



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
2nd Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 17	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Tom O'Brien Mary Jo & Bob McMahon 60th Wedding Anniversary	The Jim Donahue Family
Tuesday, March 18	Word & Communion Service	8:30 am		
Wednesday, March 19	Mass	8:30 am	John A. Sutkowski	Kathryn Stecker
Thursday, March 20	Rosary Mass Adoration	8:15 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Friday, March 21	Stations Mass	7:45 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Saturday, March 22	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Aleta Nawrot Veronica Bagnuolo	The Nawrot Family The Gladys Palach Family
Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Dennis Schumacher Casey Dillon James Foscett John G. Whiting	Dennis & Janice Motyka Jeff & Shirley Augustyn George & Mary Lou Braasch Marilyn Ferber & Family

Presider's Schedule for March 15-16, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravalo	Richard Lavers
Jack Bernauer	Eleanor Love
Vivian Brickhouse	Amy Miller
Kevin Brooks	Greg Molinari
Nick Caputo	Patrick Morgan
Mary Kate Corrigan	Bill Mroz
Mary Ann Curry	Rosemary Nash
Mark Davis	Ann Marie Nieves
Blake Donegan	Connie O'Dette
Tom Flynn	Laura O'Malley
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Laureen Rabe
Allen Godlewski	Mark Reilly
Vincenzo Guzzo	June Sheehan
Junie Haase	Juan Silva
Mateo Herhold	Sheila Slonskis
Angela Hill	Gregg Stephenson
Jessi Rita Hoffman	John Stopka
Patricia Jones	Sophie Stratton
Tiffany Kahn	Olivia Tarsney
Michelle Kram	Chuck Witte
Ella Mae Kuzel	

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:

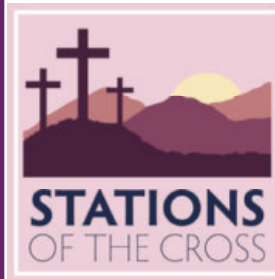


Theresa Gazdziak

Mother of Tom

Mother-in-Law of Annmarie

Grandmother of Tom, Tim, Mary Beth & Bob



Stations of the Cross

Join us on the Fridays of Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7:45 am. March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11.

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



Pastor's Letter

*From the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son, listen to him."
Luke 9:35*

In great adventure stories, there may be a moment when the main character realizes their purpose and mission and faces the hard realities of what comes next. **Harry Potter** realizes that his quest to defeat the Dark Lord can only be accomplished through his own death. **Frodo** embraces his mission and will destroy the ring, even though he is almost certain to lose his life in the process. **Cosette** realizes she will soon lose her life in the Paris uprising without ever knowing the love of a man who loves another. These awakenings bring inner peace and the courage to go forward. These characters gain a sense of something greater than themselves. They must commit their lives, even if it means losing their life in the process.

The Transfiguration is this moment for Jesus. Luke has told us that the Father told Jesus at his baptism that he was God's Beloved Son. Jesus has since experienced opposition to his teachings and actions. His disciples refuse to listen to his prediction suffering, rejection, and death when they reach Jerusalem. They are preoccupied with arguments about who will be first in the kingdom of which Jesus speaks. As he ascends Mount Tabor with Peter, James, and John, it is likely that Jesus has begun to wonder what will become of his mission after his death. Is this path truly what the Father is asking of him?

In the Transfiguration, Jesus receives his answer. He converses with Moses, who led the Israelites out of slavery and brought them to the edge of the Promised Land, despite repeated quarrels and doubts. On his other side is Elijah, the great prophet of Israel who remained true to God even when abandoned by others and threatened by the queen. Moses and Elijah encourage Jesus to pursue his mission. The Father's voice comes from the heavens once more, and Peter, James, and John are overcome with fear and confusion. **"This is my chosen Son, listen to him."** The disciples cannot comprehend what is happening; in fact, they will not until sometime after the Resurrection. However, Jesus can descend from Tabor and proceed toward Jerusalem. He will complete his mission and to redeem us all through the sacrifice of his own flesh and blood.

Only in the light of the Resurrection can we understand the Transfiguration as *a foreshadowing of God's plan*. For the first disciples and for us, we

resist the possibility that walking the road with Jesus will sometimes be difficult. We are only eight days into the 40 days of Lent, which we began to count last Saturday evening and may already know the challenge of remaining faithful to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We may have resisted silence, hunger, discomfort, or sacrificing for those in greater need. The Transfiguration proclaims that *God does not leave our side*. On the contrary, God continues to speak to us as God's chosen children. God calls us to hear the message of Jesus and proclaim it to others through our words and actions.

What one thing will you commit to during this second week of Lent? What will you bring with you from the mountain of God's love and glory? How does the Spirit seek to transform *you* as a disciple of the mission of Jesus in the world?

Lenten Blessings,

J. Bill

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #3
George Rutkowski, David Sherman,
Gertrude Nalumansi,
Charles Brewick and Barb Kalnes

God is not distant from us. He plans our lives and guides us (if we ask) to achieve the purpose for which he created us. The standard for salvation was set by Christ the Savior who died on the cross. Saints such as, St. Paul the apostle and those of our times, show us examples of how to follow Christ, we are to imitate the saints as well as Christ our Savior.

If we choose Christ, we must occupy our minds (lives) with achieving heavenly rather than earthly things. In the story of the transfiguration, God helps the disciples to sample a heavenly encounter. He seems to be strengthening their faith in preparation for Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. It is our preparation also to remain faithful to the gospel especially on life's sometimes rough journey.

Now, partly through the season of Lent it is good to reflect on our self-evaluation of our journey so far and perhaps we are discouraged in what we see, perhaps losing hope. The transfiguration is an opportunity to refocus on our journey. God reveals his infinite love for us by giving us a very simple instruction "This is my chosen Son LISTEN TO HIM".



St. Vincent de Paul Society Second Collection March 15 & 16

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) is a lay Catholic organization that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. Our SVdP Ministry assists parishioners and families and individuals in the LaGrange area when they encounter a financial hardship. In addition, SVdP meets with our clients to help them avoid a similar situation in the future by discussing their circumstances and directing them to resources in the community.

This past year has been a busy year for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at SFX. In 2024, SVdP financially assisted 23 individuals and families monetarily with more than \$24,000 of financial assistance. The individuals and families that have requested financial assistance from SVdP have encountered a number of financial hardships that are related to a mortgage, rent on an apartment, utility bills, school tuition, a job loss, a medical event, and transportation needs.

To donate, [click here](#) or place your donation in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul" and drop it in the collection basket. **Thank you for your generosity!**

To learn more about this ministry, please contact Pat Murphy at ptmnrj2@yahoo.com.

*"I ask Our Lord to be your light and strength
in all events of life." St. Vincent*

When Are They Installing The New Church Sound System?

We have just been notified by our contractor, Procom, that the equipment for the new church sound system has been delayed coming out of California. Because of timing and scheduling issues, Procom will begin the major installation after Lent and Easter Week. All scheduled events and ceremonies for the month of March and early April will continue as planned. Once the equipment arrives, we will adjust the schedule from that point forward. We appreciate your patience.

Legacy Gifts For Our Parish

If your family's needs are being met, please be a light to others by considering a gift through your individual retirement account (IRA) in support of our parish. By naming St. Francis Xavier Parish as a beneficiary, you'll provide crucial financial support to our parish and the entire value of your gift will be transferred to us free from federal estate and income tax. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your retirement plan and will mean everything to our future parish community.

Please contact your IRA administrator for more information, or contact, Jennifer Zeisloft, jzeisloft@sfxlq.org, 708-352-0168, or contact Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-995-0686 or gvogt@archchicago.org.



Music Notes...

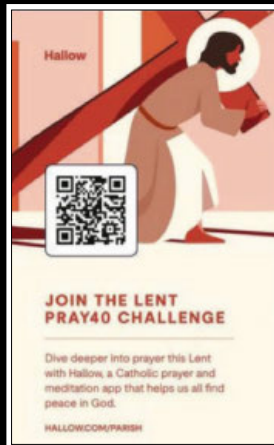
SFX Parish "First Communion" Children's Choir

An invitation goes out to all SFX Parish children who like to sing in **grades 1, and 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8**, who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir, to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** Children are NOT required to sing at all three Masses.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY SINGING IN ONE OF THE PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, THERE IS NO NEED TO RE-REGISTER. **Rehearsals will begin the week of March 24th.** Please see below for the breakdown:

- Grades 1 & 3.....Tuesdays: 3:40 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
First Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 25th
- Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.....Thursdays: 3:40 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
First Rehearsal: Thursday, March 27th

Please use the link below to register!
<https://forms.gle/TT8Tr3vgiwpY2NBE9>



PRAY40 LENTEN PRAYER CHALLENGE

Join St. Francis Xavier Parish on Hallow this Lent for Pray40 as we meditate on the writings of St. Josemaria Escrivá, author of the spiritual classic *The Way*.

Together, we'll hear Escrivá's powerful advice and spiritual direction brought to life through the story of Servant of God Takashi Nagai, a Japanese Catholic convert who miraculously survived the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in 1945. In a moment he lost everything, but through it he surrendered himself and his city to the Lord.

To join the prayer challenge, visit our parish page on the **Community tab** of the **Hallow app**. If you're brand new to Hallow, visit www.hallow.com/parish to get set up.

We look forward to praying with you.

Holy Yoga

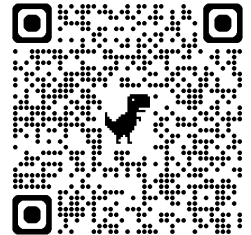
Come join us for an evening of yoga and prayer, focusing on settling and connecting mind, body and heart as we journey through lent. We will practice breathing and movement as well as open ourselves to the Spirit through scripture. No prior yoga or prayer experience required! Yoga will be led by Freya Smith, an experienced yoga instructor who is skilled at working with a wide range of abilities.

Thursday, March 20, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Unity Hall (enter through doors between church and school)

Please bring a yoga mat, water bottle and large towel or blanket for extra support in some of the stretches. Comfortable clothing recommended.

Register by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code.
There is a \$20 suggested donation per registrant.



Little Black Books for Lent

Little Black Book devotionals are available by each church door for your Lenten prayer. Please feel free to take one with you!



Lenten Mission Speaker Sr. Faustina Marie, C.Ss.S.
March 23rd from 9:15 to 10:45AM in Joyce Hall

Sr. Faustina Marie, C.Ss.S., is the sister of one of our parishioners and a missionary with the *Consagradas del Santísimo Salvador (Consecrates of the Most Holy Savior)*, a community founded in Mexico to bring the Good News to the poorest and most abandoned through popular missions and retreats. Sr. Faustina grew up in Plainfield, IL and graduated from Joliet Catholic Academy. While spending a volunteer year teaching English to the Sisters in Mexico after high school, she had an encounter with Jesus that changed her life and inspired her to later join the Sisters. She now lives and evangelizes with her community in Argentina, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires.

Undone Women's Retreat

Do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you looking for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the JPii Healing Center's "Undone" women's conference. where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation! The event will be held at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale on March 27-29, 2025. It will be offered both in person and virtually via livestream.

Please check out the link below for more information about how to register for either the in person or virtual experience. Registration is now open. This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Questions? Email JPiiHCRetreatHinsdaleIL@gmail.com

Parish Women Relax and Reconnect at Ladies Day Out

It was an afternoon of fun, fellowship and fantastic raffle prizes on March 1 as the women of the parish gathered at the LaGrange Country Club for Ladies Day Out. Organized by the Catholic Women's Club, the day began with several optional volunteer opportunities during a Morning of Service, celebrating our mission of bringing love to others. Later, we enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing afternoon greeting old friends and making some new ones, too. We're grateful to our sponsors and raffle prize donors for making the day possible!



Catholic Women's Club
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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 includes 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, March 16
Sunday, April 13**

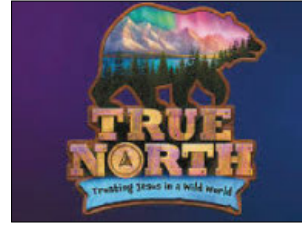
**Please use link or QR code to sign up
and also for more information including
upcoming dates and details!**

<https://bit.ly/SFXCrossroads>



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

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



We are pleased to announce that registration for Summer 2025 is now open. As you may know from previous announcements, SFX is partnering again with Grace Lutheran for this summer's VBS program. The VBS program will run June 23-27 (Monday-Friday) from 9:00am-12:00 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 series of service projects.

The little ones will attend VBS at Grace Lutheran. The service crew will be based at SFX school this year. Due to space constraints attendance will be capped at 150 for the little ones and 30 for the service crew so please register early.

Here is the link you can use to register your child or children and also learn about and sign up for volunteer opportunities, please [click here](#).

A successful VBS program is not possible without the help of parent, teen and middle school volunteers. The registration form will describe the various volunteer opportunities available and provide sign up information. Not all opportunities require a five day commitment. Volunteering is not required but one volunteer per family is highly encouraged. Also for teens and middle schoolers, you do not have to have a sibling in VBS in order to participate and you can earn service hours! In particular we need adult and teen volunteers to support the service crew.

Last year's VBS was a great success and we appreciate the chance to partner with Grace once again. If you have any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

**ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025***

**Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned**

***Events will be available June 2-7, 2025**

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact:
Mary Freeman, Director Of Community Outreach mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

**SFX Theatre
Proudly Presents Annie, Jr.**



Follow the unforgettable journey of Annie, the spunky orphan who never gives up hope! Packed with iconic songs like, "Tomorrow" & "Hard Knocked Life", this production will warm your heart and have you singing along! Come out and experience a heartwarming musical for the whole family!

**May 8—7:00PM, May 9—7:00PM,
May 10—8:00PM and May 11—7:00 PM**



**That Man Is You
Men's Group**



**All men are invited to join the Spring
Sessions of *That Man is YOU (TMIY)*
on Tuesdays, 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.



**Calling All
Carpenters/Handy
People!**



We need your skills to help bring *Annie Jr.* to life! Our production requires some basic set pieces, including walls, stairs, and bunk beds, and we're looking for volunteers to help build them as soon as possible.

If you or someone you know has carpentry experience and can lend a hand, please reach out to us at slovera@sfxlq.org. Your support will make a huge impact on our show—thank you in advance!



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**SATURDAY
MARCH 22
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**



**RSVP with this
QR Code or
[click here!](#)**

**PLEASE NOTE PARENTS MUST STAY DURING THE OPEN GYM
YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME BUT WILL HAVE TO STAY ON BLEACHERS
WAIVER MUST BE FILLED OUT PRIOR PARTICIPATION**

THE TALK

PART ONE

TUE
MARCH 18TH
7PM-8:30PM



The Kind Exchange

A space where white women and women of color talk about true allyship—where we move beyond surface-level friendships into depth, trust, and real change.

Hosted by: **Evelyn Dumfeh and Katie Mulcahy**

Location: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish

124 N Spring Avenue

La Grange, IL 60525

Refreshments will be served

Please [Click Here](#)
to Register for The Talk
on Tuesday, March 18th!

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Annual Catholic Appeal
Lumen Cordium Society
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Chicago, IL 60611-2030
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February 2025

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal raised \$15.4 million. This clearly attests to the generosity of our good people in the Archdiocese and of your parish community of St. Francis Xavier—LaGrange. It is also a testimony to the leadership that you and your staff have exercised. With your encouragement, direction, and example, your parish community has generously supported the Appeal and the good work it does to advance the mission and ministry of the Archdiocese. Thank you.

The theme of the 2024 Appeal was together at the table. This theme evoked the Eucharistic revival, the synodal path of the Church, and our ongoing parish renewal in the Archdiocese. The Appeal supports the efforts of our local Church to bring all of us together at the table. It does so by helping communities, schools, religious education, ministry formation, and social and ministerial initiatives. The Appeal, as you know, also has a global outreach to people in serious need through Catholic Relief Services.

The final installment of your rebate will be applied to your parish Arch Bank savings account in early March.

Father Tkachuk please thank the people of St. Francis Xavier—LaGrange in my name. They are generous disciples, and their contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to come together at the table. Let them also know that I will be a good steward of their gifts, that I will pray for them, and that I will remember them at the altar.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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.

If you are new to the parish or 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.



Interfaith Community Network

Job Search Networking Techniques for Success

Join us Thursday, March 20 at 7:00pm for an informative meeting. One of the biggest job-seeker challenges is how to get your resume in front of the right decision makers to get an interview. There are ways to increase your chances by leveraging your network to overcome some of these natural concerns. Panelists Eileen Paliakas and John Fix are two professionals who have landed great jobs in mid-career. They will share their experiences including obvious suggestions, the least obvious and what may potentially waste your time. We hope you can join us at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 20, at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs for a great night of learning and sharing new ideas to make your job search more successful! We look forward to seeing you on March 20. There is no cost to attend. Everyone is welcome. For additional resources interfaithcarrernetwork.com.

Religious Education News



**Registration for our 2025- 2026
K – 8 Religious Education Program is now open (as of 3/15/25)!**

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2025-2026 school year.

Our options are:

In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Our virtual asynchronous grade level program has lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays and is best for families with busy schedules.

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

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

Families who register by April 23rd will be entered into a raffle for free tuition. The drawing will take place at our last class in person event on April 27th. You must be present at the event to win!

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

<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education%7CRegister/Pay%20Tuition/Calendar%3E%3ERegistration%20Info%20for%202025-2026>

Religious Education Fundraiser



The SFX Religious Education Program is once again partnering up with Aracely's Bakery and selling their delicious tamales for our end of year fundraiser. We hope for this to be our biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will support our program and students. We are asking all our families and community for support. We will be taking pre-orders for the tamales and will only have a limited quantity available for sale the day of pick up.

4 Tamale Options: Pork in Red (Rojo) sauce
Chicken in Green (Verde) sauce
Vegetable (Squash/Carrots)
Bean and Cheese



You can order in quantities of a dozen or a half dozen

Order deadline is April 20, 2025

[Click Here](#) for the link or scan the QR code below and it will take you directly to the order form page to order and pay for your tamales.



Pick up for the tamales will be at our End of Year Religious Education Event which will be held in the Education Building. Pick up for Tamales will be in the Gym on Sunday, April 27th from 1:30-3:00PM. Thank you so much for your continued support!

**By your
CROSS, O LORD**

**you have
saved the world**

At-Home Lenten Retreat

Ash Wednesday, started on March 5 at 7:00pm and continues through Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm. Begin your Lenten journey with a communal Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, including the distribution of ashes and a reflection by Sr. Pat Bergen. Throughout this 3-week retreat, make space each day for half an hour of prayer and meet with a retreat director for five half-hour sessions. The retreat will conclude with a group gathering on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm. **Format:** In-Person or Zoom. **Location:** The Well Spirituality Center or via Zoom Spiritual Directors: Sr. Pat Bergen, CSJ, Sr. Celeste Cotter, CSJ, Barbara Boyd, Sr. Evelyn Lobo, SSpS, and Sr. Mary Lou Pleitner, CSJ.

Learn more and register: <https://csjthewell.org/programs/at-home-lenten-retreat/>

Engage Community Spring Event~Cheese Tasting!



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 27, 7:00-8:30pm in Unity Hall**. Join us for a Cheese Tasting! We'll sample and learn about cheeses (and maybe try a new variety or two). If you want to expand your taste horizons, just join us on the 27th.

For questions or to RSVP for either event, please email Jane at 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.



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
- **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 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 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 & Marilynn 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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Associate Pastor
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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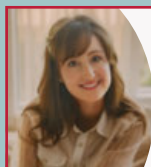


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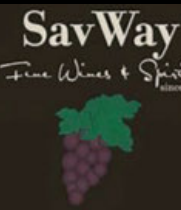
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