



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### October 20, 2024



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

**BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE**

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 21	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Leonard Modder	Roger & Jennifer Setzke
Tuesday, October 22	Mass	8:30 am	Besse Parlon	Pam Oplawski
Wednesday, October 23	Mass	8:30 am	Fred Westhoff	The Zahorik Family
Thursday, October 24	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	John J. O'Rourke	Patrick Daly
Friday, October 25	Mass	8:30 am	Wendy Slocum Fitzgibbons	Scott & Jill Burson
Saturday, October 26	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish  Mary Lou Eaton	  Steve & Pat Eaton
Sunday, October 27	Mass	7:30 am	Edith Brisson	Brian Hardy
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	The Deceased Members of the Martin & Doonan Families	The Martin Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Dennis M. Ross	John Lowrey
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jim Egan	The McKenna Family

### Presider's Schedule for October 19-20, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Ilo

5:00 PM Fr. Tkachuk

### Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravalo	Tiffany Kahn
Orlando Ares	Brenda Kardatzke
Ed Barrett	Michelle Kram
Angela Bowman	Ayanna Kucera
Vivian Brickhouse	Eleanor Love
Kevin Brooks	Patrick Morgan
Aiden Curtis	Rosemary Nash
Blake Donegan	Ann Marie Nidos
Pat Eaton	Laureen Rabe
Tom Flynn	Heather Riggins
Bob Fredriksen	Darshana Shah
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	June Sheehan
Lilli Gregory	Michael Smith
Vincenzo Guzzo	Gregg Stephenson
Junie Haase	John Stopka
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Amanda Szila
Angela Hill	Olivia Tarsney
Jessi Rita Hoffman	

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:

#### **Leslie Koenig**

Wife of Ken

Mother of Carolyn, Lisa and Kenneth

#### **Jean Mohan**

Wife of Dan

Mother of Kerry, Packy and Jimmy

#### **Thomas J. Murphy**

Father of Patrick

Grandfather of Jack, Peter, Sheila and Eileen

### Weddings



Maggie Reilly & Ryan Marske  
Kelly Collins & Christopher Ellsworth  
Molly Piech & Sean McMahon

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





# Pastor's Letter

*Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to be first among you will be your servant."*  
Mark 10:43

The first twelve disciples of Jesus reach a new level of insensitivity in today's gospel. Jesus has realized that it is time to turn toward Jerusalem and the most painful, yet most transforming, part of his mission. He has told the disciples several times that in Jerusalem he will face rejection, suffering, and death before he will rise from the dead. They only want to hear about the resurrection and the kingdom to come; they are unwilling to consider that the path to the kingdom might also include suffering and death. So, they begin to maneuver for position. James and John attempt to bargain with Jesus for high places in his kingdom. When the other ten realize what their companions are doing, they become resentful and begin to argue among themselves. They all have *absolutely no compassion for what Jesus might be feeling* as he faces the harsh realities of rejection and a painful death.

Mark has a dual purpose in revealing the failure of the first disciples to comprehend the mission of Jesus that would be handed over to them. Based on Mark's gospel alone, one might wonder why Jesus chose them and then remained loyal to them. But it is important to remember that Mark's gospel was first proclaimed to an early community of believers who knew the profound transformation that occurred in the first disciples following the resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Belief in the Resurrection of Jesus and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit changed everything. The very disciples who fled and hid as Jesus was being tried and executed were now *risking* punishment and death to proclaim the message of Jesus and his resurrection. **They had become missionary disciples** with a clear understanding of their mission and the courage to carry it out.

**So, what is our response to the invitation of Jesus to become missionary disciples in our time and place?** How well do we accept the struggles and hardships of living a message of love for all, especially the unloved, and using what God has given us to serve the person in greater need? Last week, we celebrated the blessings of the parish year that ended June 30<sup>th</sup> and the generous stewardship of time, talent, and treasure of so many parishioners. We also heard the challenge to practice stewardship by becoming *missionary disciples in our community*. We are called to *tell the story of the message of Jesus* and the good news of *how we are putting that message into action at St. Francis Xavier Parish*. We are urged to *invite neighbors and friends, and perhaps members of our own households*, who have been away from our worshipping community for whatever reason, to *come and see who we are becoming in the power of the Spirit*. *Our mission as missionary disciples is to invite others to hear the message of Jesus anew; to listen as others share both their beliefs and their doubts, what attracts them and what discourages them, in opportunities such as Alpha. Our mission as missionary disciples is to give witness to others, in word and deed, how the words Jesus and the sacrificial act of Jesus supports and directs our life journey.* We give witness as a community that welcomes all to **BELONG**, to grow deeper in what we **BELIEVE**, and to **BE LOVE** for those in need, in our community and beyond.

We recently provided all elementary-level parish children with an opportunity to practice stewardship this year. Each child received a packet of envelopes that they can use weekly to name their stewardship actions then placed in the collection basket. Children have been offering things such as walking the dog, calling a sibling who is away at college, or helping someone with their homework. You will hear more about this in future weeks. And if you did not qualify for the Chicago Marathon, the children of our parish elementary school invite everyone to participate in the annual **Falcon 5K**. You can run, walk, or push a stroller on a course through the streets of La Grange Park. Registration ends race day, November 2.

Autumn Peace,

*J. Bill*



## World Mission Sunday Collection

Our Missionary Legacy. This weekend we will take up a second collection for World Mission Sunday. It is important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. As we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

To donate, [Click Here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "World Mission Sunday Collection" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in the church collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

## Transition Prayer

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we seek our new pastor, we entrust our community to your Holy Spirit. You know the heart of our congregation and the unique gifts and challenges of our parish. May we remain united in your grace and rejoice in the promise of your will to bring the "fullness of joy." May our future pastor do the same, listening to your Spirit with courage and openness as you lead us to one another. Amen.



## Veterans Day Mass and Reception



The 5th grade students at St. Francis Xavier School would like to invite any Veterans and Active Duty Service Members, and their families, to a mass honoring their service to our country. The mass will be held at 8:30am on Monday, November 11 with a reception immediately following in Unity Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 4 to Emily Bersnak at [grade5service@sfxlq.org](mailto:grade5service@sfxlq.org) or call 630-738-1369. We hope to see you there!

## New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30pm** for a special Newcomer Blessing.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for socializing in Unity Hall. Alpine subs, salad, fruit and cookies will be served.

Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

Who is invited?

- Parishioners who have recently joined the parish
- Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet
- Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us
- Families with children of all ages
- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7:00pm, or BOTH!

If you are able, **please RSVP** to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

RSVP and Questions: Call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com).

## Engage Community Fall Event



Our next formal gathering of the Engage Community will be Thursday, October 24 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier. We are planning a TED Talk and conversation that promises to be both entertaining and thoughtful. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Jane by email 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.



## Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

This year through September 2024:	\$ 371,349
Last year through September 2023:	\$ 358,670
Annual offertory Budget:	\$1,930,000

For this month's highlights on Stewardship, please [Click Here](#) for the Annual Report in last week's bulletin. Extra copies are available in church while supplies last.

Considering which method of giving is right for you? Check out the FAQ below.

Set up regular donations with this QR code. Thank you for your support to SFX Parish!



### What method of giving is most cost-effective for the parish?

- Online monthly donations from your bank checking or savings account.
- The processing fees for these are about 0.5%, as compared to credit card fees of 3.5%.

### If I want to give using my credit card, can I cover the higher transaction fee?

- Yes – you can! This is relatively new to Give Central, our online giving processor.
- Log into your Give Central account and select “I would like to cover the processing fee” when you make or change your contribution.

### I prefer using offertory envelopes – is that ok?

- Absolutely. Please continue to do so.
- We have identified ways to reduce the cost of printing and mailing, and there were some changes made in January 2024 to the number of envelopes and frequency of mailing.

### How important is my Christmas or Easter donation?

- Very important! These two special donations totaled 13% (\$241,489) of our funding last year.
- While all parishioners receive the envelopes with Fr. Bill's Christmas and Easter reflections, you can set up online giving right now using the QR code above.

### Are there any other methods to give to offertory?

- Yes. Donations of appreciated stock, IRA distributions, and donor advised funds are tax-efficient methods, which many donors prefer.
- Contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development, at 708-352-0168 or [jzeisloft@sfxlq.org](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlq.org) to learn more and if you have questions about these giving methods.

## Religious Education News



**Our Registration for the In Person Program is now closed, but registrations for our 1 – 8 Online Program is still open until November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Please don't delay in registering your children today!**

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

<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>



### **Kairos 43 Retreat**

Hosted by  
St. John of the Cross Parish  
November 14-17, 2024  
Offered for current  
High School Juniors and Seniors

Registration for the retreat opened on September 27th on the SJC website [www.stjohnofthecross.org](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org), and will close on October 25th. Please contact MaryClaire Zurowski with any questions at [mczurowski31@gmail.com](mailto:mczurowski31@gmail.com).

**Corner Bakery Café LaGrange!**  
**Eat to Support St. Francis Xavier**  
**Religious Education**  
Sunday, October 20  
7:30am-7:30pm



Corner Bakery Café  
39 North LaGrange Road  
LaGrange



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[www.cornerbakerycafe.com](http://www.cornerbakerycafe.com)  
before checkout.

## **Church League Basketball Registration Opened**



**High School Guys League Fee \$150**  
[Click here](#) to register and pay online.

**High School Girls League Fee \$100**  
[Click here](#) to register and pay online.

*to love  
is the  
command  
of the Lord*



**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a 'Gospel of life.'  
It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly  
in respect for human dignity.**

*Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB*

**Month of October: Annual Women's Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive:**

Envelopes available at church doors. Please drop off at Rectory or in collection baskets.



Online donations can be made at <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate>.

Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location. Their mission is to help pregnant women choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, and become better parents...with support from cradle to kindergarten. 93% of moms choose life for their babies...*because of you!*



**Sept 25–November 3: 40 Days for Life:** Help save lives through the power of prayer. For more information and sign up, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove).

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life.

St. John Paul II *Evangelium vitae*

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**



**Silence Is Not An Option**

Talk about domestic and dating violence (intimate partner violence).

- Raise awareness among other in our community
- Help to end shame and stigma that domestic violence survivors face
- Help families and friends learn how they can support someone who has experienced violence
- Advocate for education for our youth to build healthy relationships and prevent behaviors that perpetuate violence

To end domestic and dating violence, we all need to be part of the solution.

'Being abusive is a decision: it's a strategic behavior by your partner to create their desired power dynamic. Tactics of abuse (in any form) are aimed at dismantling equality in the relationship in order to make their partners feel less valuable and undeserving of respect.' (National Domestic Violence Hotline)

[www.dvrc-or.org/](http://www.dvrc-or.org/)



## It is Wreath Time!



The St. Francis Xavier Cub Scout Pack is selling Christmas wreaths again this year!

The wreaths we sell are well priced, comparable to what you would pay at retail, and very high quality - fresh from the Northwoods. Best of all, they are delivered to your door by one of our Scouts. If you are going to buy a wreath this season, please buy through us and support your Cub Scout Pack.

This year, in addition to supporting the pack's activities, we are using the wreath sale to sponsor Christmas for families that use the SFX Food Pantry. Please help our Scouts in their effort to ensure families in our community have a memorable Christmas.

**Order Deadline:** November 8th

**Delivery:** Our truck arrives on November 23rd, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and we then distribute to your door.

Scan the QR code or order here:  
[go.wreathsaleapp.com/36044f/m/6ef8eb/](https://go.wreathsaleapp.com/36044f/m/6ef8eb/)



## 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, November 5

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

## Open House Nazareth Academy

All families are welcome to discover Nazareth Academy at their **Fall Open House**. Nazareth is Catholic, Co-Ed and College Prep. Visit on Sunday, October 27, for a 10:00am presentation or Monday, October 28 for a 6:30pm presentation to explore more about the impact of Nazareth's 125-year legacy of educating the whole person.

Space is limited and registration is required at [www.nazarethacademy.com](http://www.nazarethacademy.com).

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

## Cub Scouts Pack 33 Popcorn



The St. Francis Xavier Cub Scout Pack 33 will be selling popcorn outside of God's Garage after the 5:00pm mass on Saturday and after the 9:00 & 11:00am masses on Sunday. Cub Scout Pack 33 is excited for a fun filled year full of hiking, camping, museum tours, and numerous enrichment opportunities. Sales of popcorn go toward funding these many fun activities.



## Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the SFX parishioners for their generosity in the September Intellectual-Disabilities-Fund "Tootsie Roll" Drive. You helped us support the special religious education (SPRED) program here and other local organizations that provide services to those with similar needs. God bless.

## Christmas Midnight Mass CHOIR: New Singers Welcome!



A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been waiting to join, but you haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an **ear** and a love for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier **Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at 12:00am on December 25th**. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth. This will also be coupled with participation in the **Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight**, which is scheduled for **Saturday, January 4th at 7:00pm**. There will be a mandatory CONCERT run-through rehearsal on **Thursday, January 2nd at 7:00pm**.

REHEARSALS will begin on **Tuesday, October 22nd—7:00 to 8:00pm**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 17th.

If you have an **ear** and a **skill** for choral singing, please consider this invitation, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of the year. Interested singers should contact **Allen Sterwalt**, our **Director of Music**, before the first rehearsal on **October 22nd** at [asterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org).



# Knights of Columbus

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Fall Food Drive

### This Saturday October 26, 2024



*"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak." St. Anthony of Padua*

#### How Can I Help?

##### Feed the Hungry

Drop off Donations in the St. Francis Xavier church parking lot on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-noon.**

Look for the Knights of Columbus volunteers at your Jewel stores in LaGrange Park and Countryside on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-4:00pm** and add a food or monetary (cash or check) donation to our storefront collection!

##### Be a Financial Giver

Your cash donations benefit the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The need is great. Any amount donated is appreciated.

DONATE ONLINE TO St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry at

**[sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families](https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families)**

or point your phone camera at the QR code to the right and **tap on the pop-up.**



For more information, please call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930. This good cause, which occurs twice each year in spring and fall, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, SFX Food Pantry, Greater Chicago Food Depository, and the local community.

**Thank you for your support!**

## Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Pre-Sale

LaGrange Council 6483



If yours is a real Christmas tree family, this year simplify your shopping process with the Knights of Columbus. Now through November 3, your Knights council will be taking orders for 6-to-12 foot Wisconsin-fresh balsam-fir trees after most Masses at a courtyard table near the rectory's "God's Garage". Just look

for the message board. Cash, check, or Venmo payment accepted.

Your custom-height tree will be delivered to the school parking lot on November 26 "Thanksgiving Tuesday". In a drive-through fashion there, Knights will load your pre-paid tree atop your vehicle for you to bring home. You won't even need to get out of your vehicle.

INTELLECTUAL-DISABILITIES FUND "TOOTSIE ROLL" DRIVE • ESSAY CONTEST

FOOD DRIVE • WARM-CLOTHING DRIVE • BLOOD-DRIVE SUPPORT • RETIREMENT-HOME BINGO NIGHT

KEEP-CHRISTIAN-CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST • SPELLING BEE CONTEST • FREE-THROW CONTEST

## An invitation

Is our Order in your calling to serve?



LA GRANGE 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. Look at all the good work we can do in the communities of the greater La Grange area listed on the blue border of this invitation.

Are you being called?

Text or call Brian Lisek at 630.939-2626 to learn how you can join and help us serve those in our communities with the most need.

To Knight!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST • FRESH CHRISTMAS-TREE SALE • DIGITAL RAFFLE



Saturday, November 2

## RACE!

Opportunities for the whole family!  
Run & Walk & Stroller 5K  
Kids Fun Runs (100m and 1/2 mile)

[SFXFalcon5k.com](http://SFXFalcon5k.com)

## SPONSOR!

Logo placement on Tshirt, website, etc.  
\$1,000/\$750/\$550/\$250

Become a Sponsor Page:  
[SFXFalcon5K.com](http://SFXFalcon5K.com)



## VOLUNTEER!

### BEFORE/DURING/AFTER

If you are not running please check out  
where your help is needed, because it's  
needed!

## SUPPORT!

Buy a family support sign to cheer on the  
Falcons! Hurry, they are going fast! \$150  
each.

Go to: [SFXFalcon5K.com](http://SFXFalcon5K.com)-->Become a sponsor  
page--> then select Course Marker "shout out!"



### With Special Guests

'85 Chicago Bear &  
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Voice of the  
Chicago Bears

**Jeff Joniak**



# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

## JOYCE HALL

### DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

### DINNER AT 7:00 PM

## \$125 PER PERSON

*Cost for Senior members is a donation  
to the Men's Club. See below for details.\**



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### Price Includes:

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Full BBQ Spread by Beach Ave BBQ!

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Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda

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## Register today at: [sfxpigroast.com](http://sfxpigroast.com)

\*All male parishioners age 70 and over contact Matt Hubert directly at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or 773-619-0554



**Peace & Justice Event  
Statesville Calling  
Documentary & Discussion  
November 10, 2024  
3:00-5:00pm  
Unity Hall**



We will show the movie *Statesville Calling*, a documentary exploring parole reform and the struggle of aging inmates in Illinois. The movie will be followed by a discussion with Bill Ryan, a resident of Plymouth Place, who has spent the last several decades befriending and advocating on behalf of a group of men and women incarcerated for life, helping to abolish the death penalty in Illinois, publishing a newspaper written by prisoners, and ceaselessly negotiating with victim's advocates, legislators and lobbyists from both sides of the aisle. The hour-long film illustrates the forces that created our system, and surveys the competing arguments and data points at play to equip viewers to decide for themselves what should be done about criminal justice in Illinois.

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Maureen Windmoeller [maurwind@gmail.com](mailto:maurwind@gmail.com).

**Edythe Ministry Fall Garden Days**



The Edythe Ministry is preparing for Autumn! We will place mulch in our beautiful garden beds from 9:00-11:00am on Saturday, November 2. Any and all are welcome, no matter how much time or experience you may have. Donuts and cider will be served!

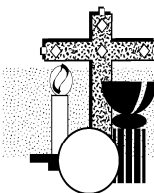
To sign up, please contact Becca Voith at [beccacoox@gmail.com](mailto:beccacoox@gmail.com). If you have questions, reach out to Cathy Skokna at [cmskokna@att.net](mailto:cmskokna@att.net).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**



We distributed 60 prayer shawls and blankets at masses this month.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, November 13 4:00-5:00pm** in the Rectory Courtyard Room. Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!



*we have a great high priest  
jesus, son of god*

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**Come have breakfast - Sr. Pat Bergen, CSJ**

Thursdays, October 24 and 31 from 1:00–2:30pm and Thursdays, November 7, 21, December 5 and 19 from 1:00–2:00pm

Format: In-Person or Zoom and the facilitator will be in person.

Join us as we join in meditation, and conversation about our beautiful planet Earth in a threatened state through the lens of scripture. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, award winning theologian, presents snapshots of aspects of the Holy Mystery who creates, indwells, redeems, vivifies and sanctifies the whole world. These reflections will lead us to a deeper understanding of the Living God who loves and accompanies all creatures in their living and dying and is calling us to profound care for our common home.



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

- **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. 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
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Sean Kramer, U.S. Army**—friend of the Cooley Family
- **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Nidos

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

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

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

Rev. William Tkachuk  
Rev. Richard Milek  
Andrew Allison  
Phil Gianatasio  
Margaret McMahon  
Mary Freeman  
Rev. Stan Ilo

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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  
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](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

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, Bennett Ferguson, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone at 312-880-7606.







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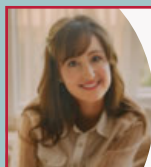
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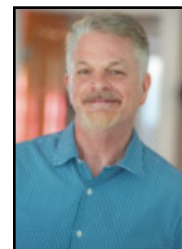
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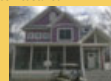
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