



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## The Body and Blood of Christ

### June 22, 2025



Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

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## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, June 23	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack John Sutkowski	The Morella, Pak & Walls Families
Tuesday, June 24	Mass	8:30 am	Patrick Doyle Peg Gallagher	Mark & Kim Sarros & Family The Enderle Family
Wednesday, June 25	Mass	8:30 am	Mary Raftery Pat Doyle	Barbara Fisher The Braasch Family
Thursday, June 26	Rosary	8:15 am	Patricia Haynes	The Hayes Family
	Mass	8:30 am		
Friday, June 27	Mass	8:30 am	Greg Gauthier Ted Wysocki	Sharon & Andy Allison Bonnie & Alex Conforti
Saturday, June 28	Mass	8:30 am	Living Intention John Devitt & Denise Fano	Susan Devitt
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm		
Sunday, June 29 Saints Peter & Paul Apostles	Mass	7:30 am	Jerry Girsch	The Grimes Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Marta Lastres	Ron & Lana Roulo
			The Dixon Family	The Dixon Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Meg Duranty	The Watts Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Tom Flynn	Dr. Joseph & Mrs. Javorski

### Presider's Schedule for June 21-22, 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. Tkachuk

### Please pray for . . .

Poppy Booth	Amy Miller
George Braasch	Greg Molinari
Vivian Brickhouse	Patrick Morgan
Mary Ann Curry	Bill Mroz
Blake Donegan	Rosemary Nash
Ernie Froemel	Ann Marie Nidos
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Connie O'Dette
Allen Godlewski	Laureen Rabe
Mateo Gomez	Mark Reilly
Vincenzo Guzzo	Amy Robinson
Junie Haase	Juan Silva
Angela Hill	Sheila Slonskis
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Gregg Stephenson
Patricia Jones	John Stopka
Tiffany Kahn	Sophie Stratton
Michelle Kram	Anna Suero
Ella Mae Kuzel	Olivia Tarsney
Randy Lange	Joe Vargas
Richard Lavers	Liz Wilk
Eleanor Love	Al Winkler
Brian McLaughlin	

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.

### Weddings

Natalie Pabijan & Jack Girard  
Melissa Fulham & Andrew Gust  
Jenny Mancilla & Jonathan Silvar  
Elizabeth Lattyak & Scott Werner



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## Pastor's Letter

*"They all ate and were satisfied."*  
Luke 9:17

***There is always enough*** when we offer what we have and let God do the rest. That is the miracle of the loaves and fish. The disciples saw only the little they had: five loaves and two fish. They forgot that *they also had Jesus* in their midst. Yet they gave Jesus the little they thought they had. He blessed and distributed it among 5,000 people. *All* were fed, and the *leftovers* filled twelve baskets.

When I arrived in 1990, the parish was healing from an experience that set many good parishioners against one another. I saw the Spirit inspire these same people to listen to one another and forgive old hurts. The renovation of the parish church reflected a deeper renovation of church that was God at work.

When I returned in 2015, the parish had reached a new turning point. A *Prophetic Plan* had set goals for the future; various initiatives were being developed to accomplish them. Yet it also was a time when many had walked away from "church" for a variety of reasons. Then COVID restricted our ability to worship together. The rectory and the education building were empty and still.

The Archdiocese had been calling all parishes to become *evangelizing communities* that invited neighbors and relatives to learn about Jesus *with us*. Just then, God sent us a young woman who was completing her Master of Divinity degree and wanted to focus on evangelization and adult formation. She attracted others who were intrigued by this concept of *missionary discipleship*.

Monday night *Alpha* sessions brought together many parishioners in Unity Hall for dinner and conversation around questions of faith. Our ministry to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church began to draw a significant number of adults and teens. Young parents with their toddlers began to fill church pews with sounds of new life. Parish leaders began to explore ways to draw people together to deepen their relationship with Jesus and with one another.

The Holy Spirit is once again stirring the hearts of St. Francis Xavier parishioners. All that God needed was our willingness to offer what little we thought we had, and then *let Jesus work the miracle*.

Summer Peace,

*Fr. Bill*

### A word about our next pastor...



Each week leading up to July 1, when Fr. John begins his assignment at St. Francis Xavier, the parish Transition Team will share a fun fact we have learned about him to help us all get to know our new pastor a little better. For now, here's a little snippet:

Fr. John has a deep appreciation for both liturgy and music, seeing them as powerful art forms that can move the soul. He believes a thoughtfully celebrated mass can leave you not only inspired but changed. **Fr. John's first weekend with us is July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>!**

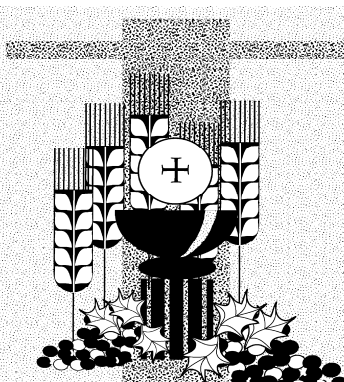
Parish Transition Team

### 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, Fr. John, do the same, listening to your Spirit with courage and openness as you lead us to one another. Amen.*

## THE BODY & BLOOD



Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death and resurrection of **JESUS** until he comes in glory.

## of the LORD JESUS

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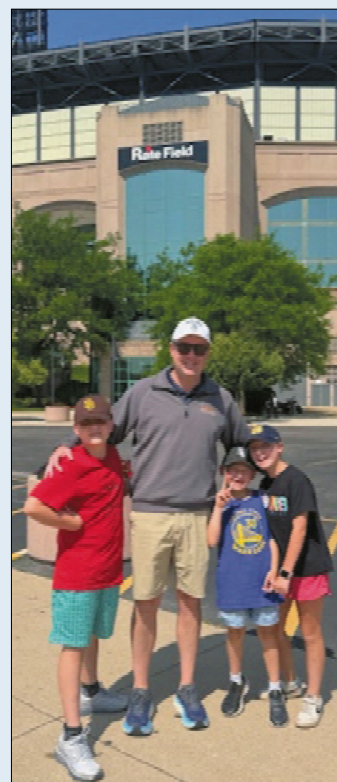
# Chicago and St. Francis Xavier Celebrate Pope Leo XIV

The energy, the music and the unity of everyone coming together to celebrate Pope Leo XIV at Rate Field was truly special. From the video message delivered by Pope Leo himself to Cardinal Cupich's "Sermon on the Mound," it was a powerful moment.

A special thanks to parishioner, Joe Healy and the Laborers' Union for their generous ticket donation to the SFX community.



Martie Lukanich, Bill & Maureen Windmoeller, Missy Westerhoff, Jane Bandyk, Heather Fitzpatrick, Mary Freeman, Luke Lukanich, Joan Stopka, Joel Stopka, Allison Sowa, Katie Filbin and Monika Lietz



Michael, Joe, Danny & Cate Healy



Dan & Lisa Foster



Pope Leo XIV and Michael



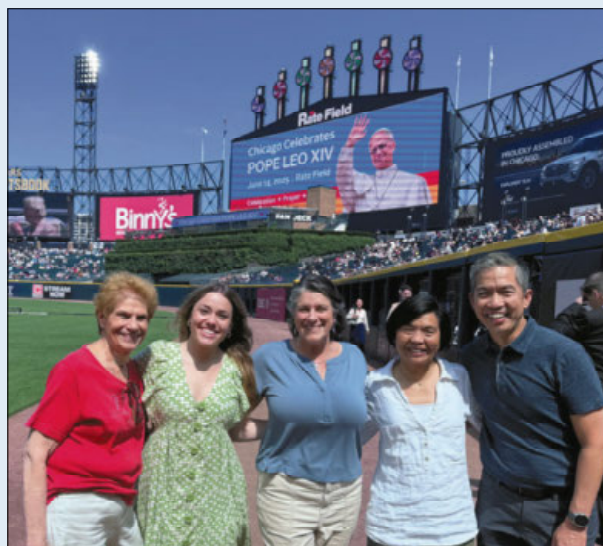
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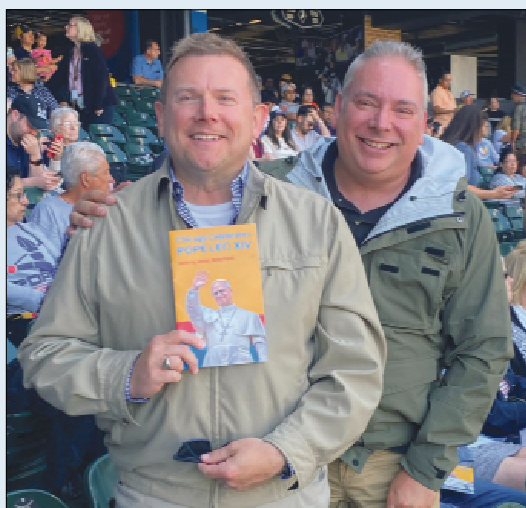
## SFX Choir Members who were part of the Archdiocesan Choir



Gallery Choir: Liz Babb and Carolyn Simone, with fellow choir member (not pictured) Kathy Hoekstra and Mark Rotert



PRAISE! Ensemble: Karen Rak, Francesca LaMantia, Dianna LaMantia, and Lorraine & Homer Abiad



Jerry Spearman (Gallery Choir, Lector) and Allen Sterwalt (Director of Music)





## THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY 2025!



**186 Spots Filled!**





## WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR 15 OUTREACH PARTNERS!



[Click here](#) for additional 2025 All Parish Service Day Photos!





**TOGETHER LET'S HONOR AND CELEBRATE  
THE RETIREMENT OF OUR BELOVED  
PASTOR**

**FR. BILL TRACHUK**

**Join us to wish him a future filled  
with Blessings and Joy**

Sunday, June 29, 2025

11am Mass

Reception immediately following

Joyce Hall

12:45pm

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, and Desserts will be served

***A SPECIAL THANKS TO:***

**SFX WELCOME COMMITTEE, PASTOR TRANSITION TEAM, PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL, CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB, AND**



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**FR. BILL'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION!**







## Religious Education News

*Register today for our 2025- 2026  
K – 8 Religious Education!*

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.

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

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.

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:  
[Click Here](#) or scan the QR Code to take you to the registration page.



## Your Gift and Talent is Needed!

Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person (Sundays & Wednesdays) this year by grade level twice a month, so we are looking for volunteers to step forward to join in this journey of faith with our youth. Please contact Elis Guidice, our Director of Religious Education, if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2025-2026 school year at [sfxreligious@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxreligious@sfxlg.org).



## 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, July 1

Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or  
Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



## Interfaith Community Network

### Staying Organized & Following Up During Your Search

A job search is a process. One of the most important elements of successfully making it through a search is staying organized. This lively, interactive, and informative presentation will take you through steps to stay organized while offering insight, tools, resources, and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate, lead, and succeed in one's search.

Our speaker, Steve Rosenblum, will share his experiences and best practices encouraging others in attendance to do the same. Steve has over twenty years in various HR roles, including regional management, training, succession planning, diversity program leadership and talent acquisition. He has been intimately involved in leading change and partnering with senior executives.

Join us for interactive and insightful discussion at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs on June 19 at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome! There is no cost to attend.

Visit [www.interfaithcareernetwork.com](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com).



[Understanding Pilgrimage](#) on Wednesday, June 25 from 6:30–8:00pm In-Person or Zoom. Cost \$30. Facilitators: Ellen Wiggins & Bob Kent

Pilgrimage is often a call. Sometimes a welcome summons, sometimes a needed journey. Join us for conversation as we explore preparing for pilgrimage. Those embarking on the Green Mountain Pilgrimages are encouraged to attend.

[Writing Your Sacred Journey Retreat](#) on Sunday - Friday, July 6 - 11. Cost \$850 Overnight, \$700 Commuter, and \$600 Zoom. Facilitator: Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew.

Join Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew to explore memoir as a spiritual practice. Whether you write as a form of private prayer, as a gift for family and friends, or for publication, this week-long retreat welcomes you into the transformational possibilities of writing.

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

## Thank You Companions Journeying Together

Thanks to all who wrote notes to prisoners on Service Day. As we shared God's love with them, we brightened the day of 310 Illinois prisoners. We also donated 340 stamps to Companions Journeying Together. Deepest thanks to all for your loving outreach.

## Engage Community – Summer Events

Connect with neighbors and friends, new and old, this summer!



### June 26, 7:00pm—Concert

**Where: On the Green in Burr Ridge.**  
Ocean's Rat Pack a tribute to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr.



### July 2, 7:00pm—Music Under the Stars

**Where: Memorial Park in LaGrange Park.**  
West Suburban Concert Band.



### July 16, 5:30pm—Dinner Get Together

**Where: GP Italiano, 1 South LaGrange Road in LaGrange**

**Details: Italian Favorites.** Separate checks. RSVPs, at the email below, are required so that we can provide accurate reservation information. <https://gpitaliano.com/>



### August 5, Summer Nights Concert

**Where: Hillside Commons in Hillside**

5:30 pm **Infatuations** a Rod Stewart Tribute Band 7:30 pm **Lisa McClowry** a Cher Tribute artist Also, a car show, local food vendors and local artisan pop up shops.



### August 13, Noon—Lunch Gathering

**Where: Chai Yo Thai, 10026 Roosevelt Road in Westchester**

**Details:** Thai food with exhibition kitchen. Separate checks. RSVPs, at the email below, are required so that we can provide accurate reservation information. <https://chai-yothaiwestchester.com/>

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com).

Engage focuses on building Christian community through a variety of social and service activities. All are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners, adults of all ages and life stages.

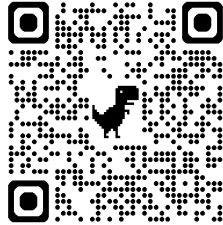


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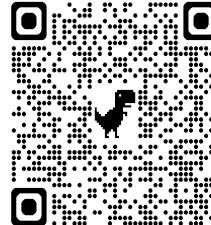
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### Apple Users



### Android Users



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

### Assistive Listening Wi-Fi Connection



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

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### Kitchen Angels



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

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



# Registration for this year's Annual Golf Outing on September 12, 2025 will be coming in July!

Sign up your foursome early, purchase raffle tickets, and show even more support for our parish and school with a **SPONSORSHIP**.

Sponsor a Hole, Lunch, Dinner, or Swag - shout-outs included!



If you would like to donate a raffle prize or have any questions about the event, please contact Lisa Parolin at [sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com) or 312-307-6287.

We hope you can join us for a FUN day of play with fellow Falcons and friends.



**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
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- **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
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- **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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**



# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Weekend Sacramental Clergy

Rev. William Tkachuk  
Rev. Richard Milek  
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Phil Gianatasio  
Margaret McMahon  
Rev. Stan Ilo

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## Liturgical Music Ministry

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## Community Outreach Ministry

Director

Mary Freeman

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## Parish Office Administration

Director of Operations  
Director of Stewardship and Development  
Finance Manager  
Administrative Assistant  
Parish Secretary/Receptionist  
Staff Secretary/Bulletin Editor  
Facilities Manager

Peter Brown  
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Jane Bandyk  
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## School Education Administration

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Assistant Principal  
Administrative Assistant  
Front Office Coordinator  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment  
Office Operations/Events Manager  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Jimmy Bajner  
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Parish Web Site.....www.sfxlg.org

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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