

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022



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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new...

God's promise and our responsibility

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Special Intention	
Tuesday, February 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Ronald Lorenzini	The Donahue Family
Wednesday, February 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	William Kelly	The McKenna Family
Thursday, February 24	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, February 25	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Steve Wendt	The Duelm Family
Saturday, February 26	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Joyce Huber	The Kostrewa Family
Sunday, February 27 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Jack McMurray	Nancy & Mike Kalkowski
	Mass	9:00 am	James G. Smith	The SFX Sunshine Committee
	Mass	11:00 am	James Barrett	Mary Tassi
	Mass	5:00 pm	Robert Bozek, David, Mark & Daniel Graff	The Boughamer Family

Schedule for February 19-20, 2022~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Andrew Carney Jay Carroll Chili Challender Stephen Cunnane Blake Donegan Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory Darilyn Hockenberry Peggy Hofstetter Barbara Hudson Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Michael Landsman Art Lyons Enrique Martinez Teresa Martinez Lisa Massaro Caitlin McNeily Ron Minella	Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Lorraine Ovnik Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Baby Lucia R. Madison Raupp Anna Rose Kristin Sandoval Rita Scalcon Sr. Marlene Schemmel, CSJ Richard Schmuhl Jerry Spearman, Sr. Peter Spizzirri Barbara Stewart John Stopka Kate Frugoli Sullivan Albert Tassi Gregory Van Gorp Jim Vlcek Liz Wilk
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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:

Joseph Accardi
Son of Sharon Accardi

Mary Anne Jones
Wife of the late William

Jeanne Turek
Mother of John & Maria

Weddings

Brett McMurray & Matt Long



Readings For The Week of February 20, 2022

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
 Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/MK 10:13-16
 Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Pastor's Letter

Making All Things New... *God's promise and our responsibility*

Each year the Archdiocese of Chicago invites all people of the archdiocese to make a financial pledge to support the larger mission of the Archdiocese, both locally and globally. Funds raised through the Annual Catholic Appeal provide crucial support to parishes in areas with limited financial resources. They also support the work of Catholic Relief Services in its effort around the world. I encourage your participation in this important annual campaign. You can use the envelopes available at all church doors, completing your information and returning that envelope to the baskets at the doors. If you prefer to contribute electronically, you can use the QR code on the envelope or connect to the Appeal via the direct link on the parish website. Thank you in advance for your support.

The past two weeks have been a time of initial confusion and gradual discernment following the archdiocesan decision to make masks optional in archdiocesan schools and parishes unless prohibited by local mandate. Our school provided a few days for teachers and parents to prepare our students and made masks optional this past Monday. Our parish response comes after our COVID Leadership Team has had time to consider our changes for the attendance at church services. Our revised protocols provide options both for those who prefer not to wear a mask and for families with young children, the immune compromised, and those not yet ready to worship in a masked optional environment. I thank the members of the parish team for their care and concern. I ask your support in our efforts to be one family in which members can make different decisions and in which all remain welcome. May we witness by example to those around us.

Peace,
Fr. Bill

Join the Renew My Church Conversation

Please Join Our Parish Conversation on Renew My Church this Monday, February 21, at 7PM. This virtual session will last about one hour. You will have an opportunity to submit questions and comments remotely via Zoom. You can reach the Zoom link [here](#) or from the parish website. All encouraged to attend!



Renew My Church is a *spiritual* journey to re-encounter Jesus, as individuals and as parishes. St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus, and St. John of the Cross are not merging but rather will be encouraging one another and looking at collaborations to make us all more effective. The three Renew My Church initiatives are to:

- ◆ **Make disciples**
- ◆ **Build a vital community of faith**
- ◆ **Inspire witness that brings the light and hope of Christ to a world in need.**

These three mission imperatives will guide our renewal efforts for the future.

Join us at this final listening and feedback sessions to learn more and to offer your thoughts at this point on the process. Let us hold in prayer all three parishes and schools as we recommit to our faith in Jesus Christ and plan with an eye toward the future.

Renew My Church SFX Discernment and Decisions Team

Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Pastor

Fr. Rich Milek, Associate Pastor

Maggie McMahon, Pastoral Associate

Sharon Garcia, School Principal

Lee Egan

Bernadette McMahon

Tony Pangan

James Ward



**Please Make Your Gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal
*Making all things new...God's promise and our responsibility.***

God offers us the gift of renewal and invites us to take up, each in our own way, that work of renewal in our families, our communities and our Church. Your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal is a sign of your willingness to embrace both God's promise and your responsibility.

When you participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal, you support the life and mission of the Church and its outreach programs. You elevate our parishes, schools and religious education programs. You help provide for basic human needs, such as parish food pantries and soup kitchens. You also ensure that Catholic students learn and worship in a dignified and safe environment. When you give, you are recognizing your responsibility to God and helping make all things new.

This year, our parish goal is **\$117,555**. Father Bill Tkachuk will be speaking at all Masses about the importance of the Annual Catholic Appeal. You can make a pledge by picking up an envelope available at the church entrances. Alternatively, you can give online at www.annualcatholicappeal.com OR using the QR code on the bulletin cover.

Many families in our parish received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.



Rectory Closed

In honor of President's Day, the rectory will be closed on Monday, February 21. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 22 at 8:30 am.

Weekend Mass: A Home for All at St. Francis Xavier!

The Archdiocese recently revised its recommendation on wearing masks in church, allowing parishes to make masks optional. Parishioners with children too young for the vaccine and persons with compromised immunity issues for themselves or someone at home have asked us to provide an option for attending Mass in person. The parish COVID Leadership Team met on Tuesday to determine how to provide the safest possible environment for all who want to worship at St. Francis Xavier. We appreciate your patience in giving us one extra weekend to consider a plan that would be sensitive to the needs and preferences of all.

The following **changes** to our Sunday Mass protocols are in effect **beginning this weekend**.

- ◆ **Masks are now optional at the Sunday Masses 9AM, 11AM and 5PM.**
- ◆ **Masks are still required at the Saturday 5PM Mass and the Sunday 7:30AM Mass.**
- ◆ **Masks are now optional at all daily Masses.** Please allow appropriate distance if you are not wearing a mask.

We are **restoring the presentation of the gifts** from a table at the back of the center aisle.

Hand sanitizing is no longer required before receiving Communion. We encourage everyone to bring personal bottles for hand sanitizing. Spray bottles with hand sanitizer will be available in the front pews.

On Ash Wednesday, March 2, masks will be required at the 7:15 AM Mass and the 3PM Prayer Service only. All other Masses and services will be mask optional.

Decisions for Holy Week and Easter will be made after April 1 based on conditions at that point. **Thank you** for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill



Music Notes...

Parish Choirs New Singer Invitation!

Consider joining one or both of these choirs for the upcoming Lenten/Easter season!

**Proof of vaccination required at this time.*

9:00 a.m. Parish Choir

Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. starting **March 1st**.

This choir sings at the Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Men's Choir

Rehearsals: Tuesdays 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. starting **March 1st**.

This choir will sing for the *Passion of the Lord* on Good Friday April 15th - 7:00 p.m.

Interested singers should contact:

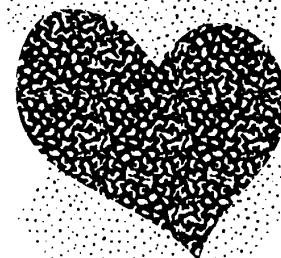
Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music Ministry

asterwalt@sfxlg.org / 708 352-0168

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
**Children's
Choir**

We sing as one family of faith!

RETURNS!!

Grades 1 & 3 – 8

**SFX Day School & District Schools...All children are welcome!*

EVENT: First Communion Choir

WHEN: Saturday, May 7th, 2022 – 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. OR 3:00 p.m.*

**You choose the Mass time!*

Weekly rehearsal commitment:

Tuesdays 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

***with “spaced” snack/homework time for early arrivals.**

First rehearsal: Tuesday, March 15th (in church)

*(Please enter through the West side church door across from
the SFX Education Building.)*

Registration DUE DATE!!

**Tuesday, March 1st, 2022*

St. Francis Xavier Parish Children's Choir Registration Form – First Communion 2022

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Child _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Mass preference (check one): 9:00 a.m. _____ 12:00 p.m. _____ 3:00 p.m. _____

I am available to be a parent helper at rehearsals. (circle one) Yes No

**Please e-mail, mail, or drop off this form by March 1st to the attention of:*

Mr. Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music Ministry

St. Francis Xavier Church·124 N. Spring Ave.·LaGrange, IL 60525

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

Songs for February 20, 2022
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us your hum-ble dwell-ing, All your faith-ful mer-cies crown.
Je-sus, source of all com-pas-sion, Love un-bound-ed, love all pure;
Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, Let your love in us en-dure.

Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, Let us all your life re-ceive;
Sud-den-ly re-turn and nev-er, Nev-er more tem-ples leave.
Lord, we would be al-ways bless-ing, Serve you as your hosts a-bove,
Pray, and praise you with-out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in your pre-cious love.

Opening Hymn: "Gathered As One" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Gath-ered as one in Je-sus your Son, lift-ing our voic-es in praise,
we know and be-lieve and long to re-ceive the bread that is strength for our days, gath-ered as one!**

Man-y fac-es, the young and the old, gath-ered as one in God!
Through-out his-t'ry the sto-ry's re-told, gath-ered as one in our God!
Like those come be-fore us, we lis-ten and learn.
We re-mem-ber the prom-ise and a-wait your re-turn.
So with-out hes-i-ta-tion a new gen-er-a-tion pro-claims the sa-lv-a-tion of God! **Refrain.**

Man-y pil-grims, shar-ing at feast, gath-ered as one in our God!
All are wel-come the great-est and least, gath-ered as on in our God!
Like those come be-fore us, we lis-ten and learn.
We re-mem-ber the prom-ise and a-wait your re-turn.
So with-out hes-i-ta-tion a new gen-er-a-tion pro-claims the sa-lv-a-tion of God! **Refrain.**

Responsorial Psalm 103: "The Lord is Kind and Merciful"

**Refrain. "The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful; the Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful.
Slow to an-ger, rich in kind-ness, the Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful."**

Communion Hymn: "Now in This Banquet"

Refrain.

**Now in this ban-quet, Christ is our bread; Here shall all hun-gers be fed.
Bread that is bro-ken, wine that is poured, Love is the sign of our Lord.**

You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your peo-ple of good-ness and light. **Refrain.**

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
o-pen our eyes to the glo-ry of God. **Refrain.**

God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,
bring us danc-ing in-to day, lead your peo-ple in your way. **Refrain.**

Hope for the hope-less, light for the blind,
"Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gen-tle" and "Kind." **Refrain.**

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,
make us your peo-ple a-gain. **Refrain.**

Come, O Spir-it! re-new our hearts!
We shall a-rise to be chil-dren of light. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "The Master Came to Bring Good News" *7:30 – vss. 1 & 2

Verse 1

The Mas-ter came to bring good news, The news of love and free-dom,
To heal the sick and seek the poor, To build the peace-ful king-dom.
Fa-ther, for-give us! Through Je-sus hear us! As we for-give one an-oth-er!

Verse 2

The Law's ful-filled through Je-sus Christ, The man who lived for oth-ers,
The law of Christ is: Serve in love Our sis-ters and our broth-ers.
Fa-ther, for-give us! Through Je-sus hear us! As we for-give one an-oth-er!

Verse 3

To seek the sin-ners Je-sus came, To live a-mong the friend-less,
To show them love that they might share The king-dom that is end-less.
Fa-ther, for-give us! Through Je-sus hear us! As we for-give one an-oth-er!

Recessional: "Send Down the Fire" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Send down the fire of your jus-tice, Send down the rains of your love;
Come send down the Spir-it breathe life in your peo-ple,
and we shall be peo-ple of God.**

Call us to be your com-pas-sion, Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love. **Refrain.**

Call us to learn of your mer-cy, Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace. **Refrain.**

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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – Text: Charles Wesley/Tune: HYFRYDOL

"Gathered As One" – Paul A. Tate

Psalms 103: "The Lord is Kind and Merciful" – Jeanne Cotter

"Now in This Banquet" – Marty Haugen

"The Master Came to Bring Good News" Text: Ralph Finn/Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT

"Send Down the Fire" – Marty Haugen

Sunday
Collection



GIVING AT SFX

We are so grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. Out of an abundance of caution, we continue to not pass a basket for our offertory collection. You can make a gift by using the boxes near the exits or by accessing this QR code. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate or text SUNDAY to 708-340-6630.

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Lent 2022

March 2 - April 13

Use your phone to scan the QR code ([or click here](#)) to sign up for any of the following events:

THE SEARCH | 6:30 - 8pm on Wednesdays (begins 3/9) in Unity Hall

What are you searching for? Bring your friends for a conversation about life and God. Dinner will be served, RSVP requested to estimate food order—but please still come if you forget to RSVP (we'll have extra)! If you would like to join us but are wary of dinner due to COVID concerns, please reach out to Maggie via the email below the QR code.

PRESENCE - COMMUNAL PRAYER: Reflection-Adoration-Taizé | 6 - 7pm on Thursdays (begins 3/3)

Practice basking in the presence of a loving God - hear a reflection from a fellow parishioner, followed by Taizé song and silence before the Blessed Sacrament. Speakers include: Therese Byrne, Heather Fitzpatrick, Henry Morlock, and Lee Egan. Location: SFX Church.

MEN'S LENTEN JOURNEY | 8:30 - 10pm on Mondays in Unity Hall

Become "a man after God's own heart" on this Lenten Journey for men.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: *THIS PRESENT PARADISE* | Meeting times according to participant preference

Join St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and a group of fellow women on a Lenten spiritual journey through daily life! Together we will encounter our own present paradise via St. Elizabeth's reflections on the interior life.

LITTLE BLACK BOOK REFLECTIONS & SMALL GROUP | FREE pick up at each door after Mass

Reflect together in a small community of faith. Registration preferred.

Monday Evenings - 7:30pm in group leaders' home

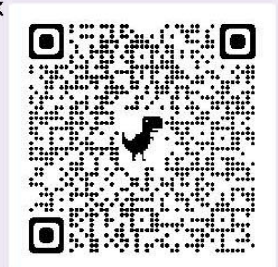
Tuesday Mornings - 7:45am in Unity Hall

Thursday Lunchtime - 12:15pm via Zoom

Or create your own with a group of friends!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 7:45 - 8:15am (in church), 12pm (virtual) on Fridays (begins 3/4)

Reflect on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. FAMILIES WELCOME! We will provide stations coloring sheets for the youngest ones. Feel free to come late or leave early to get to school. Virtual link found on website (see QR code for more info).



RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

Every Saturday: 9:00 – 10:00 am *In the reconciliation room next to the altar*

Plus these communal opportunities:

Saturday, April 2 10:00am *St. Francis Xavier Parish*

Monday, April 4 7:00pm *St. Cletus Parish*

Questions? Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

NEW PARISHIONER PRAYER SERVICE this Thursday, Feb 24th from 6-6:30pm

All are invited to join as we welcome our newly registered parishioners to the SFX family!

School of Religious Education News

RE Fundraiser Night at Panera Bread!

Plan for a family dinner out or pick up to go and help support the SFX Religious Education Program. 20% of the proceed will come back to our program as we prepare to return to in person learning for the 2022-2023 school year.

Event Date/Time: Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 4PM—8PM
Please show the flyer below.



HELP SUPPORT

SFX PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

WHERE: 439 North LaGrange Road, LaGrange Park, IL 60526

WHEN: Saturday, February 26th

FROM: 4:00-8:00 pm

Order online at panerabread.com and enter code PRFUND at checkout. You can also bring this flyer or show a digital version to the cashier when ordering at the café to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.

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*20% of total net sales from your designated fundraising event will be donated to your organization. Gift card, catering, kiosk and orders placed on third party delivery sites are excluded and will not count towards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: <http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-conditions/>

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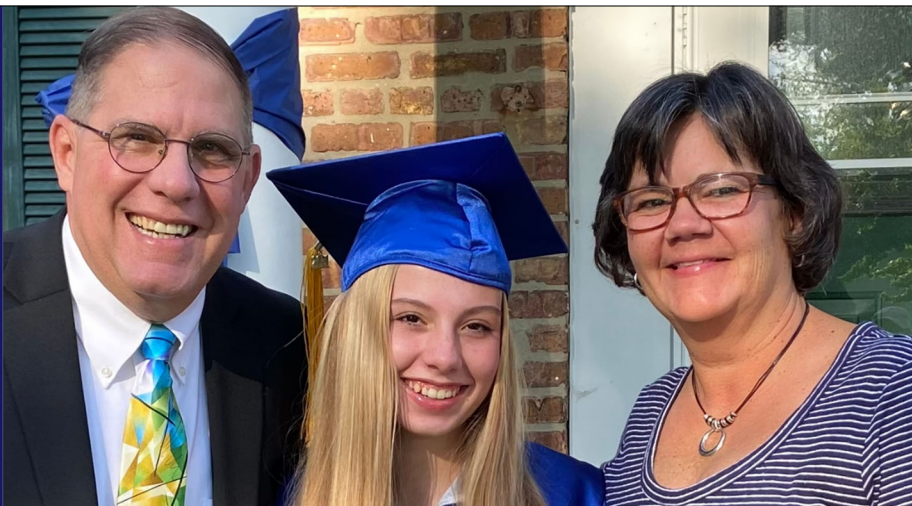
St. Francis Xavier School

Multigenerational SFX School Alumni Family

The Kudlacz Family

As we prepare to graduate the 105th class in 2022, we would like to highlight alumni with a legacy connection to SFX School.

These connections made from parents to children, grandparents to grandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins show the pride our alumni feel toward their alma mater.



Are you a multigenerational SFX School Family?

We would love to hear from you!

Please contact
SFX School
Advancement
Director at
708-352-2175 or
mtassi@sfxlg.org



The Kudlacz family; dad Frank '73, daughter Molly '21, and mom Judi '80, are all proud to say that they are St. Francis Xavier School Falcon Alumni. In addition, Judi has been a SFX staff member for 7 years, currently teaching Kindergarten.

"We have gone full circle; St Francis students, alumni, parents, and now teacher. Thank you St. Francis!"

Frank '73, Judi '80 and Molly '21 Kudlacz

Back to the 90's SFX Auction - April 30, 2022

Let's hit rewind to a totally rad time! We're heading back to the '90s for the St. Francis Xavier School Auction. Save the date and help make this auction the most awesome auction yet!

When: Saturday, April 30, 2022

Where: St. Francis Xavier Parking Lot

We're looking for businesses and families who have the 90's and SFX in their hearts to help make this the most awesome event since 1999. Two ways St. Francis Xavier parishioners can help:

Sign up today and become an auction sponsor.

Business and Family Sponsors help make this the memorable event that it is.

Share your brand or name with the St. Francis school and parish community by becoming an auction sponsor.

Learn more about sponsorship options and recognition benefits at: www.SFXauction.com

Contact andreadekoj@gmail.com or allichampion@hotmail.com with questions.

Donate an item for the silent auction and show you're Too Legit To Quit

Items we're still looking for: sporting tickets, concert experiences, music lessons, airline miles, a stay at your summer house, a grill, gaming systems, a round of golf, a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant, babysitting hours, spa experiences, beer of the month club, the options are endless.

Contact grace.r.burke@gmail.com and libbytuerk@gmail.com with donation offers.



*If we are unable to gather due to Covid-19 and local mandates, there is an alternative event plan that you can read more about at www.SFXauction.com.



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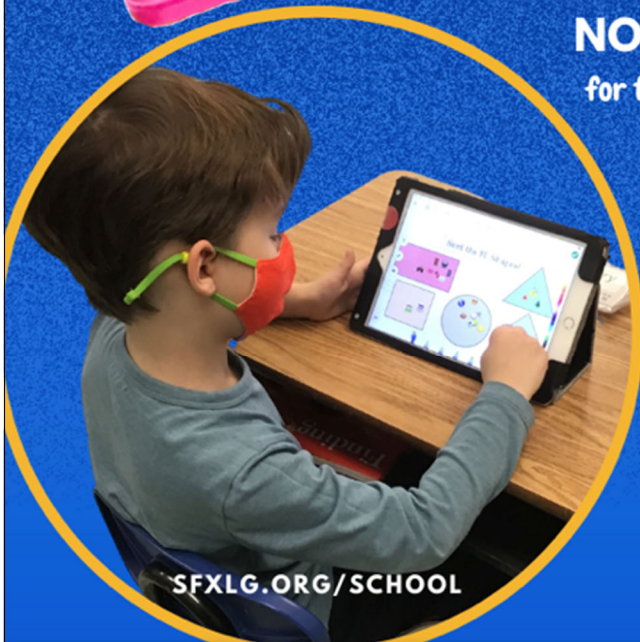
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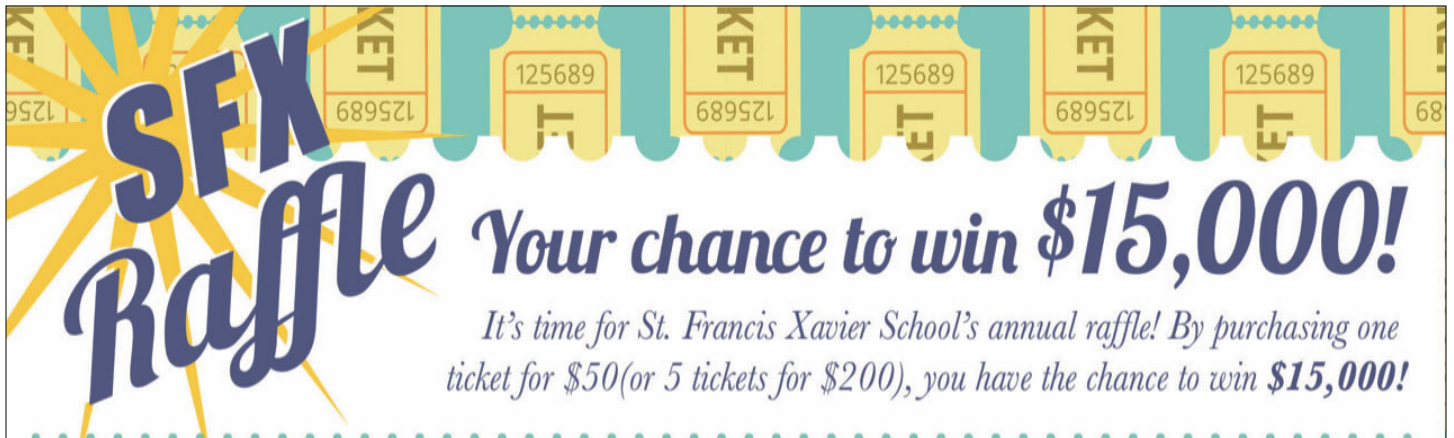
145 N. WAIOLA AVE. LA GRANGE
Ogden Ave. between LaGrange Rd. & Brainard



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St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

Join the SFX Family Ministry Outreach Committee as we help our community live more sustainably! We are looking for volunteers on **Saturday, March 5 from 8:50-10:30 am** at the Western Springs Styrofoam Recycling Event. We will meet at the Western Springs Recreation Center parking lot (1500 Walker Street) and collect styrofoam from cars and sort it for recycling. We provide all the necessary training, just dress for the weather. Bring your friends and have fun saving recyclable material from a landfill! Registration is required. Please contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net or 708-870-8808 to sign up.



SFX Raffle

Your chance to win \$15,000!

It's time for St. Francis Xavier School's annual raffle! By purchasing one ticket for \$50 (or 5 tickets for \$200), you have the chance to win \$15,000!

THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FAT TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

100% of the proceeds benefit SFX School. No Give Back!

VISIT SFXRAFFLE.COM TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Ticket stubs may be picked up in the gym foyer on 2/13 & 2/27 from 10am-12:30pm. Tickets may also be purchased on-site (cash or check).

Questions? Email: Prudence Hopkins at prudencemhopkins@gmail.com

RULES: Must be 18 or older. Winner will be announced at the end of the school day, March 1. Winner need not be present. If goal of 500 tickets is not met, a 50/50 split between winner and school will occur. All prizes are subject to applicable Federal and State tax. Winner will receive prize money once proper ID and social security number are provided. For complete terms and conditions visit <http://www.sfxlg.org> and click on "School".



We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media

SFX School Website: sfxlg.org/school

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

SFX School Facebook: [facebook.com/sfx.lg](https://www.facebook.com/sfx.lg)

SFX School Website: sfxlg.org/School

SFX Falcon Alumni Facebook: [facebook.com/sfxlgalumni](https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni)

SFX Virtual School Tour <https://vimeo.com/506617250>

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish
LaGrange, IL

To love your enemies, to do good to those who hate you This is what it means to be a follower of CHRIST



The St. Francis Xavier Parish Catholic Women's Club will be hosting our annual Ladies Day Out, on Saturday, March 5th, 2022. As of February 1st, we are almost at capacity for our Reception at the Elm! And our volunteer spots for that morning have been filled.

Would you like to order raffle tickets, but are unable to attend the Reception at the Elm for the raffle drawing? Winners need not be present. Please order your raffle tickets online, at sfxladiesdayout.com and email CWCLadiesDayOut2022@gmail.com, so we can place your tickets in your preferred prize.

Looking to help sponsor our event while advertising your business? Please visit "Corporate Sponsorship" on our website: sfxladiesdayout.com.

Thank you always for your incredible generosity.

Questions? Please email Lindsey Mackenzie at lindseycotter@yahoo.com.

*"I alone cannot change the world,
but I can cast a stone across the waters
to create many ripples."
Mother Teresa*

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.

St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

The SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee went on Sunday, February 6 to Cradles to Crayons. The Huston, Nowak and McMurray families helped put together newborn baby kits. Everyone had a great time and we helped put together over 400 kits.

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COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER Mother's Day Needs

One of our goals at Companions is to help families communicate with each other. We help by providing prisoners with cards and stationery for their use in writing their loved ones at Mother's Day. Please help us acquire the supplies we need. And Thank You!



Postage stamps
Stationery, Mother's Day cards, thinking of you and blank note cards
Gallon Ziplock bags
Reams of colored paper
Donations



Please do not send anything with glitter or any yellow/old papers or cards.

Please put supplies in the box in the vestibule by March 1. Thank you and God Bless You for your loving outreach.



New Parishioner Registration	2019	2020	2021
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Annual Total:	85	70	100
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The St. Francis Xavier Parish Welcome Committee was recharged in the spring of 2018 with hopes of creating an outreach to welcome new parishioners to SFX soon after they registered. With a lean but mighty committee, we created a best practice of writing a handwritten note to welcome each family. To date, we have written more than 250 cards!

Prior to the pandemic, we hosted New Parishioner Welcome Dinners every few months to give our new folks a chance to meet each other, as well as meet our committee. Since we were not able to gather socially last year, in 2021, we hosted several Prayer Services for new parishioners and a Meet and Greet in Unity Hall after all masses on one designated weekend.

We look forward to a very productive 2022 as we will continue our efforts to connect and engage with new parishioners. We are motivated to continue to create ways to insure that SFX is a welcoming parish.

Our next event is the New Parishioner Welcome Service on Thursday, February 24, at 6pm in Church. **All are welcome!** Whether you are new to the parish, are considering to register, or you are already a member, we hope you will gather with us in prayer.

To continue to do this good work, we would love additional members. Would you like to join the Welcome Committee to help us in any capacity? Do you have any questions? Please contact Laura Duelm by email at lauraduelm@hotmail.com or call/text 708-309-9079. Your time and support of this wonderful ministry are greatly appreciated!

Welcome Committee

Laura Duelm – Chair

Kathy Broderick, Nancy Cozzi, Shannon Gannon,
Mary Gertsmeier, Margie Hull, Oswaldo Lastres,
Susie Lehuta and Jody Wise

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are reaching out to our parishioners and friends to share the joy and comfort of participating in St. Francis Xavier Prayer Shawl Ministry. Even though we are not meeting in person as a committee, we are in need of people willing to give of their time and talent to build up our supply of shawls, lap blankets and scarves. Our January inventory stored at Unity Hall revealed: 2 shawls, 19 lap blankets and 5 scarves.

At this time we have three bins of donated yarn. We do not have the storage space for additional donations.

At this time, we need to respect covid protocol and rectory drop-ins are discouraged. You would need to call the rectory ahead of time at 708-352-0168 if you would like to do any of the following:

- Parishioners are welcomed to take a shawl or lap blanket for someone who may need the blessings and comfort it is meant to provide.
- Donate a shawl, lap blanket or scarf by bringing it to the church rectory.

If you have any questions, you may contact Sarah at sarahsmiles17@yahoo.com.

Become A New Eucharistic Minister

We invite you to share and explore your talents with us at Saint Francis Xavier Parish. We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers at our Masses. If you feel like you have a calling to engage in this very special ministry of distributing the Body of Christ to your fellow parishioners, please contact George Rutkowski at grutkowski@aol.com or call the rectory office at 708-352-0168. Attendance at a upcoming training class is required. Upcoming classes will be posted when they are scheduled. Ministers are scheduled to serve once or twice a month. The invitation to serve as Eucharistic Minister is open to all (baptized and confirmed) adult and teenage members of the parish. We encourage everyone in the parish to consider this ministry.



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. 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
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **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
- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Chuck 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
- **1st Lieutenant Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Col. 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
Director of Community Outreach
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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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 by appointment only. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.

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-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. 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, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center (Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email glopez.claret@gmail.com.

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