



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, April 6	Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention Louie Marasovic	April Pesut
Tuesday, April 7	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Wednesday, April 8	Mass	8:30 am	Thomas Hanna	Alice & Jack Sweeney
Thursday, April 9	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Denise Graney Mike Konstant	Michele Grubish The Konstant Family
Friday, April 10	Mass	8:30 am	Maureen Pipal	Sue & Bob Lindsay
Saturday, April 11	Mass	8:30 am	Peggy Humecke Louie Marasovic	Jerry Johnson April Pesut
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Brendan Carolan	The Bier, Bock and Dudley Families
Sunday, April 12	Mass	7:30 am	Maureen Pipal	The Kalkowski Family
2nd of Easter Sunday	Mass	9:00 am	Franco Laghi	The Ozark Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Teresa Giannoni Living Intention Jordan Cronin	The Giannoni Family Her Loving Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Abbey Doherty	The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for April 11-12, 2026

5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan

7:30 am Fr. Chrzan

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Ilo

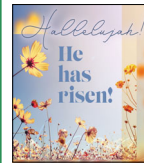
5:00 pm Fr. Chrzan



Easter Sunday, April 5

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.



Rectory Closed

In observance of the Easter Holiday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, April 6. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 8:30am.

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio Poppy Booth Robert Borchardt Kent Borkovec George Braasch Vivian Brickhouse Leonard Bruce John Clinch Tom Davis Blake Donegan John Donegan Craig Eaton Nathan Emkow Dale Friedman Lupe Baker Garcia Allen Godlewski Vincenzo Guzzo Junie Haase Angela Hill Jessi Rita Hoffman Richard Holbach Michelle Jackson Nora Lou Kampe Deb Kash Terri Bergen Klein Ella Mae Kuzel Laura Leide	Cathy O'Leary Mickey Manos Kathleen McElroy John McMurray Jan Meyers Amy Miller Katie Miller Brandon Moffett Christopher Moon Patrick Morgan Bill Mroz Ann Marie Nidos Connie O'Dette Cathy O'Leary Mark Reilly Joseph Riden, Jr. Amy Robinson Juan Silva Rita Mae Spearman Gregg Stephenson Gary Sterwalt Jean Sterwalt John Stopka Sophie Stratton Olivia Tarsney Joe Vargas Liz Wilk
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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:



Brett and Georgene Gribben
Uncle and Aunt of Charlene Kavanaugh

Elizabeth Dodd Henley
Friend of The Dybas Family

Weddings

Andrea Nudo & Richard Lecaros
Madison Bachle & Matthew Berger



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using the QR Code.
Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

Dear friends in Christ,

On the night of the Easter Vigil, the Church sings some of the most beautiful and powerful words ever proclaimed: "This is the night" when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious. These words are so sacred, so filled with wonder, that we hear them only once a year. Yet, their meaning is not confined to a single night. They are meant to echo in our hearts throughout the entire Easter season.

The Exultet proclaims a mystery at the very center of our faith: that even our darkest night has been transformed. What once seemed like defeat, namely sin, suffering, and even death itself, has been overcome by the love of Christ. "O love, O charity beyond all telling:" a love so great that God would give his only Son to bring us back to Himself. In this light, even the ancient words, "O happy fault," take on new meaning: God has the power to bring grace out of brokenness and life out of loss.

Easter reminds us that no darkness is final. The night itself becomes radiant, "as bright as day," because Christ has entered into it and filled it with his presence. This is not only something that happened long ago; it is something that continues to unfold in our lives today. Wherever there is pain or uncertainty, the light of the Risen Christ is already at work, bringing hope, healing and new life.

As we celebrate this Easter season together, may we carry that light within us. May we live as people of the Resurrection - confident in God's love, steadfast in hope and ready to share that light with others. For Christ is truly risen, and because he lives, the night will never overcome us.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter,
Fr. John

Prayer for Peace, Healing and Love

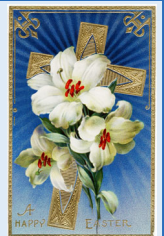
God of justice and mercy,
You created every person in Your image
and call us to honor the sacred dignity of all human life.
We lift before You all communities and groups who are hurting.
Move our hearts to solidarity with all those burdened by violence,
injustice, fear, and division.

In Your Church, remind us that we **belong** to one another
as brothers and sisters in Christ.
Strengthen our faith so that we may **believe**
in the power of Your grace to overcome hatred and despair.
Send us forth to **be love** in a wounded world—
rejecting violence, seeking understanding,
and working for peace rooted in justice and truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Giving at St. Francis Xavier

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.





Office of the Archbishop
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312-534-8230
Archchicago.org

Easter 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Before the proclamation of the gospel at the Easter Vigil liturgy, there is a deeply powerful and moving moment. It is the joyous triple Alleluia. It not only signals the end of our penitential observances but it expresses our passage with the Lord through his passion, death, and burial. Alleluia is our joyful shout of triumph for as Christ rises from the dead, so do we.

Yet, we may find that our Easter joy has been dampened this year in the face of the daunting challenges of war, the upheavals experienced by migrant families, the great turbulence and polarization in our political life, and the myriad uncertainties about our future and the future of our children. Can we sing Alleluia and mean it?

Experiencing those sentiments myself I am drawn to Saint Paul's words to the Thessalonians. In a moment of suffering loss, confusion and grief he wrote: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died." (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Listen carefully to Paul's words. He tells the Thessalonians that they can grieve and that they can experience struggle and loss. But they must not grieve or suffer as those who have no hope, as those who do not believe that Jesus died and rose and will take us to himself. Like the Thessalonians, we do not ignore or deny the suffering and grief we are experiencing, but we are not held captive to this moment nor to this world. We hold fast to Christ our hope who draws us into a future defined and shaped by his Resurrection.

So, sisters and brothers, let's not hold back our shouts of joy. Let us sing with gusto our Alleluia for it bears witness to our enduring hope in Christ's Resurrection. It inspires us to do what we can to allow his risen life to take hold of and shape our lives and to empower us to reach out to our wounded world. A blessed Easter to all of you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Divine Mercy Sunday **APRIL 12, 2026**

**2:00 PM RECONCILIATION
IN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER 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.

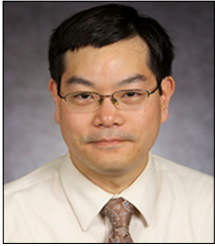
Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity".

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.



Music Notes...



As we continue our journey through this sacred season of Lent, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and express our heartfelt gratitude to one of our own parishioners, **Junichi Sato**, whose gifts have so beautifully enriched our worship.

Junichi is an accomplished pianist and a gifted composer. This Lent, we have had the privilege of singing a Mass setting that he composed specifically for the liturgy... "**Vincentian Mass**". To share in music written by a member of our own parish community is something truly special.

The Mass is the Church's most sacred prayer, and the music that accompanies it must serve the liturgy with reverence, humility, and theological depth. Junichi's "Vincentian Mass" setting does precisely that. Its reflective character, thoughtful melodic lines, and prayerful spirit draw us more deeply into the penitential beauty of Lent. Rather than calling attention to itself, this music gently invites us into contemplation, helping us to lift our hearts to the Lord.

What makes this even more meaningful is that this composition was not written from a distance, but from within our community—by someone who worships beside us, prays with us, and shares in the life of this parish. Junichi and his family, including his very talented wife Regina (SFX Cantor) most often attend either the 5:00 pm Saturday OR 9:00 am Sunday Masses. That is stewardship in its truest sense: offering one's time, talent, and faith for the glory of God and the good of the Church.

On behalf of myself, the SFX Music Ministry, Fr. John Chrzan (Pastor), staff and parish community – we thank you Junichi, for sharing your extraordinary musical gifts with us. May the Lord continue to bless your creativity and dedication, and may this music accompany us not only through Lent, but in many seasons to come.

Allen J. Sterwalt
Director of Church Music



Music Notes...

SFX Parish "First Communion" Children's Choir

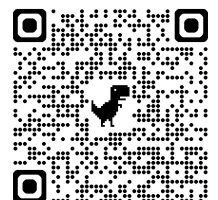
An invitation goes out to all SFX Parish children who like to sing in **grades 1, and 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8**, who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir, to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on **Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 am, 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm**. Children 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 April 6th.** Please see below for the breakdown:

- Grades 1 & 3.....Tuesdays: 3:40 to 4:15 pm
First Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 7th
- Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.....Thursdays: 3:40 to 4:15 pm
First Rehearsal: Thursday, April 9th

Please click the link below or scan the QR Code to register!

<https://forms.gle/2e3ZpsJCLZnFod1f9>





OCIA Reflections



OCIA is a journey of inquiry and conversation for those who are curious about the Catholic Church, as well as for baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

More than simply a class or a way to learn information, OCIA is an opportunity to grow in relationship with God, deepen your faith, and become a more committed disciple of Christ. The OCIA community gathers weekly for prayer, reflection, and discussion, learning to see God's loving action in our daily lives and respond accordingly. **This year we have 17 adults receiving or completing their sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil!**

Below are quotes from six 2026 OCIA participants, reflecting on their experience.

Aracelia Alanis



Q: Can you share a moment when your faith came alive in a new way?

"The moment I realized my faith came alive was when I asked God where I should go to be closer to him and he led me to the Catholic church. I felt this yearning to be closer to our Father and the moment I met with Maggie I knew instantly I was in the right place. I let my family know about my journey and they too felt the Holy Spirit move in them and decided to join OCIA. My mother, step father, sister and partner are now all receiving their sacraments this Easter. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!"

Tim Brandys



Q: How have you experienced "new life" during this journey?

"OCIA has radically changed my outlook on life. Prior to beginning my faith journey, I felt lost and uncertain as to what my future would hold. Now, I know that I am right where I belong. The OCIA process has given me faith, friends, and meaning. I can't put into words how grateful I am to have been a part of OCIA, and how excited I am to be received into the Church."

Julie Goshorn



Q: How has God been working in your life during this time?

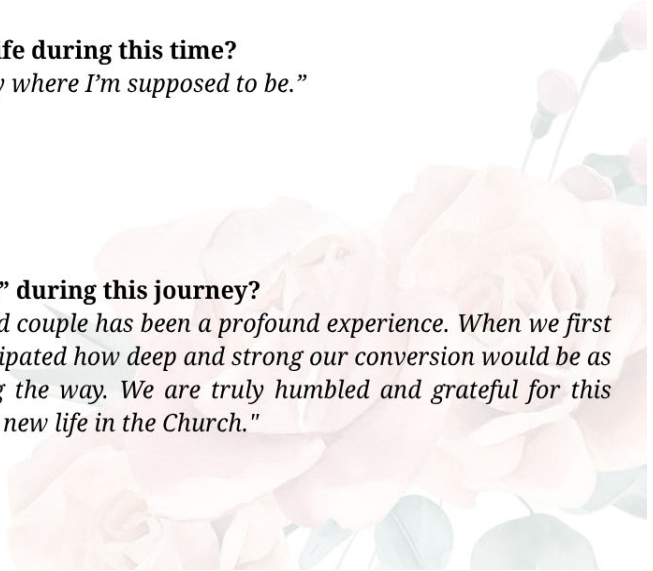
"His timing is always perfect, this is exactly where I'm supposed to be."

Jacob & Mica Just



Q: How have you experienced "new life" during this journey?

"Making this journey together as a married couple has been a profound experience. When we first joined OCIA, neither of us could have anticipated how deep and strong our conversion would be as we encountered the touch of Christ along the way. We are truly humbled and grateful for this precious gift - may the Lord bless us in our new life in the Church."





Gabby Malave Soto

Q: What does receiving the sacraments at Easter mean to you as a new beginning?

"Receiving the sacraments at Easter as a new beginning means everything to me. It represents growing spiritually and finally having a deeper connection with God and the Church - something I've always been interested in. Being able to fully receive the sacraments and become part of the Church, and to walk as one of God's disciples, means the world to me. It's a very emotional experience, but it fills me with happiness, peace, and gratitude. I feel safe, renewed, and excited for this new chapter in my faith journey."



Lily Patel

Q: Can you share a moment when your faith came alive in a new way?

"My faith came alive when I understood that the Eucharist isn't just symbolic, but truly Jesus giving Himself to us. This is what led me to enter the Catholic Church."

Additional 2026 OCIA Participants



Stacy Davis



Brian Goodman



Ivan Lopez



Mayra Lopez



Carmen McCullum



Sam Morrissey



Alejandra Sandoval



Ashley Morgan Stahl



Sarah Williamson



Mark Troyer

If you or someone you know is interested in learning about Catholicism or completing their sacraments, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 to get started.

Welcome

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

Brandon & Maria Cotter
Jason & Christine Kimberling
Nancy Parolin
Ryan & Samantha Porkorny
Marina Reader
Bill & Eileen Soto
Rudy & Gabrielle Soto
Michael & Vanessa Sliwinski
David & KerriLynn Stachowicz
Gil & Ruth Tily



Easter Season

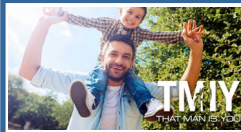
Unless otherwise indicated, the following event will occur in the church:

MONDAY at 7:00 pm
hosted by the Alpha Team

Continuing into Easter:

April 20

Embracing the Holy Spirit



That Man Is You

All men are invited to join the Spring Sessions of *That Man is YOU (TMIY)*, on Tuesdays at 8:00 pm in St. Francis 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?

Contact Patrick McMahon at patrick.mcmahon65@gmail.com or scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register.



THE 120 HIGH SCHOOL GROUP PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

APRIL 12TH 6PM - 7PM

High school
Teens join our
GroupMe!

A movie poster for 'The Prince of Egypt' showing a man in a red robe standing before a large golden statue of a pharaoh. The text 'THE 120' is in a circle on the left, and 'The PRINCE of EGYPT' is at the bottom.A large QR code on the left side of the poster, with a small circular logo containing 'THE 120' overlaid on it.

SFX PINK RIBBON COMMUNITY

Connect with
Breast Cancer Survivors
at SFX for
fellowship & support.



St. Francis Xavier 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, April 7

Contact:
Peter Brown pbrown@sfxlq.org
for more information.



Religious Education News

**Registration for our 2026-2027
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 2026-2027 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 22nd 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:

www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education



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.

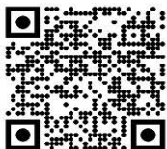
- 4 Tamale Options:**
- Pork in Red (Rojo) sauce
 - Chicken in Green (Verde) sauce
 - Pepper and Cheese
 - Bean and Cheese

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



Order deadline is April 19, 2026

[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 26th from 12:30-2:30PM. Thank you so much for your continued support!



Young Adult Ministry
GAME NIGHT

Bring your favorite card games, board games, and snacks to share!


Monday
April 20, 2026

6:30 pm | SJC Parish Center
 5005 Wolf Rd, Western Springs

Want to join YAM?
 Scan the QR Code below!




Join our Young Adult Ministry (YAM)



Groupme! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to get updates on upcoming events and connect with other young adults.

Join our Toddler Moms'




Groupme! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to get updates on upcoming events and connect with other toddler moms'.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A Special Thanks to our Prayer Shawl Ministry members for sharing their gifts with those in need of comfort and healing.

Our next meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, April 9, 2026—7:00-8:00pm
 Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!



VBS Registration Is Opened

Registration for VBS 2026 is opened! You can register by using the QR code or the link found below. The code and link will take you to the registration site. Here you will find some important information about VBS registration.

What is VBS: VBS is a faith based, week long adventure for children. Songs, crafts, stories, snacks and other activities are included. This years theme is "Rainforest Falls" and promises to be lots of fun for participants and volunteers!

When: VBS will run June 22-26 from 9:00am-12:00pm each day.

Who can register: Traditional VBS is open to children 4 years old to 4th grade. 5th and 6th graders can register for the "Service Crew." The Service Crew spends the week doing various service projects, some Bible study, other activities and of course snacks!

Where: All participants will meet at Grace Lutheran Church each day. The Service Crew will move to the Saint Francis Xavier Day School as base camp for their activities.


Cost: Cost of VBS is \$75 for one child. If you register 2 or more children cost is \$60 per child. If one parent volunteers for the entire week cost is 50% off.

Volunteering: A successful VBS requires a small army of volunteers. We expect each family to provide one or more volunteers in some capacity. The registration site lists the various volunteer opportunities available and a sign up option. We will be in touch with you after registration to follow up. Opportunities range from a couple of hours to one week of time commitment. There are also before and after set up and break down opportunities as well. 7th, 8th graders, teens and college can also volunteer and earn service hours!

Questions: Contact Phil Zadeik pjzadeik@gmail.com for general questions. Contact Karl Olson regarding volunteer opportunities Olson.Karl@gmail.com.

To register go to vbspro.events/p/fa96ee or use the QR Code.

Space is limited and last year VBS sold out, so please register early!





**APRIL 18, 2026
MARRIOTT BURR RIDGE
6:30-11:30PM**

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 hors d'oeuvres and more!

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS,
SCAN BELOW!**



**IGNITE MEDAL
AWARD HONOREE:
PATSY BROWN**

This year, the recipient of our annual Ignite Medal Award will be Patsy Brown. Patsy, the founder of the SFX Enrichment Program in the 1990's and former School Advisory Board member, continues to be a bright light in the parish.



Free Resume Review

Join Interfaith Career Network on Saturday, April 11th from 9:30-11:30am for a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with an HR or other professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? Come see us at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange.

Looking For a New Job?

Interfaith Career Network offers FREE assistance; OPEN TO ALL!

“Energize Your Job Search Using Your New LinkedIn Profile”

Denis Curtin, Presenter

Thursday, April 16th at 7:00pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs.

LinkedIn is more than just a job board – it is a powerful tool that can help you elevate your job search, grow your professional network, and accelerate your career growth. Denis Curtin is a LinkedIn Trainer and Coach who helps job seekers and companies optimize their LinkedIn profiles and is recognized as one of the leading LinkedIn experts in the Midwest. We look forward to seeing you!



Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Spring Food Drive April 18, 2026

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Mother Teresa

How Can I Help? Feed the Hungry

Look for the Knights of Columbus volunteers at your Jewel store in LaGrange Park from the hours of 8:00 am –6:00 pm and add a food or monetary (cash/check/QR code) donation to our storefront collection!

Be a Financial Giver

Your monetary donations benefit those in need. The need is great. Any amount donated is appreciated. Donate Online to St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry at <https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families> or point your phone camera at the top QR code to the right and tap on the pop up.



Donate Online to the Chicago Food Depository at <https://myfooddrives.org/team/408834> or the bottom QR Code.



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

SAVE THE DATE!

**ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026***

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

*Events will be available June 1-6, 2026

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.

Volunteers Needed

My name is Jim Tvrdik, and I would like to introduce you to a benevolent organization by the name Project C.U.R.E. PC (as I like to call it) was founded in 1987 to address the staggering shortage of medical resources around the world. Each week, PC delivers approximately four-to-five semi-truck sized cargo containers packed with medical equipment and supplies that are desperately needed to save lives in hospitals and clinics in resource-limited countries outside the United States. In this way, PC continues to address critical issues such as maternal and infant mortality, natural disasters, victims of violence and strengthening of healthcare systems. In addition, many healthcare professionals travel with PC to provide medical treatment and training to communities in need. Currently, PC is supported by over 30,000 volunteers annually and operates a local distribution warehouse in Woodridge, IL.



Personally, I have been volunteering for PC for over 7 years and find the time spent very fulfilling. Our warehouse team in Woodridge is continually looking for volunteers with flexible schedules to keep the mission moving forward; volunteer groups are also most welcome.

Please feel free to checkout www.projectcure.org for additional information, or feel free to send an inquiry email to chicagovolunteer@projectcure.org.

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 Wi-Fi App from your app store or scan the provided QR Code below.

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 sfxing@sfxlg.org to set-up an appointment.



Please Pray for All Those Serving Overseas in the Military:

- **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
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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.

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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 (Door #5).

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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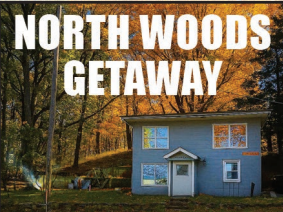
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