



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 11	Mass	8:30 am	Francis E. Napleton Herbert & Mary Schrack Peg Morsch Foley	The Robert J. Napleton family The Morsch Family
Tuesday, November 12	Mass	8:30 am	Jessica Barry Peg Morsch	The Zahorik Family Susan Devitt
Wednesday, November 13	Mass	8:30 am	Denise Graney	The Graney Family
Thursday, November 14	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Andy Harmon Jack McCrory (90th Birthday)	The Harmon Family The McCrory Family
Friday, November 15	Mass	8:30 am	Jack Lanan	Nancy Johnson
Saturday, November 16	Mass	5:00 pm	No 8:30 AM Mass No 9:00 AM Reconciliation John Gibbel Maria Simboli Mary T. Discipio	The Duelm Family The Urani Family Joe Discipio
Sunday, November 17	Mass	7:30 am	Dennis Schumacher	The SFX Prayer Shawl Ministry
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	Thomas Carey	Roger & Jennifer Setzke
	Mass	11:00 am	Larry Jaderberg	Mom & Dad
	Mass	5:00 pm	Terry Metzger	The McKenna Family

Presider's Schedule for November 9-10, 2024

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

**On Saturday, November 16 there will be No Mass or Confessions
at St. Francis Xavier due to preparing the church for Confirmation.**

**Please visit our neighboring churches. St. Cletus Reconciliation 8:30-9:15am
St. John of the Cross 9:00am Mass with Reconciliation following the mass.**

Please pray for . . .

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

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:

Ed O'Connell
Brother of Tim O'Connell

Weddings

Kelly Collins & Christopher Ellsworth
Molly Piech & Sean McMahon
Angelina Timm & Ian Rodnick



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Pastor's Letter

The jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.
1 Kings 17:16

Two widows appear in this weekend's scriptures. The first is a younger woman with a young son whose resources have run out during a drought. She is about to prepare what she believes will be their final meal. Yet when she encounters a traveler asking her for something to eat, she offers to prepare something for him, unaware that it is the prophet Elijah who has made this request. Her extreme generosity and hospitality to a stranger become a blessing that provides food for her and her son until the drought has ended. The second widow comes to the temple to place what little she has in the service of God through the ministers of the temple. She is not aware that she is being observed by Jesus, let alone becoming a visual aid for what Jesus is attempting to teach his disciples.

The amount that a person donates is less important than the attitude of the giver. Am I willing to offer what I have and help another person, even if my means are limited? Am I willing to do so even if the other person is a stranger and may have no way to repay me? Am I willing to act out of kindness rather than fail to act out of fear? And am I willing to do so without reward or recognition for what I have done? This Saturday is a day of service for families with children in our **School of Religious Education**. Families were invited to follow the example of the two above widows by collecting shelf-stable foods and packing grocery bags for those receiving assistance through the BEDS Plus program in our area. Their efforts will benefit other families whom they will never meet but to whom they are connected through their loving service.

Bishop Robert Casey will be with us next Saturday to confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for over 100 of our parish youth. These young men and women completed two years of catechesis in seventh and eighth grade and attended a retreat day in late October. Their use of the gifts that the Spirit will bestow on them is a blessing for us and for those whom they will serve and inspire.

This Sunday at the 9:00AM Mass we welcome the men and women who are participating in this year's **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)**. Today's Welcome Rite is the first public declaration of their intent to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) as part of becoming full members of the Roman Catholic Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey toward the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19.

This Sunday at the 11:00AM Mass we commission the members of the **Parish Pastoral Council** for the next year. The PPC supports, enlivens, and advances the mission of the parish, and serves as a consultative group to the parish pastor and pastoral staff. The PPC is a sounding-board for the pastor and offers input and advice on various issues that relate to the life and wellbeing of the parish. Issues may be brought to the PPC by the pastor, members of the PPC, or other parishioners. The PPC is drawn from a cross-section of the parish and provides the pastor with a collective wisdom from which he can draw in the exercise of his pastoral leadership of the parish. Thank you to those who have agreed to serve on the PPC for this year (* including three new members).

Curt Aronson
Dave Ankenbruck*
Elizabeth Cooley

Laura Duelm
Jude Dumfeh*
Mike Hattie

Katie Kelly*
Lindsey Mackenzie
Alex Ruff

Carolyn Simone
Jody Wise
Phil Zadeik

Happy Veterans Day to all women and men among us who protected us through their selfless service.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill



Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday Collection through October:

This Year:	\$ 491,908
Last Year:	\$ 486,687
Total Annual Offertory Budget:	\$1,930,000

Last weekend, the Saturday 5pm Mass remembered all those who have died and have been in our prayers during this past year. While all Masses include prayer for the faithfully departed, the universal Church directs her thoughts especially towards them each year on November 2.

Deacon Phil Gianatasio reflects: "One of the ideas that is expressed in the Order of Christian Funerals deals with the unique relationship each person has had with the deceased. Our relationship with the deceased has not disappeared but rather has changed. We can still communicate with the person who has died; we are still connected. We can pray to God for this person. We can share whatever we want to, like seeking advice, or just how much we still love them. Every time we gather as a community for Mass, there is an opportunity for us to pray for all those who have died. Here at St. Francis Xavier, the liturgy of the All Soul's Day Mass is especially focused on loved ones of parishioners who have died in the past twelve months. It is our hope that, gathered as community, we are all comforted as we grieve with the pain of loss. It is our hope that through prayer, our new relationship with our loved ones will strengthen our relationship with Jesus himself until we are all in God's kingdom."

God bless you for your generosity in supporting our beautiful liturgies at St. Francis Xavier Parish!



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with this QR Code.
Thank you for your stewardship!



A year-end tip for our senior parishioners:

If you have an individual retirement account and you are age 73 or older, you may know that you must take your required minimum distribution (RMD) **before the 2024 calendar year ends**. However, did you know that you can fulfill all or part of your RMD and reduce your taxable income by transferring funds directly from your IRA to SFX? Do not wait until it is too late to benefit from reduced taxes.

Contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development by phone at 708-352-0168 or email jzeisloft@sfxlg.org to learn more.

All Are Welcome!

It was wonderful to share an evening with our newly registered parishioners at a recent Welcome Prayer Service, followed by hospitality in Unity Hall. Fr. Rich led our prayer service to help us join together to pray and welcome those new to our Parish family. This beautiful evening was made possible by the warm hospitality of our Welcome Committee. It was great for everyone to mix and mingle for a light dinner and desserts.

We hope you will stop by to say hello to our committee after masses the weekend of November 16/17 in Unity Hall; at that time we invite all parishioners who have registered with the parish in 2024 to stop by to receive a special Christmas ornament from the Welcome Committee.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the St. Francis Xavier Parish Hospitality Ministry, please contact Laura Duelm at lauraduelm@gmail.com or 708-309-9079.



All cash tips benefit SFX!

Catholic Women's Club
— St. Francis Xavier - CWC —

JOIN US FOR
HAPPY
HOUR

DON'T MISS OUT 'ON A
NIGHT OF FUN AS THESE
FRIENDLY GUEST
BARTENDERS FROM SFX
SHAKE THINGS UP FOR
YOU. GATHER YOUR
FRIENDS AND LET'S
CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20
6:00PM - 8:00PM

fourteensixteen
14 W. Calendar, La Grange

Are You Registered As Parishioners?

Do We Have A Record of Your Children?

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

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

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

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

CLARINET *RECITAL* *(2)

*Previous performance: Saturday, October 19th – 7p.m.



Allen Sterwalt, **clarinet**

Mark Bilyeu, **piano**

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

24 SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2024

3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION!

Free-will offering baskets
will be placed at the doors
in support of the

SFX Music Ministry.

Thank you!





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.

Boys Church League Coaches Needed

COACH

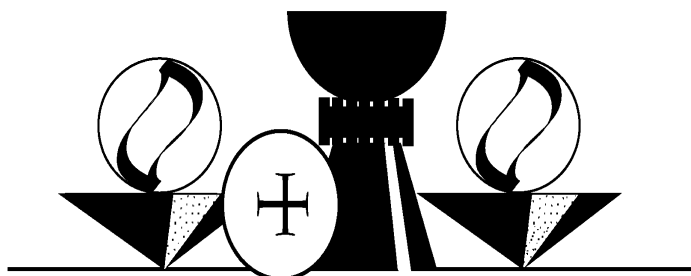
We still need coaches for a freshman/sophomore team, as well as a junior team.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Bill at wtkachuk@sfxlg.org

Thank you for your consideration.

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@sfxlg.org or 630-738-1369. We hope to see you there!



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Support our Religious Education Program with Little Caesars!



It's pizza time! Starting November 1st and for the next 4 weeks, we're selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Meal Deal Codes to raise money for SFX Religious Education Program. We are happy to bring back a beloved fundraiser. Help us to raise funds by purchasing some delicious Little Caesars items that will be delivered right to your home. To reach our goal, we need everyone's help. It's easy to join the fun!

Click this link:

<https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/fundraisers/support/1521a961-88af-4373-9d14-588f55cc437f>

to place your order or scan this QR code to order.



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 30th.**

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>

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

NEW FAMILY ENROLLMENT BEGINS DECEMBER 4

WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus and others.

We strive to instill and nurture the belief that God is found everywhere, especially in one another.



WE LEARN

TWO time U.S. Dept. of Education NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL and recipient of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award.



WE SERVE

Our All-School Service Program exemplifies who we are as a school.

This year, we are holding our 15th annual Service Day!



CONTACT US TODAY! ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG

St. Francis Xavier Parish presents:
YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IN JOYCE HALL



**Plus the return of Santa's Workshop
In The Gym**

(More Details to come. Please note workshop fees are separate from breakfast and determined by workshop vendors.)

Sponsorship Opportunities Available:
Reach out to Sarah Becker at
Srbeck525@yahoo.com for more information

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THE YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST! PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RECTORY OR PAY DIRECTLY AT GIVE CENTRAL THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW.

Name: _____

Regular Admission: _____ x \$12 = _____

Children 12 & Under: _____ x \$5 = _____

Seniors 65 & Older: _____ x \$10 = _____

Total = _____



Please return this form with payment Cash or Checks (payable to St. Francis Xavier Parish) to the rectory by December 5th. Any questions contact the Rectory at 708-352-0618

You may also pay and make reservations by scanning the QR Code and paying directly through Give Central

Please help our cooks by selecting from the below an expected time of arrival.

- ☐ 8:00 am - 8:30 am
- ☐ 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- ☐ 9:00 am - 9:30 am
- ☐ 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- ☐ 10:00 am - 10:30 am
- ☐ 10:30 am - 11:15 am
- ☐ 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE SFX CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE



**Knights of
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13th Annual Warm Clothing Drive

Start: **November 17 (Sunday)**
through **November 24 (Sunday)**

In the spirit of Thanksgiving for all our blessings, we ask you to share with others in need.

“Without charity the rich man is poor, and with it the poor man is rich.” St. Augustine

Please donate your gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc.

OPTIONS TO DONATE:

1. (St. Francis Church)

Donation boxes will be at church entrances between **November 17-24** to deposit your clothing articles.

2. (Drop-Off @ SFX Parking Lot)

On **Sunday, November 24** from **9:00am to 1:00pm**, you can drop off your donations in the parking lot behind St. Francis Xavier Church (124 North Spring Avenue) Knights of Columbus volunteers will accept your donations from your car; you do not need to leave your car!

3. (Cash Donation)

If a cash donation is more convenient, simply scan the QR code below (point camera at the QR code to lead you to the donation website).

Cash Donations Accepted.
Tax Receipts upon request.
Please contact Knights of Columbus
with questions: 708-306-2114.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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. **YOUNG 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!

“Keep Christ In Christmas” Poster Contest



The LaGrange Council 6483 Knights of Columbus is inviting the students of St. Francis Xavier Day School and Religious Education Program from First Grade through Eighth Grade to participate in the organizations international “Keep Christ In Christmas” poster contest.

The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing to District, State, National and International levels. The winning entries will serve as a basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage deeper understanding of the holiday. Entry forms will be available through school. Posters must be submitted to St. Francis Xavier Day School and Religious Education Program by **Friday, December 6th**.



Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Pre-Sale



LaGrange Council 6483



Wisconsin-fresh Christmas tree sales were so brisk last weekend that your Knights of Columbus are extending orders through this weekend via text messaging only.

If you're a real-tree family that (1) likes to put up its Christmas tree over Thanksgiving weekend, (2) would like to skip the hassle of browsing a tree lot in unpredictable weather, and (3) may even want your tree delivered locally to your home — for any reason — simply send a text message to your full-service Knights at 630-939-2626 before 8:00 pm on Sunday to communicate your interest in ordering.

Your super-fresh tree will be farm-cut on Sunday, November 24 then transported to La Grange for your pickup (or Knights delivery) on 'Thanksgiving Tuesday', November 26.



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR *THE OUTSIDERS!*

The Outsiders transcends time and still speaks to us since S.E. Hinton, a girl masquerading as a boy author, wrote it in high school, half a century ago. We see that even though society may change, the experience of being trapped as "an outsider" is something that everybody has felt at one time or another, at any age.

This international bestseller, and inspiration for a beloved movie, is a heroic story of friendship and belonging...when the world seems stacked against you. It has been a staple in the classroom across our country helping people to see and fight against adversity...And sometimes the best fight against adversity is not to physically fight, but to find a better way, to "Stay Gold". And this story has helped generations figure out how to "Stay Gold". A great opportunity for intergenerational discussions!

LATTE Theater Show Times:

7:00 pm Friday, November 15
2:00 pm Saturday, November 16
7:00 pm Saturday, November 16
2:00 pm Sunday, November 17

Plymouth Place Auditorium
315 North LaGrange Road
708-655-0989

Tickets:
\$5-\$15

Purchase at: www.lattetheater.com



Unassigned seating.

Doors open
30 minutes
before show.



Engage Community Fall Events

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

We have an adventure planned at the **Elmhurst History Museum**.

Chicagoland Movie Palaces: A Century of Follies & Film



Exploring the early days of vaudeville and the golden age of motion picture theatres, examines the first movie palaces built in the Chicagoland area, delving into the architects who created them, the movie-going culture during the early age of Hollywood and the Blockbuster era, and the evolving digital movie experience. The exhibit also highlights York Theatre's centennial celebration with a special section on famous performances and films that have made a splash on the iconic marquee in Elmhurst, IL since 1924.

When: Tuesday, November 12 at 1:00 pm

Where: 120 E. Park Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Admission: Free (donations appreciated)
and Free parking too!

Website: <https://www.elmhursthhistory.org/>

Our next formal gathering of the Engage Community will be **Thursday, November 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier**. We are going to dive into food security and hunger. Starting with a taste of a Solidarity Meal from Feed My Starving Children and a discussion about hunger in the US and worldwide. So that we can plan, **please RSVP to the email below.**

For questions or to RSVP for either event, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.



St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Event
Stateville Calling Documentary & Discussion
November 10, 2024 3:00-5:00pm
Unity Hall (between the Church & School)

We will show *Stateville Calling*, a 50 minute documentary exploring parole reform and the struggle of aging inmates in Illinois followed by a discussion with Bill Ryan and Arkee Chaney.

Bill Ryan is 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.

"Art saved me" said Arkee Chaney about his 33 years in Illinois prisons. Arkee had been sentenced to life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) after being convicted of stealing \$110 in three different burglaries. While incarcerated, Arkee met Dr. Margaret Burroughs, the founder of the DuSable Museum and a volunteer art teacher at Stateville Prison. Dr. Burroughs encouraged Arkee's natural artistic ability. He began painting regularly in his cell and soon was teaching others to create art as well. Eventually the Illinois Prison Review board recommended his sentence be reduced to time served, Governor Pritzker approved, and Arkee was released from prison. Having no living family members who were able to take him in, Arkee came to live with Bill Ryan for two years. During that time, he continued to paint and create ceramics, setting up in Bill's garage, which became his art studio. We will display some of Arkee's art.

The 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.



Music Notes...

Upcoming Music—Ministry Events!

January 4th, 2025 – 7:00 pm:

Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight Service

****Free-will offering suggested to benefit the
SFX Music Ministry.***

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



Lord, teach us the true spirit of generosity

BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

Fall Into Giving

**Tuesday
November
26
3:00-7:00 PM**

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a
healthy meal and
drink plenty of
water before
donating.

Please bring photo ID.

800-7TO-GIVE

St. Francis Xavier Parish Community Blood Drive

St. Francis Catholic Church-Gym, 145 N. Waiola
(Ogden & Waiola) La Grange, IL 60525

To make an appt., call 1-800-7TO-GIVE, visit
Tinyurl.com/mr3aau25 or scan the QR code



Donate blood to support 62% of area patients
who require blood products at 85 Chicago-area
and NW Indiana hospitals.



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BEGIN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PRAYER AND HEALING:

HEALING WOUNDS & RELATIONSHIPS

FREE ALL-PARISH PRAYER
CHALLENGE BEGINS NOV 13
ON OUR PARISH PAGE

Join Your Parish in Prayer on **Hallow**

Hallow is the #1 Catholic prayer and meditation platform in the world and is home to the largest digital community of Catholics online.

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On the bottom right, tap **Community**

Enter your parish's zip code

When you see your parish's name, tap **Join Parish**

New to Hallow?

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Interfaith Career Network

Leverage Indeed.com and Other Social Media Sites to Energize Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, November 21, 7:00-9:00 pm for an informative and enlightening evening as Mike Vogel, Director of Sales, National Accounts at Indeed.com shares thoughts and insights into how Indeed.com and other social media sites can be used to broaden your job search approach. Mike has progressed through multiple roles with Indeed.com and enjoys sharing his thoughts about various media sites to expand your search outreach. Mike's presentations are always thought-provoking, engaging and highly interactive. Mike leads teams of sales professionals with Indeed.com who help people find new jobs while also helping Indeed.com find top talent for their company's future.

We hope you can join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs for a great night of learning and sharing new ideas to make your job search more successful!

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

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, December 3

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com or
Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.



Kitchen Angels

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

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

Family Outreach Committee

The SFX Family Outreach Committee is partnering with the Saturday Meals Program at First Congressional Church of LaGrange on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. We will be preparing and serving a meal to our neighbors in need and would love your help! There are two time slots. Come to one or both!

9:00-11:00 am: Food prep and cooking
11:00 am-1:00 pm: Food serving & clean up

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years old if accompanied by an adult. Sign up today at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5A62DAA8-saturday1>

Questions? Contact Rachel Peterson by email at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net or call 708-870-8808.

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!



Adult Open Gym Basketball Ministry

St. Francis Xavier has a year-round, adult open gym basketball ministry. If interested, the gym doors are open to you. Here's how to connect to the program. On a weekly basis, a person interested can be added to an email thread and is invited to participate to either the Saturday morning session, Sunday evening session or to a special Summer session on Tuesday evenings. Players are asked to RSVP to make sure enough players can attend a session and no more than 15 can participate for each session.

For information, you can text or call Kevin McGann at 708-408-8731 or email him at kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com or Josh Pasquesi at joshua.pasquesi@gmail.com.



**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
- **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
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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.

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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.

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Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

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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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