



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
5th Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, April 7	Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention Thomas R. Hanna Doris R. Kaps	Alice Sweeney The Kaps Family
Tuesday, April 8	Mass	8:30 am	Michael J. Daly	Patrick Daly
Wednesday, April 9	Mass	8:30 am	Henry Stoklosa	Family
Thursday, April 10	Rosary Word & Communion Service	8:15 am 8:30 am		
Friday, April 11	Stations Mass Living Stations	7:45 am 8:30 am 9:00 am	Peggy Humecke Judith Knight	Jerry & Nancy Johnson The Kanzer Family
Saturday, April 12	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Mack-Robles Jenny Meyers	The Stasaitis Family The Family
Sunday, April 13	Mass	7:30 am	Mary Tio	John R. Washbish
Palm Sunday	Mass	9:00 am	Deceased Members McCormick & Urycki Families	Pat Urycki
	Mass	11:00 am	John Huston	Staff at SFX Parish
	Mass	5:00 pm	Colette Garippo	Maria Arboleda

Presider's Schedule for April 5-6, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Ilo

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

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

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:

Matthew Doyle

Uncle of Jerry Spearman

Lucy Harck

Wife of Richard

Mother of Richard, David, Luz,
Marshall and Sara

Weddings

Micheline O'Neil & Christopher Dugan
Katie Saladino & Mark Montgomery



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Pastor's Letter

See, I am doing something new!
Isaiah 43:19

Isaiah's words are not limited to a specific time and place. Isaiah is foretelling a future of good fortune and new life for the people of Israel. Yet he also is proclaiming God's ongoing work of salvation among us. We cannot become complacent with the way things are or certain as to how God will act in any given circumstance. Such thinking prevented many of the religious leaders and faithful in the time of Jesus from seeing who he was and what God was doing among them. This thinking confused many of the early Christian communities when large numbers of Gentiles came to believe in Jesus without choosing to observe the Mosaic Law. It continues to lead some Church leaders and followers to question new expressions or extensions of what we believe in response to new circumstances.

In today's gospel, the authorities place before Jesus a woman who had been caught in adultery. She stands alone before her accusers, leaving us to wonder about the other party to the adultery. They force her to stand in the middle of the crowd to shame her and heighten the drama. They demonstrate little compassion for the woman; on the contrary, she is being used to trap Jesus in front of the crowd. If he allows them to stone her to death, his message of God's mercy will be contradicted. If he frees her, he will have contradicted one of the basic commandments of the Mosaic Law.

Jesus avoids their trap by turning the situation on her accusers. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Jesus contradicts neither the Mosaic Law nor his teaching of a merciful God. Instead, he confronts her accusers with their *own* sinfulness. We do not know what Jesus wrote on the ground; some scholars suggest that he wrote out the Ten Commandments. What we do know is that the men in the crowd begin to walk away, one by one, beginning with the elders. No one can claim innocence. They had chosen to point the finger at one woman rather than look within their own hearts. Jesus then refuses to condemn the woman; instead, he invites her to a conversion of heart and life – something new!

The next two Monday evenings offer us the opportunity to encounter the mercy of God in our own lives through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Reconciliation is not about "getting God to forgive us." God does that the moment we sin. Rather, the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to admit our sin and our need for forgiveness. We open our hearts to the

grace of forgiveness and thus accomplish our part in the process of reconciliation. Our children have been celebrating this sacrament in recent weeks. All are invited to gather at **St. Francis Xavier this Monday at 7:00 PM** or at **St. Cletus next Monday at 7:00 PM**. Prepare your hearts to walk the Holy Week journey with Jesus through death to new life. Allow the grace of forgiveness to fill your heart. As a missionary disciple, think of whom you could invite to join in this great sacrament of spiritual healing.

God is doing something new for each of us. We need only open our mouths to ask and our hearts to receive.

Lenten Blessings,

J. Bill

Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #2

Carol Aronson, Margie Goc, Bernadette
McMahon,

Diane Redmond, Zach Schierl, and Joan Stopka

Two strands stand out from our readings and the gospel this week. One was Jesus' pronouncement that he is doing something new. We are encouraged to "remember not events of the past, the things of long ago consider not." Look forward to what is ahead because if the past is filled with discouragement, it is done. We should not dwell on that. Let go. Move forward towards Christ. Ultimately, look forward to our own resurrection promised through Christ's resurrection.

The second strand is forgiveness. Jesus is being tested again this Lent but this time by the scribes and Pharisees. We can see him standing with the woman at the well, slowly drawing on the ground. He cleverly throws the question back at them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." When he is alone with her, he asks, "Has no one condemned you?" "Neither do I condemn you."

As sung in Psalm 103, The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful. Slow to anger, rich in kindness, the Lord is kind and merciful. How have we experienced the Lord's forgiveness? How can we extend that forgiveness to others?

Lenten Reconciliation Prayer Service

Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM
St. Francis Xavier Parish
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

Monday, April 14 at 7:00 PM
St. Cletus Parish
600 West 55th Street, LaGrange



Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 11 and Friday, April 18
at 7:45am

Living Stations
Friday, April 11 at 9:00am

SPRED Reconciliation 2025



Thank you, Fr. Bill, for celebrating Reconciliation with our SPRED groups. It is a highlight of our SPRED year.



Clarksdale Area Fuller Center for Housing (Formerly Habitat for Humanity)



Looking for a super rewarding volunteer opportunity this summer? Need service hours? For the past 27 years, St. Francis Xavier has been sending volunteers to the Mississippi Delta to build a better world...one house at a time! Come and be a part of the tradition – we have groups heading to Clarksdale, MS the weeks of:

July 12 – 18, 2025
July 19 – 25, 2025

No carpentry skills required. Volunteers must be 14 or older, and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you'd like to join one of these two groups, or put together your own team for a different week, contact Chris O'Hea at chris.ohea@yahoo.com.

Join us for this fun and fulfilling experience!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FROM MARY'S POINT OF VIEW

Monday, April 14
7:00pm
Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

Holy Week Services 2025

Palm Sunday—April 12th & 13th
Masses at 5:00pm Saturday and
Sunday at 7:30, 9:00*, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Wednesday—April 16th
Tenebrae 7:00 pm
Church open until 9:00pm

Holy Thursday—April 17th
Morning Prayer 8:30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
Church open until 11:00pm

Good Friday—April 18th
Stations of the Cross 7:45am
Morning Prayer 8:30am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 and 7:00pm

Holy Saturday—April 19th
Morning Prayer 8:30am
Blessing of Food Baskets 1:00pm
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm
(No 5:00pm Mass)

Easter Sunday—April 20th
Masses at 7:30, 9:00* and 11:00am—Church
Masses at 9:15 and 11:15am—SFX School Gym
(No 5:00pm Mass)

*This mass will be live-streamed.



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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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This Sunday April 6 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

40 Donors needed at this drive!

Sign up & give to help supply lifesaving blood to
patients at 80+ local hospitals.

1-800-786-4483 for donor eligibility questions

Share a Pint, Save a Life!



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



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 with 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 Final Meeting of the year with dinner included is scheduled for:
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, or by using this QR Code.

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 Lutheran once again. If you have any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

TENEBRAE

A SERVICE OF DARKNESS



Presider/Lector: Susie Lehuta

Commentator: Thom Serafin

Music: PRAISE! Ensemble

Come, and be a part of a beautiful tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. This service, through music and scripture, portrays the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. Candles are extinguished one by one to symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The complete darkness at the end of the service portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

Wednesday, April 16—7:00pm



Religious Education News

**Registration for our 2025-2026
K—8 Religious Education Program is now open!**

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.

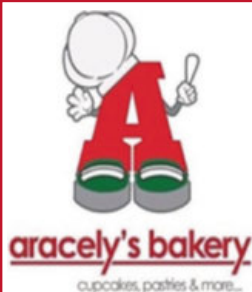
Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for “car ride” home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

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 to your left 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!



Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Spring Food Drive April 12, 2025



The Sun will come out tomorrow....bring some sunshine to someone else's tomorrow!

How Can I Help?

Feed the Hungry

Drop off donations in the St. Francis Xavier Church parking lot on April 12 between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Look for the Knights of Columbus volunteers at your Jewel Food Stores at 507 East Woodlawn Avenue in LaGrange Park or 5545 South Brainard Avenue in Countryside on April 12 from 8:00 am–4:00 pm and add a food or monetary (cash or check) donation to our storefront collection!

Be a Financial Giver

Your cash donations benefit those in need.

The need is great.

Any amount donated is appreciated.

Donate Online to the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families>

or scan the QR code to the right and click.



Donate Online to the Chicago Food Depository at:

<https://myfooddrives.org/team/408834>

or the scan QR Code to the left.

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, St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the local community. Thank you for your support!



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!

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, May 6

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



Who Needs to Cook when there's PIZZA?

SFX Fine Arts Booster Team has scheduled a fundraiser to raise funds for our production of Annie, Jr. in May!

Mark your calendars for after spring break...Between catching up on emails and getting back into your ordinary routine after spring break, cooking is the last thing on your to-do list. So let's make it easy! Order from Aurelio's on Thursday, April 10th, and 20% of your order will go toward supporting SFX Fine Arts. Be sure to mention SFX when you order or dine in! Please share with your family and friends!

**Please note: The fundraiser does not apply to orders placed through third-party apps like DoorDash or UberEats. Be sure to order directly from the restaurant!*

SFX Theatre Proudly Presents Annie, Jr.

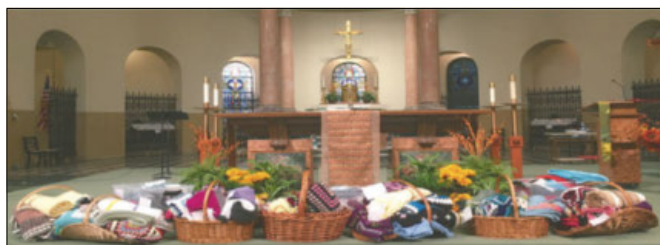


Follow the unforgettable journey of Annie, the spunky orphan who never gives up hope! Packed with iconic songs like, "Tomorrow" & "Hard Knocked Life", this production will warm your heart and have you singing along! Come out and experience a heartwarming musical for the whole family!

May 8—7:00pm
May 9—7:00pm
May 10—8:00pm
May 11—7:00pm



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meeting dates are scheduled for
April 10 from 7:00-8:00pm
and

May 7 from 7:00-8:00pm
in the Rectory Courtyard Room.
Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

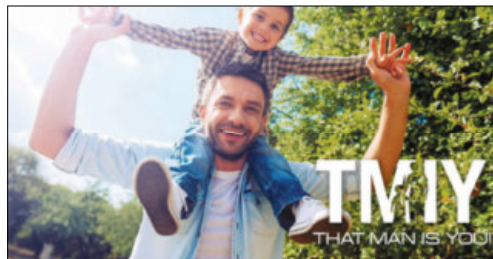
Where: Claire Jakubisin's
please call or text Claire at 708-743-8358

When: Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00pm

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

Any questions, email Maggie McMahon
at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org!

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@sfxlg.org. Your support will make a huge impact on our show—thank you in advance!

**April 26, 2025
6:00PM
Countryside Banquets**



Ignite brings together nearly 400 parents, alumni, parishioners and friends for an evening that includes entertainment, a live and silent auction, a premium bar with heavy hor d'oeuvres and more!

This year, our annual Ignite Medal Award will be given to our beloved Coach John Mulholland, who served as our Cross Country & Track coach for over 20 years. He was a leader, coach and mentor - fully embodying the SFX mission.

Ignite is about celebrating the SFX family and our hope is to raise the funds needed to give our teachers well deserved bonuses for the second year in a row.

Thank you for supporting SFX!

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.



Learn more & register:
<https://csjthewell.org/programs/>

**The Dream of the Earth Book Group on Thursdays, April 10, 17, 24 and May 8, 15, 22
AM Sessions (Zoom or In-Person) or PM Sessions (Zoom)**

\$60 | Facilitator: Katie Gozum

Discover Thomas Berry's landmark work, *The Dream of the Earth*, first published by Sierra Club Books in 1988. This transformative book offers a visionary framework for planetary well-being and redefines our relationship with the Earth.

**Painting the Journey Lenten Art Retreat on Friday, April 11 at 4:00 PM - Sunday, April 13 at 12:00 PM
\$500 Overnight | \$300 Commuter | Facilitator: Dr. Ann Viernes**

Join a three-day retreat to immerse yourself in the intuitive creative process of painting your future self, using art as a healing practice. Through this journey, you'll gain fresh insights, identify what needs healing, and let your authentic self flow onto the canvas, guided by the wisdom of your envisioned future.

**Celebrating Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00 PM In-Person
FREE | Facilitator: Ellen Wiggins**

Earth Day is an invitation to come together and collectively honor our relationship with creation. Through prayer and ceremony we give thanks and witness to each other and to the Earth that sustains us.

**Evolution of Catholic Teaching on the Death Penalty and Our Part in Living It on Saturday, April 26
from 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

\$35 | Zoom or In-Person at St. John of the Cross Parish Center

Come join us for a talk by Sister Helen Prejean on how the catechism of the Catholic church's teaching on the death penalty has changed, and how we respond to it.



AARP Smart Driver Course!

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 22 & 23 from 9:00am-1:00pm
(must attend both days) \$25, CARS Volunteer \$20

Location: Community Assisted Rides, 150 South Ashland Avenue, LaGrange

This is a 2-day, AARP Smart Driver course to refresh your knowledge of the rules of the road and learn safety strategies to help maintain your confidence behind the wheel. AARP membership is not required to take this course. Space is limited, so please register by calling 780-354-9328.



**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 Niedos
- **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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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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