



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025



Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise
of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34a

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 3	Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Tuesday, February 4	Mass	8:30 am	John O'Brien	The Cummings Family
Wednesday, February 5	Mass	8:30 am	Linda McMahon	The McMahon Family
Thursday, February 6	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, February 7	Mass	8:30 am	Bonnie Latzke Thomas Allison	Tom & Lucile Nichol Tony Seibert
Saturday, February 8	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish John Gibbel	The Cooley Family
Sunday, February 9	Mass	7:30 am	Mary Tio	John R. Washbish
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	Casey Dillon	SFX Retired Teachers
	Mass	11:00 am	Michael Angelo Saenz	Peter & Barbara Tomaino
	No Mass	5:00 pm	No Mass Super Bowl Sunday	

President's Schedule for February 1-2, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Milek



Next Sunday, February 9 Due to Super Bowl Sunday there will Not be a 5:00 PM Mass



Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravallo	Michelle Kram
Orlando Ares	Alice Krol
Ed Barrett	Richard Lavers
Jack Bernauer	Eleanor Love
Vivian Brickhouse	Greg Molinary
Kevin Brooks	Patrick Morgan
Nick Caputo	Bill Mroz
Mary Kate Corrigan	Ann Marie Niedos
Mary Ann Curry	Connie O'Dette
Mark Davis	Mark Reilly
Blake Donegan	Joyce Schmitz
Tom Flynn	June Sheehan
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Sheila Slonskis
Vincenzo Guzzo	Gregg Stephenson
Junie Haase	John Stopka
Mateo Herhold	Sophie Stratton
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Olivia Tarsney
William Hesselgrave	Chuck Witte
Angela Hill	Lauren Zaide
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Mila Zaide
Bud Hokstra	

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:

Lona Atkinson

Mother of Fr. Bill Tkachuk's Sister-in-Law

Evelyn Freeman

Mother of Tim
Mother-in-Law of Mary
Nana of Sean, Kathleen, Kevin & Maggie

Marta Lastres

Mother of Oswaldo Lastres

Weddings



Mary Konstant & Stephen Agin
Emily Titzer & Daniel Dlugosz
Caitlin Phelan & Steve Pochron

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Pastor's Letter

*"Lo, suddenly there will come to the Temple the Lord whom you seek."
Malachi 3:1*

The Feast of the Presentation marks the fortieth day since the celebration of Christmas. In recent weeks, we heard the stories of the three epiphanies of the coming of God into the world: **the star that guides the magi** to the Child Jesus; **the voice that came from heaven** proclaiming Jesus as God's Beloved Son after he was baptized in the Jordan River; and **the first miracle** of Jesus at a wedding in Cana when he changes water into wine for the wedding feast.

The Presentation offers us a more private moment of revelation. Two faithful elders of the people of Israel, Simeon and Anna, are in the Temple area when Mary and Joseph bring their infant for the customary Jewish rituals. They are among a large crowd seeking blessings or making offerings that day. There is nothing about their humble appearance that would draw attention to them. Nonetheless, Simeon recognizes in this family's child the fulfillment of God's promise that Simeon would not see death until he had seen the one who would bring salvation to Israel. He praises God and blesses the parents of Jesus; yet Simeon also predicts the sorrows that will come to Mary, the mother of this child. Anna, likewise, recognizes God's light shining through this child and offers loud praise to God and a proclamation to all who will listen.

These early gospel stories suggest that the Son of God was **a hidden presence** in the world until he began his mission at the age of thirty. In much the same way, the Son of God sometimes walks among us unnoticed. There are moments of clarity, moments when Christ's light shines clearly in our midst as happened to the magi and those present at the baptism of Jesus. There also are more private moments when Christ makes himself known when we are at prayer or simply going about the events of the day. The challenge to us disciples is to **live with hearts and minds open to recognize Christ among us**. **Our mission is then to tell others** what we have seen and experienced.

This Sunday we celebrate special moments in the faith journeys of some of our children and youth who are preparing for Sacraments. Those in second grade and others preparing for **First Eucharist** gather with their families on Sunday afternoon for the second of three special Masses to help them better understand what we do when we gather for Eucharist. Our seventh grade youth gather at the Sunday 5PM Mass to formally enroll in a two-year preparation program for **Confirmation**, which they will receive early in their freshman year of high school. Please keep these children and young people and their families in your prayers and encourage them by your witness.

Next Saturday we will honor the hundreds of volunteers who practice the stewardship of time and talent through one of the many parish ministries. We would not be the vibrant parish that we are without the willingness of so many to share the gifts that God has given them. If you have been thinking about offering some of your time and talent as a parish minister, go to the parish website or call the parish office so that we can direct you to someone who can answer your questions and provide the next steps of getting involved.

Did you hear that next Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday? No, the Chicago Bears are not one of the teams participating. Nonetheless, to allow our ministers to enjoy the game and to respect the choice of those who regularly attend the Sunday 5PM Mass, **there will be no Sunday 5PM Mass next Sunday**. Enjoy the game!

Peace,

F. Bill



Together
we bring hope



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal
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2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This month we will kick off the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme is Together We Bring Hope, which echoes the Holy Year theme of Pilgrims of Hope. It also resonates with our efforts for renewal and transformation in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

GIVING OPTIONS: The Archdiocese offers the following ways to Make ACA Gifts:

1. **Use the Reply Form received in Cardinal Cupich's direct mailings.** Letters from the cardinal were mailed by the Annual Catholic Appeal and contained a pre-addressed return envelope to mail in cash, check or credit card gifts.
2. **Donate Online using your credit or debit card at www.annualcatholicappeal.com.** There is a dedicated annual appeal giving form accessible online.
3. **In-pew envelopes.** Our traditional Commitment Weekend will take place during Mass on February 15 and 16, 2025, when Fr. Bill leads the congregation with the in-pew process.
4. **Charitable Gift or Donor Advised Funds.** If you would like to give in this method, contact Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Director of Stewardship and Development, in the rectory for assistance.



Please Consider a Gift to the Catholic Church that Pays You Back

As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure that God's good work on earth continues by considering a gift that pays you back – a charitable gift annuity. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but **you can designate your parish, school or organization – such as the Annual Catholic Appeal – as the remainder beneficiary.**

You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

To receive a free, no-obligation personalized illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

Attn: 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 meet twice per month on Sunday nights to explore faith, build community, and share perspectives. We will also have some outreach/volunteer opportunities.

All meetings take place in Unity Hall after the 5:00PM Mass, from 6:00-7:00PM and include dinner.

This program is in its second year at SFX 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.

Our Meetings with dinner included are scheduled for:

This Sunday, February 2~Lou Malnati's Pizza; Sunday, February 16 and Sunday, March 2

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

<https://bit.ly/SFXCrossroads>



Questions?

Please reach out to Laura and Greg Ozark at greg.ozark@gmail.com or lauraozark@yahoo.com

Open Meeting: Sex Addiction and Recovery for the Addict and the Spouse/Friend

Sexaholics Anonymous and S-Anon Family Groups of the Chicagoland Area present an Open Meeting for anyone wanting to learn more about the disease of sexual addiction and its partners of betrayal.

WHEN: Saturday, February 15, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

WHERE: St. Francis Xavier Church 145 North Waiola Avenue, LaGrange, IL
(Enter from Waiola Avenue. Parking available in school parking lot.)

WHO: This meeting is open to the public and is intended to provide information for counselors, physicians, clergy, sex addicts, friends and families of sex addicts, and anyone interested in learning about the 12-Step Programs of Recovery. A speaker from each program will share his/her experience, strength and hope by sharing what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now. Literature from each program will be available for purchase. After the speakers' presentations, there will be time for fellowship, during which SA and S-Anon Members will be available to answer questions individually and provide area meeting information.

Sexaholics Anonymous is an anonymous fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover. Our primary purpose is to stay sexually sober and help others to achieve sexual sobriety. S-Anon Family Groups is an anonymous fellowship for relatives and friends of sexaholics. S-Anon has but one purpose: to help the families of sexaholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps of S-Anon and by welcoming and giving comfort to families of sexaholics.

For questions Chicago SA Hotline: 630-415-0341 Chicago S-Anon Hotline: 779-324-2324

Welcome

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

Meghan Burke
Steven & Karen Busa
Kerri Martin
Declan & Kelly Murray
Kristen Neal
Christina Nicosia
Nicholas & Margaret Oboikovitz
Salvador & Camila Patino
Gerald & Jane Taglia
Luke White & Allison Elber



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.

Interfaith Career Network

Converting Self-Doubts to Self Confidence

Join us on Thursday, February 13, 7:00-9:00 pm. You'll discover how to turn your mindset into a powerful tool for interview success and career growth.

Do you ever feel like you do not deserve the career opportunities you are pursuing, even when you are well-qualified? Imposter Syndrome can undermine your confidence, especially during interviews. This presentation will explore the roots of Imposter Syndrome, how it affects job seekers, and practical strategies to silence self-doubt. You will learn how to recognize and celebrate your achievements, confidently present your skills, and communicate with authenticity and self-assurance. Our speaker, Nicole Magats, is the Talent Acquisition Partner at TransChicago Truck Group with 9 years of in-house recruiter and consultant experience in startups to Fortune 500 organizations, interviewing countless candidates. Nicole also works as a Career Coach, providing clients with tangible strategies to streamline their job search, create a resume that reflects their skillset and articulate their value in interviews. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome, there is no cost to attend.

Visit interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



CORRECTION

Our new meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, February 13** from **4:00-5:00pm** in the Rectorly Courtyard Room. Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

Our next meeting dates in the Courtyard Room are:

March 12 from **4:00-5:00pm**

April 19 from **7:00-8:00pm**

May 14 from **7:00-8:00pm**



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!

MULTIPLICITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Sunday, February 16

**All Saints Episcopal Church
4370 Woodland Avenue
Western Springs**

**Doors open at 1:30pm
Music from 2:00-3:30pm**

**Barb Kalnes: Vocals
Tom Kalnes: Piano
Gary Swiontek: Bass
Rick Vitek: Drums
Michael Levin: Reeds**

There will be a free-will offering collection for cash donations as well as a box for non-perishable food items. Any items collected will be donated to the Westchester Food Pantry. Light refreshments will be provided.

Food Pantry Need



Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, Day School, Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Scouts, Men & Women's Clubs, Nazareth Academy, Grace Lutheran, St. John of the Cross and other community partners, we collected **3,054** boxes of cereal in 2024.

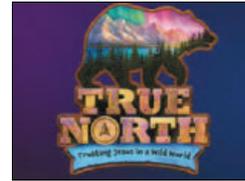
We distribute about 400 boxes each month. *The power of 1 box--one act of generosity--fills our shelves.* Our food pantry clients appreciate all the wonderful choices!

Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory side door (off Church parking lot) on Mondays 9am-noon or at the side altars of Church.

We are always in need of cereal!

Thanks so much for your continued generosity!

SAVE THE DATE 2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-27



We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was a great success last summer. Attendance was up significantly due to support and participation from the SFX community.

We are continuing our partnership with Grace for 2025. The dates for the summer VBS program are June 23 through 27, each day from 9:00am-Noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 through 4th grade. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that will spend the week organizing and conducting a variety of service projects.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities for high school students that count toward required service hours. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as well.

Registration information will be available early next year along with more details about volunteering. We are looking forward to another week of fun and faith based activities-this year's theme is "True North Trusting Jesus in a wild world."

Any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.

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, February 4.

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



Family Outreach Ministry Volunteer Event

Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program. Our next date of service is **Saturday, March 15** and there are two time slots from which to choose:

- 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.

To volunteer, please [click here](#).

Questions?

Contact Ana Dimailig apd3@core.com or
Rachel Peterson petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.

*This child is
destined for the
fall and rise
of many in Israel*

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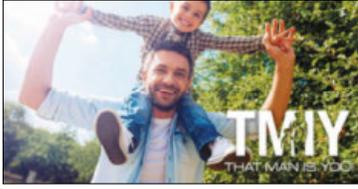
**4:00-10:00 PM
Wednesday, February 5th**

**Lou Malnati's
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4700 Gilbert Avenue**

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**Order online at
www.loumalnatis.com
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That Man Is You Men's Group



All men are invited to join the Spring Sessions of *That Man is YOU (TMIY)* Starting on Tuesday, February 4 at 8:00pm in the school chapel (enter at Unity Hall)

THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. Christ didn't say, "Behold, I make new things." He said, "Behold, I make all things new."

A new day is dawning for Catholic men. Now is our hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising!

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



SJC CARES Presents....
Protecting our Common Home
Now and For Future Generations

Saturday, February 8th, 9:30-11:30AM
St. John of the Cross Parish Center
5005 Wolf Road-Western Springs

Students (Jr. High age and up) are also welcome!

Br. Mark Mackey S.J. shares his story; how his love of nature, science, and religious calling led him to become an Environmental and Spiritual Educator at Loyola University Chicago. Br. Mark observes daily the talent and dedication of his students, and yet for many young people, concerns about ongoing climate degradation overshadow their hope for the future.

With Br. Mark's guidance we will consider...

What is our responsibility to youth and future generations? How can a greater ecological awareness inform our response? What actions can we take now to help restore hope?

Discover how learning about and Caring for Creation can deepen your understanding of and relationship with God, and along the way, inspire meaningful and impactful environmental stewardship.

To Register or visit:
<http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/mackey>



Toddling Together Connecting parents with kids 5 and under

Upcoming Events:

Sunday Morning Playtime & Social on Sunday, February 9 from 10:00 to 11:00am (Prek3 Classroom)

Gather between the 9:00 and 11:00am masses for a playdate and social with other families with littles! Meet in Unity Hall after 9:00am mass (~10:00am) to walk to preschool classroom together.

Joyce Hall Playdate on Saturday, February 22 from 9:30 to 11:00am. Run those Saturday morning wiggles out indoors during this cold winter! Enter through the Waiola Avenue school doors and ring the "Joyce Hall or BASE" doorbell left of the door if no one is there to greet you!

Join our listserv by emailing mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or find us on Facebook at [Toddling Together - SFX Parents of Littles](#).

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddling Together group) (subject to change each month)

When: 8:00pm we will meet on Wednesday, February 12 rather than the first Wednesday of the month. (Location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or the bulletin each month.)

What: Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration!

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

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DONATE BLOOD

Sunday
February
9

9:00AM - 1:00PM

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
<https://tinyurl.com/46cj82xu> or scan the QR code



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meal and drink plenty of
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blood drive.**

800-7TO-GIVE for questions



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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Ladies Day Out
2025

Join us for a delightful afternoon of fun and fellowship at the La Grange Country Club. Connect with other women in the parish, build lasting friendships, and support SFX, too. Your ticket includes live music and a delectable selection of appetizers plus beers, wines, and soft drinks - and new this year: **BINGO!**

SATURDAY

MARCH 1

3PM - 6PM

Ticket to Ladies Day Out - \$90 (price is \$100 after Jan. 31)

Ticket & Raffle Bundle: includes 5 Raffle Tickets - \$140 (price is \$150 after Jan. 31)

Seniors 65 & Older - \$75 (price is \$90 after Jan. 31)

SCAN NOW FOR TICKETS!





**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
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...and please let us know when friends and loved ones return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Deacon
Deacon
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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.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

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

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, Bennett Ferguson, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone at 312-880-7606.



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