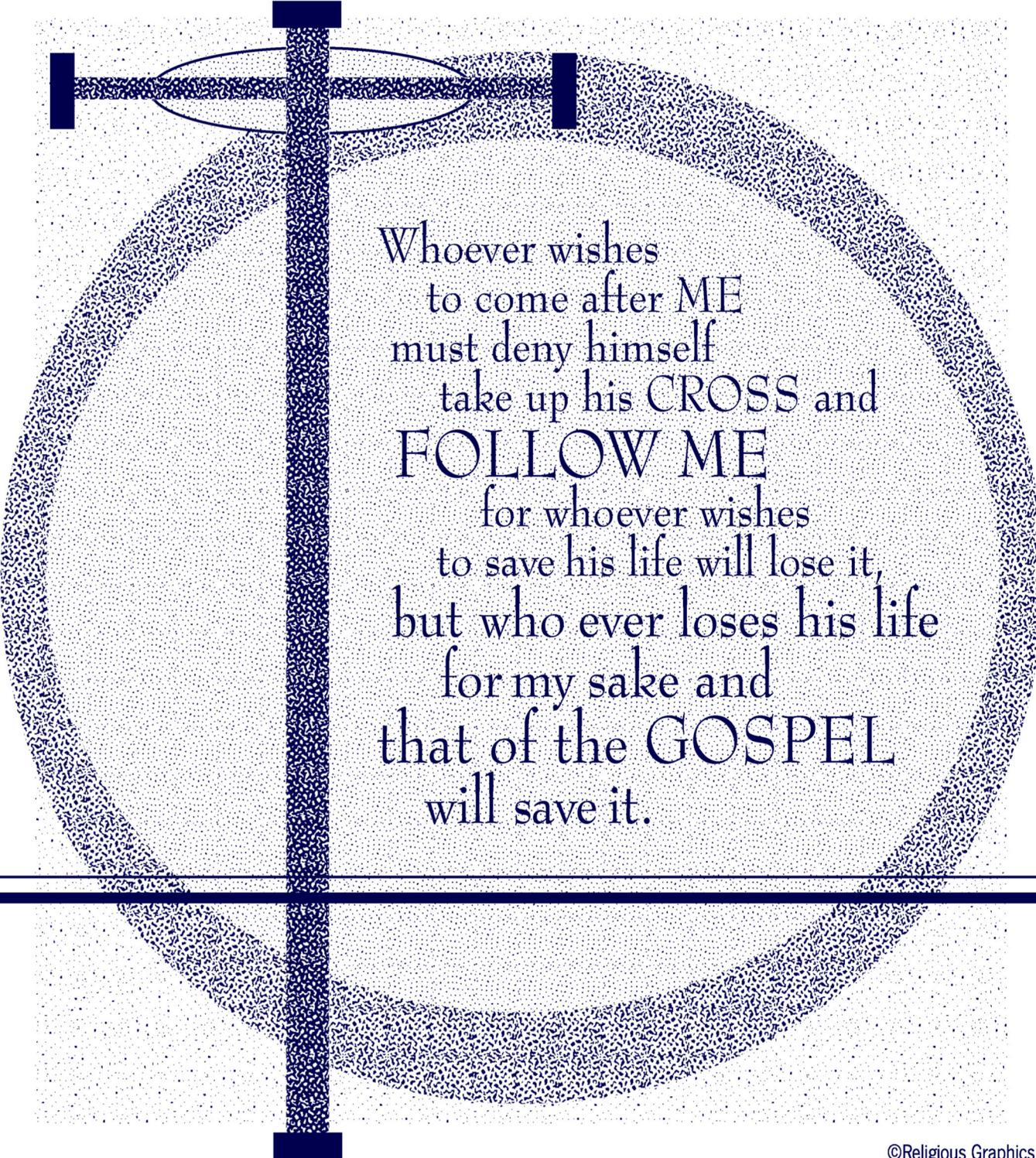


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021



Whoever wishes
to come after ME
must deny himself
take up his CROSS and
FOLLOW ME
for whoever wishes
to save his life will lose it,
but who ever loses his life
for my sake and
that of the **GOSPEL**
will save it.

Week at a Glance				
Intention				Requested By
Monday, September 13	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John Wiegand Lawrence Barry Madge Miller Marge McGrath Norm Wasz	Barb Bovard Barb Zahorik Liz Wilk The Van Gorp Family Donna Wasz
Tuesday, September 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Wednesday, September 15	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Grimes David Zeller	Dan & Nancy Morgan Laura Zeller
Thursday, September 16	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, September 17	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Marie Westhoff	Barb Zahorik
Saturday, September 18	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Anthony Discipio Joan Dunne Terry Conwell Tony Cahill Tom & Lucile Nichol 50th Wedding Anniversary	Joe Discipio The Hannigan Family Toni Conwell The Cooley Family
Sunday, September 19 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Marian S. Dudek Craig Malek Norm Wasz Bob O'Malley Eoin Mulkeen Marian Hannigan Special Living Intention Marilouise & Terry Wall 50th Wedding Anniversary Steve Wendt, Sr.	Danita Griffin Liz Wilk Shirley Wyrembek John & Marilyn Lux Jeannie & Justin Stanton Pam Oplawski Barbara Edelman Fran & Maureen Foster The Westerhoff Family

Presider's Schedule for September 11-12, 2021~Mass Time									
5:00 pm	Fr. Milek	7:30 am	Fr. Milek	9:00 am	Fr. Tkachuk	11:00 am	Fr. Milek	5:00 pm	Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Diane Bereckis	Rose Ilo	Donna Pekarek
Nick Bowman	Mary J.	James Pridmore
Ethelyn Boyd	Jane Jacobsen	Baby Lucia R.
Jay Carroll	Michael Janus	Madison Raupp
Chili Challenger	Theresa Kandall	Anna Rose
Marek Chyczewski	Wayne Kardatzke	Bill Sanders
Roman Cook	Mark Kiley	Peter Sannasardo
Carol Coughlan	Robert Kozak	Keith Slingsby
John Cronin	Sandra Malkowski	Greyson Stanley
Frank DiSilvio	Lisa Massaro	James Stapel
Blake Donegan	Michael McLynn	Gavin Stella
Barbara Doyle	Ron Minella	Marc Such
Wendy Einspar	Patrick Morgan	Sarah Such
Lily Fielding	Mike Morrison	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Terry Gazdziak	Bernice Niemiec	Thomas Trauscht
Mary Grand	Gert Ogilvie	Jodee Tuttle
Lilli Gregory	Joan O'Halloran	Gregory Van Gorp
Wilson Gregory	Jane O'Reilly	Liz Wilk
Linda Hoffman	Ryan Patyk	

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:

Ethelyn Boyd
Mother of Eric

Jim Martin
Husband of Patty

Arnold Oppenheim
Husband of Bernadette and Father of Gabe

Weddings

Christine Hudak & Elliott Young
Kristen O'Connor & Christopher Hogan
Molly McKenna & Jack Androwich
Lauren Ruzicka & Sean Frain

Readings For The Week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:1-16/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Pastor's Notes

*"Whoever loses your life for my sake
and that of the gospel will save it."*

Mark 8:35

Most of us over the age of 24 have memories from twenty years ago that are etched permanently in our brains and our guts. We remember where we were and what we were doing when we first heard of planes crashing into the World Trade Towers and watched in disbelief and horror the repeated film clips of the moments when thousands of people lost their lives and two enormous buildings were reduced to dust and rubble, including their contents. We honored the heroism of firefighters and volunteers who risked their lives to save others and the stories that will never be told of those who lost their lives in their efforts. We experienced the eerie silence of no planes in the air for days, and the anxiety of hearing military jets that had been sent up because of a possible threat. We marched toward a declaration of war, never imagining that it would become the longest war in our history and would end with only a partial victory.

"Take up your cross and follow me," Jesus said. He did not define what shape that cross would take for each of us; the first disciples refused to believe his description of his own cross. None of the firefighters, kissing loved ones goodbye on their way to work on the morning of September 11, 2001, knew what they would confront that day. Yet each had made a commitment to serve the public and protect lives to the best of their ability. That commitment led them to act to save the lives of others despite the risk to their own. They were men and women of many faiths and some of no faith, united in a shared commitment.

Sometimes we know the shape of the cross we will face as we enter a new day. At other times we begin the day completely unaware of what will come into our path. Each day, Jesus invites

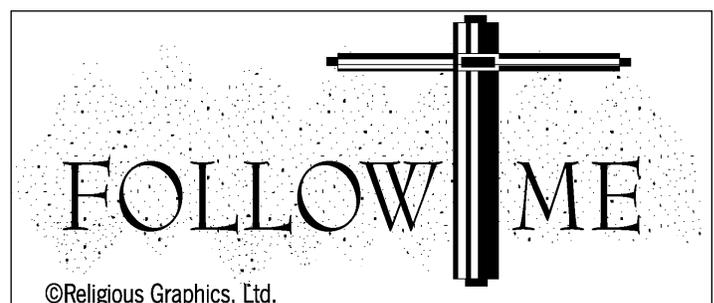
us to surrender the day to God's care and to pray that we will be aware of God's presence as we go through the day. I "lose my life" each time I surrender my life into God's care. I "lose my life" each time I place the teachings of Jesus above an easier, softer way. I "deny myself" and take up my cross each time I reach out to lift up another because I acknowledge that she or he is my sister or brother, despite any differences between us.

"Is there a new Men's Club?" asked several men as they passed the **"That Man is You"** tables outside of church on recent Sundays. No, it is not a "separate" Men's Club; it is a new, spiritual component to the social activities with which most are familiar. Programs for women have been offered for many years, including the Welcome Retreat." One of the top priorities of our Pastoral Associate, Maggie McMahon, (with the encouragement and support of her husband Patrick), has been to offer something for men of the parish. Blessings to the men who begin to journey together this Sunday evening.

Welcome back, Father Rich! It is good to have you back among us. Next Sunday afternoon, I leave for my annual eight-day retreat in Sedalia, Colorado. Then Rich and I plan to be here together for a while.

Peace,

J. Bill



Weekend Mass Updates at St. Francis Xavier!

The CDC has revised its recommendations on wearing masks in indoor, public spaces, following evidence that the COVID delta strain can spread rapidly even among fully vaccinated individuals. The parish Leadership Reopening Team has determined how we will respond to provide the safest possible environment for all who worship at St. Francis Xavier.

The following **changes** to our Sunday Mass protocols are **now in effect**.

- ◆ **Masks are required for everyone** over age 2, regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ **We invite everyone to sing with your mask in place!** Pick up a bulletin as you enter church for the words to the hymns. As you leave, place any bulletins you are not taking home in the recycle baskets at each door.
- ◆ Please wait for an usher to invite your pew to come forward for communion. With your mask in place, receive the host in your hand and move six feet to the side before removing your mask to consume the host.

The following protocols remain **unchanged**.

- ◆ **All church doors remain open** for all worshippers.
- ◆ **Unity Hall remains open to families with small children** to offer a remote viewing option on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 9AM and 11AM. This is only for families with small children and no cold symptoms.
- ◆ Every other pew in the back of church and in the east transept is not available for seating. These areas provide social distance for parents with infants, those with immune issues, and those not yet comfortable being closer than six feet. All other pews are available for general seating.
- ◆ Please avoid physical contact with those not of your own household, especially during the **Sign of Peace**. A nod or a wave is always appropriate.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill



SFX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2021

\$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 17th

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

<https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp610423d713760/user/guest>

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

Any questions? Email Katie & Scott Lutzow at sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com

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SFX School Website:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

SFX VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR

<https://vimeo.com/506617250>

See the latest happenings at the day school:

Spotlight on the St. Francis Xavier Parish School
Class of 2021 <https://vimeo.com/554327101>



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Saint Francis Xavier School has students
from 20 different ZIP Codes.

Contact us today to learn more about what
Saint Francis Xavier School can offer your family!

[sfxlg.org/school](https://www.sfxlg.org/school)



The St. Francis Xavier Cub Scouting Pack is for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. Cub Scouting is a valuable resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals, while building and strengthening relationships within the family. The Cub Scouts combine fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It also helps parents to help their children strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness.

The Scout program provides youth with positive peer groups and tools to shape their future. In Cub Scouting, kids learn values like honesty, bravery, and respect. This focus helps children make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and gives them the confidence they need to grow and develop.

According to a study conducted by Louis Harris & Associates, "Character may be defined as the 'willingness to do what is right regardless of circumstances.' Cub Scouting teaches kids what is right, in part by encouraging them to reflect on lessons learned through Cub Scout activities."

When Cub Scouts become 5th graders, they are eligible to join Scouts BSA. Scouts BSA is for youth ages 11 through 17.

Kids can join at any time of the year. For more information on joining Scouting, please reach Maria Onesto Moran at 708-557-5276 or email maria@ghexperts.com.



The SFX Class of 1985
is planning an upcoming reunion.

Please contact
Mike Magluilo, '85 at
mikemagluilo@yahoo.com.

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP 2022



"Life Teen Summer Camps (www.lifeteen.com/camps) are ready to welcome you home for the best summer imaginable. We've crafted an exhilarating, uplifting and powerful week of activities that are designed to help lead teens closer to Christ, and closer to their parish group."

Zip lines, Mass, whitewater rafting, adoration, team-building exercises, Reconciliation, crafts and sports, praise and worship.

At Life Teen camp you can experience the joy of a life that integrates faith, adventure, and creativity in Christ! Please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org if interested. We need a solid count of teen attendees by the end of SEPTEMBER!

CROP HUNGER WALK

SAVE THE DATE!

October 17, 2021

12:30 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

(Corner of 47th Street & Brainard Avenue)

Details to Follow.

**This has been a fun service tradition
for QUEST groups!**



ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Our Finances as of August 2021



Monthly Electronic Offerings (EFT and Credit Card)

August 2021 \$73,948
August 2020 \$69,006

Monthly Basket Offerings

August 2021 \$39,981
August 2020 \$41,267

God bless you for your generosity to the Parish's many ministries, including music, adult formation, outreach, our children's education, and more! Despite the many difficulties this past year and whatever may lie ahead, our parishioners continue to support SFX with their time in prayer, talents in our ministries, and their financial resources.

We are in the process of revising our school budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, which began July 1st. Until this has been finalized and reviewed by the School Advisory Board and the Finance Council this month, we will not be reporting actual collections versus budget.

Tootsie Roll Drive



Knights in yellow vests (and facial masks) will be collecting cash donations of all sizes for our area's local intellectual-disabilities charities during the weekend of September 17, 18, and 19. You'll see Knights volunteers at popular street intersections, storefronts, and the St. Francis Xavier Church entryways at the Masses that weekend. Of course, individually wrapped Tootsie Roll candy will be available for those donors who would like it, while the supplies last.



Greeters Welcome

We are seeking parishioners who are willing and able to serve as ministers of hospitality (greeters) at the following parish celebrations.

- ♦ **Weekend Masses:** Greeters welcome people at each of the church entrances and answer any questions. They then join their families for the remainder of the Mass.
- ♦ **Baptisms:** Greeters welcome the family of the child being baptized, verify the information for the parish records, and assist in the seating process.
- ♦ **Weddings:** Greeters serve as part of our parish Wedding Ministry to welcome guests, answer questions, and assist the bride and groom and their parents with any special needs.
- ♦ **Funerals:** Greeters serve as part of the parish Bereavement Team. They welcome guests at the door, answer questions, and assist the family with any special needs.

If you are interested or would like to learn more about any of these ministries, please email Maureen Pipal at mpipal@sfxlg.org. Your gift of time and talent as one who offers hospitality is a relatively simple gift that can have a great effect on those who attend a service at St. Francis Xavier.

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

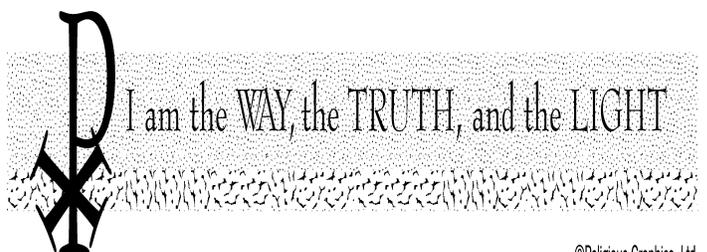
Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



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St. Francis Xavier Parish
LaGrange, IL



Interfaith Community Partners



Did you know? ICP volunteers can drive older adults (60+) to get their COVID vaccines if they have no other way to get there. Please think about your older adult neighbors who may need help during this difficult time and share ICP's office phone number: 708-354-9328.

Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide escorted transportation for people 60 and better to get to places like physician appointments and therapies. We do not charge our clients and ask for suggested donations, when able.

Interfaith Community Partners also offers Library Home Delivery Service. We need volunteer drivers! We'll train you via Zoom. We'll work around your busy life. Background check required. Find out more about Interfaith Community Partners!

The Archdiocese of Chicago Is Hiring

Are you seeking an opportunity to draw closer to our Lord through your work? Consider applying your professional strengths and experience at the service of sharing Christ with others. The Archdiocese of Chicago is in the midst of exciting changes as we renew our local Church. With our competitive salary and benefit packages, the archdiocese provides many opportunities for professional and personal growth and development. For the listing of current openings, please visit archchicago.org/careers or follow us on LinkedIn.

The Archdiocese of Chicago, pastored by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, has more than 15,000 employees that serve more than 2.2 million Catholics in Cook and Lake Counties. Our elementary and secondary schools comprise one of the largest U.S. private school systems and have garnered more U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Awards than any system of any type.

Cossitt School Clothing Sale



The Cossitt School PTC is excited to announce the return of its beloved children's consignment sale on Saturday, September 25th from 11:00am–3:00pm! Don't miss this huge selection of name-brand items from infant to size 16. Find amazing deals on gently-used items including clothing, coats, shoes, boots, sports gear, books and so much more! Cossitt School is conveniently located at 115 West Cossitt Avenue in LaGrange, IL. Children are not permitted at the sale and masks are required. Please bring a basket or bag to carry your items throughout the sale. For more details, please visit our website at www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale.

Outreach From Catholic Charities

Counseling Support Line:

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at 312-948-6951 anytime Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Spanish-speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

Legal Assistance Available:

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, they can help. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant disputes, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals.

For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at 312-948-6821.

Songs for September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Hymn: "The Summons" *7:30 – vss. 1 & 2 only

Verse 1

Will you come and fol-low me If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know And nev-er be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

Verse 2

Will you leave your-self be-hind If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind And nev-er be the same?
Will you risk the hos-tile stare Should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you let me an-swer prayer In you and your in me?

Verse 3

Will you let the blind-ed see If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris-'ners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the lep-er clean, And do such as this un-seen,
And ad-mit to what I mean In you and you in me?

Verse 4

Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear in-side And nev-er be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found To re-shape the world a-round,
Through my sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?

Responsorial Psalm 116: "I Will Walk" (7:30/9:00)

**Refrain: "I will walk in the presence of the Lord;
I will walk in the land of the living."**

Psalm 116: "I Will Walk" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain: "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."

Communion Hymn: "Come and Journey with a Savior"

Come and jour-ney with a Sav-ior Who has called us from our birth,
Who has washed us in the wa-ters, And who loved us on the earth.
Come and jour-ney, come and jour-ney With a Sav-ior who has come.
We are all God's sons and daugh-ters. In the Spir-it we are one. In the Spir-it we are one.

Come and jour-ney jour-ney in-ward, Come and seek him deep with-in,
Where he meets us in our liv-ing, In our striv-ing and our sin.
Come and jour-ney, come and jour-ney With a Sav-ior who has come.
We are all God's sons and daugh-ters. In the Spir-it we are one. In the Spir-it we are one.

Come and jour-ney, jour-ney out-ward, Tell-ing oth-ers of his name,
Tell-ing oth-ers of his glo-ry, Of his cross and of the shame.
Come and jour-ney, come and jour-ney With a Sav-ior who has come.
We are all God's sons and daugh-ters. In the Spir-it we are one. In the Spir-it we are one.

Come and jour-ney, jour-ney out-ward, Where that cross calls us to care,
Where in-jus-tice and where hun-ger And the poor call us to share.
Come and jour-ney, come and jour-ney With a Sav-ior who has come.
We are all God's sons and daugh-ters. In the Spir-it we are one. In the Spir-it we are one.

Come and jour-ney, jour-ney up-ward, Sing his prais-es, of-fer prayer.
In the storm and in the still-ness, Find his pre-sence ev-'ry-where.
Come and jour-ney, come and jour-ney With a Sav-ior who has come.
We are all God's sons and daugh-ters. In the Spir-it we are one. In the Spir-it we are one.

Come and jour-ney, jour-ney on-ward, All our gifts we now shall bring,
To the build-ing of a cit-y That is ho-ly, Christ its king.
Come and jour-ney, come and jour-ney With a Sav-ior who has come.
We are all God's sons and daugh-ters. In the Spir-it we are one. In the Spir-it we are one.

Recessional: "America the Beautiful"

O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruited plain!
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.

O beau-ti-fu for he-roes proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,
Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, And ev-'ry gain di-vne.

O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years
Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.

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"The Summons" – Text: John L Bell/Tune: KELVINGROVE

"Psalm 116: I Will Walk" – Collegeville Composers Group **Psallite*

"Psalm 116: I Will Walk" – Casey McKinley **Spirit & Psalm*

"Come and Journey with a Savior" – Text: Herbert O'Driscoll/Tune: COME AND JOURNEY

"America the Beautiful" – Text: Katherine L. Bates/Tune: MATERNA, CMD; Samuel A. Ward

Interfaith Career Network

Careers in the Nonprofit Sector

Join us via Zoom on Thursday, September 16 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Our presenter, Stephani Peterson, Sr. Recruiter of Careers in Nonprofits, will offer her insight on current trends in the nonprofit sector. Stephani will address:

- the various types of nonprofits
- the advantages of working in the nonprofit sector
- how to tailor your resume while showcasing transferable skills for your next position
- how to best succeed in this candidate driven market

The link to this Zoom meeting can be found on our website at: <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

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.

PIG ROAST IS BACK IN 2021

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Save the Date!

Friday, October 15, 2021

More details to follow

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com for information.



Parish Counselor through Claret Center's Counseling Program

My name is Georgina Lopez, and as your new Parish Counselor Intern through the Claret Center. I look forward to assisting the mental well-being of St. Francis Xavier parishioners. I am pursuing my Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, Counseling Practice at Roosevelt University. I have obtained clinical, volunteer, and work-related experiences that have prepared me to work with a diverse population. I have had the opportunity to volunteer in different parishes and work with adolescents, adults, and youth groups as well. I have gained some experience from prior internships working with individuals with symptoms of Anxiety Disorders, Depression and Substance Abuse. My approach to counseling is to meet the person where they are at and using the approach tailored to their particular issues. I believe that we can cope with what life brings to us and, most importantly, continue to grow from each circumstance and shift to a more fulfilling life. I look forward to accompanying you on your journey. I am bilingual in English and Spanish. I can be reached at 323-487-2359 or glopez.claret@gmail.com

Georgina Lopez, BA, CARS Parish Counselor, Intern St. Francis Xavier Parish, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525 Phone: 323-487-2359 Email: glopez.claret@gmail.com.

SFX Family Outreach Ministry

The SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee is looking for new families to join us in planning volunteer opportunities in and around our community. The Family Ministry Committee gives families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please consider joining us and help us make a difference! Interested? Email Ana Dimallig at apd3@core.com or Rachel Peterson at peterstonrtw@sbcglobal.net.



Diversity Days in La Grange

30th Annual Race Unity Rally

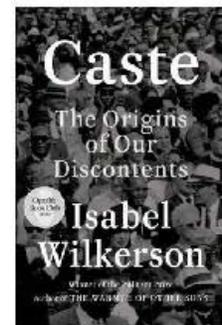
Sunday, September 12, 2021

IN PERSON - LA GRANGE VILLAGE HALL - 3:00 p.m.

**THEME: 30th Anniversary: Racial Healing Through
Understanding Our History**

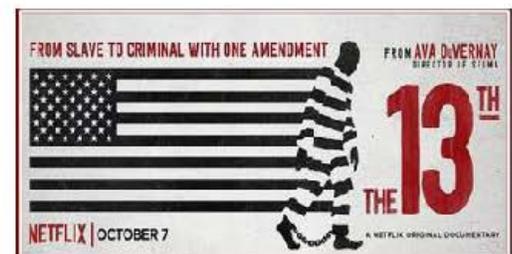
FEATURING:

- **African Americans In Historic La Grange**
- **Youth Choir with Rev. Shawana McGee**
- **Youth Diversity Essays**
- **GDG Diversity Achievement Award**
- **Minnie Carr Community Service Award**
- **Village of La Grange Unity Proclamation**
- **Introduction of LG Interim Police Chief**



MORE DIVERSITY DAYS EVENTS:

- **Tues. Aug. 31 @ 7-8:30 p.m.: Virtual Book Discussion of *Caste*. Register at <https://tlnyurl.com/83121BookDiscussion>**
- **Friday, Sept. 10 @ 5:30 pm: Pizza, Screening and Discussion of the Movie *13th* at LG Public Library**
- **Sat. Sept. 11th @ 10:30 a.m.: diversity story time at LG Public Library**
- **African Americans In Early La Grange: A Self-Guided Walking Trail (watch for details on our Facebook page)**



Sponsored by the CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange

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



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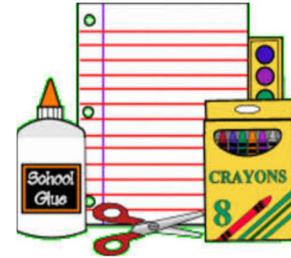


Golden Wedding September 19, 2021

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 19 at 2:30 pm at St. John Brebeuf Parish, Niles, IL 60714. Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are invited to participate and can bring 1-2 family members. This Mass is planned as a live event with participants attending on site. With the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus, this Mass may need to be moved to an online liturgy due to ongoing mitigation efforts associated with the pandemic. Couples interested in participating can register [here](#).

Please contact
familyministries@archchicago.org
with any questions.

St. Agatha Needs School Supplies



Again this year the children of St. Agatha's parish are in need of school supplies. Although the school has closed, the students in the parish are still in need.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution to help in the purchasing of these school supplies, please drop off or mail a check to the rectory made out to St. Francis Xavier, with a notation that it is for St. Agatha school supplies. We will then forward the donation to Fr. Larry Dowling at St. Agatha's.

Thank you for your consideration.

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PROGRAM DEVELOPER:

Steve Bollman

Developer, That Man is You!
Founder & President, Paradisus Dei

During the Great Jubilee, Steve Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. In 2002, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston, Texas, to found Paradisus Dei. In 2004, Steve developed the That Man is You! Men's program, which quickly moved across the country transforming men, marriages and families. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- Sunday Nights - 8:00pm to 9:30pm
- First session starts September 12, 2021
- Location: Unity Hall (pending updated COVID guidance)
- Reach out to any team members below with any questions regarding the program or registration.

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REGISTRATION:

Go to the link below or scan the QR Code to register.

https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/st-francis-xavier-la-grange





Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of COVID-19.

**Bridging the Divides, Tending the Gap Conference, on ZOOM
September 24 from 12:00-7:30pm, and September 25 from 8:30 am-5:00 pm**

The Congregation of St. Joseph and its Spirituality Centers (including The Well), in partnership with the Fetzer Institute, is sponsoring a national, virtual conference that will bring together people of diverse faiths, cultures, ages, and spiritualities who are longing to interact respectfully with people with whom we disagree, and to heal divisions within our fractured world. The captivating lineup of speakers includes Helen Prejean, CSJ (death penalty activist), Dr. Vernice Solimar (Spiral Dynamics teacher), Diane Benscoter (deprogrammer and former cult member, appeared Aug. 29 on *60 Minutes*), Maka Akan Najin Black Elk (descendant of boarding school survivors), Dr. Arlie Hochschild (author, *Strangers in Their Own Land*), and Dr. Katharine Hayhoe (atmospheric scientist). Participants can choose from 32 inspiring breakout sessions. Find out more, and register here: <http://bidpal.net/bridgingdivides>.

**St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study
Thursdays 9:30 – 11:00 am by Zoom**

September 9 – November 4, 2021
Thessalonians, Gospel of Matthew
and
January 13 – March 10, 2022
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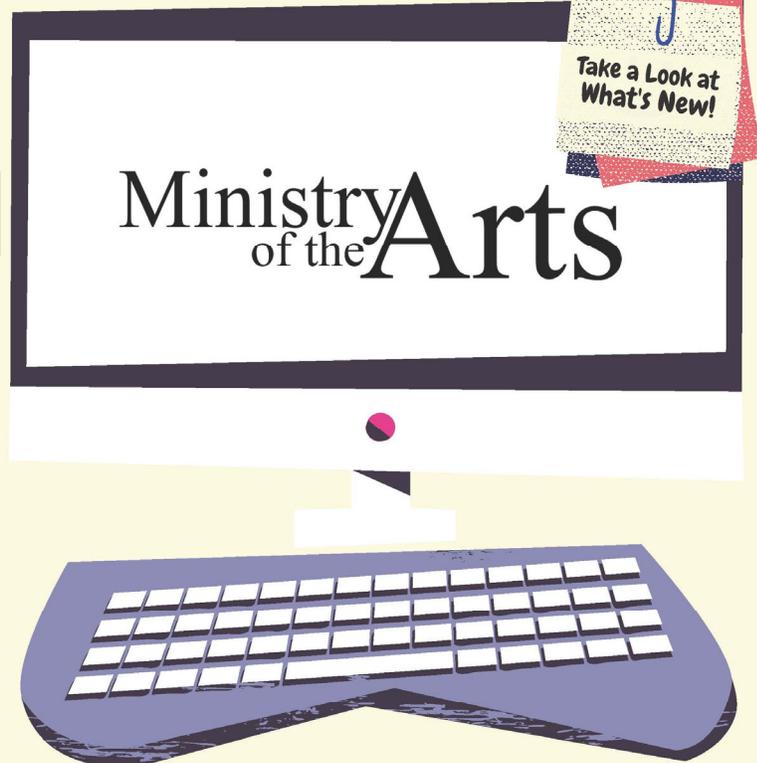
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- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter 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
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- **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
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- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
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**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

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 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 and Friday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:00 am
Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

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.

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.

(Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcVM>)

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, Lolan Adan, from the Claret Center who can be reached by phone 442-264-7589 or email lolanadan@gmail.com.

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