

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 13, 2025



HOSANNA



“Hosanna to the Son of
David / blessed is he
who comes in the name
of the Lord.”

MATTHEW 21:9

BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, April 14	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Michael Fagan Living Intention Antoinette Cordeniz	The Kanzer Family The Driscoll Family
Tuesday, April 15	Mass	8:30 am	James M. Daly	Patrick Daly
Wednesday, April 16	Mass Tenebrae	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Posie Jacobs	Dave Grimes
Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday	Rosary Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:15 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm		
Friday, April 18 Good Friday	Stations Morning Prayer Living Stations Service Service	7:45 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm		
Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil	Morning Prayer Basket Blessing Mass	8:30 am 1:00 pm 8:00 pm		
Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday	Mass Church Mass Church Mass Gym Mass Church Mass Gym	7:30 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 11:00 am 11:15 am		

Presider's Schedule for April 12-13, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Cyscon

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

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 Niedo
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Connie O'Dette
Allen Godlewski	Laura O'Malley
Mateo Gomez	Laureen Rabe
Vincenzo Guzzo	Mark Reilly
Junie Haase	Amy Robinson
Mateo Herhold	June Sheehan
Angela Hill	Juan Silva
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Sheila Slonskis
Patricia Jones	Rita Mae Spearman
Tiffany Kahn	Gregg Stephenson
Michelle Kram	John Stopka
Ella Mae Kuzel	Sophie Stratton
Randy Lange	Olivia Tarsney

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:

Gerald Patera
Husband of Chris
Father of Laura, Ryan & Bethany

Weddings

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



Make a gift to the
Regular Sunday Offertory
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Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."
Luke 23:34

Jesus has been kept awake throughout the night. He has been questioned, accused, and physically abused. He was brought before Pilate, then to Herod, and then back to Pilate as the civil authorities debated what to do with Jesus and the angry mob that had gathered. He was scourged, and a crown of thorns is pressed onto his head. He was sentenced to death and forced to carry the crossbeam of the cross on which he would be hung. He was made to walk through the crowded streets of Jerusalem as some cried, others jeered, and others went about their preparations for Passover. Stumbling up the hill of Calvary outside the city gates, Jesus was stripped of all but a loincloth, nailed to the crossbeam he had carried, lifted above the onlookers, left to die a slow and painful death.

Jesus is exhausted and thirsty. He feels shame of his nakedness and hears the taunts of those who think they have silenced him. Yet it is at this moment that **Jesus forgives** his persecutors. When he hears the plea for mercy of a criminal who has been crucified near him, Jesus assures the man that they will be together in paradise. Then Jesus quietly surrenders his spirit to the Father.

In the hours that lead to his death, Jesus gives his most powerful witness. **Forgiveness is the path to freedom of spirit**, no matter the offense that is being forgiven. **God is with us** in our hour of need, even if our pain makes it difficult to feel God's presence. Through our own pain, we can bring healing and comfort to others who seek mercy. The Cross is not the defeat of God's Beloved Son; **the Cross is God's victory** over sin and death – the worst death the world had to give. This symbol of fear and domination has been forever transformed by God into a symbol of hope and transformation.

We who have been participating in the Lenten series on the parish Hallow app have been challenged to understand that moments of suffering can deepen our faith when we invite God to journey with us. We can find great freedom when we surrender our spirits to God in trust rather than attempt to control everything through a false sense of our own power. God's presence always leads to life. This is a message we are sent to bring to those who are suffering. We are sent as *missionary disciples* to bring comfort and healing as we journey alongside those who struggle.

What will be our witness to others as we move through this Holy Week? Do we proclaim Christ crucified and God's victory over sin and death as a reason to have hope? Will we choose to be present to the self-giving of Jesus, both in the Eucharist and on the Cross? Will we proclaim to those who suffer, who despair, or who feel abandoned that **God is at their side in this moment and at every moment**. Will we choose to be companions on their journey with Christ, through his passion to new glory?

Many parishioners offer their time and talent through the music, environment, proclamation, and coordination of our services on the three holiest days of the Church year and the Easter morning that follows. **Join us** to the extent you are able. **Invite your family, friends, and neighbors** to join us for the celebrations of Easter Sunday. Be ready and willing **to make room**. **Welcome** the visitors, the travelers, and the seekers whom you encounter in your "regular" seats. Help them to feel welcome among us.

Belong Believe Be Love

Blessings of Holy Week,

J. Bill

Lenten Reconciliation Prayer Service

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



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.

Holy Thursday Collection

TALLER DE JOSE

Taller de José is a member of the Congregation of St Joseph Mission Network that accompanies individuals, serving as a bridge to connect them to the health, legal, and social services needed to achieve their goals and create more connected communities. At Taller de José we believe that no matter the suffering someone has endured, there is hope and there can be a better life ahead. Donations will help provide neighbors in need with the support and guidance offered to all, free of charge. [Click here](#) to for a witness story.

A CALL TO HELP SEMINARIANS IN NIGERIA FROM FR STAN ILO

Since 2015, 145 Nigerian priests and seminarians have been kidnapped with 15 killed and 4 still missing. The socio-political and economic situation in Nigeria is very troubling and painful. Poverty and suffering are widespread. Religious persecution of Christians is on the rise and churches and houses of formation have become soft targets. According to Vatican News, Nigerian Christians are the most persecuted group in the Western African sub-region. It is becoming increasingly difficult to feed seminarians and maintain the houses of formation in many dioceses affected by this situation. Most of the food is supplied from Northern Nigeria, some parts of which are ungovernable spaces. We appeal to our brothers and sisters at SFX to support the Church in two dioceses in Nigeria to meet the challenges of feeding the seminarians and keep the houses of formation open and secured to guarantee the future of the Church's pastoral agents

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2025-03/145-priests-kidnapped-in-nigeria-between-2015-and-2025.html>



To make a donation, please go to:
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/167/event/32141>
or scan the QR Code to lead you to the donation site.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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



Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday and Christmas Collection through March:

This Year:	\$1,456,232
Last Year:	\$1,379,095

Total Annual Offertory Budget: \$1,930,000

Last October in the annual report, we set forth our plan for a break-even budget, contingent on an offertory increase of \$110,000 (or 6%). Through the first nine months of this fiscal year, our offertory increased by \$77,000 (5.6%) - amazing! Thank you to all who demonstrate your commitment to the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish through your financial support.

This month, the holiest days of the church year begin on Holy Thursday, April 17 and continue for three days. In Fr. Bill's pastor's letter on March 30 this year, he asks us...

Where will we be:

- 1. When we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday;*
- 2. When we walk the road to Calvary on Good Friday;*
- 3. When we gather in the dark to welcome the new light of Resurrection at the Easter Vigil?*

Will we join the feast that welcomes us home to Easter joy? To enter, we need only humble ourselves, admit our failures to remain faithful to the commands of love, and allow God to embrace us once more.

While the questions above are most importantly of a spiritual nature, attending services with our SFX community is a beautiful way to demonstrate our mutual commitment to *Belong, Believe, and Be Love*. And so, for #1 and #2 above, on behalf of the parish staff, I invite everyone to join us on Holy Thursday and Good Friday in our church on April 17 and 18. Open your heart as the Holy Spirit fills you with the awesome deed which the Son has done for you! And of course, for #3, we look forward to seeing everyone at the Easter Vigil on April 19 or Easter Sunday morning on April 20!

Your Easter donations are an important part of bringing the Triduum to life through the ministries of St. Francis Xavier Parish. God bless you for your stewardship!

Jennifer Zeisloft,
Director of Stewardship and Development



Easter
Collection

GIVING AT SFX

We are grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. You can make an Easter gift by accessing this QR code or using an envelope at the church entrances. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate.





Good Friday Holy Land Collection

This Jubilee Year is designated as a Year of Hope. Indeed, hope is a necessary virtue in a land marked by cycles of violence and relative calm. Gaza itself has been reduced to rubble. Missiles have hit many other places as well. People across the region are tasked with rebuilding homes, schools, hospitals, and even churches. Many of our faithful earn their living from pilgrimages. Still repaying debts from the pandemic shutdowns, they found themselves soon assaulted by war. Now, already in debt, many have again lost jobs. Fear and despair have driven many Christians to leave the Holy Land: over the past century. Christians have gone from 23% to less than 2% of the population. And more than 90 Christian families have already left Bethlehem since October 7, having lost hope in a good future for them in the land where Jesus and the Church were born.

Let us foster hope in our brothers and sisters who strive to remain in the land where the Son of God dwelled among us. How could we allow the land where Jesus Christ walked and called people to follow him become a place without a local Church?

As you know each year the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a Collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. **The Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides formation and education in communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land.** During such a difficult time, where we must rebuild not only buildings but so many broken lives, your promotion of this important collection is essential.

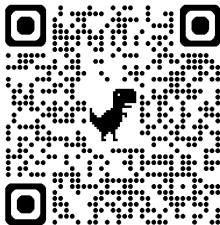
To donate, [click here](#) or place your donation in an envelope marked “Good Friday” and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

Church Audio Update—Adaptive Audio System

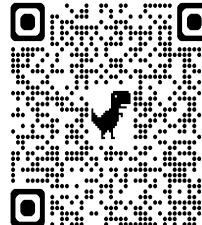
SFX has installed a Bluetooth accessible Listening System. To access this new system you must have a smartphone along with earphones or Bluetooth capable hearing aids. Follow the steps to connect your device

Step 1) (At home or at SFX) Download the Listen wifi App from your app store or scan the provided QR Code below.

Apple Users



Android Us-



Step 2) (In SFX Church) Download the Assistive Listening wifi Connection by scanning the provided QR Code below Please make sure to turn on wifi for auto detection in your settings.

Assistive Listening wifi Connection



We plan to have non-Bluetooth options available in the upcoming months. For assistance please call the rectory @ 708-352-0168 or email sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to set-up an appointment.

**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!



EASTER PARISH PRAYER CHALLENGE ON HALLOW

INTERIOR FREEDOM

BY FR JACQUES PHILIPPE

BEGINS APRIL 20

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.

With over 10,000 guided prayers, meditations, and sessions, Hallow puts over 2,000 years of Catholic tradition at your fingertips, helping you grow in faith, build a habit of daily prayer, and discover different types of prayer.



Scan the QR code to sign up
hallow.com/parish

Already on Hallow? Join your Parish!

Log into **Hallow**

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?

Receive full access to Hallow for just \$1 by scanning the QR code below or visiting hallow.com/parish. Once you've signed up, follow the steps above to join your parish!



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>



aracely's bakery
cupcakes, pastries & more...

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!

**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



**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!

**Divine Mercy Sunday
APRIL 27, 2025**

2:00 PM RECONCILIATION
IN SFX CHURCH
3:00 PM—HOLY HOUR WITH THE
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



(REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY,
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER,
SILENT ADORATION, AND BENEDICTION).

The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated in many countries, dioceses and parishes for many years. Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals, Bishops and Priests who have read the diary of St. Faustina have come to appreciate the significance of this feast. But now, ever since the Holy See had decreed that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday," many more are seeking to go more deeply into the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina that were meant for all humanity.

Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity".

The image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, is to have a special place of honor on the Feast of Mercy, a visual reminder of all that Jesus did for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection...and a reminder, too, of what He asks of us in return—to trust Him and be merciful to others.

The Eucharist is the "Fountain of Life". The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.



SISTER HELEN PREJEAN

Evolution of Catholic Teaching on the Death Penalty



AND OUR PART IN LIVING IT

**Saturday April 26
3 - 5 PM**

No cost for St. Francis Parishioners when using

Promo Code: HELEN100

Zoom or In-Person at St. John of the Cross

Parish Center in Western Springs, IL



Register with this QR Code or visit our website csjthewell.org

Join us for an inspiring talk by Sr. Helen Prejean, renowned globally for her advocacy against the death penalty and her book *Dead Man Walking*. Learn how the catechism of the Catholic Church's teaching on the death penalty has changed and discover how we can respond.

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.

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.

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



**COMMUNITY
ASSISTED RIDES**

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

Pastoral Ministry

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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

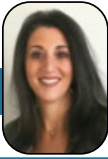
Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

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

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