

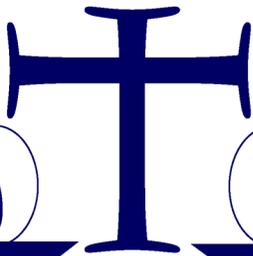
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020



**HAVE IN YOU
THE SAME ATTITUDE
THAT IS ALSO IN
CHRIST JESUS**



**JESUS CHRIST
is LORD**

**HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF
BECOMING OBEDIENT
TO THE POINT OF DEATH,
ACCEPTING EVEN DEATH
ON A CROSS. BECAUSE
OF THIS, GOD BESTOWED
ON HIM THE NAME
WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY
NAME, SO THAT AT THE
NAME OF JESUS EVERY
KNEE SHOULD BEND AND
EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**

Week at a Glance

Monday, September 28	Private Prayer	8:30 & 9:00 am	
Tuesday, September 29	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Steven Keough
Wednesday, September 30	Private Prayer	8:30 & 9:00 am	
Thursday, October 1	Private Prayer	8:30 & 9:00 am	
Friday, October 2	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Brian & Peggy Schultz
Saturday, October 3	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Dan Murphy
Sunday, October 4 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Bernard Urycki Mary Reidy & Roy Leslie People of St. Francis Xavier



*Adoration will be held on the
Third Thursday of every month from 6:00-7:00 pm.
Please reserve your spot on our website at www.sfxlg.org.*

Please Pray For...

Diane Berekis	Mike Morrison
Sue Beyer	Baby Amy Nesterowicz
Jack Boyd	Carolyn Nesterowicz
Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challender	Gert Ogilvie
Mary Culin	Arnold Oppenheim
Americo DiGianfillippo	Jane O'Reilly
Anthony Dina	Shawna Palazzolo
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Lily Fielding	Donna Pekarek
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Stephen Perry
Will Fleming	Carolyn Peters
Jim Foy	James Pridmore
Lilli Gregory	Baby Lucia R.
Wilson Gregory	Madison Raupp
Patricia Hassler	Anna Rose
Frank Hoos	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Larry Skippet
Mary J.	Greyson Stanley
Jane Jacobsen	Brian Stephenson
Michael Janus	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Peter Johns	Anne Titzer
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Mark Kiley	Gregory Van Gorp
Benny Kilman	Helena Walden
Jerry Kolman	Marian Ward
Enrique Martinez	Liz Wilk
Lisa Massaro	Scott Young
Patrick Morgan	

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Father Bill and Father Rich are offering a daily private Mass for the intention that had been requested for a day on which no public Mass is offered. We also continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

David Zeller
Husband of Laura

Maureen Malone
Daughter of the late Phil & Mary Therese Malone

Dan Branecki
Brother-in-Law of Marge Branecki

Carol Nield

Readings For The Week of September 27, 2020

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Pastor's Notes

*Humbly regard others as more important
than yourselves,
each looking out not for your own interests,
but also for those of others.*
Philippians 2:3-4

The death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has intensified the rhetoric and divisions of an already overheated election season. Ironically, Justice Ginsburg was known for her ability to build deep and lasting friendships with those with whom she strongly disagreed. She *built relationships* by deepening common ground with mutual respect. When asked how she did this, she recalled advice that had been given to her early in her marriage: "Sometimes it helps to be a *little deaf*." She ignored words spoken in anger or statements intended to incite an unproductive argument. She was a vocal advocate for those whom she felt needed someone to speak for them; yet she did it in a soft-spoken manner that challenged the other to *hear the voices for whom she spoke*. She strove for the *larger* conversation and the bigger picture rather than being drawn into personal attacks. Of course, she was the first to admit that she did so imperfectly.

Our current political climate too often seems to be motivated by the interests of specific individuals or groups rather than the common good. St. Paul reminds us that what we Christians bring to *any* conversation is an awareness that *we belong to one body* so intimately that the interests of any person or group must be weighed by its effect on the interests of others, especially those most in need of the strengths and resources of the whole. We neither ignore our own interests nor blindly pursue them. We look out for our own interests *only* to the extent that they respect our connection to and deepen our communion with *all others*. And we will do so imperfectly.

Christian humility is emptying myself of my personal desires so that I *open my eyes and ears to the needs and struggles of others*. It is

never being certain that my way is the best way and always listening for the truth in an opposing view that may further open my mind and heart. It is never looking down on another person with judgment and always being willing to be surprised by another. It is letting God alone be God and striving to do God's will in all I say and do, to the best of my understanding. And it is knowing that on some days, and with some people, this will be more difficult than others. Will we be voices of God's care for all in these final weeks of the election season? Will we refuse to be trapped behind walls that suggest we have nothing to learn from those with opposing opinions? Will we build bridges from a willingness to accept that Christ speaks to me and seeks to be known in the very person I might deem unimportant or unworthy of my attention? Will we build relationships by seeking common ground with mutual respect?

This month **we expand our Mass schedule:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30AM; and **Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.** Thursday mornings will continue to offer private prayer and an opportunity to pray the rosary with others. We are testing a new Sunday evening time in response to some feedback. This Mass will follow as much of its usual style as is possible while respecting current health precautions.

The **DIG A WELL in Africa Challenge** has reached \$4,890 in our effort to match a parishioner contribution of \$17,500 for half of the expense. If you are able, please join in the effort to bring clean water to the people of a village in sub-Saharan Africa.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill

EXPANDED MASS SCHEDULE

Expanded weekend and weekday Mass schedules begin October 1.

- + **Sunday evening Mass** returns on October 4 at the earlier time of **5:00PM**. There will be some modifications due to coronavirus precautions. **High school youth will continue to serve in the ministries for this Mass.**
- + **Weekday Mass** will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30AM. On Thursday, the communal Rosary will begin at 8:15AM, followed by quiet prayer time until 9:30.

Thank you to our parish volunteers who make this possible!

Blessing of Pets



October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who preached by his life God's call for us to care for all of creation. His feast day marks the beginning of a month in which we pray for a deepening commitment to healing our planet from the effects of climate change and a deeper respect for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. The Feast of St. Francis also has been a time when we offer blessings to pets and renew our commitment to be good caretakers. St. Francis Xavier Parish will offer a Blessing of Pets on Saturday, October 3rd, at 10AM. We will gather on the Spring Avenue lawn along the east side of the church building. Pets of all types and sizes are welcome. (Speedy plans to attend.) Masks and social distancing will be required. Pass the word to friends and neighbors.

DIGGING A WELL IN AFRICA



The Brothers of Charles Lwanga, the focus of our Summer Mission Appeal, wrote of their project to dig wells in sub-Saharan Africa to provide clean water for children and their families in areas in which surface water often is unsafe for drinking. We chose this group based on the strong recommendation of Fr. Stan Ilo for the work of this community of indigenous religious brothers.

A parishioner has offered to make a very generous contribution toward the completion of one of these wells by **matching, dollar for dollar, parishioner contributions to this project**. This solar operated well will serve over 1,000 villagers. The total cost for the project is \$34,000, and construction from start to finish will take only one month.

Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala of the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio responded to this offer with these words. *We thank you for such exceptional keen attention you have paid towards the poor in my diocese. Surely, when the water point will be completed, you see (sic) the celebration and of course the prayers for you and all the collaborators in this regard. Be sure of my prayers for you all!*

We have established a Quicklink to GiveCentral on the parish website for all who are able and willing to meet this challenge and bring clean water to a village in Africa. Or you can write a check to the parish designated to "Dig a Well." This is an opportunity to reach "well" beyond our borders and provide a basic necessity to our sisters and brothers in another part of the world we share.

Can you help dig a well?

Seminarian Education Collection

For the Education and Formation of its Future Priests

Our special collection this weekend supports the Seminarian Education Fund, that provides needed funds for financial support to help defray seminarians' educational expenses, such as tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.



To make an electronic gift go to our website for a direct link to contribute via Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1931/event/27283>. To donate by cash or check, place your donation in an envelope and write Catholic Charities on the outside; then place the envelope in the church collection boxes, through the rectory mail slot, or via post.

Parishioner Volunteers Needed

Our ability to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and weekday and Sunday Masses depends on the ability of the parish to provide ministers to offer a welcoming and healthy environment. We have been blessed by scores of parishioners who share their time and spirit to keep us moving forward. To establish a regular rotation of volunteers, we seek additional people, especially to greet and seat people, or to wipe down the seating areas after each service. We welcome anyone of high school age or older who is in good health. One volunteer commented,

“It’s nice to see my friends and neighbors,
to feel the satisfaction of helping keep the church open;
and it’s easier than I expected.”

Please contact Maureen Pipal (mpipal@sfxlg.org) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.

Rectory Phones

Staff members will now be answering phone calls directed to the Rectory Office:

Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm
and Saturdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 Noon

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.

To see how we are Celebrating Sacraments and Services, and to view our Tips for Worshipers, please click on the links below:

[Celebration of Sacraments](#)

[Tips for Worshipers](#)



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September 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We take time this weekend to recognize, celebrate and support the forty-four seminarians who are preparing for lives of service to the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Church needs pastoral, compassionate and well-trained priests now more than ever, especially considering the current pandemic and other societal unrest that these new priest will face upon ordination. We ask for your prayers and financial support to help defray seminarians' educational expenses, which includes tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.

Each September, gifts to our annual Catholic Bishop of Chicago/Seminarian Education second collection provide needed funds for the formation of our seminarians at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, as well as for our college seminarians at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. As the principal seminary and school of theology for the formation of priests in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, Mundelein Seminary prepares men for ordination as archdiocesan priests who will shepherd parishes, celebrate the sacraments and teach the Catholic faith.

Your contributions to this collection will make a significant impact on each seminarian. You may make a donation to your parish, noting that it is for the seminarians, or by making a gift online at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund. On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you.

May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase J. Cupich".

Archbishop of Chicago

“Formed in Tradition. Trained in Compassion. Prepared to Shepherd.”

Catholic Climate Covenant (Zoom) Presentation – Saturday, October 3 at 8:00 am

How does Climate Change intersect with our identity as Catholic Christians? Made in the image and likeness of God, we have been given “dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild animals and all the creatures that creep along the ground.” (Gen 1:26)

What does this mean for our daily lives?

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, join us for an educational experience in which we explore St. Francis’ Canticle of the Creatures, our Scriptural connections to the earth, and tangible steps that we can take to care for “our dominion” in the same way that the Loving Father cares for us! Content provided by the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Join us at **8am on Saturday, October 3rd** via Zoom at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82597105283> OR Meeting ID:
825 9710 5283



Afterwards head to the Parish for the annual pet blessing at 10:00 am!

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions or to receive the Zoom invite via email.

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

Now more than ever, we need to take stock in what will see us through this time of uncertainty. Think of self-care as anything that moves you forward in a positive way. Clearly, there are no easy answers when it comes to self-care, but you can take a number of steps to improve your daily outlook, including sticking to a daily schedule, learning something new and adjusting your expectations.

- from the American School Counselor Association

Wanna learn more about self-care?

Consider reaching out to me at (442) 264-7589 or lolanadan@gmail.com.

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online. Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcVM>.

Lolan P. Adan, MAPC~Parish Counselor

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525

The Claret Center, 5536 South Everett, Chicago, IL 60637

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**CALLING ALL
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
SCHOOL ALUMNI**

*Stay connected with
your school and classmates
by creating an alumnus profile today!*

SFX is collecting a database of all alumni
over the last 80 years and we need your help!

THIS DATABASE WILL:

- Connect SFX alumni past and present
- Inform alumni of current state of SFX school and vision for the future
- Celebrate our teachers and their teaching accomplishments
- Celebrate current student and alumni accomplishments
- Provide an opportunity to share photos, athletic records and more
- Keep you updated on notable school events and projects

Click here rb.gy/mgg9pt to enter today and please share with friends and family!

Questions? Please contact sfxgrad@gmail.com for more information.

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media:



SFX School Instagram:
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SFX School Website:
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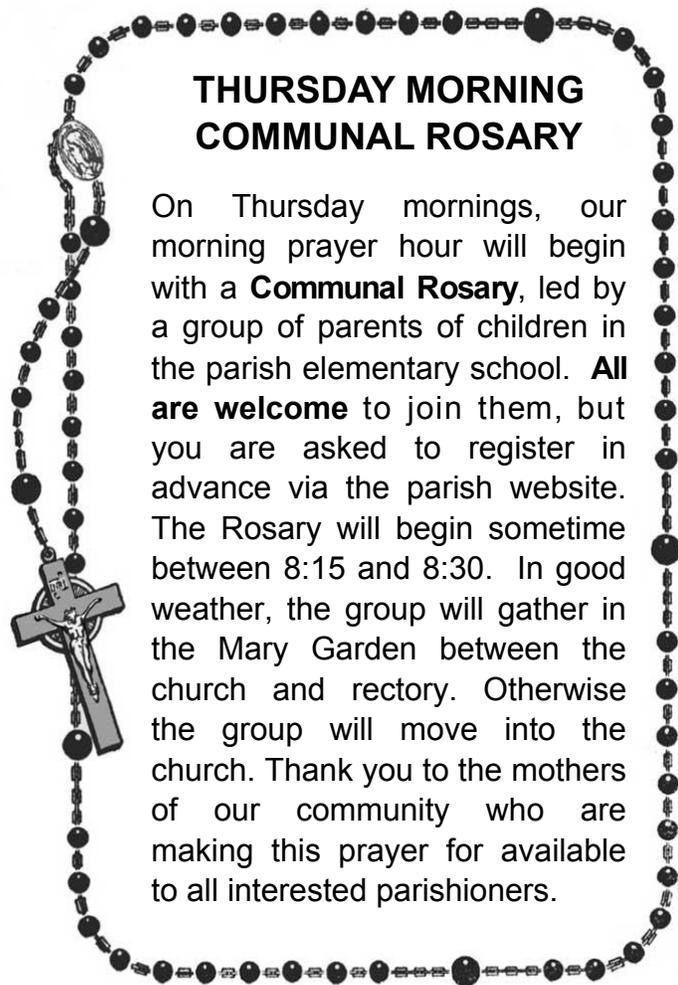
See the latest happenings at the day school:

[SFX School Reopening Plan](#)

[Welcome Back Grades 3-8](#)

[First Day of School for Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2](#)

[First Day of School for PS3 and PK4](#)



THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNAL ROSARY

On Thursday mornings, our morning prayer hour will begin with a **Communal Rosary**, led by a group of parents of children in the parish elementary school. **All are welcome** to join them, but you are asked to register in advance via the parish website. The Rosary will begin sometime between 8:15 and 8:30. In good weather, the group will gather in the Mary Garden between the church and rectory. Otherwise the group will move into the church. Thank you to the mothers of our community who are making this prayer for available to all interested parishioners.

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at sfxlg.org.

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Quest Registration for Confirmation 2021

- If you haven't done so already, please fill out the Quest Confirmation Registration Form found at www.sfxlg.org under Youth Ministry. After completing the form please send it into the rectory office or email to dsoulje@sfxlg.org.

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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CHRIST
FOREVER

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Knights of Columbus

“Caring is our business”



**Intellectual Disabilities
Fundraiser
La Grange Council 6483**

**The Knights of Columbus
has extended the donation period
through October.**

Donations can be dropped in envelopes through the mail slot in the rectory door. Please address envelopes:

ATTN: Brian Lisek, Knights of Columbus

The Knights greatly appreciate your support of our local intellectual -disabilities services through this collection campaign.

Knights of Columbus Fall Food For Families Drive

Are you and your youth doing community service hours this semester? Volunteers are needed for the Fall **Food for Families** Drive in October. You and your youth can choose how to participate and how to account for community service hours, including social media time.

- Distribute paper flyers to local homes as previous food drives. OR/AND
- Post and share online “giving links” on social media.
- Volunteers can choose their own schedule in the month of October.
- Flyers are provided by the Knights of Columbus.
- Volunteers may print their own flyers if they choose, **BUT street assignments must be registered in advance to avoid duplication on the same streets.**



This good cause, twice each year, is a partnership of the KofC, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the kindness and generosity of friends and neighbors like you.

To volunteer or for more information text or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come again



Council
#6483



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Winter Outerwear Drive

Who? Those in need of warm outerwear

**What? Clean coats, hats, scarfs, gloves & boots for
all ages**

**Where? Contactless drop-off @ St. Francis
Parish Parking Lot *tax receipts available***

When? 10/3 & 10/4 from 9am-2pm

Why? Uncertain times leave many in need

Cash donations can be made at
www.catholiccharities.net



Contact us with questions or pick-up requests:
708-380-3101
gutheriepike@msn.com

Please help spread
the Word...
to those who might
want to become
Catholic or complete
their sacraments



St. Francis Xavier & St. John of the Cross are beginning a new round of our collaborative RCIA Process. 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. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming Catholic, we would be thrilled to speak with you!

For more information, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or by phone 708-352-0168.

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. Additional details can be found on the parish website: www.sfxlg.org, under Parish/Sacraments/"Becoming Catholic." Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be conducted primarily via virtual platform until it is possible to do otherwise.



NEW – Help Needed! Elizabeth Ministry: Support through the Joys, Challenges and Sorrows of the Childbearing Years

SFX is in the process of establishing an Elizabeth Ministry Chapter. If you have experienced a miscarriage, infertility, or if you have adopted or fostered a child, and you would like to be involved with Elizabeth Ministry's support of women and families through these experiences, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.

If you are currently struggling with infertility, the adoption process, the foster care process, or if you are grieving the loss of a child to miscarriage and would like to speak with a minister, please contact Maggie as well. We are here to support you.



The Well Spirituality Center

Due to the Coronavirus, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up. Here are just a few highlights from September:

Brother Sun, Sister Moon *Laudato Si'* - You and Me! On Friday-Saturday, October 2-3 both days at 10:00-11:00 am, 1:00-2:00 pm and 5:00-5:15 pm. St. Francis' love for all creation as his kin, and Pope Francis' appeal to humanity to protect our endangered Earth home, ring as two bells tolling together. In this mini-retreat facilitated by Maureen Wild, SC, The Canticle of Creation and vignettes from the life of St. Francis will be woven with threads of *Laudato Si'* and the inspiration of Pope Francis. Cost: \$60.

Singing Bowls on Tuesday, October 6 and Thursday, December 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm. During an hour-long session, facilitator Jalima Cuesta uses breathing techniques, guided meditation, and intuitive playing of various crystal singing bowls to bring a sense of calm and peace to participants. From the comfort of your home, experience profound relaxation and internal healing. Cost: \$15 per session.

Whiteness, Anti-Racism and Repair on Thursdays, October 8, 15, and 22 from 7:00-9:00 pm. The norm of whiteness and the racist structures of white privilege and power have been invisible to many of us. Once we grasp the truth about systemic racism we must show solidarity with and be accountable to people of color. Learn about structural racism and the foundations of anti-racism in this 3-session workshop led by Rev. Smash. Cost of series: \$60.

Protect & Heal Earth: Reduce/Eliminate Plastics on Monday, October 19; November 2 and 16 from 7:00-8:15 pm. Are you concerned about throw-away/single-use plastics and the pollution they are causing in our oceans, the injury to sea animals, and the devastation to our entire planet? These gatherings will use a spiritual process for addressing the issue from an integral ecology perspective. Facilitated by Kathy Sherman and other CSJ Sisters. Cost of series: \$30.

Please see our website at
www.csithewell.org/offerings/
to find out about these programs and many more.

Friday Morning Lectio Divina

Join us on Friday mornings (7:15-8:00am) for reflection on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading! We will read and reflect on the Gospel in a modified "Lectio Divina" style and then engage in small group faith sharing based on the Gospel. Follow the Zoom link on Friday morning to join. Email Maggie at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89264409661>



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 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
- **Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—grandson of Lorraine Donegan

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
 Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday9:00 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.

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:30-9:30 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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