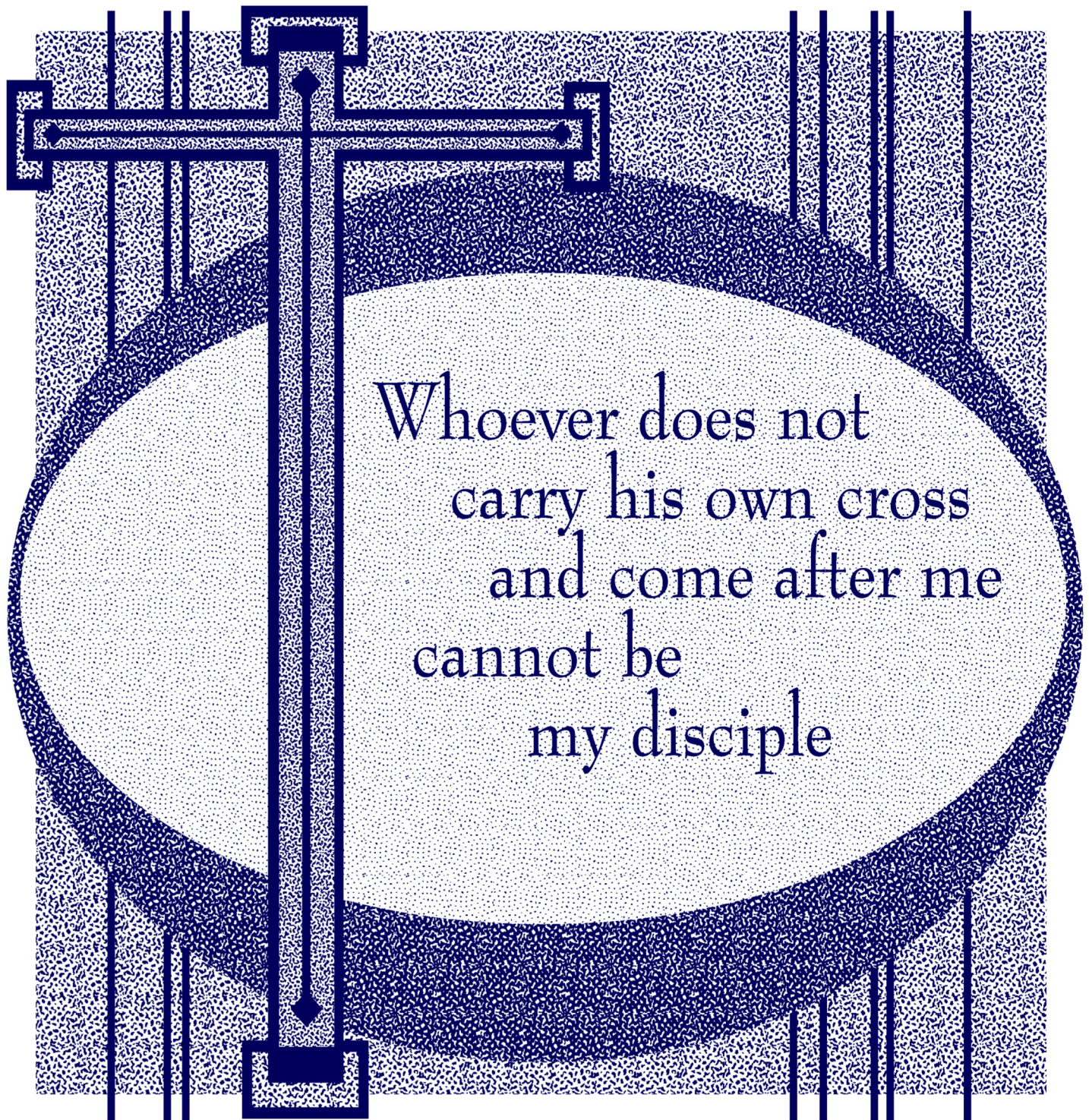


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, September 5 Labor Day	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Thomas Nichol, Sr. Leonard Stanczyk	Tom & Lucile Nichol Linda Danielson
Tuesday, September 6	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Greg McDonnell	
Wednesday, September 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Lamar Whitmore	Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Thursday, September 8	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, September 9	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Clement Warzecha Michael McMurray	The Honan Family Jean Kalkowski
Saturday, September 10	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	James Barrett	Kim, Dawn and Mary
Sunday, September 11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	Michael Doorhy	Your SFX Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Joseph Accardi	Erin Navolio
	Mass	5:00 pm	William Lappe	The Sullivan Family

Schedule for September 3-4, 2022~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Killeen **7:30 am** Fr. Milek **9:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk **11:00 am** Fr. Milek **No 5:00 pm Mass**

Due to the Labor Day Holiday there will be No 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, September 4

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Michael Cannon Jay Carroll Chili Challender Olivia Denson Blake Donegan Victoria Donile Barbara Doyle Matthew Doyle Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory John Hronec Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Lisa Massaro Linda McMahan Patrick Morgan	Mike Morrison James Mose Beth Nelson Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Geri Pfluger Madison Raupp Anna Rose Rita Scalcon Richard Schmuhl Santa Snieg Rita Mae Spearman Barbara Stewart John Stopka John Strougal Kate Frugoli Sullivan Olivia Tarsney 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:

Jim Mooney
Father of Lee Egan

Weddings

Carmen Hermosin & Eduardo Mateo
 Kate Mulcahey & Ryan Gartland
 Eileen Baltazar & Matt Maguire
 Mckenzie Hathaway & Henry Byrne
 Grace Flaherty & William Sinnott



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

Pastor's Letter

"If anyone comes to me without loving me above all else, they cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:26

Why would Jesus ask us to hate? In today's gospel, we hear Jesus say, "Whoever comes to me without *hating* their father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even their own life, *cannot be my disciple.*" You might say, "This must be a mistake or a poor translation." However, in the time of Jesus, love and hate defined *two exclusive options.* If you committed to *love someone or something* above all else, you must then "*hate*" everything else; you must *let go of any attachment to all else.* Jesus says this as he approaches Jerusalem, where he will face suffering and death. He asks his followers to understand that only by placing love of God above all else will they be able to journey with him through suffering and death to new life. They, and we, must let go of our hold on *anything else* in our lives that would cause us to hesitate.

What competes with my love of God and commitment to Christ's mission? What are the signs that someone or something else has taken God's place? In my own life, I come to see that I am bargaining with God. "If only you let me have this one thing, I will not ask for anything else." "If only you will take away his stubbornness, or cure her illness, or give this family what they are asking." "If only you give me one more year before things change, or help me get those tickets, or ensure that I get everything done on time." Whenever I place expectations on God based on *the world as I would have it*, I am choosing to love someone or something more than God.

Autumn was a time for many of our ancestors to take inventory. Facing the potential harshness of the winter months ahead, they had to decide what to preserve and what to let go of to make room for what was essential. This also is true in living our

mission as disciples of Christ. I am called to be a witness to my trust in God's love and care above all else. What do I need to keep close to me; what do I need to hold more loosely or perhaps give away? Am I willing to separate my "wants" from my "needs" to serve God above all else? Am I willing to place God's direction for my life and my community before ideology or politics or ethnicity or even the most just cause? How might our lives be changed if we take a searching and fearless inventory of our lives and release our hold of all that stands between us and God?

Father Larry Dowling, pastor of our sharing parish, was asked to offer a Labor Day reflection. He writes that, in recent years,

"We learned a lot about ourselves, our public health safeguards, and our interconnectedness with "essential workers." In addition to the tireless first responders on the front lines, we deepened our awareness of our dependence on food production workers, drivers, workers who provide in-home care, etc. As we pulled back the curtain on our economic systems during the pandemic, we realized that the workers who kept us safe and comfortable were the lowest-paid and the most poorly treated workers, most often immigrant and African American workers... There is a sacred link between our faith, our work, and the workers who make our lives possible. With the grace of God, may those links be strengthened that those who steward our businesses (and all of us) may more and more recognize their sacred responsibility to respect the dignity and sanctity of workers, providing wages, benefits and a work environment that honors them and their families! Happy Labor Day!"

Peace as our Summer time comes to its end,

J. Bill



In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the rectory phones will be answered by the service starting on Friday, September 2nd at 4:30pm through Monday, September 5th.

We will reopen on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:30 am.

Diversity Days in LaGrange



31st Annual Race Unity Rally
Sunday, September 11
In Person
LaGrange Village Hall
3:00 pm

Theme: Thriving Together

Featuring:

- Adam Maycock, CEO and President of AdventHealth LaGrange and Hinsdale



CDG 2002 Awardees:

- Minnie Carr, Service Award:
Rev. Alfredo C. Banks



- Lifetime Diversity Achievement Award: Sister Marlene Schemmel (posthumously)



Also Featuring:

- Youth Diversity Essays
- Caring Place Youth Choir with Rev. Shawana McGee
- Village of LaGrange Unity Proclamation

More Diversity Days Activities:

- "Driving While Black" Movie-Discussion Fri. 9/9 5:45pm LaGrange Library
- Summer Read Book Discussions (TBD)
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee

Sponsored by the
CommUNITY Diversity Group of LaGrange

For more information email
LaGrangeDiversity@gmail.com visit
www.communitydiversity.org
or call Linda Eastman at 708-579-5114

Parish Open Position: Facility Manager

We are looking to hire a new Facility Manager with the retirement of Frank Roccasalva this fall. The Facility Manager reports directly to the pastor and is an integral member of the parish staff. He or she manages our building operating systems and routine maintenance of all parish facilities. They have oversight of all contractor and purchasing contracts to achieve the smooth operation of the parish's daily logistical requirements. Some examples of duties include:

- Monitor and manage routine/preventative maintenance of the parish buildings, grounds, and equipment, including but not limited to HVAC systems, plumbing, electrical, phone systems, and building security.
- Supervise parish custodian staff and external custodial services for all campus buildings.
- Interact with the Elementary School Principal and Director of Religious Education to enhance the learning environment in the Education Building
- Manage work orders for parish events and group meetings in collaboration with the event group contacts, and direct custodial services to prepare for and work at the events as needed.

Please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Parish Director of Stewardship and Operations, at jzeisloft@sfxlg.org for more information or to apply.

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of August:

Nancy Block
Chris Lyons & Sarah Borghi
Michael & Kathryn Dahl
Lee & Jennifer DeDore
James Donoghue, Jr.
Joseph & Kathleen Duhig
Zachary & Ashley Erickson
James & Kristin Gecan, Jr.
Karyna Govea
Ryan & Sharon Hamilton
Bob & Sarah Johnson
Broderick & Kathleen Kelley
Walter & Geraldine Maag
Kevin & Lizzy Mroz
John & Jessica Powers
Justin & Kristen Sheffield
Matthew & Kathryn Vertin





Bereavement Ministry at St. Francis Xavier Parish

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted."*
Matthew 5:4

When a member of the Body of Christ dies,
we are called to a ministry of consolation.
The Church calls us to care for the dying,
to pray for the dead,
and to comfort those who mourn.

As a people of faith, we believe that God created
each person for eternal life and that as Christ was
raised from the dead we too will be raised to glory.

When a death occurs, life,
for those who live on, changes forever.

The Church recognizes this change
and offers hope and comfort to those
who grieve the loss of a loved one.

As Jesus comforted Mary and Martha,
the parish community can reach out
to comfort those who mourn.

The Bereavement Ministry under the guidance and
supervision of Fr. Rich and on behalf of the parish
will:

- Pray for the members of the parish community who have died and for their families.
- Offer the bereaved family support and guidance as they plan the funeral liturgy.
- Visit the family and friends of the deceased at the wake to offer support and prayer on behalf of their parish community.
- Conduct the wake service if needed or requested by the bereaved family.
- Serve as a greeter, lector or Eucharistic Minister at the funeral liturgy if needed or requested by the family.
- Attend occasional prayer sessions and on-going formation to support the ministry.

On behalf of the entire parish we want to thank the present Members of SFX Bereavement Committee for their service and we invite others to join. If you feel that God is calling you to be part of this ministry, please call the parish office at 708-352-0168.

For those who are interested, training and more information will be provided.

God Bless,
Fr. Rich

SFX Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for a small, simple way to serve and love others? Look no further! St. Francis is expanding our hospitality ministry to make it *even easier* for anyone to jump in and play a part in welcoming others to our community.

Through a newly established sign up on our website, anyone can contribute meaningfully to our culture of hospitality and welcome - on your own schedule and at your own pace! Offer to write a few welcome notes to new parishioners, to greet at one or many Masses, or to attend a New Parishioner Prayer Service.

We are practicing hospitality as a way of life here at St. Francis! Even if you don't have the capacity to sign up for a service spot at this time, just smiling and introducing yourself to someone new this week makes a huge difference in our parish community.

[Click here](#) or visit sfxlg.org - Parish - Ministries/Organizations - Hospitality Team to sign up for a small act!

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those who need these gifts.

We plan to start meeting again in person. Currently we are a small group and at this time would welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

We are now scheduled for the following:

- Monday, September 19th—7:00-8:00 pm at Unity Hall. Committee meeting will include an update, crafting while there, sharing ideas and chit chat.
- Saturday, October 15th—5:00 pm Mass. Blessing and distribution of shawls. Shawl distribution will continue at Sunday masses until all of the shawls and lap blankets are gone.
- Wednesday, November 9th—Committee meeting at Unity Hall from 7:00-8:00 pm.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Are you (or is someone you know) thinking about becoming Catholic?

Mid-September we will start a new round of our collaborative RCIA journey with St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus. RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - is the **process of spiritual and educational formation through which adults become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church.**



We are asking for your help identifying and personally inviting anyone who might be considering becoming Catholic. They could be unbaptized or baptized Christians who want to accept the Catholic faith. RCIA is also designed for Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. **The number one reason women and men join the RCIA process is that someone they trust invited them to consider it.** Please give it some thought!

If *you* are interested in the RCIA journey yourself, be bold! We would love to talk with you. No commitment necessary. Plus check out what last year's participants had to say about their journey:

That Man Is You Men's Group



**Tuesday nights at 8pm
in Unity Hall**
(beginning Sept 13)

Gather for social time, an interesting video, and small group discussion about authentic male leadership in faith, family, and the workplace.

"It was an amazing experience. Better than expected. Really enjoyed getting to know the men in the group and growing in our faith journey together."

"Very positive experience! It was my first participation in a men's group. I was somewhat reluctant but was surprised by interaction and discussion in a very positive way."

Interested? Contact
mike.jakubisin@gmail.com
or [click here](#) to register.

SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP



Stop! Come and hear Joan STOPKA speak!

Sept 13 at 9am in Unity Hall

The Senior Women's Group is pleased to have Joan Stopka as a speaker on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in Unity Hall immediately following 8:30am Mass. Joan will tell us about her volunteer involvement in one of the ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Taller de José (Joseph's Workshop). Taller was established to place the clients in contact with the resources that they need to help with their daily lives. An additional step, unique to Taller, is that when necessary they accompany the clients to their appointments.

Joan has been a parishioner of St Francis for 51 years. She taught Spanish for 38 years before her retirement from Lyons Township High School. She has been a compañera (companion) at Taller de José for 11 years.

Everyone is welcome to join. It is a time to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. All are welcome. Light refreshment will be offered.

...But what is the SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP?

The group was started in 2011 by Nancy Morgan and Joan Cushing. We provide an opportunity to gather with women we have not seen for a while *OR* to learn the names of women we have seen many times but don't really know *OR* to get acquainted with women who are new to the parish.

The group meets four times a year. One meeting during Advent or Lent is spiritual in nature. Two meetings are open with general topics of interest. In May there is luncheon, although from 2020-2022 COVID prevented this celebration.

September 3: Feast of St. Phoebe



I commend to you our sister Phoebe, [diakonos] of the church at Cenchreae. Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 16:1

“Growing up, I never heard about St. Phoebe. She, like so many women of the early church, was lost to me for a long time...

Not until my late 20s do I recall Phoebe's name surfacing in my consciousness and even then, I couldn't place her beyond the heading "women of the early church." The reasons she remained in the shadows of my consciousness are as much a reflection of my own life and learning as of the institutions that have taught me and their conscious and unconscious influence on our wider perspectives as individuals and a church.

Phoebe appears in Paul's letter to the Romans, in which he exhorts the Romans: "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae." Paul writes, "I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me" (Romans 16:1-2).

Brief though it is, this introduction is full of import. In these two verses, Paul provides critical information about the woman he has entrusted to deliver his letter to Rome.

Calling her sister, deacon and benefactor, Paul signals that Phoebe is his co-worker in the kingdom. He has chosen her to convey his message and it is his hope that they, like her, will come to believe and to support the Christian mission. By identifying Phoebe as a deacon, Paul indicates that she was a preacher and teacher of the faith and gives us the earliest written record of women's ordained ministry in the church..."

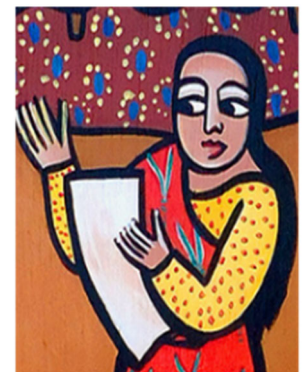
Excerpt from "Befriending Phoebe" by Sr. Colleen Gibson, SSJJ. [Read more here.](#)

Year of St. Phoebe: Sep 3, 2022 – Sep 3, 2023

[Discerning Deacons](#), whose mission is to engage Catholics in the active discernment of our Church about women and the diaconate, this weekend inaugurated the "Year of St. Phoebe." Throughout this year, St. Francis will prayerfully listen and discern with the Holy Spirit on the topic of women in the diaconate, ultimately contributing our communal voice to the conversation happening in light of a papal commission on the issue.

One of our tasks is simply to watch for the places where women in our parish community "actually carry out the functions of the deacon's office, either preaching the word of God as catechists, or presiding over scattered Christian communities in the name of the pastor and the bishop, or practicing charity in social or relief work." (*Ad gentes*, 16)

You may submit these instances for collection in a "Year of St. Phoebe" report by emailing mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.



ST. PHOEBE

Throughout the year, look for the St. Phoebe logo above on events related to women in the diaconate



SFX Liturgy Ministry Fair

September 10 & 11th

Saturday & Sunday after All Masses

We Need Parish Volunteers to Join
These Essential Liturgical Ministries

Mass Greeters

Music Ministry

Ushers

Arts & Environment

Eucharistic Ministers

Liturgy Team

Bereavement Ministry

Lectors

Wedding Ministry

Altar Ministry

Call the Parish Office for further information: 708.352.0168

Please Stop by our tables in the Courtyard between the
school and the church to meet our Ministry Reps!
Refreshments will be served!

**When Volunteers Contribute
Our Parish Grows & Flourishes!**

We are Grateful for All who Show God's Love in Action Every Day!

Altar Ministry – Contact: Bernadette McMahon bbcmahon@comcast.net/312.315.7769

This committee cares for altar linens (purificators, altar cloths) and does a light cleaning of the church each week.

Volunteer Time Commitment: 1 week out of a month if we get enough volunteers.

Art & Environment – Contact: Celine Heraty cmheraty@gmail.com

This committee is responsible for creating a welcoming worship space that allows our Parish families to experience the Liturgy in a beautiful and prayerful setting. We are the group that transforms the church for each liturgical season from Advent to Easter and beyond. The time commitment varies from season to season and is flexible for each volunteer depending on their schedules. We welcome anyone who has ideas & the time to give to this important Ministry.

Note: I am looking for a Volunteer to Co-Chair-Partner with me to oversee and grow this Ministry. Please reach out directly to me with any questions. Celine

Bereavement Ministry -- Contact: Rev. Rich Milek rmilek@sfxlg.org or sfxinlg@sfxlg.org

This Ministry is made up of generous and caring men and women who have made the commitment to accompany their fellow parishioners through the journey of grief. More details will be given in training sessions.

Eucharistic Ministers – Contact: George Rutkowski grutkowski@aol.com

This ministry is made of people who assist the priests in distributing the Eucharist at Mass. High School age and above. Training will be provided.

Lectors – Contact : Susie Lehuta lehutams@yahoo.com

Read the scripture selections for the weekend liturgies. (High School age and above)

Volunteer Time Commitment: Scheduled based on the need and availability at the mass times you select. As often as you are able. One time training session is required.

Liturgy Teams – Contact: Bernadette McMahon bbcmahon@comcast.net/312-315-7769

Six teams of 4-6 parishioners do seasonal and weekly liturgy planning. Our focus is on practical, real-life applications of scripture. Teams meet to reflect on the scriptures for assigned Sundays. Based on that reflection, notes are written for homilists' consideration, prayers are selected/written, general intercessions are written, and an ordo form is submitted.

Volunteer Time Commitment is about 1-2 hours per month with the group. Groups meet in person and via Zoom depending on the group. We have 5 teams now and we want to expand back to 6 teams and expand the membership on the 5 teams we have.

Mass Greeters – Contact: Mary Joscelyn marytjos@sbcglobal.net

Greeters are some of the first people to welcome parishioners and visitors to our weekend liturgies. It is a ministry of hospitality. Greeters arrive 15-20 minutes before mass and serve as their schedules allow.

Music Ministry – Contact: Allen Sterwalt asterwalt@sfxlg.org/708-352-0168

Singers and instrumentalists of all ages come together to worship the Lord through music. It's a hands-on desire for spiritual growth through community that brings people to this special ministry. We sing with one another and with the parish community in hopes that the Holy Spirit may be found and heard in each one of us. There are numerous opportunities for people of all ages to serve: Cantors, Celebration Ensemble, Gallery Choir, Men's Schola, Resurrection Choir, Spirit Choir, Cherub Choir, SF Choristers, and Instrumentalists.

Ushers – Contact: Mike Hattie michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net 708.207.2780

Ushers help people find seats, ask people to help with the procession of gifts, start the collection basket, start the communion lines, assist people with disabilities, help distribute bulletins, and help make St. Francis Xavier a friendly and welcoming place. Time commitment will vary depending on how many new people in the ministry.

Wedding Ministry – Contact: Sue Baker grandbaker30@gmail.com

We serve in teams of two, assisting at wedding ceremonies, arriving one hour prior to the scheduled start time. Duties range from answering questions to helping with last minute details. We assist various participants of the wedding (i.e. Florist, Musician, etc.), including lining up the wedding party for the opening procession. Team members who are Eucharistic Ministers may also help distribute communion.

Volunteer Time Commitment: 3 hours for each wedding

Religious Education News



**School is around the corner and so are Religious Education Classes!
Register NOW for K – 8 Religious Education 2022-2023, Don't Delay!
Classes are filling up fast!**

The School of Religious Education is accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

The 2022-2023 program will offer families two options.

We will offer an in person bi-monthly grade level program held on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings (family preference) and we will offer a virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays.

Students enrolled in the in person or online program will receive their own book to take home to work on.

Visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition:

<https://sfxlg.socs.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education%7CAbout%3E%3ERegistration%20Information%20for%202022-2023>

Your Gift and Talent needs to be shared!



Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for many volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2022-2023 school year at equidice@sfxlg.org.

2nd Year of Confirmation – Quest Registration

Quest Group Monthly Gatherings will be once a month where we will gather with the entire Confirmation group and then break out into small groups. These gatherings will be held at the parish in Joyce Hall. They provide opportunities for relationship building, discussion on issues facing teens, service opportunities, growth in the understanding of scripture, and fun.

If your child has completed the 2021-2022 8th grade school year and is ready to sign up for their final year of Confirmation Prep please fill out the attached Google Form and make the payment below. If you have a child who completed 8th grade Day School or RE prior to last year they can also register for this year's Quest Program.

Please note, your child is not yet registered until form is filled out and payment is made.

Register for 2nd Year Quest Confirmation: [Click Here](#)

To make a Quest Confirmation payment online: [Click Here](#)

If you have questions please contact Elis Guidice at 708-352-4555 or sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org.

What is the difference between QUEST and Youth Ministry?

QUEST is the Confirmation preparation program that teens participate in during the school year leading up to their Confirmation, typically their first year in High School (but other grades are welcome too!). QUEST Groups fall under the direction of Elis Guidice, Director of Religious Education at sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org. These groups are guided by parent volunteers with monthly meetings. QUEST participants are welcome to participate in ANY teen youth ministry activity as long as it doesn't conflict with their QUEST commitments.

Youth Ministry consists of different activities (monthly teen nights, retreats, mission trips, small groups, service opportunities, church league basketball, etc.) and is open to ALL high school-aged parishioners. Jenette Teran, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, along with many parents and adult volunteers work to provide a variety of opportunities for our youth to grow in their faith, serve the community, and of course have some fun.

More information can be found on the parish website.

SFX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2022



**\$200
per golfer**

Price includes
grab-n-go lunch, range balls,
golf and a buffet dinner.

Optional VIP Package.

Each golfer will receive an
SFX Golf Outing Swag Bag!

The SFX
Championship
is back!

**FRIDAY
September 16th**

11:30 AM CHECK-IN

GRAB-N-GO LUNCH

1:00 PM SHOTGUN START

DINNER, AWARDS & RAFFLE TO FOLLOW

No in person registration on the day of the event.
All registration payments due two days prior to the event.
All necessary guidelines will be followed for the
safety of the golfers and the course.

Please join us
for our annual raffle,
closest to the pin,
longest drive contests,
and much more!

Event sponsorships are
available on Give Central.

Please use the
SFX Golf Outing Link
below to register for any
golf package plus
purchase raffle tickets
or event sponsorships.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AT: [SFXGOLFOUTING.COM](https://www.sfxgolfouting.com)

Old Oak Country Club, 14200 Parker Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491

Any questions? Email Lindsey & JB Mackenzie at sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com

FIND YOUR FORESOME!



LaGrange Area
Teen Theater Ensemble

Teen Acting Training Workshop with LATTE Theater

Saturday, September 10th 9:45 am - 5:30 pm; Signup: <https://www.lattetheater.com/workshops/> at 20 North Ashland (Bell Avenue Entrance) LaGrange—LATTE Theater with Felicia Pfluger, Producer/Artistic Director. Cost \$40 **for the day**. Bring a water bottle/sack lunch. Wear comfortable clothes.

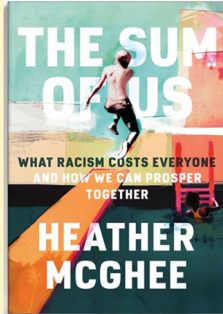
Interested in theater, but afraid to dive in head-first? Or seasoned to the stage and looking to grow? Come give it a whirl! Both inexperienced and experienced actors are welcome, in this relaxed, fun, yet extensive workshop. Auditions follow for those interested. Ages 11 - 19 for LATTE's Fall show.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY: SAVE THE DATES!

9/21/22, 7-9pm: We will gather together in the Rectory Courtyard Room (124 North Spring) to brainstorm ideas for the year as well as hear an anti-racism presentation by Maureen Wierema entitled "Challenge Accepted".

Information about Exodus World Service programs to welcome refugees to the Chicagoland area will also be provided.

9/28/22, 7-8:30pm: Book Discussion led by Maureen Windmoeller in Unity Hall (124 North Spring) – building that connects Church and Education Building accessible by church and school parking lots.) Light refreshments will be served.



The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together tells the story of how America arrived at this current moment: "divided and self-destructing, materially rich but spiritually starved and vastly unequal." Author Heather McGhee "paint(s) an irrefutable story of racism's costs, but at the heart of the book are the humble stories of people yearning to be part of a better America, including white supremacy's collateral victims: white people themselves." A New York Times bestseller for 10 weeks, ***The Sum of Us*** explains how we developed a "zero sum" perspective that prevents us from seeing how we can further our economic interests by working together. The Chicago Tribune said, 'Required reading to move the country forward...', and it was a TIME Magazine Must-Read Book of 2021.

Peace & Justice Ministry Mission: To carry out the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. To work for peace and justice in our community, the world and on behalf of all creation. To involve the parish and broader community in this mission. To create awareness through education, dialogue, and action.

P&J is looking forward to in-person gatherings in the coming year. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Please contact Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 to be added to our email distribution.

If you want peace, work for justice Pope Paul VI

Interfaith Career Network

Learn from Professional Recruiting Experts
Join ICN on Thursday, September 15 from 7-9 pm.
This evening will be a job seekers dream come true.
We will tap into the knowledge and experience of a panel of professional recruiters. Together, they will cover topics including:

- the job market today
- what recruiters look for in qualifying resumes and candidates
- interviewing along with an open Q&A

Learn how to accelerate your job search from the experts! We look forward to seeing you at Saint John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

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

Flourish Women's Bible Study Group

All women of our cluster parishes are invited to join the Flourish Women's Bible Study group as we begin our Fall study, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. This 8-session study, presented by Jeff Cavins, helps present the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Cavins shows how to read the Bible with understanding. Aided by the unique color-coded *Bible Timeline*® Chart, which arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help us discover the story of salvation history and understand how we fit into God's plan. This study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of *The Bible Timeline* Chart.

Flourish meets twice a month on Thursdays from 9-11am in the SJC Parish Center. Our fall session begins on Thursday, September 8. Cost per study is \$26.95 plus tax and shipping. Interested in joining this dynamic and faithful group of women? Please email Beth Korenchan at bkorenchan@comcast.net for more information. We hope you will join us!



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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

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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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