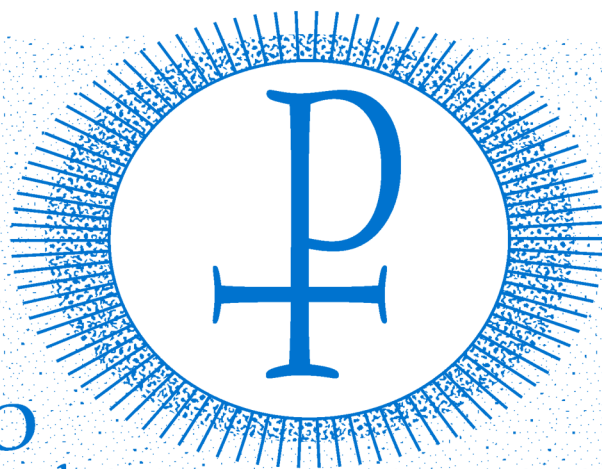



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020



Go
and make
disciples of all nations
baptizing them
in the name of the
and of the **FATHER**
SON and of the
HOLY SPIRIT
teaching them to observe all
that I have commanded you. 
For I am with you
until the end of the world

Holy Week
Monday, May 25
Tuesday, May 26
Wednesday, May 27
Thursday, May 28
Friday, May 29
Saturday, May 30
Sunday, May 31 Pentecost Sunday

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Community,

We welcome you to Sunday Mass at St. Francis Xavier. A pre-recorded Sunday Mass will continue to be posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org), and on Facebook and Instagram. We encourage you to worship with others at the time you usually attend Mass on weekends. In addition to this link, we are providing words to the hymns being sung. Be daring and join the virtual choir that will be singing with you throughout the LaGrange area. Let us hold one another in communion.

And please send your feedback to wtkachuk@sfxlg.org. Your feedback will help us make adjustments in the weeks to come.

Peace,
Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Please Pray For...

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sue Beyer | Bernice Niemiec |
| Jack Boyd | Bert Ogilvie |
| Jay Carroll | Arnold Oppenheim |
| Chili Challender | Jane O'Reilly |
| Americo DiGianfillippo | Shawna Palazzolo |
| Anthony Dina | Kathi Parisi |
| Blake Donegan | Ryan Patyk |
| Lily Fielding | Donna Pekarek |
| Baby Collins Fitzpatrick | Carolyn Peters |
| Lilli Gregory | James Pridmore |
| Wilson Gregory | Madison Raupp |
| Brian Hahn | Anna Rose |
| Patricia Hassler | Marilyn Rutkowski |
| Frank Hoos | Matthew Schiek |
| Rose Ilo | Larry Skippet |
| Mary J. | Greyson Stanley |
| Jane Jacobsen | Kate Frugoli Sullivan |
| Michael Janus | Anne Titzer |
| Peter Johns | Michael Ungari |
| Theresa Kandall | Gregory Van Gorp |
| Mark Kiley | Helena Walden |
| Benny Kilman | Carl Walsh |
| Jerry Kolman | Marian Ward |
| Lou Ellen Krueger | Liz Wilk |
| Enrique Martinez | Malcolm Young |
| Patrick Morgan | Scott Young |
| Mike Morrison | |

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

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

**Born Into
Eternal Life**



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

Readings For The Week of May 24, 2020

- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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

Pastor's Notes

"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
Matthew 28:20

These are the final words of Matthew's gospel. He writes to a Jewish Christian community that is confused and suffering. They have been expelled from the synagogues and are being rejected and persecuted by society and by family and friends. They believe that they are to be a light for God's people, shining out to all the earth. Yet they struggle to understand the workings and presence of God in their struggle.

"I am with you always." Jesus challenges his first disciples to trust in his ongoing presence and to call on the Holy Spirit when the way is hard, and faith may weaken. It is *in those very moments* that they will offer the strongest witness to others of the presence of Jesus and the workings of the Spirit. It is in the presence of darkness that their light will most be needed, and Christ will shine out through them.

Jesus speaks to us this day. Amid a pandemic that threatens both human lives and the economy that physically sustains us; when it seems to many that we must choose between the loss of life and the loss of jobs, businesses, and social stability. "I am with you always," he says *to us*. He promises the Spirit whose gifts strengthen and send us to make a difference in the world. "Come, Holy Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love!" We remember this weekend all men and women who gave their lives in service to their country. We honor the courage and faith of those willing to lose their lives so that others could live in freedom. We also pray for the women and men placing themselves in harms way for our sake *this very day* in the military, as civil servants, and as health care workers in all the professions caring for the sick and seeking cures and vaccines. We pray to be light for them in the sacrifices we make for their safety.

As I announced last week, our Parish Reopening Leadership Team is seeking volunteers (under age 65, in good health, and with no underlying health conditions) to set up the church building for services, greet those who attend these services, and clean the space between services so that it remains safe. At this point, we are

Daily and Sunday Mass Intentions

Father Bill is celebrating a daily Mass for the intention that had been requested for that day. Any Sunday intentions that he is unable to cover at this time have been rescheduled for a later date. We also continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 9-1. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

focused on Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals that permit no more than ten people to be in the church building at any one time. I will be available for Reconciliation in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall (accessed through the courtyard between the church and education buildings) on Saturday mornings from 9-10 AM. We hope to open for private prayer later in the month. Since circumstances and government and church policies can shift quickly, please follow the weekly Constant Contact for the most current information.

I encourage us all to pray with today's second reading during this week.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet."

Ephesians 1:17-22

Easter Blessings,

F. Bill

Blessing for Physicians and Healthcare Workers

May you always heal and be healed.
May those who come to you find in you
one who cares deeply
Whose knowledge includes knowledge
of the spirit's movements.

May you take pride in your gifts and
use them humbly.
May the suffering and the vulnerable
be your teachers.
May you see in others the goodness of a tender God.

May compassion encircle you carry you
Strengthen you and give you insight.

May your presence be hope to those in pain.
May your skill ease the way and instill trust.

May you know the Healer of all.
May your own heart be held in the
compassion and tenderness of God.
Amen.

Ringing of the Church Bells

Because some churches do not have bells, we ask parishioners to set their alarms so that they can stop for a moment to join in this common prayer.

Beginning Saturday, March 21, the prayers and intentions for each hour of prayer are below:



9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill. Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick.

Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers.

Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders.

Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today.

Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Sharing The Light

Leave a light/candle shining in your front window each night:



- for those who are traveling to get home safely;
- for those who are ill, to recover;
- for those who are lonely, to see friendship;
- for those in fear, to see a sign of comfort;
- for researchers, caregivers and all working night/day for our safety, to be strengthened by the warmth of gratitude

I will be putting a light in my window.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to
receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if
You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.**

Amen.

His presence among us continues forever



A CALL TO PRAYER

Bringing a light in the midst of darkness



Are you feeling overwhelmed by the effects of the pandemic and in need of prayer? We are here to pray with you and ask God for your needs.

Who we are: Volunteers from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to **accompany through prayer anyone who feels the need** for support during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

What we offer: A phone line staffed with people from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, as well as 24-hour voice mail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you: opening our hearts to God, asking for His blessings and peace.

312.741.3388 praywithme@calleddtoprayer.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese has issued the following guidelines for celebration of the Anointing of the Sick until further notice.

“Under the State’s exemption for essential services, the Archdiocese of Chicago is including Anointing of the Sick as an essential service. However, **out of an abundance of caution only a select number of priests will be allowed to administer this sacrament to any confirmed COVID-19 patients until further notice**. When a request is made for a priest to administer this sacrament, the priest must inquire if the ill person is a confirmed COVID-19 patient.

- **If no**, the priest may proceed under the following guidelines.
- The priest must maintain social distance with everyone present so as to offer comfort without making physical contact.
 - The priest must wash or sanitize his hands with soap and warm water both before entering the room and after leaving.
 - The anointing must be done with a cotton-tipped swab or a cotton ball which will be burned or buried after use.
 - Bleach wipes or soap and water will be used to sanitize all supplies both before and after the anointing.
 - If the sacrament is celebrated in a health care facility, the priest must follow the protocols and protective guidelines of that facility.
- **If yes**, the family must be notified that, due to guidelines set forth by the archdiocese to ensure everyone’s health, another priest must take the call and that the family will be contacted by that priest. Explain to the family members that out of an abundance of caution **only a select number of our priests are allowed to administer this sacrament to any confirmed COVID-19 patients until further notice**. (4 priests will be designated priests in each Vicariate who are under age 60 and in good health). These priests will follow special precautions established by the Archdiocese.”

CHRISTIAN BURIALS

The Archdiocese has issued the following guidelines for funeral services and burials until further notice.

“Burials at Catholic Cemeteries may continue and are not suspended at this time; however, attendance limit and social distancing requirements apply per below. Please note that our churches are still closed; therefore, funeral Masses are not possible.

However, if a family requests a funeral, there are two options:

1. A funeral service, not a Mass, may take place at the funeral home
 - a. the limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.)
 - b. All attendees must practice social distancing
2. A funeral service may take place graveside at the cemetery before committal/burial.
 - a. the limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.)
 - b. All attendees must practice social distancing”

Please note that the family can plan to celebrate a Funeral Mass at the church once restrictions have been lifted, even when the burial already has occurred.

RECONCILIATION WHILE CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

The Archdiocese has provided the following information regarding celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation while churches are closed.

“Individual confessions are currently not possible; this includes virtual or phone confessions, which are never permissible, nor drive-thru confessions. Despite the good intentions around such novelty, we must attend to our underlying theological tradition of the sacrament, as well as support the stay-at-home order and its intended purpose – to keep people safe in their homes at this time. In keeping with longstanding pastoral practice when penitents’ access to the sacrament is restricted, they can be assured that their sins are forgiven if they make an act of contrition with a firm resolve to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the stay-at-home order is lifted. The faithful should be encouraged to pray particular prayers or meditate on passages of the bible ... to assist them in seeking the mercy and forgiveness of God and the grace of reconciliation.”

I suggest the parables in Chapter 15 of Luke’s gospel.



Habitat for Humanity

Through the generous contribution of time, talent, and treasure, the St. Francis Xavier community has been supporting the Clarksdale Mississippi Habitat for Humanity program for 25 years. Every summer SFX sends several teams to Clarksdale to work on homes and we have provided new homes to over 50 deserving families. To build a home, the local Habitat chapter must raise about \$50,000. Upon completion, the resident is provided an interest-free loan to pay for the home. Through your generous support last year, we were able to drywall and paint the home we started the previous year and it is now nearly ready for a family. We also performed repair work on several current Habitat homes, enabling the families to secure insurance.

While the pandemic may affect our ability to send teams this summer to continue our work to provide affordable housing for those in need, the needs of the Clarksdale Habitat Chapter and community have not changed. In fact, in many ways their situation has become more dire because no other church groups or volunteer organizations have been able to go to Clarksdale. Therefore, we are asking for your support. If we are able to send groups, your support will go directly to funding the construction materials for the Habitat houses. The volunteers fund their own food and expenses for the trip. If we are not able to send groups, your support will go toward supporting the local Chapter in providing needed services and to fund repairs to the existing Habitat homes.

We understand that during this time you have many competing requests or personal situations, but please be as generous as you are able. Your donations have a direct effect on our ability to provide affordable housing to well deserving families. If you would like to donate on line, we have set up a Give Central account specifically for Habitat, located at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/13243>. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the groups, please contact Bob Albertini at 708-710-5645. No building experience is necessary. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sew...We Need Your Help!

If you can sew, we need your help! Disposable face masks are in short supply and fabric masks can help our healthcare workers and senior citizens. There are many designs online but simple is best. The instructions below for a simple mask can be adapted depending on what you have available. Tightly woven cotton fabric is best. If you don't have flannel for the lining, use two layers of cotton fabric. If you don't have elastic, use bias tape or fabric to edge the short end of the mask and make 10-12" ties on each corner.



A collection box has been placed in the vestibule of the Oak Lawn Village Hall by the police desk on the west side of the building. The address of the Village Hall is:
9446 Raymond Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Please put your completed masks in a plastic bag and drop them in the box. They will be distributed as needed to local health care providers, nursing homes, etc.

For any questions please email community_mask_initiative@gmail.com. Dig into your fabric stash and be creative! Happy sewing!

Since many stores will be mandatory closed, fabric can be purchased at Walmart, Amazon or mail order from Joann Fabrics.

How to make a Face Mask

Materials Needed:

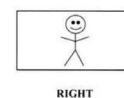
Fabric 1 - Cotton Fabric

Fabric 2 - Cotton or Flannel for the backing

1/8" Flat elastic (If you don't have elastic, use bias tape or fabric to edge the short end of the mask and make 10-12" ties on each corner.)

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together.
2. Cut 9" x 6"
3. Starting along one of the 9" sides from about 3 inches from the corner, begin sewing the bottom edge, sew to the first corner, stop. Place the elastic into the corner and sew back and forth a couple of times to make sure it is secure.
4. Continue sewing along the 6" side and stop before the corner. Bring the other end of that same electric to the corner and sew back and forth a couple of times.
5. Next sew across the top of the mask to the next corner. Again put the elastic in the corner and sew back and forth.
6. Continue sewing to the next corner and place the elastic into the corner and sew back and forth.
7. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn in-side out.
8. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction.
9. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.

Be sure the fabric design is place horizontally.



Save the Date!



**Mark your calendar now and SAVE THE DATE
for the upcoming blood drive**

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

June 12, 2020

11:00 am-5:00 pm

Appointments are encouraged!

Please click

[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/
drive_schedule/5585689](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5585689)

to schedule your preferred donation time!

Who benefits from blood donation?

At Versiti Blood Center of Illinois, formerly Heartland Blood Centers, we never forget the patients who receive blood we collect. Every unit of blood is collected from volunteer donors who meet specific criteria and have been screened according to strict guidelines. Every unit (pint) is collected transported tested and stored according to tightly controlled procedures.

Examples of transfusion needs are:

- Cancer: up to 8 units/month
- Bone Marrow Transplant: up to 2 units/day
- Liver Transplant: up to 100 units
- Auto Accident: up to 50 units
- Cardiovascular Surgery: 2-25 units

For specific questions regarding your blood drive, please contact your Account Representative, Lawrence Smith, directly at LSMITH@HEARTLANDBC.ORG.

Text "CHARLIE" to 999-777 to opt into text messaging to receive information about upcoming blood drive events, promotion and blood inventory needs!

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Final Confirmation Request Forms

Quest Confirmation teens: if you have not yet turned in your final request forms for

- Confirmation, please do so! You can scan them
- or take a picture and email them to Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org.
- Contact Olivia if you have any questions.

Parish Food Pantry Ministry

The parish Food Pantry Ministry continues to operate on **Tuesdays 9:30-11am**. We will update hours of operation as circumstances warrant. To maintain safe distances, we are offering guests pre-packed bags and drive-thru service.

Volunteers

We appreciate all the volunteer offers but are currently limiting our small crew to staff and their family members. We look forward to welcoming back all our volunteers!

Food Donations

Mondays 9am-Noon. Nonperishable items (canned soup, vegetables, fruit, beans, chicken, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, tomato sauce, rice, cereal and coffee & tea) can be dropped off at the Rectory side door (parking lot side). **Cereal and items for hot beverages are especially appreciated.**

Monetary Donations

We make large purchases through the Greater Chicago Food Depository, including meat, fresh produce and bread at discounted prices.

Monetary donations can be made via:

Parish Give Central - click link below

[https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/
event/5199](https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/5199)

Text **PANTRY** to **708-340-6630** for directions to contribute via Give Central.

A check made payable to SFX Food Pantry and dropped off through the Rectory mail slot or mailed to 124 North Spring LaGrange, IL 60525.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is open to New Families. Registration Packets can be found on the website sfxlg.org.

Registrations received in the office after May 31st will have an increase of \$50 in tuition. If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.





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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **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
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack
and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army**—nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite

**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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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

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Sunday-Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
 Saturday afternoon.....4:00-5:00 pm
 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 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

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