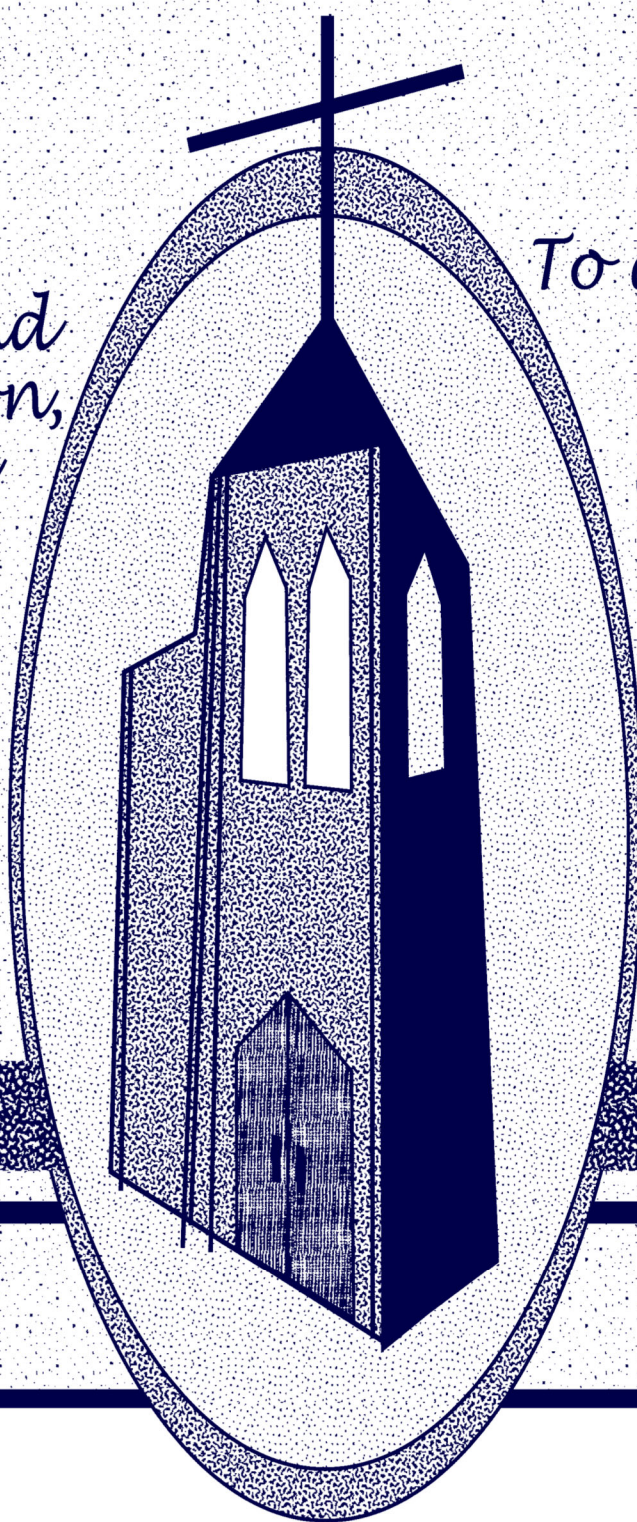


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2023



*The Lord is
my light and
my salvation,
whom shall
I fear?
This I ask
of the Lord,
this
I seek.*

*To dwell in the
House of
the Lord
all the days
of my life,
that I may
gaze upon
the beauty
of the Lord.*



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Herbert & Mary Schrack Julie Krol	Mark & Susan Hetchinson
Tuesday, January 24	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bob O'Malley	The O'Malley Family
Wednesday, January 25	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Rita Raso	James Sapienza
Thursday, January 26	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, January 27	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Josephine Schreyer	Pam Oplawski
Saturday, January 28	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Tyler Duelm	The Duelm Family
Sunday, January 29 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	David Stravinskis	The Metzger Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Giovanni Fasullo & Alicia Lopez	Hector & Libby Lopez
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Presider's Schedule for January 21-22, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk 7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk 9:00 am Fr. Milek 11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk 5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Ashley Augustyniak	Mark Kiley
Phyllis Beckman	Mary Ellen Leslie
Linda Bieniek	Lisa Massaro
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
Rosemary Fanta	John Rutkowski
Lily Fielding	Pat Saraz
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:

Joan Koin

Sister of Janice Carr

Jodi McMahon

Daughter-in-Law of Robert & Mary Jo McMahon



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Pastor's Letter

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Isaiah 8:24

We echo the prophesy of Isaiah that was proclaimed on the Feast of Christmas. Epiphany celebrated Christ as Light to all the nations. Christmas focuses on Christ as Light to the people of the promise. However, this light first shines, not to religious or civil authorities, but to humble shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night. And while the Christ is a descendent of David through his adoption into Joseph's home, he is the direct descendent of a carpenter from Galilee, a land of mixed marriages that was considered suspect in its observance of the Law of Moses. To the Jerusalem religious authorities, the people of Galilee were a people in darkness, having compromised their religious practices to accommodate their gentile conquerors. Thus, the promise that one day God would bring light to a land of gloom.

The Son of God makes clear by his birth that he comes to save not the people who consider themselves holier and therefore above others, but rather those who live in the shadows, whether on the darkened hillsides or the lands far to the north of Jerusalem. In the words that Jesus will later speak, "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." And, although his Light continues to shine among us, we continue to be lured and surrounded by shadows that would turn us away from the Light. Or we tend to draw artificial lines that would separate us who live in the Light from those "outside" whom we deem to be living in darkness.

A *missionary disciple* is one who carries the Light within as a precious gift of God to be both treasured and shared. The Light is given to us to heal and strengthen us in our weakness and sin, and not because of any merits of our own. This Light is given to us to be carried into the places of darkness in our families, our community, and our world as did the shepherds, Christ's first missionary disciples.

This was the mission of our patron, Francis Xavier. He embraced a call to proclaim to the peoples of India, Japan, and other countries of Asia the story of what God had done for us all in Christ. He went to set the world on fire with the Light of the Gospel and the gifts of the Spirit. He journeyed not with a sense of superiority over those to whom he was sent, but rather a burning desire to share the blessings that God had given him.

We proclaim the call of Jesus to his first disciples, honest fishermen from the same "suspect" land in which Jesus lived and came to realize his own mission. They are as unlikely as the shepherds to become the first whom Jesus would choose. Their call challenges us to see that God's ways are not our ways. God speaks to the place within us that others may discount and that may be most in need of God's healing grace. And then God sends us into the shadows and darkness, to tell his story and the story of our relationship with him to those with open minds and hearts. We are sent as his Light for them by telling the stories of how his Light has healed and strengthened us.

What are your stories of how the Light of Christ has shone in the darkness and shadows of your own life? To whom is God inviting you to bring hope by sharing those stories? **How is Christ calling you** to "Come after him" as his missionary disciple?

Peace,

F. Bill

NATIONAL
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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:



Sunday, January 22
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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 basket.

Join the SFX CWC

for our annual

Ladies Day Out

Sat, Feb 4, 2023

10a-12p: Optional Volunteer
Opportunities

3-6p: Reception at The Elm (La Grange)

- Open seating to meet and connect with the women of SFX
- Heavy Appetizers
- Wine and Beer Included

5p: Live Raffle Drawing

**Learn more at:
sfxladiesdayout.com**





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.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
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St. Francis Xavier School Early Childhood



Preschool 3
Pre - K 4
Kindergarten

ENROLL
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OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY JAN. 29
10am - 12:30pm

145 N. Waiola Ave
LaGrange, IL
708-352-2175



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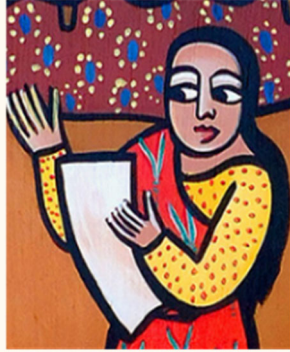


PRAY



GROW

Share your perspective!



"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!

Register at the following link: <https://signup.com/go/jyCOpBR>

Contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions.

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)

STEWARDSHIP



Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Your Gift, God's Hands

Sunday Offertory Report

Received through December 31, 2022: \$ 748,306
Last Year through December 31, 2021: \$ 764,545

Christmas Offertory

Received through January 15, 2023: \$ 140,247
Christmas Budget: \$ 160,000

Annual Offertory Budget: \$1,833,000

Every month in 'Your Gift, God's Hands', we highlight the different ways your contributions support our parish mission. This month, we are featuring our incredible St. Francis Xavier Elementary School!

As many know, the largest single investment we make as a parish is in our elementary school. As noted in the 2022 Annual Report, the parish is budgeted to provide over \$450,000 this year to support the spiritual and academic enrichment of our elementary school students.

The SFX values of faith and service come alive in the halls of our school and in the hearts of our students. More than any other program or activity, our all-school Service Program exemplifies who we are as a school. Each year, all year, students are engaged with people and causes throughout the community to allow for them to fully understand the meaning of service. Guided by the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching, the grade level service themes are:

- PreK and Kindergarten: Caring for God's Creations
- Grade 1: Caring for Older Friends
- Grade 2: Children's Rights & Responsibilities
- Grade 3: Poverty and Homelessness
- Grade 4: Working to End Hunger
- Grade 5: Veterans and Active Duty Service
- Grade 6: Ability Awareness
- Grade 7: Human and Civil Rights
- Grade 8: Social Justice



We are also a two-time National Board of Education Blue Ribbon School - maintaining the highest of standards and excellence when it comes to our students' education and preparedness for their lives after they leave SFX. Don't just take our word on it! Our local high schools say:

- "As a collective whole, the students that graduate from St. Francis Xavier Parish School are standouts, academically and socially." - Teacher/Instructional Coach from LTHS
- "Overall, the degree to which these students find success in high school can be credited to their exemplary preparation at SFX." - Social Studies Department, Nazareth Academy
- "It is clear the members of the SFX school community worked with the parents of these students to establish a great foundation for them." - Director of Student Services, Fenwick High School

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated in January each year - the bulletin next week will include information about the Open House, which will be held on Sunday, January 29. You can support the mission of our SFX School by contributing to Sunday offertory and contributing to We Thrive, the school's annual fund.



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 sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org if you are interested in joining this beautiful ministry or want to find out more information.

Engage Community

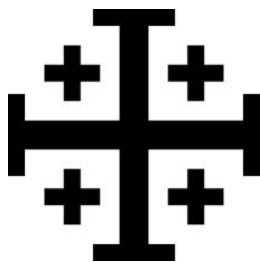


Men and women, single, married or divorced over 50 looking to connect with people who are willing to share their faith and help build a community of friendship, fun and service.

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.

SPRED Catechist Needed

SFX SPRED is special religious development for adults with intellectual disabilities, sharing God's love through this special program. A SPRED catechist is paired up with a special friend. No experience with persons with special needs is required. All that is required is sharing your faith with others. Training is provided. The group meets in the education building on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on specific dates from September to April. Time commitment is approximately four hours per month (twice a month). If you are interested in joining us in this ministry or have any questions, please contact any of the SPRED catechists below:

Cindy Anderson (708-402-0958)
Annmarie Gazdziak (708-655-3962)
Jarka Leicht (708-579-0747)
Joanne Matuszewski (708-870-0769)
Maureen Windmoeller (708-250-1049)

Katie Canino (708-870-3178)
Nancy Kalkowski (708-352-5993)
Nancy Leonard (708-846-4293)
Peggy Rost (708-505-3183)

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@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.



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.

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.*

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.

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 7

Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com
or Jack Horrigan at jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.



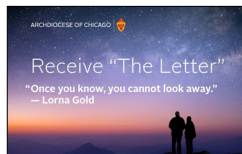
INSTRUCT ME IN YOUR WAYS, O LORD

Thank You

On behalf of the retired religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Francis Xavier Parish for the generous contribution of \$5,567 towards the 2022 Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who selflessly served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the 2023 New Year. If you have any questions regarding the Retirement Fund, please don't hesitate to contact me at 312-534-8234 or jzonsius@archchicago.org.

Gratefully,
Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.
Retirement Fund for Religious
Coordinator



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



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).

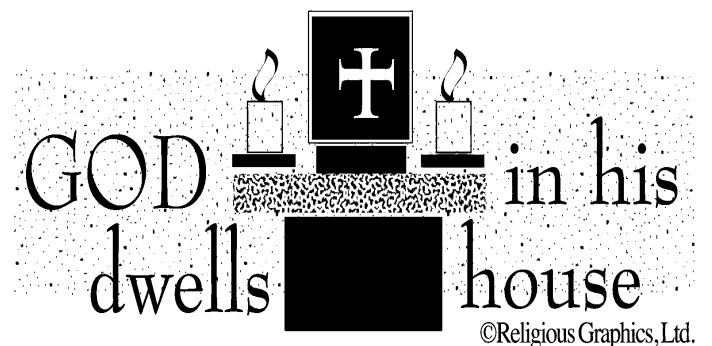
Embracing Our Inner Wisdom through Art

Saturday, January 28, 9:00am-12:00pm
Facilitators: Gillian Romano and Bridget Spurduto

Join us for a winter morning of reflection where you can pause and listen to the insights of your own inner wisdom as it resonates with the rhythm of the season. Poetry, visual art and music will aid us on our journey. You don't need to be an artist or to have your own supplies!

"The Letter": Film Screening and Discussion
Monday, February 6, 1:00-3:00pm repeated
Wednesday, February 8, 6:30-8:30pm (CT)
Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ

This film follows an indigenous leader from the Amazon rainforest, a young climate activist from India, a climate refugee from Senegal, and two marine biologists who live in Hawaii as they travel from their corners of the world to meet with Pope Francis. Dialogue is central to the Pope's vision for humanity's peace with all creation. Let's watch the film together and engage in conversation on how we can solve our broken systems and more deeply understand that a better future is in our hands.





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.**

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Deacon
Deacon
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Director of Community Outreach
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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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