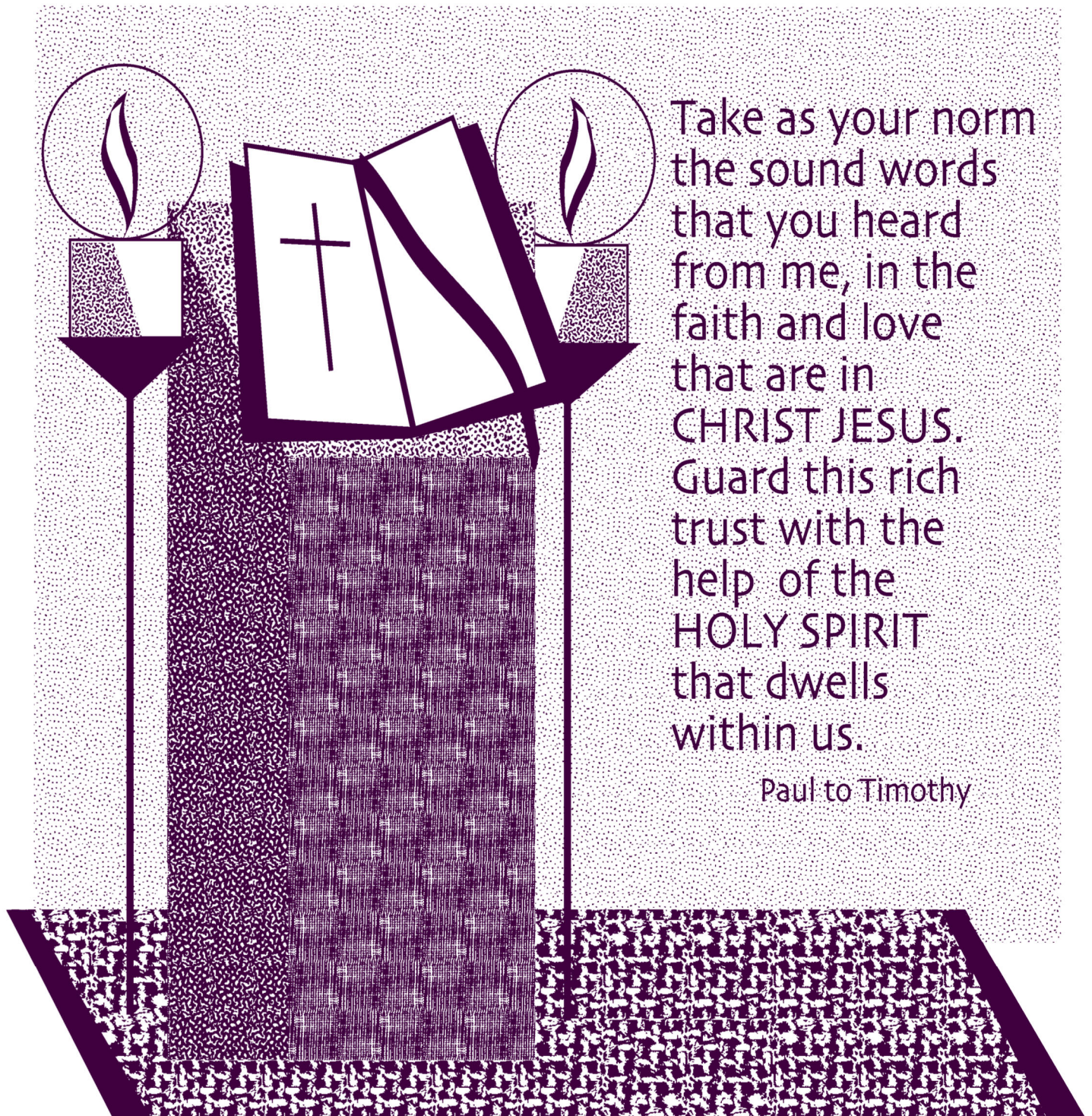


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2022



Take as your norm
the sound words
that you heard
from me, in the
faith and love
that are in
CHRIST JESUS.
Guard this rich
trust with the
help of the
HOLY SPIRIT
that dwells
within us.

Paul to Timothy

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 3	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Joyce Daly Lillian & Michael Bannach Mary Ann Slowick Stefano Scambiaterra	The SFX Rectory Staff Toni Conwell Ellen Cudzik The Scambiaterra Family
Tuesday, October 4	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Josephine Knapp Maryanne McKillop	Rita Munch Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Wednesday, October 5	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Raymond Barry The Deceased Members of Elwood & Tio Families	The Zahorik Family Mary Tio
Thursday, October 6	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, October 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Eileen Daly Eunice Stanczyk	Patrick Daly Linda Danielson
Saturday, October 8	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lorraine Ovník James Flynn	Pam Oplawski The Peterson Family
Sunday, October 9 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Ken D'Argo Paul Dumfeh Ruth Palmer Sam Cuba John Madell	The Schumacher Family Pat Urycki Lynn Regan Nancy Cozzi & Family The Kisla Family

Schedule for October 1-2, 2022~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Killeen **7:30 am** Fr. Milek **9:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk **11:00 am** Fr. Milek **5:00 pm** Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Sally Burson Michael Cannon Jay Carroll Chili Challender 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	Beth Mooney Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison James Mose Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Beth Pfluger Geri Pfluger Madison Raupp Anna Rose Rita Scalcon Santa Snieg Rita Mae Spearman Barbara Stewart John Stopka Olivia Tarsney Theresa Toher 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:

Joyce Daly
Sister of Janice Carr

James Flynn
Father of Tim Flynn

Sabina O'Donohue
Mother of Dennis, John, Mary & Clare

Lade Siliunas
Mother of Donna Stasaitis

Elaine Templeton
Niece of Andrea May

Weddings

Mckenzie Hathaway & Henry Byrne
Grace Flaherty & William Sinnott
Melissa Torres & Timothy Shampine
Lauren Hennigan & Terence Zubieta
Alyssa Pfluger & John Beyer



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Pastor's Letter

The vision still has its time... and will not disappoint... wait for it, it will surely come.

Habakkuk 2:3

Circumstances and events in our personal or family lives, or in the wider community or world, often do not conform with our expectations. We tend to question God in times of struggle, suffering, or injustice that seem beyond our ability to alleviate or endure. *We want answers now.* We want to know when and how the suffering will end. We become impatient and wonder whether God is listening or even cares.

The prophet Habakkuk receives the above response from the Lord during a time of upheaval, insurrection, and fear of what is to come. God offers no answer as to when things will get better. In fact, things were about to get worse. Yet it will be through the approaching Babylonian conquest and captivity that the people of Israel will be restored to peace and prosperity and a renewed covenant with their God.

Our civil society is threatened by forces from many sides that would pull us apart, set us against one another, and dismantle the structures that hold us together. Our communal life as church has been threatened by the abuse of authority by those whose responsibility was to guide us all and protect the most vulnerable among us. Many now see those of us who continue to gather in communion in Christ as a thing of the past, irrelevant, with nothing to offer them.

The vision still has its time and will not disappoint. Wait for it. Those of civil society who hold strongly to the principles of our founders and successive generations are a majority that far outnumbers the voices at the

extremes. The vision lives with those willing to listen to one another and build from common ground. And we the Church, the people of God who come together in communion and go out to bring the hope of the gospel to others in word and action, continue to carry a precious treasure within the fragile, often imperfect vessel that has its cracks and scratches and imperfections. God does not abandon us. Christ lives among us and the Spirit acts through us. What may seem to be a time of loss may hold within it the birth of something new.

That is the hope of Renew My Church, which will call us over the next three years to become stronger witnesses to what we believe. We will learn and commit to deepen our relationship with Jesus and make him more present in our words and actions. We will strive not to pretend to be more than we are, but to let Christ become known through our imperfect yet healed and forgiven selves.

The month of October offers many opportunities to come together as a parish to celebrate, to learn the names of a few more parishioners, and to share a bit of our lives with one another. It is in the simple actions that God often is most effective in shaping and bringing us together as individuals and as communion. It may be when we least think God is listening or responding that God is planting the seeds that will bear rich fruit over time. God asks only that we show up and walk the journey with one another. Our willingness gives God the opportunity to do great things.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill



6th Annual Living Rosary

In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, parishioners and members of the community are invited to gather outside with SFX students, faculty and staff to pray the Rosary.

Friday, October 7th, 2022 9:15 am (weather permitting). In the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot.



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 comes at 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 of Assisi 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 next Saturday**, October 8th, at 9AM. We will gather on the Spring Avenue lawn across the ramp from the Mary Garden. Pets of all types and sizes are welcome. (Speedy plans to attend.) Pass the word to friends and neighbors.

Welcome

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

Scott & Jessica Ball
Anthony & Stephanie Bosko
Jack & Julie Byrne
Benjamin & Mary Creed
Neil & Kristen Davies
Alejandro De la Cruz & Melani Mondragon
Casey & Jenna Fraher
Timothy & Maureen Funke
Andrew & Sylvia Gillie
Timothy & Stephanie Hanrahan
Keith & Erika Hernandez
Daniel & Nancy Kuzniar
Joshua & Amanda Luther
Robert & Julie Mahr
Ian & Emily Matthews
Michael & Rosie Moebus
Derek & Elizabeth Nickisch
Sandra Perez
Brian & Helen Salvatori
Thomas Sivek & Bridget LeClair
Jeff & Caroline Skender
Gerardo Suarez
Brian & Katie Walsh
Kevin & Maura Walsh



Parish Pastoral Council Seeks New Members

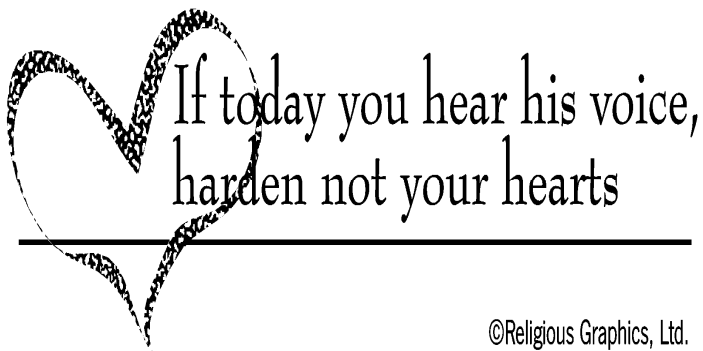
New guidelines for the structure and operation of the Parish Pastoral Council were approved by parishioners in 2020. The PPC has continued to meet, either virtually or in person for the past two years. PPC new guidelines call for an ongoing rotation of PPC members on an alternating basis. Three members of the current PPC are stepping down. I am grateful to Chris Grech, Tom Marthaler, and Bernadette McMahon for their service to the parish over the past two years. We have begun the process of discerning three or four parishioners who will enhance the diversity of parish voices on the PPC.

According to the guidelines, PPC members serve a two-year term and can ask to remain on the PPC for an additional one or two years. A member then must step away from the PPC for at least five years. This allows us to continue to involve new voices.

If you are willing, interested, and able to be considered for a two-year term on the PPC, please submit your name to Father Bill no later than October 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Father Bill or one of the parishioners whose names are listed below.

PPC Members

Curt Aronson	curtaronson@gmail.com
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Laura Duelm	lauraduelm@hotmail.com
Mike Hattie	michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net
Barb Kalnes	blkalnes@sbcglobal.net
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Carolyn Simone	carolynsimone@gmail.com
Jody Wise	jody_wise@hotmail.com



**Knights of Columbus
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Food For Families Volunteers**



Volunteers are needed for the KofC Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Drive in October. Please join the Knights in helping families and seniors struggling to make ends meet. Your support makes an immediate impact to replace hunger with food on the table!

- Attach paper flyers to doorknobs of local homes as previous food drives.
- Volunteers choose their own day and time from now to October 9.
- Volunteers choose a street near home in LaGrange or LaGrange Park.
- Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights of Columbus.
- Donations benefit St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and Chicago Food Depository.

This good cause, twice each year in April and October, is a partnership of the KofC, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and LaGrange and LaGrange Park friends and neighbors like you.

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

Thank You For Your Support!

Mike Hattie
Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483
708-207-2780

**Thank
You**



Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 expresses its gratitude to the St. Francis Xavier faithful. Your generosity in our Intellectual-Disabilities "Tootsie Roll" Drive collection before and after Masses on September 17 and 18 will go a long way to helping fund several of our local partners from Illinois Special Olympics to the St. Francis Xavier SPRED program. Thank you very much and God bless!

11th Annual Warm Clothing Drive



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**



Start: October - End: 11/13/2022 (Sunday)

**DO YOU HAVE OUTERWEAR ITEMS
THAT COULD HELP SOMEONE IN NEED?**

Please share your gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc...

OPTIONS TO DONATE:



(St. Francis Church)

Donation boxes will be at church entrances the weekends of **10/22-10/23, 10/29 -10/30, 11/5 -11/6, and 11/12 -11/13** to deposit your clothing articles.

(Drop-Off @ SFX Parking Lot)

On **Sunday, November 13th** from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, you can drop off your donations in the parking lot behind St. Francis Xavier Church (124 N Spring Ave) – Knights of Columbus volunteers will accept your donations from your car – you do not need to leave your car!

(Cash Donation)

If a cash donation is more convenient, simply scan the QR code below (point camera at the QR code to lead you to the donation website), or follow the website link.



www.paypal.com/donate

Cash Donations Accepted - Tax Receipts upon request

Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions: 708-691-6095

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



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Sometimes, victims of domestic abuse think they are responsible for breaking up the marriage. But the abused person is never at fault. The United States Catholic bishops state in their pastoral letter, *When I Call For Help*, "We emphasize that no one is expected to stay in an abusive marriage." (Google: *When I Call for Help*.) The Catholic Church does not want anyone to stay in an abusive relationship. Victims are to be congratulated for their courage if they leave it. The one who breaks up a marriage is the one who perpetrates the abuse.



Excerpt from the booklet, *You Are Not Alone, God Is With You* available from ACDVO, email cdahm13@gmail.com www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

If you need help, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



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Your Offertory Gift to St. Francis Xavier Parish

July and August Total Sunday Offertory - this year \$ 215,680

July and August Total Sunday Offertory - last year \$ 224,532

God bless you for supporting the ministries here at St. Francis Xavier Parish!

St. Cletus CREDO and Fr. Elmer invite you to join us on a Fall Pilgrimage!

The St. Cletus Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities Committee (CREDO) and Father Elmer have collaborated to plan a day trip to Mundelein Seminary! We hope you can join us for a day with Father Elmer and some of his friends and former colleagues.

Date: October 22, 2022

Time: Bus leaves at 8am sharp, returns at around 5pm

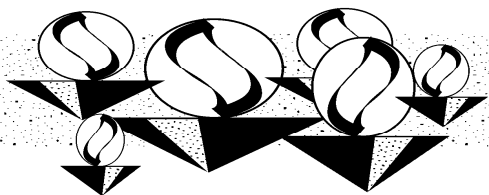
Cost: \$60 per person

Where: Mundelein Seminary, with special tour guide and speaker arranged by our Pastor!

The day will include a special, expanded tour led by Dr. Paul Hilliard Ph.D., Chairperson of the Department of Church History, and a talk and reflection led by Rev. Brendan Lupton, President of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology, mass celebrated by Father Elmer, lunch, and time to explore the grounds and shop in the bookstore. The day will include approximately a mile of walking on the tour and between buildings, standing, and some stairs. If you are not able to walk that far, you may drop out of the tour for private reflection in the chapel.

The cost for the trip covers lunch, deluxe bus (not a school bus), tip for the bus driver, and stipends for speakers. The majority of the cost is for the bus and gas. Make checks payable to St. Cletus Parish.

Contact Colleen Hagen at cahmd@aol.com to register.



Stir into flame the gift of faith you have received

**We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a ‘Gospel of life.’
It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly
in respect for human dignity.**

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB

Respect Life and Human Dignity Events and Resources

Month of October:

Annual Women’s Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive

Envelopes available at church doors. Please drop off at Rectory or in collection baskets. Online donations can be made at <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate>. Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

Knights of Columbus Food and Warm Clothing Drives. See bulletin for details.

Sept 28–Nov 6: 40 Days for Life

Help save lives through the power of prayer. For more information and sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove.

Oct 2, 2:30-3:30pm: National Life Chain. Interested participants will gather in prayer at the SW corner of Ogden Ave & LaGrange Rd (near Chipotle). Signs will be provided. “Each year, since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of every October to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life and form a “Life Chain” across the country.”

Oct 15 & 16 after all masses:

Prayer Shawls available to comfort those who are sick while supplies last.

Companions Journeying Together will be accepting donations for books so that people in prison can record a book on tape for their family members.

Oct 19, 6-8:30pm: Women’s Care Center Fundraiser—100 Drury Lane Center Oakbrook Brook Terrace
https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/aHSa_A?vid=ue8ug

Oct 22, 9-10am, Unity Hall: Companions Journeying Together will meet to sign and address Christmas cards to prisoners. Cards will be provided but they welcome additional cards and stamps. All are welcome to provide a heartwarming gesture to those who are incarcerated.

Every Friday, 7-7:45am Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants

Join weekly prayer at the Broadview Detention Center for those being detained.
Contact Maureen Lang mrplang4@sbcglobal.net for information.

Illinois Welcomes Asylum Seekers

[Click here](#) for flyer of donations and support needed for families who have recently arrived in Chicago.

<https://www.catholiccharities.net/DonateNow/MigrantResponse.asp>

Gospel of Life Prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life.

St John Paul II *Evangelium vitae*



Religious Education News

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). *This program is now closed.*

We will offer a virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays. *This program will close on December 1st 2022.*

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

Visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition: [Click Here](#)

Your Gift and Talent needs to be shared!
We are still looking for catechists Assistants and Online catechists!



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 is being offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for volunteers to step forward to join in this journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2022-2023 school year at eguidice@sfxlg.org.

2nd Year of Confirmation – Quest Registration

Our 1st Confirmation Quest Gathering will take place on Sunday, October 16th. Register your teen today!

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 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 sfxreligious@sfxlg.org.



The Well Spirituality Center is located at 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. Please register and find out about more about programs at The Well online go to www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Howard Thurman's Message for Today

On Tuesday, October 11 and 25 join us from 1:30–3:00 pm. Grandson of enslaved people and born into a poor family in Jim Crow-era Florida, Howard Thurman grew to become one of 20th Century America's greatest spiritual leaders. Thurman wrote more than 20 books on spirituality and mysticism. We will focus on his nature mysticism and how it informed his work as founder of the nation's first inter-racial church and his role as spiritual mentor to the Civil Rights Movement. Cost: \$35 series, participate in person or on Zoom.

Calling All Gardeners!

On Saturday, October 15 from 10:00–11:00 am the world's leading soil biologist Dr. Elaine Ingham will explain the soil food web and its relationship to climate change, soil erosion, and a healthy ecosystem. Learn the steps to start growing plants in conjunction with nature instead of fighting nature. Cost: \$25 Watch on Zoom with others at The Well, or from home.

See No Stranger

On Thursday, October 20 from 7:00–8:30 pm with Valarie Kaur is a renowned civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, innovator, and best-selling author. Hear the story of her fight for racial justice as she shares her vision of Revolutionary Love, rooted in her Sikh faith. Cost: In person at Lewis University \$25, or on YouTube streaming \$15.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Teen Youth Ministry program is seeking adult volunteers to assist with:

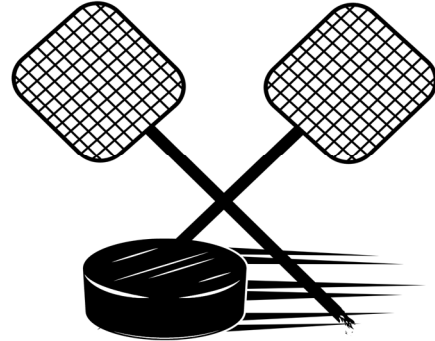
- facilitating Teen Night (1st Sunday of the month)
- chaperoning service outings
- coaching Church League Basketball
- many other future activities

Fill out this form if interested in volunteering,
<https://forms.gle/U28DMu4bj5NEprRk8>

Or email Jenette, Teen Youth Minister,
at jteran@sfxlg.org

SFX TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY

FLYSWATTER HOCKEY



**OCTOBER 2, 2022 | 6PM
JOYCE HALL**

If the teens could bring a shareable snack or drink, that would be appreciated.

Questions? Contact Jenette@jteran@sfxlg.org

YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



REGISTRATION OPEN!
HIGH SCHOOL MEN
SIGN UP THROUGH PARISH WEBSITE OR YOUTH
MINISTRY NEWSLETTER
LEAGUE FEE \$125

MORE INFO EMAIL: JTERAN@SFXLG.ORG

YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE EVENT

CEREAL DRIVE

11:00AM-12:00PM MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022
GOD'S GARAGE

TEENS PLEASE BRING 2 BOXES OF CEREAL TO DONATE
TO THE FOOD PANTRY!

WE WILL ALSO MAKE AND DECORATE CEREAL BARS
THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE FOOD PANTRY ON
TUESDAY.



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

The SFX Oktoberfest is back!!!



SFXoktoberfest.com

SFX Oktoberfest returns
Oct. 8th ~ 6pm-10:30pm
SFX parking lot

Get a sitter and join the
SFX community for
food, beer, wine & live
music with "The Pigs"



THANK YOU to our wonderful sponsors

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER AT 7:00 PM

\$100 PER PERSON

*Cost for Senior members is a donation to the Men's Club. See below for details.**



Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Beach Ave BBQ!

Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda



Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

*All male parishioners age 70 and over contact Matt Hubert directly at mthubert@gmail.com or 773-619-0554



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17th Annual St. Francis Xavier Falcon 5K Run/Walk

Lace up your running shoes, this year's 17th Annual St. Francis Xavier Falcon 5K Run/Walk is **Saturday, November 5** register at www.SFXFalcon5k.com.

We are pleased to share a few exciting updates:

We're thrilled to share an updated Falcon 5k race logo but not to worry, it will continue to be the fun, family-friendly race you've come to love - runners, walkers, strollers and all ages are welcome!

- Early Bird Special: register before September 30 and you'll get **\$5 OFF**
- Age-group awards will return in 2022!
- A newly added Stroller Division, so if you like to push your kiddo(s) in a stroller while running and have that competitive spirit, this is for you!

This race happens thanks to the gracious support of the SFX community so if you or someone you know may be interested in supporting the race, sponsorship is available! Feel free to reach out to Michelle Martin and Eleanor O'Reilly at SFXFalcon5K@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you all out on the course in November!

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual
growth opportunities for all parishioners

Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

'The Little Flower'



Do you know this woman, whose statue stands above the west transept door to our parish church?

October 2nd is the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, patron saint of missions and one of only four women given the title of "Doctor of the Church."

St. Therese was a cloistered Carmelite nun who lived each day in love of Christ through what she called the "Little Way." You can read about her life in her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*.

Therese stands above the door to our west transept to remind us to leave the church on mission each week to love and serve others in our own daily lives, even if it feels like we can only do so in "little ways."

St. Therese, pray for us!

Calling All SFX Empty-Nesters!

Kids out of the house? Gary Radville is gathering an empty-nester crew for an evening of catching up with old friends and making some new ones. Join other SFX empty-nesters on **Saturday, October 8** for 5 PM mass in the Saint Francis church, then head together to the annual Oktoberfest!

Purchase your Oktoberfest tickets ahead of time [here](#) or on the parish website Quicklink. If you forget, you can still purchase at the door (at a slight price increase.)

Don't forget to invite some SFX friends you haven't seen in a while!

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!



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

- **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
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-5:00 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

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

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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.

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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.

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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, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

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