

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2020



The Pharisees
asked Jesus,
"Teacher, tell us,
is it lawful
to pay tax
to Caesar or not?"

And Jesus said to them
**Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar**



**and to GOD what
belongs to GOD**

Among all
peoples, give
the LORD
glory and
honor.

Week at a Glance

Monday, October 19	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Marie Westhoff
Tuesday, October 20	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Marilyn Rutkowski and Patricia Keenan
Wednesday, October 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Besse Parlon
Thursday, October 22	Rosary Private Prayer	8:15 am 8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Friday, October 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Fred Westhoff, Robert Leahy, Gene Igyarto
Saturday, October 24	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Judy Portone, Herbert and Mary Schrack
Sunday, October 25	Mass	9:00 am	Aunt Lois
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mass	11:00 am	Dan Murphy
	Mass	5:00 pm	Richard Gamble

Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis	Jim Martin
Sue Beyer	Enrique Martinez
John Bovard	Lisa Massaro
Jack Boyd	Patrick Morgan
Sally Burson	Mike Morrison
Jay Carroll	Baby Amy Nesterowicz
Chili Challender	Carolyn Nesterowicz
Nick Crnkovich	Bernice Niemiec
Mary Culin	Gert Ogilvie
Americo DiGianfillippo	Arnold Oppenheim
Baby Catherine DiMarco	Jane O'Reilly
Anthony Dina	Shawwna Palazzolo
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Matt Doyle	Donna Pekarek
Gerald Drescher	Carolyn Peters
Lynda Einspar	Jessica Phillips
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Will Fleming	Baby Lucia R.
Jim Foy	Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Anna Rose
Wilson Gregory	Matthew Schiek
Patricia Hassler	Greyson Stanley
Frank Hoos	Brian Stephenson
Rose Ilo	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Mary J.	Michael Ungari
Jane Jacobsen	Gregory Van Gorp
Peter Johns	Helena Walden
Theresa Kandall	Marian Ward
Mark Kiley	Liz Wilk
Michael Lang	Scott Young

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

MASS INTENTIONS

Father Bill and Father Rich are offering a daily private Mass for the intention that had been requested for a day on which no public Mass is offered. We also continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died, as well as their families:

Frank Wall

Husband of Rose

Carol Grimes

Wife of Dave

Mother of Jeff, Mark, Brian & Stephen

Readings For The Week of October 18, 2020

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:30-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Pastor's Notes

You were chosen in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and with much conviction.
1 Thessalonians 1:5

Our call to discipleship is anything but a passive one. St. Paul reminds us that the Spirit enters our hearts and minds and community with power and conviction. What we say and what we do, as individuals and in communion, is intended to be guided and often driven by the Spirit that was breathed upon the church after the resurrection of Christ. Yet this same Spirit speaks and acts through our diverse gifts and perspectives, which lead to a challenge when applying the Gospel and Church Tradition to specific issues and individual decisions. This challenge is no more apparent than in an election year, when the lines of separation of church and state often become blurry.

This month we are reflecting on the implications of nurturing *a culture of life from conception throughout life on this earth until natural death*, including the created world that God has entrusted to our care. This weekend we look to what sometimes is referred to as “the place between the dash” on a grave marker: ***throughout life on this earth***. Affirming and protecting the dignity of each human person in the space between conception and birth and natural death is not always easy. The effort may demand much of us, including our willingness to listen to one another's viewpoints in discerning what is possible to uphold the dignity of each human life at any point in time. We must confront issues of poverty, domestic and civil violence, immigration, racial and economic injustice, social and educational barriers to growth, just labor conditions and a just wage, access to adequate health care, and many others. We Catholics, including our bishops, will not always come to similar positions as to how or whether to act. The divergence of perspectives grows even wider as we enter a conversation with other Christians, our Jewish and Muslim sisters and brothers, and people of other religions or no religion at all.

As an advocate for the dignity of human life, am I willing to open my mind and heart to listen to the Spirit speaking through diverse perspectives, some of which disagree with my own? Am I willing to seriously consider the teachings of the gospel and the church, especially when they challenge my personal preferences? Am I willing to develop and nurture a moral conscience that may, at times, lead me, as an individual, to a different path because God is calling me to do so? And do I respect the truth that God might do the same in the lives of those whose decisions or lifestyles do not “conform”? In civil society, do I advocate for human dignity and accept that no one program, policy, or party will ever perfectly reflect the demands of the gospel, and that we *always* will be working toward better and more comprehensive solutions?

Election years are challenging moments for people of faith. We advocate for the dignity of each person, knowing that we can only strive for *better* responses and that we never will achieve *perfect* solutions on earth. That is why it is so important that we listen to the Spirit speaking through each of us, especially the person of faith whose views seem so different from my own. In this way our convictions give voice to the power of the Spirit, and we raise and protect the dignity of all human lives on the earth.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill



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World Mission Sunday

On October 18, we join with the Catholic Church across the globe to celebrate World Mission Sunday. This annual second collection provides critical support to communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world.

For more information and to donate please visit:
www.WeAreMissionary.org/wms

Or you may donate at Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/27803>



Parishioner Volunteers Needed

Our ability to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and weekday and Sunday Masses depends on the ability of the parish to provide ministers to offer a welcoming and healthy environment. We have been blessed by scores of parishioners who share their time and spirit to keep us moving forward. To establish a regular rotation of volunteers, we seek additional people, especially to greet and seat people, or to wipe down the seating areas after each service. We welcome anyone of high school age or older who is in good health. A few volunteer comments:

"I am happy I have a safe way to help out during this time. The volunteer work is easy, totally flexible and I like being able to attend Mass as part of the experience."

Please contact Maureen Pipal (mpipal@sfxlq.org) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.

EXPANDED MASS SCHEDULE

Expanded weekend and weekday Mass schedules began on October 1.

- + **Sunday evening Mass** returned on October 4 at the earlier time of **5:00PM**. There will be some modifications due to coronavirus precautions. **High school youth will continue to serve in the ministries for this Mass.**
- + **Weekday Mass** will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30AM. On Thursday, the communal Rosary will begin at 8:15AM, followed by quiet prayer time until 9:30.

Thank you to our parish volunteers who make this possible!

Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.

To see how we are Celebrating Sacraments and Services, and to view our Tips for Worshipers, please click on the links below:

[Celebration of Sacraments](#)

[Tips for Worshipers](#)

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FLU 2020



Prevent the flu: Get vaccinated every year

With COVID-19 also affecting our community, the flu vaccine is more important this year than ever. Influenza, commonly called “the flu,” is a viral infection of the respiratory tract that may cause symptoms very similar to those of COVID-19.

Everyone six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season.

Flu vaccine is provided at many local health departments, private health care providers and pharmacies across Illinois. Contact your health care provider to find out which flu vaccine is right for you or you can

find vaccine locations at vaccinefinder.org.

Most people who get the flu recover completely in one to two weeks, but some people develop **serious and potentially life-threatening medical complications**, such as pneumonia.

Over the past decade, influenza and pneumonia have been linked to an average of **3,500 deaths** a year in Illinois.

Between **10 and 20 percent of Americans** are infected during most flu seasons, which typically run from October through May.

More than **200,000 people** are hospitalized by the flu each year in the U.S.

Symptoms of flu include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea also can occur but are more common in children than adults.

Emergency Warning Signs

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is having any of the following warning signs below.

In children, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Fever with a rash

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is experiencing any of the signs above.



**CALLING ALL
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
SCHOOL ALUMNI**

*Stay connected with
your school and classmates
by creating an alumnus profile today!*

SFX is collecting a database of all alumni
over the last 80 years and we need your help!

THIS DATABASE WILL:

- Connect SFX alumni past and present
- Inform alumni of current state of SFX school and vision for the future
- Celebrate our teachers and their teaching accomplishments
- Celebrate current student and alumni accomplishments
- Provide an opportunity to share photos, athletic records and more
- Keep you updated on notable school events and projects

Enter today and please share with friends and family!

Questions? Please contact sfxgrad@gmail.com for more information.

QUEST!

Dear Quest teens, parents, and leaders,

Come, Holy Spirit! We are so grateful for your patience as we navigate Quest logistics amidst COVID-19. We have been thinking long and hard about how to make Quest the most **life-giving** and **Spirit-inspired** program it can be for our teens as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation – an amazing sacrament that truly has the power to **transform our lives and the world** when we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit sincerely.

We are pleased to announce that **Quest will begin in November** – in-person and virtually according to teen and parent comfort levels. For in-person meetings to occur, Quest groups must have unanimous consensus on meeting in-person (amongst both the teens and the parents.) Each teen and parent will also sign an agreement not to attend in-person if they are ill. Groups of about 10 teens will meet **once a month** and will **set their own meeting dates/times**. All families who have registered for Quest will receive a survey to ensure that the groups formed share similar expectations and comfort levels regarding in-person or virtual meetings.

If you have not yet registered, please fill out the Quest Confirmation Registration Form found at www.sfxlg.org under Youth Ministry. After completing the form please send it into the rectory office or email to dsoulje@sfxlg.org.

Those interested in *leading* a group will also receive a survey regarding their preferred meeting method. We will host a **leader meeting at the end of October**. At this meeting, we will offer some spiritual reflection to prepare for this journey with our SFX teens and equip you with resources for leading your group! If you are interested in leading a group, please email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.

Thank you again for your patience! **We are praying for you**, and we cannot wait to see how the Spirit is moving in your Quest groups, your lives, and ultimately the sacrament of Confirmation!

With fiery Spirit,
Fr. Rich and Maggie

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at sfxlg.org.

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media:



SFX School Instagram:
[@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

Facebook SFX School site:
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/595d889cdee3e>

SFX School Website:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

See the latest happenings at the day school:

[SFX School Reopening Plan](#)

[Welcome Back Grades 3-8](#)

[First Day of School for Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2](#)

[First Day of School for PS3 and PK4](#)

2020 SFX Golf Outing video:
<https://vimeo.com/460599105>
120 golfers enjoyed a BEAUTIFUL day!

A very very nice congratulatory message to the SFX community from Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. <https://vimeo.com/465845503>

Socially distanced Rosary <https://vimeo.com/465845340>

Nazareth Academy Open House

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Discover Nazareth Academy at an In-Person Open House. Visit on Sunday, October 25 or Monday, October 26, 2020. Attending an Open House provides students and parents with an opportunity to learn all about the Scholarship, Service, Spirit and Unity of Nazareth Academy. Families will meet Nazareth students, faculty and staff. Guided tours of the building are provided.

Tours will be offered Sunday at Noon and 1 pm and Monday at 6 and 7 pm.

Pre-registration at nazarethacademy.com is REQUIRED. Space is limited.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden in LaGrange Park. Please contact Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708-387-8505 with any questions.



La Grange

**St. Francis Xavier School Restaurant
Fundraising Night with MAK's House
Wednesday, October 21
from 4:00 – 8:00pm**

Order from MAK's House anytime between 4 - 8pm on Wednesday, October 21 and MAK's will generously donate 25% of all pre-tax/tip sales to St. Francis Xavier School! The fundraiser is valid for dine-in and carry out. Orders can be placed in-person, by phone or via their website (Toast) - just be sure to tell them that your order is for the SFX/St. Francis Xavier fundraiser. If you order online, please note that you will have to tell them to count your order towards the fundraiser when you pick up. Also, please note that orders placed through Grub-Hub will not be eligible for the fundraiser.

Take a night off from cooking and enjoy their burgers, chicken sandwiches, melts and wings! MAK's is located at 46 South La Grange Road, by phone at 708-469-7264; and online at <https://www.makshouse.com/> Thank you for supporting our local businesses and for supporting our school!

**Save The Date!
Red Sled Virtual Holiday Bazaar**

The Red Sled VIRTUAL Holiday Bazaar is on its way to warm up your holiday season on Saturday, November 7. Check out the calendar for an update on how you can support Ogden's signature fundraising event in a COVID-friendly way.

<https://fb.me/e/1CxfrdXwC>

Event Website: <https://ogdenptc.org/redsled>



**Domestic Violence
Outreach**



Who Are the Victims?

¹Twenty-five percent of American women and eight percent of American men will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. Children are very often witnesses and victims themselves.

This statistic does not include the vast number of unreported incidents of violence.

There is no evidence that the prevalence of domestic violence is any lower within faith communities.

What is Domestic Violence?

²Domestic violence (also known as spouse abuse, partner violence, intimate-partner violence, battering, and numerous other terms) is a pattern of coercion used by one person to exert power and control over another person in the context of a dating, family, or household relationship. The spectrum of domestic violence includes much more than physical assault. Domestic violence encompasses a constellation of controlling behaviors that include:

Actual or threatened physical harm, psychological abuse, and forced sexual contact; Economic control; Social isolation; Destruction of a victim's property, keepsakes, or personal possessions; Abuse of animals/pets; Misuse of divine beings or religious beliefs, practices, teachings and traditions as well as asserting male superiority and attributing abusive behavior to cultural traditions.

These behaviors can occur in any combination, sporadically or chronically, over a period of up to several decades.

Most victims of domestic violence are women in heterosexual relationships. Men in heterosexual relationships can also be victims of domestic violence, in addition to both women and men in same-sex relationships. Regardless of culture, race, religion, or socio-economic class, approximately 90 percent of reported domestic violence cases involve men who abuse women.

¹Elaine J. Alpert, et al. *Responding to Domestic Violence: An Interfaith Guide to Prevention and Intervention*, The Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, 2005

²"Causes of Domestic Violence", www.allaboutlifechanges.org

³Rev. Joyce Galvin, Domestic Violence Presentations at St. Raymond July 2010

Give to the LORD
you families of nations
the GLORY due his NAME!

“We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a ‘Gospel of life.’ It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly in respect for human dignity.”

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB

OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE THEMES

Oct 4 Life & Creation

Oct 11 New Life

Oct 18 Life & Dignity

‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Matthew 25:40

Oct 25 End of Life

TAKING ACTION FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY:

Practice the Corporal Works of Mercy.

- feed the hungry,
- give drink to the thirsty,
- clothe the naked,
- shelter travelers,
- visit the sick,
- visit the imprisoned, and
- bury the dead.

[Click here for 14 practical ways to live these out:](#) serve, donate, write, learn, pray.

Upcoming/Ongoing Respect Life Events

Oct 20, 7pm: Online Domestic Violence Support Group. Monthly meetings will continue to be held virtually on Zoom. If you would like to join, please fill out this [RSVP form](#).

Oct 21, 12:30pm: Catholic Extension Virtual Immersion Trip with Kino Border Initiative in Tucson.

Sept 23 – Nov 1: 40 Days for Life. Help save lives through the power of prayer.

Month of October: Annual Women’s Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive

Contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org to have an envelope mailed to you OR online donations can be made at: www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/ Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

RESOURCES

Women’s Care Center – 136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange | 708-352-5000

Provides free, confidential counseling, support, education, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Since opening in May 2018, the La Grange WCC has welcomed and supported over 1100 babies and their families.

PILLARS | Hotlines: Domestic violence: 708-485-5254 | Sexual assault: 708-482-9600

Provides health and social services. Domestic and sexual violence staff serve clients through free 24-hour hotlines. 708-PILLARS for all services including mental health.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): The Living Room | 4731 Willow Springs Rd, La Grange | 708-582-6434

Provides free peer counseling to anyone feeling scared, anxious, angry, sad, or just needs someone to talk to. Open every day 1pm - 9pm, must be 18 or older.

Gospel of Life Prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life. – Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

2020 Fall **Pandemic Drive**

When it's hardest & most important

6 easy ways to help



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1. Receive links directly to your computer or mobile device – text or email F4F to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.
2. Give online to the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry - Give Central at www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/519.
3. Text the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry - Text PANTRY to 708-340-6630.
4. Give online to the Chicago Food Depository at www.MyFoodDrive.org/?LGKofC202.
5. Schedule a contactless donation pick-up – text or email F4FPICKUP to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.
6. Post & share on your social media – text or email F4F to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.

**Questions? Text, or email Mike Hattie at
708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com**

**For more information & links go to
www.sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/food-for-families
Or text or email F4F to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2020 Coat Outerwear Drive –Thank You

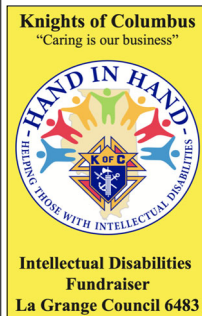
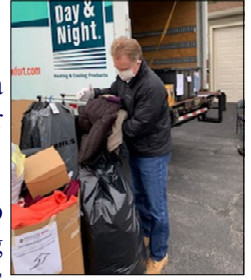
Despite the unusual circumstances; the 2020 Knights of Columbus Coat/Outerwear Drive was a success! And we are grateful to all donors, volunteers, parishioners and neighbors for your generosity.



We collected outerwear that filled half of a truck. The donations were provided to Catholic Charities of Chicago, who were very grateful to restock their diminishing supply of outerwear. In addition, an option to donate funds electronically was introduced, where we collected several hundred dollars.

It is because of your selflessness, that you will help many people stay warm during the upcoming cold months. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Knights of Columbus #6483



The Knights of Columbus has extended the donation period through October.

Donations can be dropped in envelopes through the mail slot in the rectory door. Please address envelopes:

ATTN: Brian Lisek, Knights of Columbus

The Knights greatly appreciate your support of our local intellectual-disabilities services through this collection campaign.

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

Recognizing Anxiety in Men - In some men, anxiety can manifest in less recognized ways. Anxiety disorders are one of the most common mental health issues, estimated to affect close to 20% of Americans in a given year. But not everyone is affected equally — research consistently shows the number of women diagnosed with anxiety disorders is about double that of men. Researchers have yet to definitively determine the causes of this discrepancy, but anecdotal evidence and clinical experience suggests that some men respond to anxiety in ways that can cause it to be misinterpreted or else missed entirely.

- from The Family Institute

Wanna learn more about self-care?

Consider reaching out to me at (442) 264-7589 or lolanadan@gmail.com.

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online. Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisq-SrOcVM>.

Lolan P. Adan, MAPC~Parish Counselor

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525
The Claret Center, 5536 South Everett, Chicago, IL 60637
#LPAdanAccompany (Under supervisor IL license # 071-005991)

C.S. Lewis Book Club

Join a group of fellow parishioners to read and discuss the *entertaining* and *theologically rich* work of C.S. Lewis. Dates/times for virtual meetings will be established once the group is formed. Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more information or to join the group!

Save the Date!

**Senior Women's Group
Presentation by
Martie Lukanich
November 12
10:30 am**



NEW – Help Needed!

Elizabeth Ministry: Support through the Joys, Challenges and Sorrows of the Childbearing Years

SFX is in the process of establishing an Elizabeth Ministry Chapter. If you have experienced a miscarriage, infertility, or if you have adopted or fostered a child, and you would like to be involved with Elizabeth Ministry's support of women and families through these experiences, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.

If you are currently struggling with infertility, the adoption process, the foster care process, or if you are grieving the loss of a child to miscarriage and would like to speak with a minister, please contact Maggie as well. We are here to support you.



The Well Spirituality Center

Due to the Coronavirus, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up. Here are just a few highlights from September:

Protect & Heal Earth: Reduce/Eliminate Plastics on Monday, October 19; November 2 and 16 from 7:00-8:15 pm. Are you concerned about throw-away/single-use plastics and the pollution they are causing in our oceans, the injury to sea animals, and the devastation to our entire planet? These gatherings will use a spiritual process for addressing the issue from an integral ecology perspective. Facilitated by Kathy Sherman and other CSJ Sisters. Cost of series: \$30.

Inter-Racial Relationship Circle on Tuesdays, October 27-December 15 (8 sessions) from 6:30-8:00 pm (CDT). It is Story that builds compassion in us: when we can truly receive and hold another's Story, we change, and the fabric of our society becomes a bit more tender. In this time when our hearts are being broken open by the injustice of systemic racism, we hope to gather an inter-racial group of 12 open-hearted persons to hold each others' Stories, build community, and imagine a more just future. Series cost: \$40.

Restorative Justice Circle on Wednesdays, October 28, November 4 and 11 from 9:30-11:00 am or 7:00-8:30 pm. We invite persons of diverse values and worldviews, via a structured process, to listen to other participants and express their own beliefs about the topics of racism, challenging whiteness, and the intersection of race and climate change. We will come to a better understanding of each other and begin to heal our polarized world. Free will, suggested donation: \$0-\$30 for series.

Please see our website at www.csjthewell.org/offerings/ to find out about these programs and many more.

Meet Our New Neighbors!

Aspired Living of LaGrange is an assisted living and memory support community just steps from the heart of downtown LaGrange. It's time to have peace of mind knowing that your loved one is safe, healthy and celebrating life. By implementing a modern approach to whole self wellness and prioritizing purpose among seniors, Aspired Living's VIVA! programming and state-of-the-art amenities encourages residents to learn, grow and have fun with the comforts of home. Schedule a virtual visit with the team and find out how we're safely moving in residents today! At Aspired Living of LaGrange, seniors will live well, age well, and be well.





Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed.

Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:30-9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning 9:00-10:00 am

Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday) 9:00 am-Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday) 8:00 -10:00 am

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.

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

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

(Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcVM>)

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, Lolan Adan, from the Claret Center who can be reached by phone 442-264-7589 or email lolanadan@gmail.com.

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