SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 9, 2022





Week at a Glance					
			Intention	Requested By	
Monday, October 10 Columbus Day	Morning Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish		
Tuesday, October 11	Morning Mass	8:30 am	James Cyril Mooney Josephine Knapp	Nancy Cozzi Patricia Capra	
Wednesday, October 12	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Marie Ann Barry	The Zahorik Family	
Thursday, October 13	Rosary	8:15 am			
Friday, October 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jack McCrory	The McCrory Family	
Saturday, October 15	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Jerry Schaff	Your SFX Family	
Sunday, October 16 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Stefano Scambiatterra Helen Chervinko Anna Wielgos Katherine McComes People of the Parish	The Scambiatterra Family The Driscoll Family Joan Wielgos The Cannon Family	

Schedule for October 8-9, 2022~Mass Time 5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk 7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk 9:00 am Fr. Milek 11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk 5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Sallv Burson Michael Cannon Jay Carroll Chili Challender Blake Donegan Victoria Donile **Barbara** Doyle Matthew Doyle Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Lisa Massaro Linda McMahon Beth Mooney Patrick Morgan

Mike Morrison James Mose **Quinn Nichol** Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek **Beth Pfluger** Geri Pfluger Madison Raupp Anna Rose Rita Scalcon **Richard Schmuhl** Santa Snieg Rita Mae Spearman **Barbara Stewart** John Stopka Olivia Tarsnev Theresa Toher Liz Wilk

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:

Ray Bacchi Brother of Fr. Bob Bacchi, Maureen & Rick

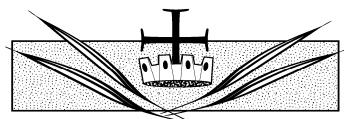
Weddings

Melissa Torres & Timothy Shampine Lauren Hennigan & Terence Zubieta Alyssa Pfluger & John Beyer Sara Caputo & Brian Williams





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Pastor's Letter

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Luke 17:19

How do we acquire faith as small as a mustard seed, about which Jesus spoke last week? Luke immediately follows this teaching on faith with a story of ten persons with leprosy who confront Jesus and plead with him to be cured. Luke tells us that *all ten persons were cured*; but *only one of them found salvation*; and it was *faith* that led the tenth person to stop and realize what had happened and who has done it. Before doing anything else, he returns to Jesus, falls on his knees, and gives thanks; and Jesus affirms his faith. Salvation flows from recognizing the presence of God and pausing to give thanks.

We are quick to question the presence or care of God when we face suffering, hardship, or injustice. In our need, we cry out to God. Yet how often do we pause to be aware and *to give thanks* for all that God is doing in our lives *at this moment*? In our thanksgiving, we receive a much deeper healing of mind and spirit.

We have so much for which to be grateful as members of this faith community. Hundreds of people share their time and talent through our many parish ministries. Last weekend, four of our five weekend Masses were enhanced by the voices of a choir, ranging from children through youth to adults of all ages. Scores of parishioners keep our Food Pantry active for local families in need. Over 50 adults and teens provide religious formation for our children on Sundays or Wednesdays. Many have come together to plan this weekend's Oktoberfest and the upcoming annual Men's Pig Roast. We will continue to develop ways for new and returning parishioners to engage in parish life, rooted in *thanksgiving for all we already are and have*; and the Spirit will work through our efforts.

Each year, the pastors of the Archdiocese are asked to consult the Parish Pastoral Council and nominate parish leaders whose ministry exemplifies Christ's call to serve. In recent years, the following parishioners have bee nominated for the Christifideles Award, which is described in another bulletin article this weekend.

2018 – Ernie and Claire Froemel 2020 – no awards given due to COVID

2019 – David Sherman 2022 – Elizabeth Cooley

This year the Christifideles Award was presented last Sunday to **Curt Aronson and Laura Duelm**, who are pictured below. I thank them for representing well <u>all</u> of those in this parish who bring vibrancy to our mission in Christ.

Autumn Peace,





Christifideles Award 2022

Each year, the Archdiocese asks the lay leadership of each parish to submit the name of one or two persons to be recognized for their servant leadership. The members of our Parish Pastoral Council submit names to the pastor, who then nominates a person or persons who received strong support from the PPC. This year's nominees are Curt Aronson and Laura Duelm.

One member of the PPC explained her nomination of Curt as follows.

"For years, Curt has been a pillar of the St. Francis Xavier Parish, donating hundreds of hours of his time as a volunteer. His dedication to the RCIA program has helped countless adults with their journey of joining the Catholic Church. It is easy to envision the impact he has had each year as he helps usher in new Catholics. As the President of the Parish Pastoral Council for many years, Curt has led by example, carrying the responsibility of creating a positive and productive environment. Curt's ability to listen, willingness to engage all members and passion to support all parish and Archdiocese initiatives have certainly made a difference. The respect he has for parish staff and Council members is apparent at each meeting. And each Sunday, it is easy to locate Curt at Mass, sitting in 'his spot.' As Covid restrictions were lifted and the necessity for greeters changed, Curt added this role to his already full plate. Every Sunday, he is available to welcome 9:00AM parishioners at the west door; he stays by the door even after Mass has started because he thinks it is important that even those who are running late should be greeted with the same care."

"Laura Duelm has contributed as a leader and minister in the parish in many ways over the years. Over ten years ago, she transformed her family's loss of their young child into an annual event that gathered toys for children being treated for the disease that took her sons life. Several years ago, she restored our Welcoming ministry, coordinating welcoming dinners hosted in the rectory by a new welcoming team. The ministry has expanded to include monthly welcoming prayer services for new parishioner families and welcome gifts to connect people to the parish. Laura was discerned onto the Parish Pastoral Council two years ago and continues to advocate for parish hospitality. This is leading to several new ministries that will expand our hospitality outreach, coordinated by new leaders. Behind the scenes, Laura has been a regular volunteer in our weekly Food Pantry ministry, All of this has tilled the soil for us to become *disciples who invite others to join us* in our living witness to how Jesus has touched our lives and called us together."

Laura and Curt received the Christifideles Award at a ceremony that was held at Holy Name Cathedral last Sunday, October 2nd. **Congratulations, Curt and Laura.** Thank you for your witness to servant leadership among us. You are among the many blessings that make us a vibrant parish.

Parish Engagement Survey Progress Report

This past January, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) initiated a parish-wide survey to better understand the engagement level of parishioners and to learn ways in which we can increase parishioner engagement and strengthen our community of faith.

You delivered, and we are grateful. Hundreds of you responded and shared your opinions and ideas. We learned much from the survey, and two major themes emerged: a desire to deepen our faith; and a desire to strengthen the connectedness among parishioners. You have already seen, and will continue to see, initiatives in response to your input and the ideas that it generated.

One clear message was the need for someone to spearhead our parish Youth Ministry. Many stressed that faith formation during high school years is crucial. This summer we welcomed Jenette Teran as our new coordinator of ministry to high school youth. She has since led a Kairos retreat, run multiple youth ministry "fun nights" on the first Sunday of each month, and begun coordinating both church league basketball and a summer mission trip.

Another takeaway was the need to strengthen our connectedness with one another. We will soon initiate a periodic "Nametag Sunday." At all Masses, we will invite attendees to get a nametag as they enter church. We will wear our nametags during Mass and greet those seated around us before Mass begins. We hope this small step in getting to know each other will lead to more conversations among us all. Each nametag Sunday we will also host a "coffee and" in the courtyard between the church and education buildings. If the weather does not cooperate that day, we will gather in Unity Hall. Such socials will be hosted periodically throughout the year by various parish groups after weekend Masses.

Your input through the Engagement Survey has provided the PPC with a benchmark to measure our progress and a roadmap to follow for the next few years. We are grateful for your continued commitment to this community.

Indigenous Peoples' Day

In observance of the Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day holiday, the rectory phones will be answered by the service starting on Friday, October 7 at 5:00 pm through Monday, October 10. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 11 at 8:30 am.

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 Beth DiMarco Laura Duelm Mike Hattie Barb Kalnes Marco Magajne Tony Pangan Carolyn Simone Jody Wise curtaronson@gmail.com beth.b.dimarco@gmail.com lauraduelm@hotmail.com michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net blkalnes@sbcglobal.net mfmagajne@gmail.com antonio_pangan@hotmail.com carolynsimone@gmail.com jody_wise@hotmail.com

Catholic Cemeteries Fall Clean Up and Hours

Fall Clean-up is October 15–31. Please remove all decorations prior to October 15 and do not place any new decorations during the clean-up period. New decorations may be placed beginning November 1. Fall and winter hours are in effect October 16–February 28.



Prayer Shawl Blessing and Sharing

On Saturday, October 15th at the 5 PM mass, approximately 70 shawls and blankets will be

blessed during the mass. They will be displayed in front of the altar. After mass, church attendees may take a shawl or blanket for anyone they know who may need the comfort and strength it can provide.

As long as we still have shawls/blankets to distribute, they will continue to be displayed and distributed at the masses on Sunday morning.

Any questions, you may contact Mary Ellyn Witt at mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.



Pictured L-R: Rita Baumgart, Marge Branecki, Michelle Mirecki, Barb Szulc, Barbara Schumacher, Mary Ellyn Witt and Lorraine Donegan Not Pictured: Nancy Filip, Barb Foreman, Darcy Kriha, Susie Lehuta, Theresa Rodgers and Sara Zavala

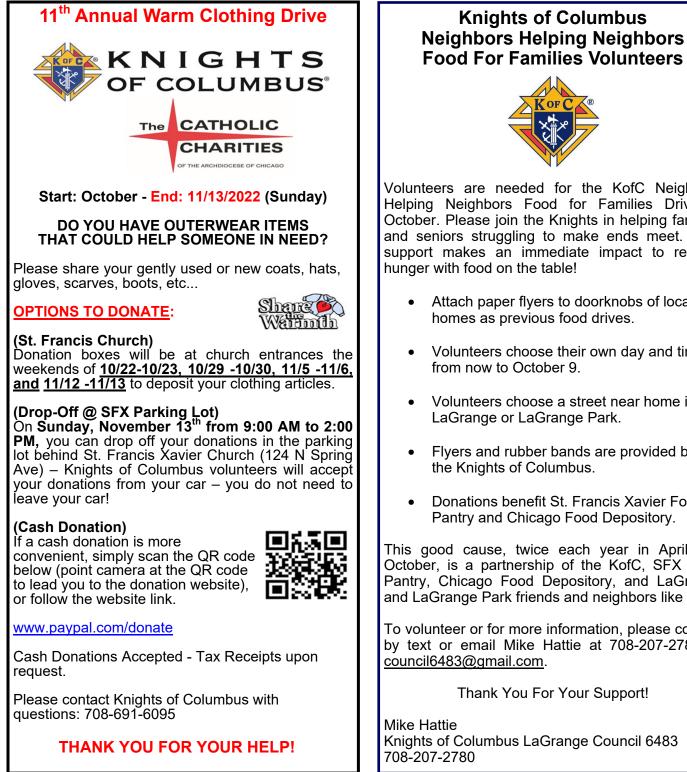
SFX Hospitality Ministry

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.

<u>Click here</u> or visit <u>sfxlg.org</u> - Parish - Ministries/ Organizations - Hospitality Team to sign up for a small act!



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

- Attach paper flyers to doorknobs of local homes as previous food drives.
- Volunteers choose their own day and time
- Volunteers choose a street near home in LaGrange or LaGrange Park.
- Flyers and rubber bands are provided by
- 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

Thank You For Your Support!

Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Interfaith Career Network

Learn How to Navigate Through Applicant Tracking Systems - Successfully!

Join us for this incredibly informative program on Thursday, October 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Our speaker, Lauren Milligan is a resume writer and job coach, business owner and instructor at COD. Lauren cracks the code on finding the right key words for your specific search, and how to properly incorporate them into your resume and LinkedIn profile. She will walk you through each step of a live example, using google, LinkedIn, Word and a free ATS simulator program. You will have an advanced proficiency in getting your resume into the right hands after this presentation. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.

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 <u>www.40daysforlife.com/</u> <u>downersgrove</u>.

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 <u>https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/aHSa_A?vid=ue8ug</u>

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

<u>Click here</u> for flyer of donations and support needed for families who have recently arrived in Chicago.

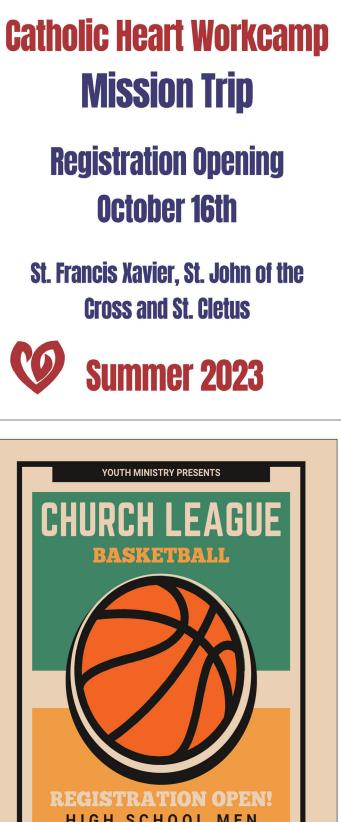
Gospel of Life Prayer

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

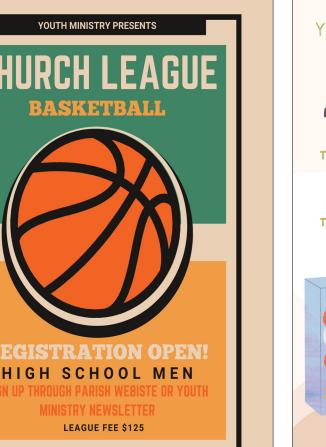
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SING to the LORD a NEW SONG for HE has done WONDERFUL DEEDS





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MORE INFO EMAIL: JTERAN@SFXLG.ORG

YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE EVENT

CEREAL DRIVE

II:00AM-I2:00PM MONDAY IO 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.



Religious Education <u>News</u>



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: <u>Click Here</u>

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 you 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: <u>*Click Here*</u> To make a Quest Confirmation payment online: <u>*Click Here*</u>

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

SPRED Catechist Needed

SFX SPRED is special religious development for adults with intellectual disabilities, sharing God's love through this special program. A SPRED catechist is paired up with a special friend. No experience with persons with special needs is required. All that is required is sharing your



No experience with persons with special needs is required. All that is required is sharing your faith with others. Training is provided. The group meets in the education building on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on specific dates from September to April. Time commitment is approximately four hours per month (twice a month). If you are interested in joining us in this ministry or have any questions, please contact any of the SPRED catechists below:

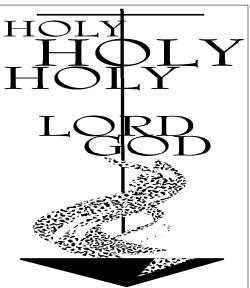
Cindy Anderson (708-402-0958), Katie Canino (708-870-3178), Annmarie Gazdziak (708-655-3962), Nancy Kalkowski (708-352-5993), Jarka Leicht (708-579-0747), Nancy Leonard (708-846-4293), Joanne Matuszewski (708-870-0769), Peggy Rost (708-505-3183), or Maureen Windmoeller (708-250-1049).



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

SFX Adult Men's **Basketball Reminder**

St. Francis Xavier Parish does have an open gym basketball program for adults that is facilitated year-round and has coordinated time slots weekly. If you or someone you know might have an interest in playing basketball, please email or text Kevin McGann for more information at kevin.mcgann.us@gmail.com or 708-408-8731.



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NOVEMBER 5



KIDS' FUN RUN (~0.5 MILE) JUNIOR FALCON 100 YD. DASH 5K (3.1 MILE) RUN/WALK

Lace up your running/walking shoes, the 17th Annual SFX Falcon 5K Run/Walk is Saturday November 5. Registration is now live at SFXfalcon5k.com!

A few exciting updates:

We have a new look but not to worry, it will continue to be the fun, family-friendly race you've come to love!

- Age-group awards will return in 2022!
- A newly added Stroller Division, so if you're competitive and like to push your kiddo(s) in a stroller while running, this is for you!
- Strollers to Seniors! ALL ages are invited to participate!

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

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners



Seasons of Hope

Grief Support Group Beginning November 1, 2022 Tuesdays at 9:15 am following 8:30 mass, in Unity Hall

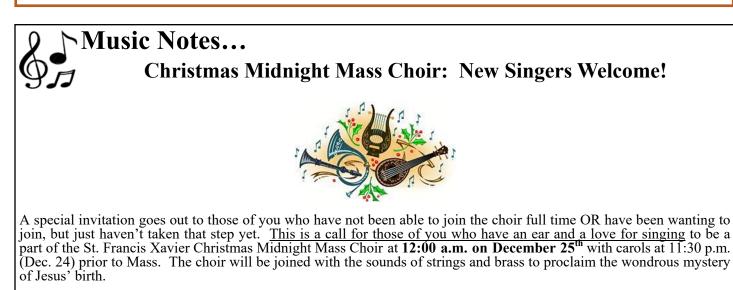
Seasons of Hope at St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet over a 6-week period to help participants walk through the grief process. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

- Are you ready to move forward but don't know how?
- Would you like to meet others who have experienced loss and draw support and encouragement within a group setting?
- Would you like to learn how your Christian faith is ideally suited to help you process your loss and grow spiritually?

Seasons of Hope and the resources provided help you make sense of your loss within the context of our Christian faith, assuring us that death does not have the last word. Six weekly sessions explore topics related to the grieving process and include time for prayer, reflection, and the support of others.

It is suggested that participants allow 3-6 months from the time of loss before attending.

Click here or call Maggie McMahon at 708-352-0168, ext. 306 for more information or to register.



Rehearsals will begin on <u>Tuesday, October 25th - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</u>, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 20th.

Please consider singing, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, <u>before</u> the first rehearsal on **October 25th** at <u>asterwalt@sfxlg.org</u> or 708-352-0168.

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!





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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH —ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —AWARENESS-SERVICES-PREVENTION In a time of crisis, most people feel overwhelmed by many emotions: confusion, fear, anger, guilt, shame, doubt, depression, hopelessness, anxiety and more. When the crisis involves abuse (physical, emotional, verbal, financial or sexual) the victim usually feels completely alone. Often victims are afraid or embarrassed to tell anyone; they fear no one will understand. They may think God has abandoned them. But God is there to offer strength and guidance.

Find professional assistance by calling 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.





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

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.

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

The St. Cletus **C**ontinuing **R**eligious **ED**ucation **O**pportunities 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 <u>cahmd@aol.com</u> to register.

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 am-5:00 pm, or Saturday morning, 9:00 am-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.



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
- 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
- Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army-cousin of Lauren Schultz
- Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF-nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC-son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne-nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- 1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC-son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF-daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC-son of Bob & Susan Albertini

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 Pastoral Associate Director of Community Outreach Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister Weekend Sacramental Minister

Education Ministry

Parish School Principal Assistant Principal School Office Coordinator Parish School Secretary Advancement Director Tuition Accounts Director of Religious Education Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Youth Ministry

Coordinator

Music Ministry Director

Parish Office Staff

Director of Stewardship and Operations Parish Accountant Pastor's Secretary Parish Secretary Staff Secretary Facilities Manager

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Main Day School e-Mail	sfxmain@sfxlg.org
Main Religious Education e-Mail	sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org
Parish Web Site	www.sfxlg.org

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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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. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.



