includes grab-n-go lunch, range balls, golf with cart, and buffet dinner.

**Optional VIP Package.**

Each golfer receives an exclusive SFX Golf Outing Swag Bag!

Event sponsorships are also available on Give Central.

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

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

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

Any questions? Email SFX Golf Chairs Rich Burgland and Mike Word at [sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com)

Thank you to our incoming Golf Chairs for 2025, Rob and Lisa Parolin!

**FIND YOUR FORESOME!**





In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the rectory will be closed on Saturday, August 31 through Monday, September 2.

We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30 am.

## Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of August:

Stephanie Arredondo  
Tim Baldwin & Jamie Revell  
Lucia Barrera  
Michael Brickhouse & Kaityn Ferris  
Bernard & Melissa Carey  
John & Dominique Casey  
John & Jennifer Crosby  
Daniel Ferguson & Mandy Fila  
Arnold Hernandez & Stephanie Moreno  
Robert & Anne Knez  
Kristopher & Brehan Linney  
Abigail Maloy  
Patrick & Maggie McGovern  
Liam & Catherine McKenna  
Nicholas Miller & Micheline Rizzi  
Anna Minniti  
Shawn & Leslie Molloy  
Fernando & Ana Morschel  
Denis & Mary Murray  
Javier & Erika Nunez  
Francisco Perez & Nora Acosta  
Matt & Ashley Petersen  
Zachary & Toni Pizzolato  
Sean Ryan & Joanna Abijaoude  
David & Rachel Spence  
Michael & Julie Spooner  
Nicholas & Kathleen Tristano  
Robert & Ashley Trompeter  
James & Malgorzata Woss



## Morning of Meditation Teresa of Avila, Mystic and Reformer Saturday, September 21 St. John of the Cross Parish Center 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs

9:30am-12:30pm  
Hospitality at 9:00 am

Please consider bringing a reusable cup to help reduce waste.

The morning will include periods of meditation and discussion.

Speaker: Professor Bernard McGinn. Bernard McGinn is Professor Emeritus at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He has written extensively on spirituality and mysticism.

Teresa was a Spanish mystic and nun who founded the Discalced Carmelite order with the help of St. John of the Cross and papal approval. In the process she suffered persecutions from the Inquisition. Her autobiography and spiritual writings (*The Way of Perfection*, *Interior Castle*) are classics in Christian spirituality.

Free will offering appreciated. Reservations requested but not required. Contact Joan Binder 708-699-1002 or [billjoanbinder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billjoanbinder@sbcglobal.net).



**IS YOUR MARRIAGE STRUGGLING?** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking altogether? Does talking about your problems only make them worse?

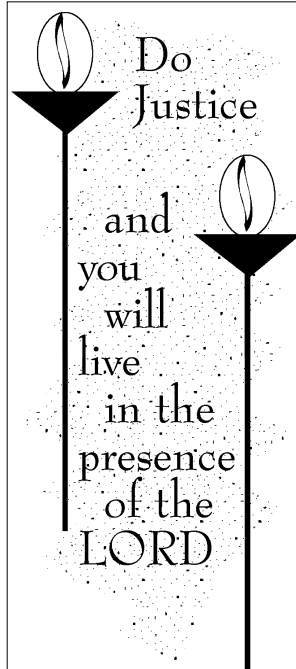
### RETROUVAILLE CAN HELP YOU SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples facing difficulties in their marriage restore their connection and rebuild a loving relationship. This marriage-saving program

provides couples with actionable steps they can take to improve communication, build a stronger marriage and help them reconnect.

**TAKE THE FIRST STEP...ATTEND A WEEKEND!** For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program or to register for our upcoming weekend on **September 13-15** in Joliet, please call **815-246-2080**, email us at [JolietRegistration@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:JolietRegistration@helpourmarriage.org), or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

Retrouvaille Chicago has a weekend scheduled for October 18-20, 2024, if you are unable to attend the September weekend in Joliet.



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# NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN AN SFX MINISTRY!

Please click [here](#) to view our  
Ministry Resource Guide  
or use the QR Code.

Reach out to the contact person  
if interested in volunteering for  
any of these essential liturgical ministries.  
Questions? Call the parish office 708-352-0168.



Thank you for sharing your time and talent!



## Senior Women's Group



Julie Ryan from Pillars will enlighten us on the history, mission, and scope of this vital organization in our community.

**Tuesday, September 10**  
**Social Time 9:00 am**  
**Presentation 9:30 am**  
**St. Francis Xavier**  
**124 North Spring Avenue**  
**Unity Hall**

No RSVP needed

## Liturgy Planning Volunteers Needed

Please consider joining the liturgy planning team for an important part of our Masses each week. Teams discuss Reflections of the Readings for the week, write a Penitential Rite, Intercessions and the Final Blessing.

By spending about 1-2 hours a month and working with other parishioners you will learn more about liturgies and help plan masses. This is both rewarding and thought-provoking. With teams of 2-6 people, you can collaborate in person, via email, or through Zoom sessions to write the Ordo, no prior experience is needed. It's a great way to contribute to our community and deepen your understanding of the liturgy. Consider being part of this meaningful work! We would need you to start this fall after Labor Day.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact, Bernadette McMahon, Liturgy Team Coordinator at [bbmcmahon@comcast.net](mailto:bbmcmahon@comcast.net).



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 7:00-8:00 pm prayer shawl meeting in Rectory Courtyard Room.** If you know someone with basic knitting or crocheting skills please invite them to join us!

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.



## Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass September 15

Congratulations to all of the couples celebrating 50 years of marriage this year. The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 2:30 pm and will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street in Chicago. Please register by September 9. [Click here to register](#). For more information about the event, visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding>.



# Diversity Days in LaGrange

33rd Annual Race Unity Rally  
Sunday, September 8, 2024  
LaGrange Village Hall—3:00 pm

**THEME: Our Common Humanity**

**Featuring:**

- Community leaders on the benefits of equity and inclusion for our community
- LTHS students on identity and belonging

**Honoring CDG 2024 Awardees:**

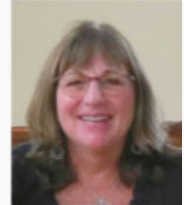
- Minnie Carr Service Award: Russell Davenport
- Diversity Achievement Award: Cathy Pierson

**Highlighting:**

- The Caring Place Youth Choir
- Village of LaGrange Unity Proclamation
- Youth Diversity Essays
- Speakers:
  - ◊ Jennifer Hovanec, LaGrange Library
  - ◊ Celeste Cotter, Sisters of St. Joseph
  - ◊ Dr. Chris Covino, Superintendent, Dist. 102



Russell Davenport



Cathy Pierson

## That Man Is You Men's Group



**Tuesday nights at 8:00 pm in Unity Hall**  
**Begins September 10**

*Christ didn't say, "I make new things." He said, "I make all things new." The Scriptures set the stage for a renewal of mind and heart. Encounter God the Father. Enlighten your mind with spiritual truths that will help transform the world. Become a new creation in Christ and allow mercy to consume your miseries.*

**TMIY Attendees say:**

**"It was an amazing experience. Better than expected.**  
Really enjoyed getting to know the men in the group  
and growing in our faith journey together."

**"Very positive experience!** It was my first participation in a men's group.  
I was somewhat reluctant but **was surprised by interaction**  
**and discussion in a very positive way."**

**"Men's faith discussion group this year often leaves me still thinking**  
**on the small group prompts** even after the session.  
**I felt I was able to open up** in TMIY in a format that made it  
**easy and comfortable to share and listen.**  
I got more out of TMIY in my faith than my Sunday Mass  
attendance – **very engaging."**

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

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





# St. Phoebe Celebration: Weekend of September 7 and 8

On the weekend of September 7-8, we invite everyone to:

- ⇒ **PRAY** through the intercession of St. Phoebe for the Synod and the delegation going to Rome,
- ⇒ **CELEBRATE** women's gifts and contributions to the Church,
- ⇒ **HEAR** women of the parish reflect on scripture and
- ⇒ **BEAR WITNESS** to the critical and urgent need to re-think women's participation in the Church.



## Prayer to St. Phoebe

God of Vision, You see beyond our horizons and enlarge our tents.

You draw us into communion, participation and mission.

Inspired by St. Phoebe, our Deacon forbearer in faith,  
may we hear the cries of those who suffer, discern our  
response with the Holy Spirit, and reach out in ministry  
to share the Good News with all creation.

May we proclaim your Reign, in which we are all kin,  
welcomed with healing and hope.

May our Church lead and serve in the spirit of Jesus,  
who raised up those bowed down.

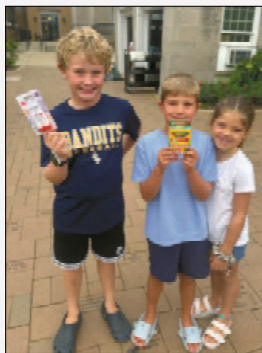
God of Vision, light our way that all might shine.

St. Phoebe, pray for us. Amen.

By Elizabeth Young, RSM



## SFX FOOD PANTRY GRATITUDE!!!



Liam, Quinn,  
and Mae

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES & SUMMER TREATS

Our food pantry families were so grateful for the school supplies! It is an expensive time of year for families with school-aged children. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we served **203 kids!** We also shared **50** backpacks with Exodus World Service who serves refugees in Chicagoland and the LaGrange Area Department of Special Ed (LADSE).

This year we were able to provide double the number of backpacks and respond to any partner needs due to the Martin Family's generous donations of 150 backpacks (WOW!), including school supplies, through their nonprofit *Celebrate Giving*.



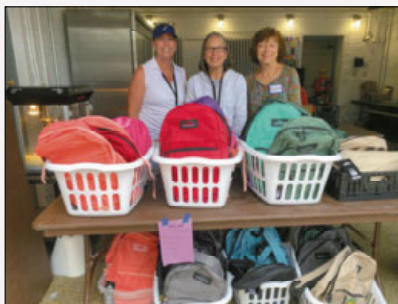
Celebrate Giving Crew

### SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

A heartfelt thanks to our student volunteers who will be returning to school this Fall, **Packey, Charlie, Peter, Riley and Finn**. Their positive energy and willingness to do whatever was needed was appreciated by all the volunteers and guests. A special thanks to Riley who is heading off to college! She has been volunteering at the pantry for the past 9 years! She has generously shared her gifts, especially her sign language skills in making one of our hearing impaired clients feel welcome and heard. We pray that all our students have a safe and healthy school year!



Ken Cetera and his  
grandsons  
Charlie and Peter



Margie Hull, Wendy O'Connor and  
Shirley Augustyn



Katie and Riley McCarthy

Thanks to Allie, Maddie, Maggie and Carlie  
for the Sunday Morning Bake Sale  
on Waiola to benefit the Food Pantry.




### FRESH PRODUCE and HERBS

We are so fortunate to provide weekly selections of fresh produce thanks to donations from: The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Grace Seeds Ministry, and parishioner gardens.




# What is Alpha?


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

MON. SEPT 9, 630PM  
UNITY HALL

SCAN OR EMAIL  
MMCAHON@SFXLG.ORG FOR MORE





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



### Your Gift and Talent is Needed!

Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for 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 2024-2025 school year at [sfxreligioused@sfxlq.org](mailto:sfxreligioused@sfxlq.org).

### Register Now for K-8 Religious Education, Don't Delay!

The School of Religious Education is accepting registration for the 2024-2025 school year.

We are happy to be able to offer two options to families:

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

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

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

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

<https://www.sfxlq.org/vnews/display.v/ART/5955b1f231468>



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

**Saturday  
November 2nd  
8:00am**

## Calling All 1974 SFX Grads for 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion!

We are hoping to get as many classmates as possible to gather for our **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** at Irish Times in Brookfield. Please reach out if you can make it. We can't wait to see you!

Katie Grace Brandt [Katie.g.brandt@gmail.com](mailto:Katie.g.brandt@gmail.com).

## LATTE Fall Acting Workshop

The LATTE Fall Acting Workshop for teens ages 13 through 19 begins on Saturday, September 7 at Cornerstone Church, 9008 Fairview Avenue, Parking Lot Entrance in Brookfield. The workshop starts at 9:45am through 3:30pm with auditions from 4:30-5:30pm for *The Outsiders*. Our Workshop, gives teens an opportunity to learn stand-up comedy, stage combat, play writing, about creativity in careers, developing character physicality, and strengthening neutral body postures.

Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00pm and Saturdays from 12:00-3:00pm starting Tuesday, September 10. Mandatory Heck Week on Friday, November 8 through Thursday, November 14. Show dates are November 15-17.

This is a serious acting program for ages 13-19, and NOT a drop in program. The show is chosen for cast chemistry, complement, and talent.

For any questions, please go to [www.lattetheater.com](http://www.lattetheater.com) or for more information call 708-655-0989.



LaGrange Area  
Teen Theater Ensemble



## Blessing of Pets

October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who preached by his life God's call for us to care for all of creation. His feast day comes at the beginning of a month in which we pray for a deepening commitment to healing our planet from the effects of climate change and a deeper respect for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi also has been a time when we offer blessings to pets and renew our commitment to be good caretakers. St. Francis Xavier Parish will offer a **Blessing of Pets on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00am**. We will gather on the Spring Avenue lawn across the ramp from the Mary Garden. Pets of all types and sizes are welcome. (Speedy plans to attend.) Pass the word to friends and neighbors.

# Make a *Joyful* noise

*Do you have an ear & a love for singing?*

*Your voice is wanted!*

Consider joining one of our **CHOIRS**  
for the 2024-2025 Liturgical Season...

## ***Gallery Choir—9:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)***

*with one Sunday a month OFF.*

*\*rehearsals: Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

*\*First Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 10th*

## ***Celebration Ensemble—11:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)***

*with one Sunday a month OFF.*

*\*rehearsals: Thursdays - 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

*\*First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 12th*

## ***Spirit Youth Choir – 5:00 p.m. (Sundays)***

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

*\*First Mass: Sunday, September 8th*

Interested singers should contact our

Director of Music, **Allen Sterwalt**

**BEFORE** the first rehearsal/Mass.

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



## Ministry of Care is Planning to Expand

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

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

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

**One day training is available at LaGrange Hospital** on Saturday, September 21st from 8:30am -4:00pm, lunch will be provided.

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

For information regarding the training please contact: Scott or Mary Sue McDonald, Coordinators for the Ministry of Care at [sjmcdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:sjmcdonal@yahoo.com) or [marysuecdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:marysuecdonal@yahoo.com) or 847-528-1434.



## Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Charity is at the heart of our faith and the work of the Knights of Columbus. If you're a Catholic man from age 18 to 78 with a calling for service by focusing on others, live a life of faith in action. Jesus calls us to bear fruit. Become a Knight. Leaders wanted. We've got good work to do in our community. Text or call Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to learn how you can help us serve those with the most need. To Knight!

## 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, September 3  
Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or  
Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com) for more  
information.

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers Wanted!

Deliver meals and smiles to the homebound older adults in your community.

Call 224-500-2365 or email [volunteer@cnnssa.org](mailto:volunteer@cnnssa.org) to volunteer today!

### Explore The Options:

- Doorstep Meal Delivery
- Support your local Community Café
- Brighten someone's day with calls through our Friendship line
- Get Creative and design heartfelt greeting cards

For more information about CNNSSA and its services, visit [www.cnnssa.org](http://www.cnnssa.org).

## National Make-A-Will Month.

### Please Remember St. Francis Xavier Parish/School in Your Will or Trust

Please consider making a gift from your individual retirement plan (IRA) that benefits you and our parish. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free.

There are three main benefits of giving with a QCD:

- 1) If you are 73 years old or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
- 2) The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.
- 3) Your gift will be immediately used, allowing you to see the impact of your gift now.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to SFX, please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development at 708-352-0168 in the SFX Parish office.

2024  
WEEKEND OF  
SYNODALITY

REGISTER AND  
GET MORE  
INFORMATION



Catholic  
Theological  
Union



Register for this **FREE** event at **CTU** for a chance to learn more about how **synodality** invites **Catholics** to a different, deeper relationship with the **Church** and with each other.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

**6PM** Doors Open + Light Refreshments

**7PM** Evening Prayer + Public Lecture

"Ecclesiam Suam at 60: Dialogue and Synodality from Paul VI to Francis"

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

**11 AM** FREE Lunch Offered

**12 PM** Breakout Workshops to Learn More about Being a Synodal Church

**4 PM** Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

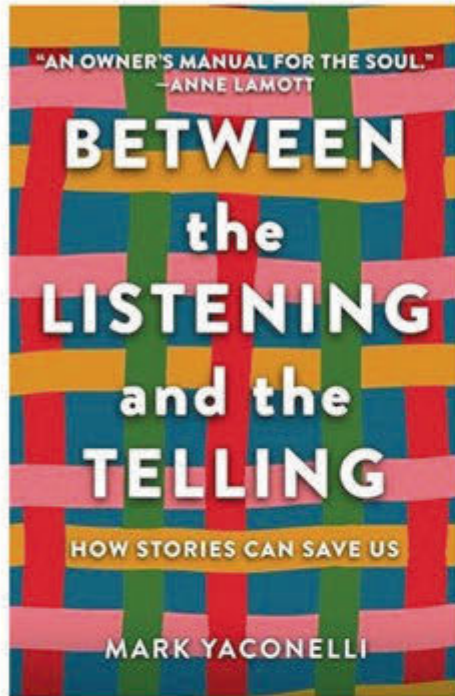
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Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm  
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Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

## Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

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

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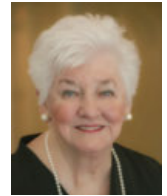
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