

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020



**THE LORD
WILL PREPARE FOR
ALL PEOPLES
A FEAST
OF RICH FOOD
AND
CHOICE WINES
AND WILL
WIPE AWAY
THE TEARS
FROM
EVERY FACE.**



Week at a Glance

Monday, October 12	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Marie Ann Barry & Eunice Stancyk
Tuesday, October 13	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Brian & Peggy Schultz
Wednesday, October 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Betty & Bernard Martin
Thursday, October 15	Rosary Private Prayer Adoration	8:15 am 8:30 am & 9:00 am 6:00-7:00 pm	
Friday, October 16	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Anna Wielgos & Anna Mae Ansier
Saturday, October 17	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Ray Wielgos & Lea Tamaria Simon
Sunday, October 18 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Mark Januszewski (Living Intention) Lois Mattern Peggy Schultz



*Adoration will be held this
Thursday, October 15 from 6:00-7:00 pm.
Please reserve your spot on our website at www.sfxlg.org.*

Please Pray For...

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

Ann Mroczek
Mother of Jackie Skrypek

Patrick McLaughlin
Father of Kevin McLaughlin

Stephen Perry
Father of Alicia Rucinski

Readings For The Week of October 11, 2020

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Pastor's Notes

The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

Matthew 22:10

Over many years, my best friend and his wife have hosted huge dinner parties at all of the major holidays. They reach beyond family to those who otherwise might have no one with whom to share a family meal. Their dining room is packed so that a second table sometimes must be set in the living room. There is an abundance of food, good conversation, and often getting to know someone who is there for the first time.

Jesus challenges his followers, *us included*, to be the servants in his parable of the banquet feast. It is not enough to fill the table with those with whom we are familiar. We are sent out to invite those we do not know and who may not feel welcome among us – *the good and the bad alike*. God's banquet hall will continue to make room until all who respond to the invitation have arrived.

This month we reflect on our responsibility to be good stewards of God's gift of life. This weekend we focus on the beginnings of human life. Sadly, conversations about the beginning of life and the protection of the unborn have become shouting matches that disrespect the dignity of those holding opposing views rather than difficult conversations about how best to care for the unborn and for those who encounter painful challenges when confronted with a pregnancy. Too often I have listened to the story of a woman whose choices were limited at an earlier time in her life due to a lack of support from family, friends, and even her faith community. They saw the accusatory looks given even at church to an unmarried woman who was obviously pregnant. They heard the behind the back gossip and whispers of some and did not think they could endure the same.

Are we a community that supports not only the unborn child, but the woman who faces a difficult pregnancy? Do we support efforts of The Women's Center and others who provide material and emotional support so that women

can feel that they have a choice? Do we support and encourage those who bring a child into their home through adoption or foster care so that parents will witness healthy options for a child they know they cannot raise themselves? And do we offer a healing and welcoming home to women who made difficult choices in the past that have led them to reconsider those decisions later in life?

From the moment at which we became a person in the womb, we were offered a place at God's ever-expanding banquet table. Nothing we do in this life will cause that invitation to be withdrawn. It is only our refusal to accept that invitation that could cause us to remain outside the banquet hall. Our mission is to go out to the streets and echo God's invitation, especially to those who may feel unwelcome for whatever reason. God will not be satisfied until all have heard the invitation to feast in God's love.

In today's bulletin is a report from our parish Finance Council that provides an overview of the Annual Report that will be released next month and a picture of where we stand financially at the end of the first quarter of the current fiscal year. Thank you for your continued support of the parish mission and ministry. Each of us has a role in making possible what we do for one another and for the larger community that we serve. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for collecting a truckload of winter wear for those in need, and to the school parents who provided our virtual Oktoberfest last weekend.

Autumn Peace,

F. Bill

**In observance of
Columbus Day,
the Rectory Office
will be closed on
Monday, October 12.**



**We will reopen on
Tuesday, October 13 at 8:30 am.**

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 last 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@sfxlq.org) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.

EXPANDED MASS SCHEDULE

Expanded weekend and weekday Mass schedules began on 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!

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](#)

Your Parish Finance Report

Thanks for your patience while we finalized our budget for this fiscal year! Here's where we stand:

For Last Fiscal Year (ended June 30, 2020):

Total Collections were \$1,755,675, a decrease of about \$86,500 (4.7%) from the previous fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Most of this occurred between March 14 and June 30 when the church building was closed due to the pandemic. Despite the decline, our parish recorded an operating surplus of \$36,141. Fr. Bill emailed parishioners in September with [a financial overview](#). Our more detailed annual report will come out in mid-November.

For the Current Fiscal Year (ending June 30, 2021):

Our budget has been approved. The annual collections budget has been set at \$1,643,000 (about 6.5% decrease from last year's actual collections). Typically, we set our collections budget to break even with expenses. However, with the restrictions in church attendance, we do not expect our collections to be at normal levels. The Payroll Protection Loan covered parish and school payroll from April until June, enabling us to conserve the offertory received during that time and forego the school auction fundraiser. After conferring with the Finance Council, we will use our strong cash position to cover an anticipated budgeted operating deficit of \$148,000.

In preparing this year's budget, we have looked very closely at expenses and have managed them as tightly as possible without impacting our ability to fund vital ministries in our parish at this time. Many are looking to the parish for emotional, financial, and spiritual support during the pandemic. We will strive to maintain and improve our ministries, both within and outside our community. Of course, a budget deficit of this size is not sustainable in the long run; eventually, our offertory will need to return to levels above \$1.8 million to maintain the level of services that SFX parishioners have come to expect.

Stewardship: *Share with love*



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure

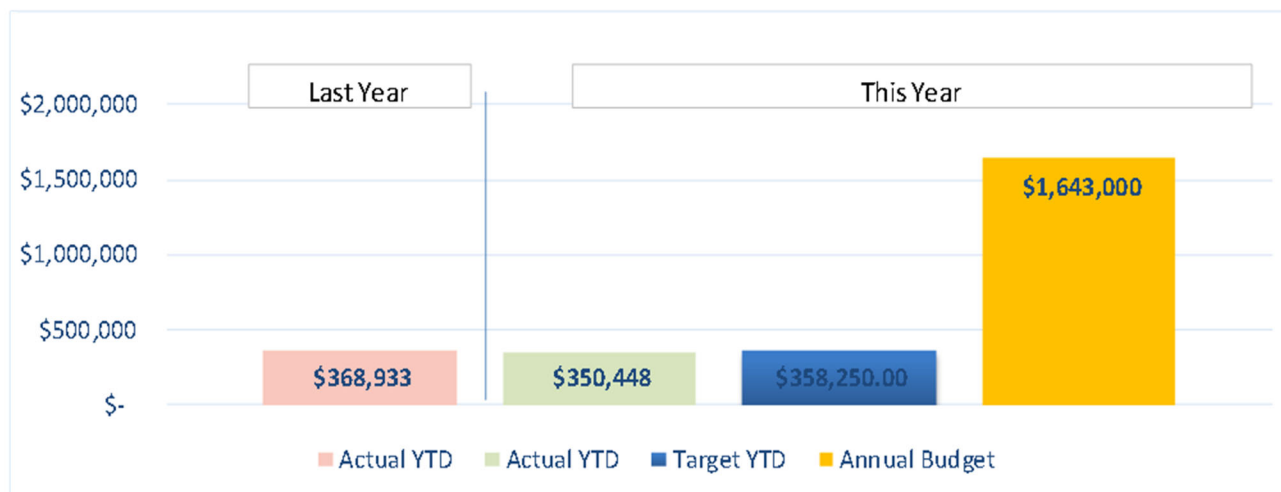


A way of life



First quarter results (ending September 30, 2020):

Note: This budget target of \$1,643,000 assumes an operating deficit of \$148,000 by the end of the fiscal year, which will be covered by operating savings.



Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	+	Other Offertory*	=	September Totals
September 2020	\$ 71,370		\$ 30,782		\$ 15,015		\$ 117,166
September 2019	\$ 62,463		\$ 61,433		\$ 3,413		\$ 127,309

* Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions, and other miscellaneous gifts

As noted in the chart, our offertory is below both last year’s figure and our target. Please review your situation and increase your contribution if you are able. *God Bless You All for supporting the MANY ministries here at St. Francis Xavier Parish!*

Father Bill Tkachuk, Pastor

Jennifer Zeisloft, Business Manager

Members of the Finance Council: Don Abbs, Mike Bruni, Jennifer Driscoll,

Rob Metzger, Jim Owen, and Meredith Ritchie



COME
TO THE
LORD'S FEAST

QUEST Quick Facts!

- * Fr. Rich & Maggie will tag-team the Quest program this year, which will occur virtually.
- * Register by filling 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.
- * Leader meeting will occur near the end of October
- * THANK YOU to those who have already volunteered to lead! We are still looking for more leaders. Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org if the Spirit is moving you to lead.
- * We are praying for you!

C.S. Lewis Book Club

Join a group of fellow parishioners to read and discuss the *entertaining* and *theologically rich* work of C.S. Lewis. Dates/times for virtual meetings will be established once the group is formed. Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more information or to join the group!

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.

Save the Date!

**Senior Women's Group
Presentation by
Martie Lukanich
November 12
Late Morning**

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media:

SFX School Instagram:
[@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)



Facebook SFX School site:
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/595d889cdee3e>

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

See the latest happenings at the day school:

[SFX School Reopening Plan](#)

[Welcome Back Grades 3-8](#)

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

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

2020 SFX Golf Outing video:
<https://vimeo.com/460599105>
120 golfers enjoyed a BEAUTIFUL day!

Thank You

In this crazy time, the Catholic Women's Club was able to pull together a wonderful, fun and safe event. Thank you to all who supported Toys for Tyler virtually and thanks to those who attended the socially distanced Movie Night in the school parking lot. All of this was possible because of the hard work of the CWC Board: Cathy Murphy, Lindsey Mackenzie, Tiziana Lambert, Erin Morgensen and Lynn Lach. Despite the many limitations because of the pandemic, the women of CWC were able to collect hundreds of toys and raise over \$7400 for the Treasure Chest. The parish's dedication over the past 13 years has provided support to thousands of pediatric cancer children served by The Treasure Chest. Our family is grateful for the toy and monetary donations, the time and effort to host the event and for all of the love and support over the years. The St. Francis Xavier community has made a significant difference in our lives and in the lives of the many children battling cancer.

Thank you so much!!

Sincerely,
Laura and Brent Duelm

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October 1, 2020

Ms. Sharon Garcia
Principal, Saint Francis Xavier School
145 North Waiola Avenue
La Grange, IL 60525-1866

Dear Ms. Garcia,

It is with great pleasure that I offer you my congratulations on being recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and awarded the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award. This award reflects the outstanding work of the students, teachers, staff, families, and supporters of Saint Francis Xavier School. Know that I, and all the people of the Archdiocese, share in the joy of this important accomplishment.

Academic excellence is a hallmark of our Catholic schools. Indeed, the Archdiocese of Chicago has received more Blue Ribbons than any other school district, public or private, in the United States. Your school embodies excellence in academic instruction along with spiritual and moral formation for students. Your success in providing the very best academic and religious curriculum is truly commendable.

May Saint Francis Xavier School find joy and satisfaction in this award as you continue to prepare students to live successful and responsible lives, as faithful disciples of the Lord committed to the service to others. Please convey my gratitude to your school and parish community and accept my best wishes and promise of prayers for you and the entire Saint Francis Xavier School community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Most Reverend John Manz, Episcopal Vicar
Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Reverend William Tkachuk, Pastor, Saint Francis Xavier Parish

“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

Oct 11 **New Life** *Families & Children in the Womb, Foster Care, Adoption*

Oct 18 Life & Dignity

Oct 25 End of Life

TAKING ACTION FOR NEW LIFE:

- Watch Women’s Care Center video on the SFX Facebook page
- Donate to Women’s Care Center Baby Bottle Drive
- Check out our new “Elizabeth Ministry” serving women and families through the joys, trials, and sorrows of the childbearing years
- Pray with Romans 8:15 - In Jesus we “have received a spirit of adoption through which we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’”
- Visit Catholic Charities Adoption Services web page

Upcoming/Ongoing 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.

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](#).

Oct 21, 12:30pm: **Catholic Extension Virtual Immersion Trip** with Kino Border Initiative in Tucson.

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. Open every day 1pm - 9pm, must be 18 or older.

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



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1. Receive links directly to your computer or mobile device – text or email F4F to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.
2. Give online to the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry - Give Central at www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/519.
3. Text the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry - Text PANTRY to 708-340-6630.
4. Give online to the Chicago Food Depository at www.MyFoodDrive.org/?LGKofC202.
5. Schedule a contactless donation pick-up – text or email F4FPICKUP to 708-207-2780 or council6483@gmail.com.
6. 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!



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

Donations can be dropped in envelopes through the mail slot in the rectory door. Please address envelopes:
ATTN: Brian Lisek, Knights of Columbus

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



NEW – Help Needed!

Elizabeth Ministry: Support through the Joys, Challenges and Sorrows of the Childbearing Years

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

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



The Well Spirituality Center

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

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.

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.

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

St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

This year brings many challenges to volunteering and giving back to others in our St. Francis Xavier Community. We came up with three opportunities and hope you can join us. We are excited to share the following service opportunities! SFX families are invited to participate in these service events. The idea behind the Family Ministry is to give families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please help us make a difference.

October~On Friday, October 23rd, SFX will deliver 35 goody bags to seniors at Bethlehem Woods. We need people to write notes and jokes for the seniors. We ask our younger members of the parish to draw pictures and contribute a candy bar, socks, or lotions. Please contact Ana at apd3@core.com with questions and to contribute items. The collection will be the week of October 12th.

December~We wanted to work with an organization that would bring cheer during the holiday season. We will work with Cards of Hope, an organization that mails cards to people affected by cancer. Please contact Rachel at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net and she will provide you with the information on how to help. We will be participating in this event from December 1st through December 16th.

October through May~Some of you may already be aware that the guests of the BEDS program are not staying at St. Francis Xavier due to COVID-19 concerns. The guests are staying at various locations, so for now, please drop all dessert donations on Monday mornings before noon at the BEDS Plus facility on the corner of East Avenue and Ogden Avenue, please contact Theresa at thsully28@yahoo.com to sign up.

We hope to have more opportunities in the new calendar year and will keep you updated.



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

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Coordinator

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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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