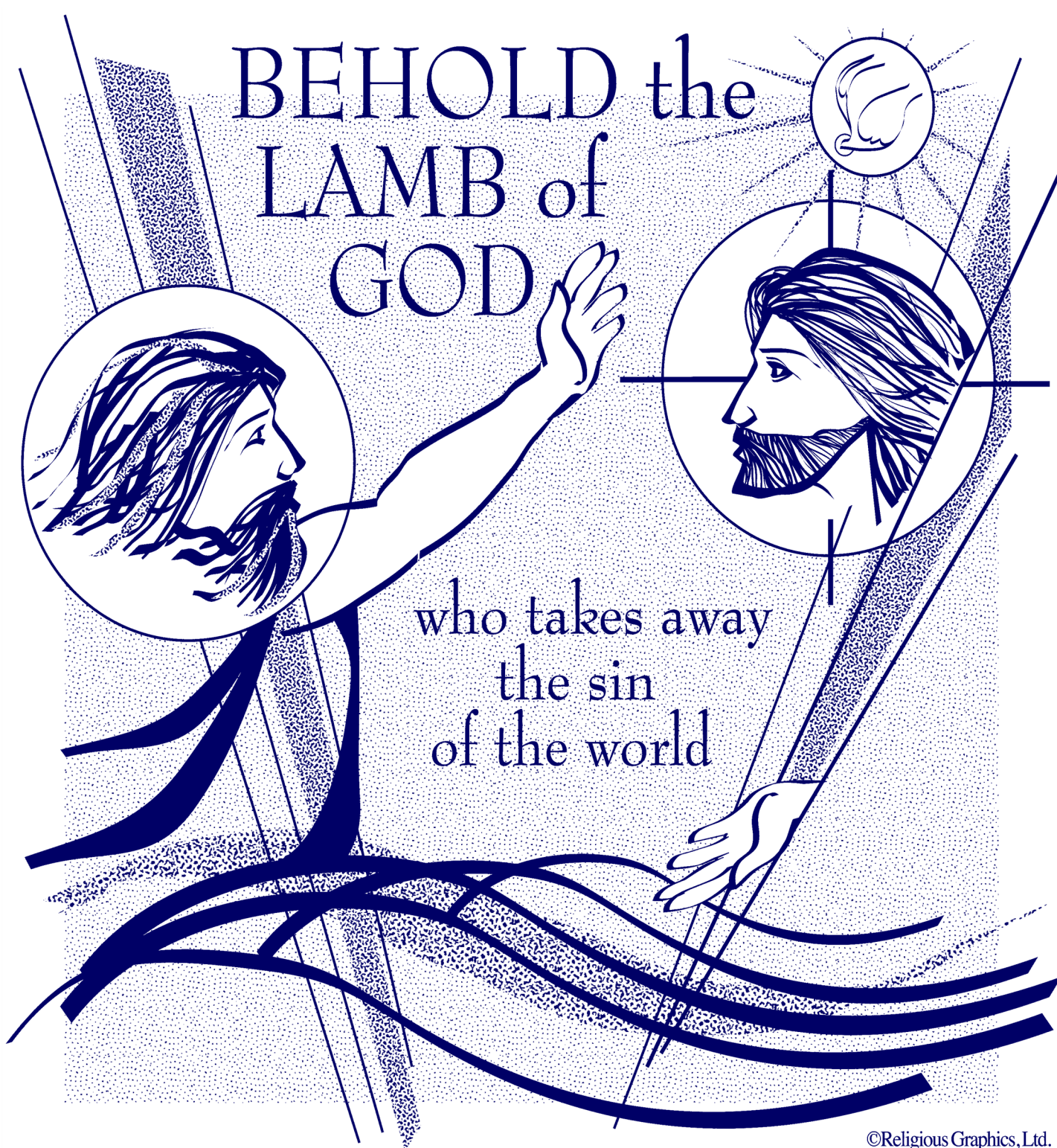


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2023



BEHOLD the
LAMB of
GOD



who takes away
the sin
of the world

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention Thomas Houdek	Jennifer & Bob Driscoll
Tuesday, January 17	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Stephen Cunningham	The Hilling Family
Wednesday, January 18	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jerry Hellmann	Therese, Heather, Lee & Pam
Thursday, January 19	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, January 20	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Shirley Hamilton	The John Hannigan Family
Saturday, January 21	Mass	8:30 am	Dick Parlon	Pam Oplawski
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Dorothy Duranty	Katie Filbin
Sunday, January 22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Helen Schlicht	The Prendergast Family
	Mass	9:00 am	The Cunnane Family	Jack, Mary and Family
	Mass	11:00 am	John Alesia	The Jolly Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Linda Augustyniak Flavio Gentile	The Jolly Family The Kostrewa Family

Presider's Schedule for January 14-15, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Ashley Augustyniak	Mark Kiley
Harold Bach	Lisa Massaro
Linda Bieniek	Jodi McMahon
Sally Burson	Mary Jo McMahon
Michael Cannon	Patrick Morgan
Jay Carroll	Gert Ogilvie
Chili Challenger	Jane O'Reilly
Laurie Coughlan	Karen Payne
Blake Donegan	Beth Pfluger
Victoria Donile	Geri Pfluger
Barbara Doyle	Madison Raupp
Matthew Doyle	Anna Rose
Lily Fielding	John Rutkowski
Jim French	Santa Snieg
Lilli Gregory	Rita Mae Spearman
Wilson Gregory	Barbara Stewart
Baby Poppy Harwood	John Stopka
Angela Hill	John Strougal
John Hronec	Olivia Tarsney
Rose Ilo	Theresa Toher
Mary J.	Quinn Whalen
Jane Jacobsen	Liz Wilk
Theresa Kandall	

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives 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



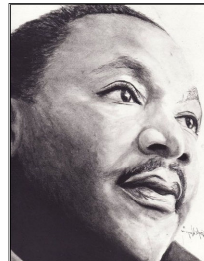
Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died, as well as their families:

Ed Patyk

Father of Jeff and Greg

Michael Stewart

Brother-in-Law of Lorraine Salerno



Rectory Closed

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 16. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 17 at 8:30 am.



Make a gift to the Sunday
Offertory with this QR Code.
Thank you for your support!

Pastor's Letter

*"I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*

Isaiah 49:6

We begin anew the "numbered" Sundays of the liturgical year, echoing the Epiphany commission. The star of Bethlehem was a light that both *guided* the magi to the child of Bethlehem *and sent* them out to the people and nations from which they came. **We are the descendants of the magi**; we come from those who were adopted through God's desire to embrace *all* people as members of one family. Like the magi, **we have been led into relationship with Jesus and sent out with a mission** to bring God's light and love to all; to tell the story of *our* relationship with God in Jesus and how this shapes our thoughts, words, and actions.

We and our two neighboring parishes, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross, have been moving forward in the Renew My Church process of evangelization and renewal. Maggie McMahon, our Pastoral Associate, and I have begun to discern of a parish Evangelization Team that will guide our efforts to inspire *missionary disciples* of Jesus for others. The term "missionary disciple" may seem strange to many at first, as will the language of evangelization. Many may think of evangelization as a "Protestant thing." Renew My Church seeks to inspire the sense that *each Christian* is called to missionary discipleship and to sharing our experience of our journey with Jesus.

This is the vision that Isaiah proclaims. The light of Christ, given to us in Baptism, is not to be "kept" within; it is intended to *shine out* for others so that they may come to know the light of God's love. Becoming a missionary disciple does not require us to become street corner preachers of the Word. A missionary disciple is one who shares their story of coming to know Jesus and how that relationship affects their lives. This might be sharing a moment when I felt comforted, encouraged, or challenged by God. It might be a moment of sharing how I came to understand a particular gospel story in my experience of something similar in my life. It may be expressing my gratitude to God or sharing what motivates me to serve others in my family, the parish, or the larger community.

A *missionary disciple* is willing and able to share their experience of God's love. She or he refuses to keep the gratitude or the joy to themselves. They welcome a conversation with others who want to learn more. In often simple ways, a missionary disciple follows the example of the magi and brings the light of Christ *to the ends of the earth*.

Last Sunday afternoon, our children who will receive First Eucharist this spring gathered with their families for the first of three preparation liturgies. Each child received a simple wooden cross, which they have been asked to wear to Mass each weekend. It is a sign to them that God is calling them out of their Baptism to join us at the Table of Eucharist; to become, with us, living members of the Body of Christ through the Eucharist. They remind us of *our responsibility to encourage them by example*; to witness to how the Eucharist forms and sends us to live as the presence and love of Christ for others. Let us pray for them and their families, by word and example, during these final months of preparation.

Peace,

J. Bill

NATIONAL
BLOOD
DONOR
MONTH



Sunday, January 22
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, LA GRANGE LOCAL COUNCIL 6483 BLOOD DRIVE

St. Francis Catholic Church-Gym, 145 N. Waiola
(Ogden & Waiola) La Grange, IL 60525.

Give blood & help us reach our 27-donation target to help supply 87 local hospitals. To make an appointment @ <https://tinyurl.com>, call 1-800-7TO-GIVE or scan the QR Code with your smart phone's camera:



Giving warms the heart! Donate and keep warm this winter with a limited-edition Versiti beanie, while supplies last.



Save
the
Date

Sunday, January 22, 2023—2pm
&
Monday, January 23, 2023—7pm



Author and renowned speaker,
Deacon Keith Strohm is coming to St. Cletus Parish Center!

He will share how much you are loved by our Heavenly Father in his two talks,
“Called to be Sons & Daughters” (Sunday) and “Walking the Path of Discipleship” (Monday)



Free will offering graciously accepted

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Check out how you helped translate the Catechism into the Mayan language Q'eqchi' through the Collection for the Church in Latin America! #ShareYourFaith #1church1mission: <https://goo.gl/ZTq2zZ>.



The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) will be the weekend of January 21-22. The 2023 campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to *share faith* with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invite you to aid our faithful brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church of Latin America. To learn more about who the collection benefits, review the information below or visit [How to Give](#) to participate this January.

For more information visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections. To donate, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/29204> visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked “Church in Latin America” and drop it off at the rectory or in a church collection box.



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SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

All are welcome!

Student Guided Tours - Activities and Clubs Fair
Robot Playground: Student Computer Coding Demos
Meet the Faculty, Administration & School Advisory Board

708-352-2175 SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL 145 N Waiola Avenue La Grange, IL

Excellence in
education from
Preschool 3
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SFX CWC INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL *LADIES DAY OUT*

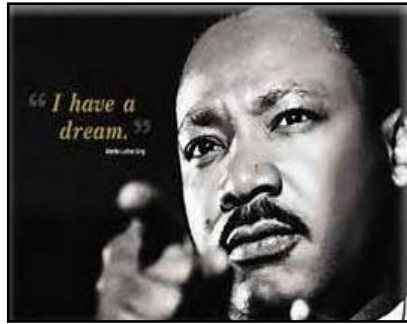
Saturday, February 4, 2023

sfxladiesdayout.com

Register today and consider
becoming an Angel Donor!

A Community Celebration

Honoring the Life and Legacy of



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2 Day Celebration "It Starts With Me"
"Cultivating a Beloved Community Mindset to Transform Unjust Systems"

The Movie "King" Montgomery to Memphis

Sunday, January 15—3:00 pm

Nazareth Academy High School Auditorium, 1209 W. Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park

A Community Prayer Breakfast

Monday, January 16—10:00 am-12:00 Noon

First Baptist Church LaGrange, 20 N. Ashland Avenue, LaGrange

For more information contact: Rev. Maurice McGee (708-574-6304),
Bro. William Branch (847-430-9744), and Rev. David Gross (630-977-3818)

Sponsored by: Caring Place, Western Star Lodge #87, Second Baptist Church, First Baptist Church,
1st Presbyterian Church, LaGrange Ministerium and Community Diversity Group



Knights of Columbus®

Congratulations are in order for two fellow parishioners as well as Brother Knights of The Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483. These fine gentleman, Brothers Brian Lisek and Marko Magajne will receive the St. George Emblem the highest honor in Scouting for their outstanding service, contributions and spiritual development of Catholic Youth in Scouting! They will be presented the award at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, January 22 at 3:00 pm.

Interfaith Career Network

Leverage LinkedIn: Automate Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, January 19 from 7-9 pm and start off your New Year with a new job search strategy! Ever heard about how great LinkedIn is for a job search but uncertain about how it adds value? Feel like there's a hidden job market, but aren't sure how to find it? Our presenter, Nicole Magats, is a Recruitment Consultant at Hirewell.

She will walk you through:

- how to set up your LinkedIn profile
- what sections you need to fill out
- how to stand out in a crowd of other candidates on LinkedIn

Learn secrets from an executive recruiter on how to power your career to new heights via LinkedIn. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org> for additional resources.



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Save the Date!



"There's a glove somewhere that's been thrown down. The women have put up a sign and said, 'Please listen to us. May we be heard'...

I pick up that gauntlet."

Pope Francis, 2019

ST. PHOEBE
Diakonos of the church

Join the conversation about women's leadership in the Catholic Church:

Wednesday, Jan 25 | 12:30 - 2:00pm in Unity Hall

Sunday, Jan 29 | 6:00 - 7:30pm in Unity Hall

Thursday, Feb 2 | 8:00 - 9:00pm on Zoom

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics around the world to engage in prayerful conversations about the movements of the Holy Spirit in the Church today. **Female leadership in the Church and the restoration of women to the diaconate has been a consistent theme and call throughout the global conversations.**

A team of SFX parishioners, with the support of parish staff, are working with an organization called *Discerning Deacons* to bring this transformative conversation to our parish and local community.

Let your voice be heard. All are welcome!

Contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions or to join the listserv.

For more information on the Catholic Church's discernment of women and the diaconate, [click here](#).

"Honestly, I was skeptical when I first learned of this conversation. But after participating in the *Discerning Deacons* prayer services and seeking to understand their response to Pope Francis' synodal invitation, it's so clear to me that the Holy Spirit is present here, asking us to pray and listen well. It's not about activism, it's about opening our hearts and imaginations to God's will. Letting the Spirit lead the Church beyond what we can imagine for ourselves."

- Maggie McMahon, MDiv (Pastoral Associate, St. Francis Xavier)

Christmas Flowers

In Honor of and In Memory of:

Marianna Adams
Carol Anderson
Audrie
Henry Azzi
Irene Azzi
Deceased Members of the
Bates & Simone Families
Diane Bereckis
Mary Bochenec
Paulette Bochnak
The Burson Family
Mary Lou Cardwell
Renee Challos
Tom Challos
Michael Cipriani
Theresa Cipriani
Victor & Lillian Copp
Bernadette Crowe
Donald Crowe
Michael Czubik
Frank & Laura DiSilvio
Deceased Members of the
Doonan & Martin Families
Lynn Doyle
Matt & Barb Doyle
Joe Dykhuizen
Bill Evans
Wendy Slocum Fitzgibbons
Kathleen Greco
John & Bernice Grezeslo

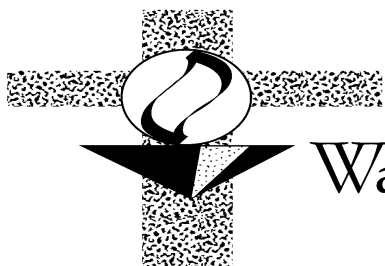
Hayes & Roach Families
Jeff Hemminger
Richard Herzberg
Gloria Hoalt
Leda Hofmann
Peg & Stan Humecke
Kathleen Humphrey
Bill J.
Keeley Johnson
Rosemary & Dick Kaiser
Jo Kalesz
Tony Kalesz
Deceased Members of the
Kalkowski Family
Kempfer & Van Ordstrand
Families
Joseph Kossman
Ed Kost
Terri Kostal
Bill & Marie Krynicki
The Kuchar Family
Roy Leslie
Alfonso Mangione
Antoinette Mangione
Louis Mangione
Mary Lou & John
May & Mike
Jane & Jack McIntosh
Mary & Bill McLaughlin
Deceased Members of the
McMurray Family

Dan Mega
Josephine & John Mega
Edwin Michalek
Elaine C. Michalek
Eleanor A. Michalek
Eleanor M. Michalek
Dan & Jean Murphy
Kathy Ogg
Besse & Dick Parlon
Victoria Pawloski
Christopher Peterson
The Pietras Family
Carol Pratali
Larry Reilly
Gilbert, Isabel & Richard Riess
Rosemarie Russell
The Schumacher Family
Claire Sharkey
John Shea
Mary & Joseph Simeoni
Jerry & Rita Mae Spearman
Albert & Gretchen Sterwalt
Barbara Swanson
Ruth & Bob Thunander
David West
Michelle West
The John Yelnick Family
Lillian Zydel
Ronald Zydel



2022 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2022 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk will be emailed to all parishioners starting on January 26, 2023. The email comes from notifications@ondemandmail.com and has the subject line of "St. Francis Xavier Contribution Statement". Please contact Parish Accountant, Jane Bandyk, at jbandyk@sfxlq.org or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.



Walk by the LIGHT of the LORD



WE thrive

Supporting our school's mission,
students and staff.

We believe that offering a blend of an exemplary academic and spiritually fortifying education for our children is a central parish mission. We are blessed that in our community, this mission is unified in the educational experience children and families have at St. Francis Xavier School.

If you currently support SFX Parish, you know that a significant portion of your gift contributes to the parish's investment in our elementary school. Even with this incredibly generous support, alongside families tuition investment, the school still needs to raise an additional \$274,000 annually in order to maintain a nationally recognized, academic environment that embodies our Catholic values of faith, prayer and service.

The **We Thrive** campaign (formerly Building our Future) raises funds to help us meet our annual fund goals - allowing us to support our students, faculty and staff in all that they need to succeed. **As you consider your end of year giving, we'd be grateful for your consideration.**

IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE VISIT WETHRIVESFX.COM TO MAKE A DONATION.

If you have any questions about the **We Thrive** campaign, please feel free to reach out to Jennifer Zeisloft, parish Director of Stewardship and Operations, at (708)352-0168 or jzeisloft@sfxlg.org.

*Thank you in advance for your support.
Please know that your gift is felt in our hallways, in our classrooms and
in the hearts of our precious students. We are forever grateful.*



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD LEADERS NEEDED!

Do you want to share the Good News with some of our youngest parishioners?

We are looking for a minimum of 4 adults over the age of 18 to serve as catechists during our 5PM Saturday Masses to share the Sunday Readings and a small activity (which will all be provided) with our parishioners of the ages of 3 - 6.

If we are able to get 4 interested adults, you would only be responsible to lead once a month, and the time commitment is 15-20 minutes during Mass.

Please call Elis Guidice at 708-352-4555 or email at sfxreligiously@sfxlg.org if you are interested in joining this beautiful ministry or want to find out more information.

Engage Community

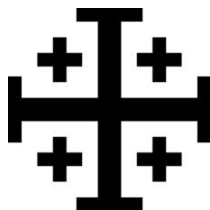


Men and women, single, married or divorced over 50 looking to connect with people who are willing to share their faith and help build a community of friendship, fun and service.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 25th when we will be hosting our first event of the year. To begin our journey, we will start with a short video on Prayer and Connection followed by a group discussion and, of course, snacks.

Where: St. Francis Xavier Unity Hall
124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange
When: Wednesday, January 25th
Time: 7:00–8:30 pm

Unity Hall is located between the church and the school. You should park in the SFX parking lot from Spring Avenue and enter the building via the courtyard between the school building and the church. We are excited and looking forward to meeting everyone. This would be a great way for new parishioners over 50 to meet. If interested or have any questions, email Amy at sspagetts@aol.com.



Kairos K40

Registration for our next Kairos, K40, is open. Kairos is a 4 day retreat for juniors and seniors in high school. K40 will be February 23rd to February 26th in Lemont, IL. The fee is \$300. Register here: <https://forms.gle/Mfk5J3ZeQP7fYgRH6>. The link can also be found on the parish website under the Youth Ministry tab.



Seasons of Hope

Grief Support Group

Began on January 9, 2023

Mondays at 9:10 am

following 8:30 mass, in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier

Seasons of Hope at St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet over a 6-week period to help participants walk through the grief process. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. It is suggested that participants allow 3-6 months from the time of loss before attending. Attending Mass is *not a requirement for the group!*

Past Participants Say:

"The focus on prayer and scripture reminds me that God is within me."

"This group was just what I needed at this time."

"Meeting wonderful people because of difficult times is a blessing."

"Helpful and comforting for my healing."

[Click here](#) or call Maggie McMahon at 708-352-0168, ext. 338 for more information to register.



Retreat for Pastoral Associates and Adult Faith Educators: Transforming Your Life in Light of Laudato Si' Action Platform

Monday, January 23, 7:00pm through

Wednesday, January 25, 12:00pm

Facilitated by Pat Bergen, CSJ

The Splendid Communion of Christ, Humanity and All of Creation is inviting us into a transformation of our lives. Pope Francis, aware of this sacred calling wrote a Letter to People of All Faiths (Laudato Si') inviting us to the care of our common home. Five years later with urgency he invites the global community of all faiths to action. Join in contemplating the call, discover yourself drawn into action and find your whole life being transformed. Cost: \$200 Overnight, \$150 Commuter/Zoom

Religious Leaders: Caring for Life in Light of Laudato Si'

Tuesday, January 31, 8:30am-3:00pm

Facilitated by Pat Bergen, CSJ

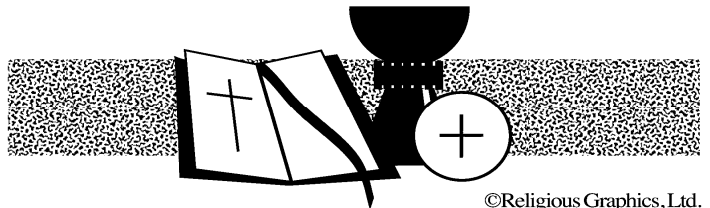
Gather with your staff and other religious leaders of all faiths to discover the "Why" of Pope Francis's letter, the urgency of the call to people of all faiths and the response of the global community to this letter. The intimate connection between Christ, humanity and creation reveals the importance of this invitation to realizing the Reign of God. Be the influence your faith community is awaiting. Join the global movement making a difference for the sake of creating a future full of hope starting now! Cost: \$50 (Hybrid).

Volunteers Needed for Meal Teams at St. Barbara's in Brookfield

BEDS Plus is reopening seven churches as rotational sheltering from November 28, 2022 to March 5, 2023. Holy Guardian Angels (St. Barbara's in Brookfield) will be the housing site on Friday nights. We are looking to build our meal teams to help feed approximately 40 individuals a dinner, breakfast and lunch once a week. The lunch will consist of a grab and go bag for the clients when they leave St. Barbara's on Saturday morning. BEDS is looking for volunteers to join the meal teams at St. Barbara's.

I've been a parishioner at St. Francis for 25 years and had volunteered for BEDS for 25 years. My time with BEDS included site work and meal organization one night a month at St. Louise. I also was a part of a laundry team for at least a decade. Though my commitment was only once a month, I felt a part of a community which encouraged that all people need to be treated with kindness, dignity and not feel the pain of cold and hunger. If you would like to contact me, Mary Ellyn Witt, regarding what it is like to be a BEDS volunteer send an email to mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.

If you would like to join one of the meal teams at St. Barbara's, contact Beth Kulpinski at 708-634-8885 or kulpinski@beds-plus.org.



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FOLLOWING THE WORD OF GOD IN PRINT

There are two options for those who prefer to follow the readings in printed form or who have hearing issues that affect their ability to understand what is being proclaimed.

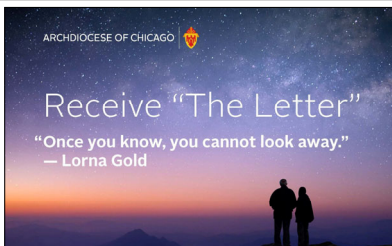
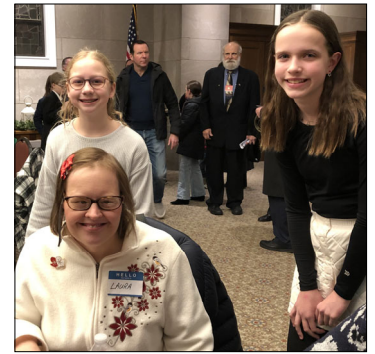
- Seasonal missalettes containing the Mass readings are available at the back of the church (please return them after Mass!)

OR

- Download the "iBreviary" app in your phone's app store. Select "pray" in the top left corner and then "readings." You can zoom in to increase text size with this option. *Note: if the app is showing the wrong date, go back to home and tap "today" in the top left corner to be sure the app has refreshed the date. Then select "pray" and "readings" again.*

THANK YOU!!

A special "THANK YOU" to Fr. Bill and to the SFX Day School Grade 6 students and their parents for making the SPRED Christmas liturgy so wonderful. We love partnering with you and are so happy to share in this very beautiful celebration. Thank you for the lovely reception following Mass. Your generosity of spirit and kindness is much appreciated.



The St. John of the Cross CARES Ministry invites you to:

"The Letter" Film Screening
Saturday, February 4
St. John of the Cross Parish Center
5005 Wolf Road
10:00am, hospitality at 9:30am

Receive the beautiful, compelling message of "The Letter" by experiencing the recently released film with an audience across the Archdiocese of Chicago. Building on the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, "The Letter" shares the real stories of people from around the world who come together on a transformative journey. As the stories unfold, be inspired by how spiritual values unite us in the face of a planetary emergency.

In light of today's ecological crisis, *Laudato Si'* teaches us that "everything is connected." (LS91) As our relationship with our Creator has been severely neglected, human relationships also have faltered, our world has grown hotter, less stable and more lifeless. As a result, we all suffer, and the poorest and most vulnerable suffer above all. We face a "complex crisis that is both social and environmental." —Pope Francis, *Encyclical Letter Laudato Si'*, (May 24, 2015), 139

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.

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 lehutams@gmail.com.



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

- **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
- **Lt. Commander 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
- **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
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

**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

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-7:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 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.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

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. 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

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

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, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

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