

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020



*the
kingdom
of
heaven
will yield
a rich
harvest*



Week at a Glance

Monday, October 5	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Raymond Barry, Lamber & Dorothy Elwood, Jim and Richard Elwood
Tuesday, October 6	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mercedes McDonnell
Wednesday, October 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese
Thursday, October 8	Private Prayer	8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Friday, October 9	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack
Saturday, October 10	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jim & Claire Ruth
Sunday, October 11 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Catherine Seibert Carole Mulfinger Maureen Malone



*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 Bereckis
Sue Beyer
John Bovard
Jack Boyd
Sally Burson
Jay Carroll
Chili Challender
Nick Crnkovich
Mary Culin
Americo DiGianfillippo
Baby Catherine DiMarco
Anthony Dina
Blake Donegan
Linda Einspar
Lily Fielding
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick
Will Fleming
Jim Foy
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Patricia Hassler
Frank Hoos
Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Jane Jacobsen
Michael Janus
Peter Johns
Theresa Kandall
Mark Kiley
Benny Kilman
Jerry Kolman

Michael Lang
Enrique Martinez
Lisa Massaro
Patrick Morgan
Mike Morrison
Baby Amy Nesterowicz
Carolyn Nesterowicz
Bernice Niemiec
Gert Ogilvie
Arnold Oppenheim
Jane O'Reilly
Shawwna Palazzolo
Ryan Patyk
Donna Pekarek
Stephen Perry
Carolyn Peters
James Pridmore
Baby Lucia R.
Madison Raupp
Anna Rose
Matthew Schiek
Larry Skippet
Greyson Stanley
Brian Stephenson
Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Anne Titzer
Michael Ungari
Gregory Van Gorp
Helena Walden
Marian Ward
Liz Wilk
Scott Young

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.

Readings For The Week of October 4, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 1:3-5/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Pastor's Notes

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside...
Isaiah 5:1

Jesus and Isaiah present stories of a fertile, well-protected vineyard that God freely entrusts to our care, due to no effort or merit of our own. What God asks is that we tend the vineyard *on behalf of the owner*, so that it produces *an abundant harvest for all*. Our labor in this vineyard gives our lives purpose and meaning and allows us to share in the fruit of our labors. The vineyard was given to us fully established and ready to produce a good harvest; we labor in gratitude for what has been placed in our care.

Yet too often we move away from a sense of gratitude for what we have received; we view the vineyard's harvest as something we deserve rather than something entrusted to us. In our worst moments, we refuse to share what has been so freely given. We consider ourselves *the owners rather than the caretakers*; we become selfish in sharing what we have come to view as "ours" and to be spent as we deem practical and in our self-interest.

The heart of the attitude of stewardship is a confession that *all is gift from a loving God* to be used to do God's work. **Stewardship is the time** I set aside each day to call to mind and thank God for the blessings in my life. **Stewardship is the talent** I share to help a struggling classmate or coworker. **Stewardship is the treasure** I give away to feed a hungry family or dig a well in Africa. Stewardship is giving over to God a share of God's bountiful harvest. And, as St. Paul reminds us, in doing what we have learned and received and heard and seen, the God of peace dwells with us. And God's peace is the greatest gift of all.

October invites us, in specific ways, to reflect on our responsibility as good stewards to care for the earth and all of creation; to protect human life from conception to natural death; to work to end domestic violence and racism in all its forms; to defend the human dignity of the immigrant, the homeless, and the prisoner. May we grow in awareness, understanding, and commitment to our responsibility as stewards.

We celebrate the good news that St. Francis Xavier Elementary School has received the National Blue Ribbon Award for the second time in our history and has been named an Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School. Thank you to our school faculty and staff, our school parent community, and our parish community for your dedication to providing the option of a Catholic elementary education for our children.

This month we expand our Mass schedule:

- + **Monday**, Tuesday, **Wednesday**, and Friday at **8:30AM**
- + Saturday at 5:00PM and **Sunday** at 9:00 and 11:00AM and **5:00PM**

If you are not yet comfortable coming to church but would like to receive communion, please see the article inside this bulletin for the service now offered by our parish ministers of care. Our weekly livestream of weekend Mass at SFX will continue

Our staff continues to grow! Deacon Phil Gianatasio, his wife Joyce, and their adult son Andrew recently chose St. Francis Xavier as their parish home. Soon after, Phil asked if he could serve the parish as a deacon. Phil is a "senior deacon" who remains active in the diaconate. The official appointment letter from the Cardinal arrived this week. **Welcome to our parish family, Gianatasio's.** More to follow in the coming weeks.

Autumn Peace,

Fr. Bill

WELCOME, DEACON PHIL AND FAMILY

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Phil Gianatasio and I will be joining you as a permanent deacon. And I have to tell you that I and my family are very excited about it. We have been attending St. Francis since before the virus hit all of us, and we have experienced a warm, welcoming, and prayerful community. We have come to consider SFX our home parish.

Just a little about us. I was ordained a deacon in 2003 and have been assigned to St. Mary of Celle in Berwyn since then. We still live in Berwyn. I and my family have decided that it was a time for a change so here we are. My wife Joyce and I have three children and we are blessed that our son Andrew lives with us. My wife Joyce and I have twin daughters who are married, and we have four grandchildren. We look forward to getting to know all of you. And as Fr. Bill always says, "It is good that we are here."



FLU 2020



Prevent the flu: Get vaccinated every year

With COVID-19 also affecting our community, the flu vaccine is more important this year than ever. Influenza, commonly called “the flu,” is a viral infection of the respiratory tract that may cause symptoms very similar to those of COVID-19.

Everyone six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season.

Flu vaccine is provided at many local health departments, private health care providers and pharmacies across Illinois. Contact your health care provider to find out which flu vaccine is right for you or you can

find vaccine locations at [vaccinefinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org).

Most people who get the flu recover completely in one to two weeks, but some people develop **serious and potentially life-threatening medical complications**, such as pneumonia.

Over the past decade, influenza and pneumonia have been linked to an average of **3,500 deaths** a year in Illinois.

Between **10 and 20 percent of Americans** are infected during most flu seasons, which typically run from October through May.

More than **200,000 people** are hospitalized by the flu each year in the U.S.

Symptoms of flu include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea also can occur but are more common in children than adults.

Emergency Warning Signs

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is having any of the following warning signs below.

In children, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Fever with a rash

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is experiencing any of the signs above.

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 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. A few volunteer comments:

*"I am happy I have a safe way to help out during this time.
The volunteer work is easy, totally flexible and I like being able to attend Mass as part of the experience."*

*"There isn't a better way to start my day than seeing the familiar, friendly faces that attend daily mass.
I've gotten to know quite a few of the regular attendees and they "fill my bucket" with their gratitude and appreciation.
What I looked at as a necessity to do to keep the church open, has turned into something I truly look forward to doing each week."*

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



Due to COVID-19, the community is unable to gather with SFX students, faculty and staff for our 4th annual Living Rosary.

However, in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, parishioners and members of the community are invited to gather outside while the students, faculty and staff pray the Rosary inside the school building.

Wednesday October 7, 2020 8:30am (weather permitting)
We will be socially distanced in the
St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot

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](#)



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

Enter today and please share with friends and family!

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



Dear Saint Francis Xavier School Community,

It is with much pride and excitement that we share a momentous accomplishment with our school community. On Thursday, September 24, 2020, the United States Department of Education announced that Saint Francis Xavier School, La Grange, IL has been recognized as a

**2020 EXEMPLARY HIGH PERFORMING
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL!**

St. Francis Xavier School is now a TWO time recipient of the National Blue Ribbon Award. We sincerely thank our highly skilled faculty and staff along with our supportive parent community for their dedication to our children. It is because of the positive and meaningful teamwork between these stakeholders that we are once again bestowed this honor.

Due to state and local restrictions on in person gatherings, the official 2020 award ceremony in Washington D.C. will not be held in person. However, in coming weeks we will celebrate as a school community and share congratulatory communications from the U.S. Secretary of Education, the Director of The Blue Ribbon Schools Program of the U.S. Department of Education and more.

We Pray, We Learn, We Serve.

Principal

Pastor

Assistant Principal

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!

Welcome

Robert & Millie Hozjan
Michael & Jennifer Perlongo
Joshua & Deirdre Peele
Kenneth & Julie Carollo
Stephen & Flora Perry
Carrie Gatz
Anthony & Hilary Coia



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!



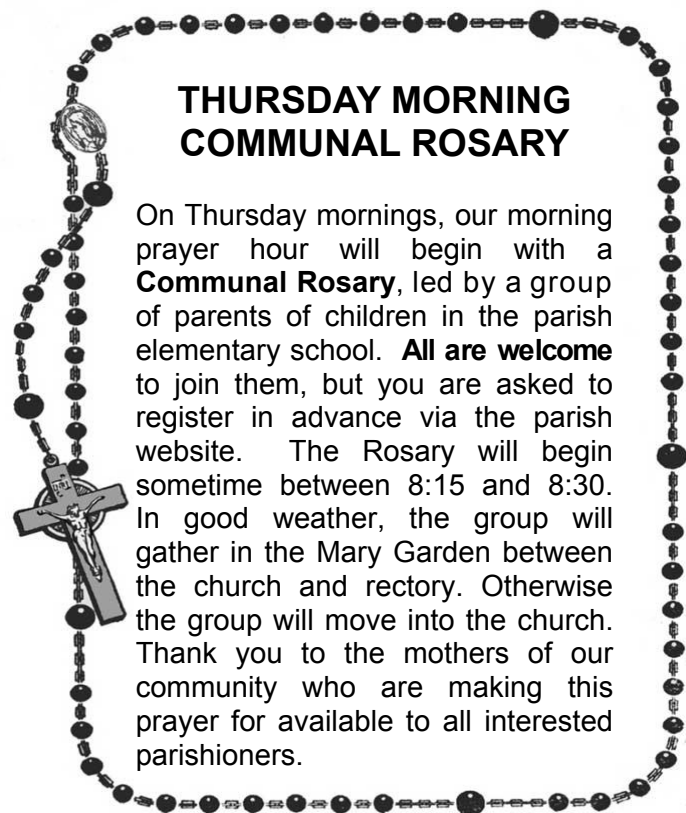
@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

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.



God's own peace
will guard over
your hearts and
minds,
in **CHRIST JESUS**

“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

OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE THEMES

Oct 4 **Life & Creation**
Feast of St. Francis Assisi

Oct 11 New Life

Oct 18 Life & Dignity

Oct 25 End of Life

TAKING ACTION FOR LIFE & CREATION:

- Watch Netflix series *Down to Earth with Zac Efron*
- Check out catholicclimatecovenant.org
- Try out practical tips for sustainability at scarce.org
- Pray St. Francis of Assisi’s *Canticle of Creation*
- Read/reflect on Papal Encyclical on “Care for Our Common Home”

Upcoming Respect Life Events

Month of October: Annual **Women’s Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive**

Contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org to have an envelope mailed to you OR online donations can be made at: www.supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/ Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

Sept 23 – Nov 1: **40 Days for Life**. Help save lives through the power of prayer. www.40daysforlife.com

Oct 3: **Catholic Climate Covenant Zoom Presentation** 8am (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82597105283>)
Pet blessing in Mary Garden 10am.

Oct 4: **National Life Chain**. Gather with parishioners from St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross on the south side of Ogden Avenue beginning at LaGrange Road from 2:30-3:30pm.

Oct 20, 7pm: **Online Domestic Violence Support Group**. Monthly meetings will continue to be held virtually on Zoom. If you would like to join, please fill out this RSVP form: <https://bit.ly/31dqC66>

RESOURCES

Women’s Care Center – 136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange | 708-352-5000

Provides free, confidential counseling, support, education, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Since opening in May 2018, the La Grange WCC has welcomed and supported over 1100 babies and their families.

PILLARS | Hotlines: Domestic violence: 708-485-5254 | Sexual assault: 708-482-9600

Provides health and social services. Domestic and sexual violence staff serve clients through free 24-hour hotlines. 708-PILLARS for all services including mental health.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): The Living Room | 4731 Willow Springs Rd, La Grange | 708-582-6434

Provides free peer counseling to anyone feeling scared, anxious, angry, sad, or just needs someone to talk to.

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. – Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*

FOOD FOR FAMILIES
2020 Fall **Pandemic Drive**
When it's hardest
& most important
6 easy ways to help



LaGrange Council 6483
Established May 1973

Receive links directly to your computer or mobile device – text or email F4F to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.

Give online to the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry - Give Central at www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/519.

Text the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry - Text PANTRY to 708-340-6630.

Give online to the Chicago Food Depository at www.MyFoodDrive.org/?LGKofC202.

Schedule a contactless donation pick-up – text or email F4FPICKUP to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.

Post & share on your social media – text or email F4F to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.

Questions? Text, or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com

For more information & links go to www.sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483/food-for-families
Or text or email F4F to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Council
#6483



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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



**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



**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.

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

Recognizing Anxiety in Men - In some men, anxiety can manifest in less recognized ways. Anxiety disorders are one of the most common mental health issues, estimated to affect close to 20% of Americans in a given year. But not everyone is affected equally — research consistently shows the number of women diagnosed with anxiety disorders is about double that of men. Researchers have yet to definitively determine the causes of this discrepancy, but anecdotal evidence and clinical experience suggests that some men respond to anxiety in ways that can cause it to be misinterpreted or else missed entirely.

- from The Family Institute

**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/Fisq-SrOcVM>.*

Lolan P. Adan, MAPC~Parish Counselor

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Chicago, IL 60637

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**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:

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.

Toward an Integral Ecology: Reweaving a New Worldview on Tuesday, October 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm (CDT). We need to be conscious, act, and not be overwhelmed by challenges like climate change, racism and restorative justice, immigration / refugee crises, food insecurity, and generational justice. The many crises of our time present a graced cosmic moment, inviting us into our part of the Great Work. Develop an integral ecology worldview in this program facilitated by Joan Brown, OSF, that helps you accept the invitation! Cost: \$15.

Inter-Racial Relationship Circle on Tuesdays, October 27-December 15 (8 sessions) from 6:30-8:00 pm (CDT). It is Story that builds compassion in us: when we can truly receive and hold another's Story, we change, and the fabric of our society becomes a bit more tender. In this time when our hearts are being broken open by the injustice of systemic racism, we hope to gather an inter-racial group of 12 open-hearted persons to hold each others' Stories, build community, and imagine a more just future. Series cost: \$40.

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



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

Pastoral Ministry

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

Rev. William Tkachuk
Rev. Richard Milek
Mr. Andrew Allison
Mr. Phil Gianastasio
Mrs. Margaret McMahon
Rev. William Killeen
Rev. Ed Barrett
Rev. Stan Ilo

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Education Ministry

Parish School Principal
Assistant Principal
Administrative Assistant
Parish School Secretary
Advancement Director
Tuition Accounts
Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Sharon Garcia
Mrs. Janice Carr
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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.

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:30-9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning 9:00-10:00 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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