



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 8, 2024



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday September 9	Mass	8:30 am	Constantino DeBartolo Herbert & Mary Schrack Maureen Dorn	Josephine Arciuolo  Terry Boike
Tuesday, September 10	Mass	8:30 am	Dave Armstrong	Clare & Ernie Froemel
Wednesday, September 11	Mass	8:30 am	Michael Daly	Patrick Daly
Thursday, September 12	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	James Daly	Patrick Daly
Friday, September 13	Mass	8:30 am	Laurence Barry	The Zahorik Family
Saturday, September 14	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Mary Lou Shaffer  Anthony M. Discipio	Ann & Bob Blouin  Joe Discipio
Sunday, September 15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am	Waclaw Gonder Deceased Members of the Martin & Swieton Families	Lynnea Paul The Martin Family
	Mass Mass	11:00 am 5:00 pm	Geri Pfluger Lawrence Radochonski	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group SFX Retreat Team

### Presider's Schedule for September 7-8, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Ilo

5:00 PM Fr. Tkachuk

### Please pray for . . .

Orlando Ares  
Ed Barrett  
Kevin Brooks  
Nick Caputo  
Aiden Curtis  
Blake Donegan  
Barbara Doyle  
Matthew Doyle  
Pat Eaton  
Sasha Garber  
Lilli Gregory  
Vincenzo Guzzo  
Junie Haase  
Angela Hill  
Jessi Rita Hoffman  
Tiffany Kahn  
Brenda Kardatzke

Eleanor Love  
Patrick Morgan  
Bill Mroz  
Rosemary Nash  
Ann Marie Niedo  
Robert Potter  
Laureen Rabe  
Heather Riggins  
Joe Scanlon  
June Sheehan  
Michael Smith  
Loraine Solineno  
Rita Mae Spearman  
Gregg Stephenson  
John Stopka  
Linda Sullivan  
Olivia Tarsney

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

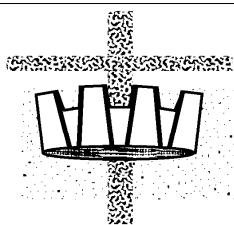


Please remember in your prayers,  
those who have died, as well as their families:

**Dennis Schumacher**  
Husband of Barbara  
Father of Aimee

### Weddings

Elizabeth Eicken & Andrew Oxtoby  
Kiley Cox & Jeff Smart  
Missy Doyle & Nathan Stadheim  
Kerry Just & Christopher Sadowski



Those who love  
the LORD will  
be heirs to  
the Kingdom

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# Pastor's Letter

*Then Jesus said, "Ephphatha!" That is, "Be opened!"*  
Mark 7:34

In today's gospel, we hear Jesus went into the district of the Decapolis: a group of ten cities outside of Israel that were heavily influenced by Greek culture. Those first hearing this story would have expected that Jesus is unlikely to encounter many Jewish people. So, what is his intent? He immediately encounters someone with a speech impediment, most likely a result of being deaf. Jesus looks up to heaven, groans, and orders the person's ears to be opened. The person immediately can hear and speak plainly.

This story is about more than the power of Jesus to cure any impediment or illness. Some would question or even be insulted by the fact that Jesus left "his own people" in Israel and has gone out of his way to heal foreigners. Jesus is making it clear that he has come with a mission to open the ears, minds, and hearts of *anyone* who will receive him so that they might bear witness to others of what he has done. Jesus is proclaiming a kingdom that is for Jew and Gentile alike; in which *all* must be encouraged to go forth as missionary disciples of Jesus and proclaim the good news of the kingdom. *All* are worthy of and called to this mission.

The apostle James applies this to the gathering of the faith community for Eucharist. There is a story of a town that was preparing to welcome their bishop to their town. Much had been done to prepare for the bishop's arrival, including the creation of a beautiful throne for the occasion, both hand-carved and richly upholstered. Townsfolk arrived early, and the wealthy and important people of the town were led to reserved seats in the front of the church. A poor beggar from the town also arrived; but he was made to stand in the back of the church, allowing others to occupy all the available seats.

When the bishop reached the front of the church and noticed the poor beggar standing in the back, he said to him, "Please, come forward and sit here." He motioned to the exquisite chair that had been designed *for him*. Those in the front rows were, at first, astonished and then embarrassed as they realized their failure to see the face of Christ in one whom they had judged as least among them. In Eucharist, Christ affirms *the value of each person in his one body*.

This weekend, we join many parishes throughout the country who are honoring St. Phoebe, whose feast day is September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Phoebe is a first century disciple to whom Paul refers in his letter to the Romans by the Greek word that translates "deacon." The Greek world had a broader view of the role of women in society, and this seems to have applied to the role of women in the early Christian communities among which Paul preached. Her witness as a disciple challenges us to honor and support the ministry and leadership of women in the Church *in our time*. Most young people take for granted that women and men must be equal partners in ministry and leadership in the Church. However, many of my generation grew up in a time in which the ministry of women in the Church was critical but largely "behind the scenes", especially when the community gathered for liturgy. Their leadership was often limited to schools, hospitals, and religious communities.

We are blessed with the reflections of several women of our community who offer their reflections on the scriptures at our weekend Masses. They have spent time in training and preparation for this ministry and offer a perspective on the message and mission of Jesus that may provide new understandings and a broader vision of who we are as church. I thank them for their dedication and their willingness to open our minds and our hearts as they speak from a perspective that we do not experience often enough.

"Ephphatha!" Let our ears, our hearts, and our minds be opened!

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!**



# St. Phoebe Celebration



**This weekend 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,
- ⇒ **BEAR WITNESS** to the critical and urgent need to re-think women's participation in the Church
- ⇒ **HEAR** women of the parish reflect on scripture.

## **Saturday 5:00PM: Katie Mulcahy**

*Katie and her husband Tim are parents to four children, all graduates of the Day School. Katie is trained in facilitating synodal listening sessions and is a volunteer organizer for Discerning Deacons.\* Katie has led conversations in the Spirit here at St. Francis, as well as at the local and national level. Katie is a life and leadership coach and serves on the board of directors of Catholic Theological Union and Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness.*

## **Sunday 7:30AM and 11:00AM: Maureen Windmoeller**

*Maureen and her husband Bill are parents to three children, all graduates of the Day School. She is a pediatric physical therapist and a SPRED leader catechist, having been involved in the program for 30 years. She started Kairos at SFX and spent 10 years working as a retreat director and mentor for teen witness talks. She is an associate of the Congregation of St. Joseph and a graduate of the Catholic Women's Preaching Circle. Maureen is a volunteer for Discerning Deacons.\* Maureen has led conversations in the Spirit here at St. Francis, as well as at the local and national level.*

## **Sunday 9:00AM: Martie Lukanich**

*Martie and her husband Luke are parents of 6 adult sons, 5 daughters-in-law, and 14 grandchildren. She is a clinical psychologist in private practice for over 25 years with individuals of all ages, has led Quest Confirmation groups, the women's retreat, and Advent and Lenten groups. She participated in the School for Synodality and is a graduate of the Catholic Women's Preaching Circle. Martie is an associate of the Congregation of St. Joseph and a volunteer for Discerning Deacons.\* Martie has led conversations in the Spirit here at St. Francis, as well as at the local and national level.*

## **Sunday 5:00PM: Heather Fitzpatrick**

*Heather is a wife, mom of a Day School graduate, public health professional, and a woman who loves Jesus. She has been involved with peace and justice work, the women's retreat program, and supporting other faith-building activities at St. Francis and beyond. She feels God's path for her usually appears just after she's walked on it, so she keeps stepping out in faith to see what adventures God has in store next - like sharing a scripture reflection.*

*\*Discerning Deacons is an organization whose mission is to promote synodality and engage Catholics in the active discernment of women in the diaconate.*

## **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



# 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

## 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



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**We will meet on Wednesday, September 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm in the 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.

## SFX MEN'S CLUB

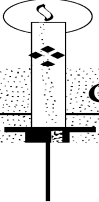
Get involved in the parish – we need your help!  
Monthly meetings on the  
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 1  
Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or  
Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



## Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

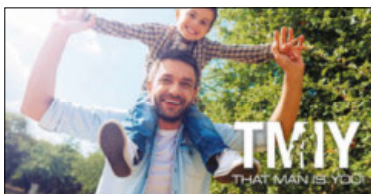
Charity is at the heart of our faith and the work of the Knights of Columbus. If you're a Catholic man from age 18 to 78 with a calling for service by focusing on others, live a life of faith in action. Jesus calls us to bear fruit. Become a Knight. Leaders wanted. We've got good work to do in our community.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

CHRIST  our LIGHT



# Starts This Week!

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.*

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



## 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.**"

### 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

MON. SEPT 9, 6:30PM  
UNITY HALL

SCAN OR EMAIL  
MMCMAHON@SFXLG.ORG FOR MORE

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

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

## 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).



Attention all high school teens: Are you looking to grow stronger in your Faith? Are you looking for ways to navigate the challenges and complexities of your high school years? Do you wonder how our Faith fits into a world which often seems to dismiss or be disrespectful to our Faith? Please join a group of like-minded teens to explore these issues at Crossroads. We will meet twice per month on Sunday nights to explore faith, build community, and share perspectives. We will also have some outreach/volunteer opportunities.

Our fall kickoff meeting will take place Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in Unity Hall from 6:00-7:15pm (following the 5:00pm teen mass). ALL meetings will include dinner. This program is in its second year at St. Francis Xavier, and we are excited about being able to support the faith journey of our teens. We welcome all high school students regardless of faith/parish, so bring your friends.

Please use link or QR code for more information including dates and details and to sign up!

<https://bit.ly/SFXCrossroads>



Questions?

Please reach out to Laura and Greg Ozark at [greg.ozark@gmail.com](mailto:greg.ozark@gmail.com) or [lauraozark@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraozark@yahoo.com)

## 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 [marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com](mailto:marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com) or 847-528-1434.



## 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](https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding). For more information about the event, visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding>.



## 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 10AM**. 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.



## 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 [sfxreligious@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxreligious@sfxlg.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.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/5955b1f231468>

**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)

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL UNION 5416 S CORNELL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60615

**LEARN MORE: [CTU.EDU/EVENTS](https://ctu.edu/events) | [BERNARDINCENTER@CTU.EDU](mailto:BERNARDINCENTER@CTU.EDU)**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Save the date

# KNOW THY NEIGHBOR: CONNECTING WITH CHICAGO'S CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Join us for conversation with CCHD Grantees, appetizers and an open bar!

**September 13, 2024 | 6 – 8 p.m.**

**Old St. Mary's Church**

RSVP here: [bit.ly/CCHDneighbor](https://bit.ly/CCHDneighbor).

## Interfaith Career Network

### Staying Motivated and Marketable During Your Career Transition

Mark your calendar now, then join us on Thursday, September 19 from 7:00-9:00pm. As you already know, navigating a career transition can be both exciting and challenging. We're going to provide you with an engaging presentation on how best to stay motivated and marketable during this pivotal time. You'll discover practical strategies and mindset shifts that can help you maintain momentum, overcome obstacles and achieve your professional goals. Changing industries? Seeking advancement? Starting a new venture?

Our speaker, Deborah O'Donnell, will provide you with the tools and inspiration needed to thrive in your career journey. Deborah is an Executive Coach with more than 20 years of experience enhancing the performance of executives, teams and organizations. She is currently the Senior Executive Coach at Felix Global, an organization specializing in talent solutions, leadership development and outplacement services. Deborah specializes in developing executives to optimize their career and leadership performance while assisting them in enhancing their reputation and their ability to succeed at the highest level.

We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

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

## We are excited to announce the Cossitt School FALL Clothing Sale on September, 28, 2024!



Exciting news! The Cossitt Elementary's consignment sale is on Saturday, September 28, from 10:00am to 1:30pm. Explore over 20,000 high-quality items for infants to size 16, including fall/winter clothes, coats, shoes, sports gear, and books.

Get involved by **selling** or **donating** your gently-used children's clothing. It's a great way to declutter and give your items a new life! Plus, you can **volunteer** to help out and **shop** for amazing deals. Don't miss the HALF PRICE bargains from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

Your participation supports our school and promotes sustainability by keeping textiles out of landfills. Join us in making a difference!

For details and involvement opportunities, visit [www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale](http://www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale).



## 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 and 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).

COMING SEPTEMBER 20, 21, AND 22  
BUT YOU CAN HELP IN ADVANCE



THANK YOU FOR  
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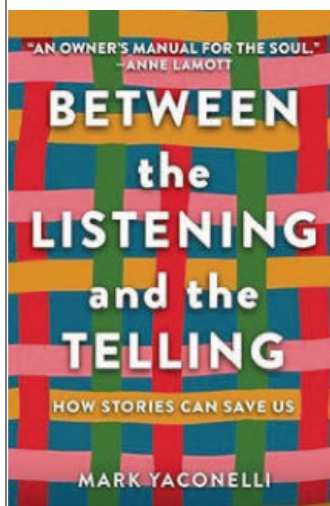


## West Suburban Summer Read 2024

Join Us for a Book Discussion!

**September 24, 2024 6:30-8:30pm**

St. Francis Xavier Courtyard Room, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange  
Light Refreshments will be served RSVP to Maureen Windmoeller [maurwind@gmail.com](mailto:maurwind@gmail.com)  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



"Storyteller, author and activist" Mark Yaconelli brings "an eloquent, impactful treatise on the need to tell and listen to stories...Yaconelli offers practical ideas based on his real-life work in cultivating storytelling for the purpose of forming identity, resolving differences, and finding healing."

~Josh Olds, LifelsStory.com

### Organizations Invited to Participate (partial list):

- Baha'is of LaGrange
- Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange
- First Cong. Church of LaGrange—Ministry of Missions
- First United Methodist Congregation of LaGrange, IL
- Learning Anti-Racism Together (LART) (Western Springs)
- Pizza and Social Justice (Glen Ellyn)
- Redeemer Lutheran Church of Hinsdale
- St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry, LaGrange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, LaGrange Park
- Together Is Better Alliance (Chicago)
- Unitarian Church of Hinsdale—Racial Equity Team
- Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Park

"This is how stories can save us: we step into the reality of another person's existence and instead of judgment feel kinship."

Author interviews,  
other resources [HERE](#)

Contact [lagrangediversity@gmail.com](mailto:lagrangediversity@gmail.com) or [UCHracialequityteam@gmail.com](mailto:UCHracialequityteam@gmail.com) to host or join a book discussion.



THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MUSIC MINISTRY  
PRESENTS A...

# CLARINET *RECITAL*



Allen Sterwalt, **clarinet**

Mark Bilyeu, **piano**

...with Claire Jakubisin, **voice**

**19** SATURDAY

OCTOBER 2024

7:00 PM

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- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta

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.

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# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
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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, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

## Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am  
St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 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.

## 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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).

## Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
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## 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](mailto: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

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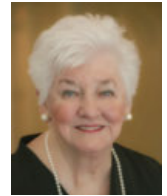
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