

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018**



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 19	7:45 am 9:00 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Frank & Helen Rizzo	The Schrack Family The Templeton & Costello Families
Tuesday, November 20	7:45 am 9:00 am	Michael Bannach John Ostrem Joan & Ned Devitt	Lillian Bannach Pat & Bob Roach The Devitt & Groya Families
Wednesday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:45 am 9:00 am	Bernadine Genis Robert Roche, Jr. Eleanor Nelson	Rosemary Lucas Pat & Bob Roach Beatrice Murphy
Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day	10:00 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, November 23 Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr	7:45 am 9:00 am	Edward Laude Word & Communion Service	Rebecca & Aiden Rivan
Saturday, November 24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Joe Seibert Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Audrey Reeb Walsh	The Hofstetter Family The Harris Family
Sunday, November 25	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mary Rodgers Lillian Cunningham John McAndrews Thomas Ryan Lillian Cunningham Grant Ellington	Jean & Jeanine Forini Jim & Joan Potsch Monica McAndrews Tom & Joyce McFadden Anita Smith Patricia Ellington

Please Pray For...

Tony Banda	Jerry Kolman
Keeley Barr	Virginia Kottaridis
Jim Boardman	Edward Kudia
Leonard Bruce	Betty Kuhl
Jay Carroll	Marion Lucas
Tom Challos	Emmett Miller
Terry Conwell	Patrick Morgan
George Crnkovich	Mike Morrison
Anthony Dina	Amanda O'Brien
Gregory Dold	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Donna Pekarek
Pat Eaton	Carissa Pessetti
William Egbert	James Pridmore
Bill Elliott	Baby Madison Raupp
Sharon Elliott	Anna Rose
Lauren Ellsworth	Marilyn Rutkowski
Lily Fielding	Anthony Scafide
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Matthew Schiek
Lilli Gregory	Greyson Stanley
Wilson Gregory	Sarah Stanley
Patricia Hassler	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Martha Heraty	Marty Thuerk
Linda Hillsman	Anne Titzer
Rose Ilo	Michael Ungari
Jane Jacobson	Amanda Valerugo
Theresa Kandall	Gregory Van Gorp
Mike Kelly	Josita Witte
Benny Kilman	

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.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Ray Austria

Brother-in-Law of Michelle Jordan

Phyllis Kalisz

Sister of Patti Sullivan

Weddings



Katie McCabe & Mike Wojcik
Carolyn Cooper & John Wons

Pastor's Notes

"Of that day or hour, no one knows."

Mark 13:32

Too often we hear these words of Jesus as doom and gloom. We might imagine a God who is out to catch us off guard, when we are least prepared. In Mark's gospel, Jesus speaks these words only a few days before his death on the Cross. He is making it clear to those who would follow him that his path through death to new life will require a willingness to let go of everything to follow where he leads us. The darkening of the sun and the moon, stars falling from the sky, the end of the world as we know it will signal that the world as we know it is about to be replaced by the splendor of God's Reign.

This week our nation pauses to give thanks for our many blessings. It is important for us to set aside time to be aware of the blessings we too often take for granted and to give thanks to God. It also is important for us to become aware of any blessings that we are holding onto so tightly that they make our hands unavailable to our mission to love and serve God through loving and serving others. How do our gifts and blessings become gifts and blessings for those in need? How does our stewardship of God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure express our gratefulness for what we have been given and our desire for that moment when God's kingdom will replace it all? Can we both love the world as we know it and be prepared to rejoice when the sun, the moon, and the stars fall from the sky?

Next weekend, our bulletin will include the Parish Annual Report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018. We have much for which to be grateful as a parish family. We are blessed with the generous investment of the time, talent, and treasure of so many parish households. We continue to be challenged to *encourage one another* to invest in our mission and ministries through our presence at weekly worship, our engagement in ministry and leadership, and our financial contribution that keeps us strong. Thank you for all you are and all you do. For those who will be away next weekend, extra copies of the report will be available the following weekend, and you will receive via email a direct link to an electronic version of the report.

If you are in town this Thursday, please join us at 10:00 AM for our annual parish Thanksgiving Day Mass. If you are travelling, journey safely to and from your destination. And to all, a ***Blessed Thanksgiving*** that will nourish both body *and* spirit.

Peace,

Fr. Bill

Scripture Reflection

When I was growing up, the threat of nuclear war was on everyone's mind and the conviction that if bombs began to rain on the earth, the end of the world could soon follow. Until recently, that fear had receded and so too the end of the world. Some years later, there was fear about ozone in our atmosphere, which could lead to terrible things, but that has lessened, mostly by the co-operation of most countries that banned certain chemicals. Finally, climate change and how we are polluting the atmosphere seems to again point to a world that is finite and dependent upon our cooperation.

Every year as the darkness increases and the daylight decreases, the church reminds us in scripture that the world will not go on forever. We don't know when, but we suspect it will depend more on our foolishness and not on God's retribution. Yet, the good news is even if we fail, God will not. That is the promise of our Savior.

Jesus has promised that he will not only save us from personal death, but that he will be there in the end to bring all that God loves into his Kingdom. That Kingdom will never end.

"Yeh." Bring on the Sun. (The Son, too.)

Fr. Bill Killen

Nov. 9th Statement of Cardinal Cupich Following the Mass Murder in California

Last week we stood with our Jewish brothers and sisters to remember those murdered and wounded at the Tree of Life Synagogue as they assembled for worship. Yesterday we woke to the news that 12 young people gathered in a night club and a brave Sheriff's Sergeant who rushed in to save them are dead in another shooting. And we hear the news media read the roll call, the inevitable ranking of tragedy – 11 dead in Pittsburgh, 58 in Las Vegas, 17 in Parkland, 49 in Orlando – as though quantifying the carnage will help us understand it.

Are we Americans doomed to an endless cycle of horror and mourning? Can we not agree it is at least worth trying to take steps toward ending the violence? Can we not summon up our common humanity and whatever belief system binds us and remake our nation once again as Lincoln called for: “with malice toward none, with charity for all”?

We ask that God's grace flow and comfort those who mourn, lift up those who despair, and inspire those who must now take up the cause of peace and justice.

Listening to the Sensus Fidelium - Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

My time at the Synod on Youth in Rome has helped me reflect on the crisis we are facing in the Church, particularly how it is affecting our parishioners and all of you. Many have rightly expressed anger that some bishops failed to keep their promises about protecting young people. Beneath their anger is a profound sadness over the fact that the Church leaders they trusted failed to keep their children safe. Our people have believed we are better than that, and for this reason they are calling for major reforms.

Bishops and all Church leaders must listen to this *sensus fidelium*. The instincts of our people are that the way forward must involve returning to the core values of our faith and tradition about how church life should be ordered, that the ecclesial culture of privilege and self-protection that enabled the abuse scandal has no place in the Church and must be eradicated. That sentiment was so well expressed by the Council Fathers when they wrote: “Every renewal of the Church is essentially grounded in increased fidelity to her own calling” (*Unitatis Redintegratio*, 6).

In our day, Pope Francis is calling for a new commitment to fulfilling the Council's aspirations for reform. He speaks of synodality, that is, ordering Church life in a way that upends the traditional image of the Church as a pyramid, so that hierarchical ministry is at the base not the top, and is understood as humble service empowering and enabling the People of God to take up the mission of Christ.

A synodal Church is one that recognizes that all the members, with their varied gifts and charisms, are on a path together, accompanied by the risen Lord. “Synodality means that the whole Church is a subject and that everyone in the Church is a subject. The faithful are *σύνδοχοι*, companions on the journey. They are called to play an active role inasmuch as they share in the one priesthood of Christ, and are meant to receive the various charisms given by the Holy Spirit in view of the common good,” (International Theological Commission, *Synodality in the life and mission of the Church* vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/cti_documents/rc_cti_20180302_sinodalita_en.html). All God's people are co-responsible for the mission of Christ of proclaiming and opening the way to the Kingdom of God. Again, this is not a new teaching, for we see it in action in the early Church, such as the Council of Jerusalem. St. John Chrysostom wrote that “synod is a name that means Church.”

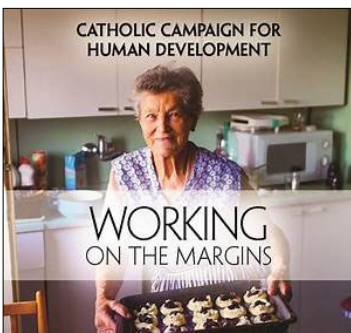
This is not about a democratization of the Church, in which Church practice and doctrine are decided by majority vote. Synodality begins with all but depends on a communion that involves some (the sacramental collegiality of the episcopate) in union with the one (the Successor of Peter). Synodality is about “the exchange of the prophecy of the faithful, the discernment of the episcopal college and the presidency of the Petrine ministry (that) enrich(es) the Church,” (A. Spadaro and C Galli, laciviltacattolica.com/the-synodal-church/).

This kind of radical reform, returning to our roots, is essential if the Church is to truly address this terrible scandal. Haven't we already learned that any progress we have made in dealing with the abuse crisis has been due in large part to involving the entire Church, by reaching out to victims, establishing lay review boards, adopting policies of transparency, and building structures of accountability? This is a historic moment in the life of the Church, a Kairos moment, and we get to be part of it. Christ is leading us in this time of great challenge to bring about the kind of reforms the Council envisioned in speaking of the Church first as the People of God on pilgrimage, walking through the ages together and served by those ordained by Christ to do so.

I am confident Pope Francis is dedicated to bringing about reforms that make us a synodal Church, that holds itself and its leaders accountable, a Church that values the baptism and gifts of each and every member. That gives me hope.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES AT MOTHERHOUSE CHAPEL

On Christmas Eve, we will celebrate Masses at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel. **We will not issue tickets for either of these Masses.** However, we need to respect the seating capacity of 800 persons in the Motherhouse Chapel. We were able to accommodate everyone last year, and hope to be able to do the same again.

Christmas Blessings!

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN

On Christmas Eve, we will again celebrate two Masses in the church that are planned for younger children at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. This year, **tickets will not be issued** for these two Masses. The Mass will be broadcast into Unity Hall for any overflow. We hope to be able to accommodate everyone comfortably.

Christmas Blessings!

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The Christmas Wafer

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available in the Rectory during office hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-8:30 pm, Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm and on Sunday between 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.

The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.



Come see what's currently happening, and give input on future events.

Parish Conversation and Commission Meeting—ALL Welcome



Monday, November 26th, 7:00—8:30 PM
Rectory—Courtyard Room
Appetizers served by Parish Pastoral Council

On **Monday, November 26th, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM**, the Parish Pastoral Council and Parishioners from all ministries (Spirituality/Worship, Parish Life, Human Concerns and Education & Formation) will gather to discuss for the third time under the revised Commission model. **Parish Leaders, Ministers, Volunteers & All Interested Parishioners are welcome.** Our agenda includes:

- ◆ Opening prayer and review of last meeting
- ◆ Presentation: **“Stewardship of Time, Talent & Treasure—and Where We’re At ”**
- ◆ Breakout discussions for each of the 4 Commissions (based on ministry and/or interest).
Topics:
 1. What would be helpful to strengthen your ministry/organization?
 2. In terms of your Ministry or your own Spirituality, what would you love to see offered at or through SFX?
- ◆ Report back with a short synopsis of commission discussions
- ◆ Where do we go from here (next year’s agenda)?

*Please R.S.V.P. to the Rectory (708-352-0168) so we can plan accordingly.
For details contact Curt Aronson curt.aronson@us.lisega.com or 708-588-0668.*

Calendars For 2019 Can be found at the church entrances.

Wedding Committee Needs Help

Do you want to be part of our greatest Sacrament of unity and love? The Wedding Committee is in need of a new Chair who would help to schedule our wedding coordinators. The wedding chair schedules two members to set up and assist the bride and groom on their special day. If you are interested in helping to schedule our Wedding Ministers, please contact Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

Welcome Committee

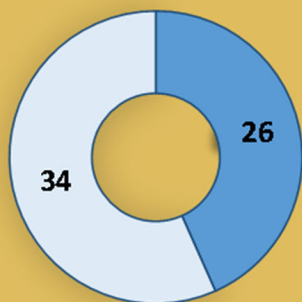
A Welcome Committee is being formed to connect with new parishioners and introduce them to opportunities share their gifts here at SFX.

If you are interested in learning more about this new outreach, please contact Alex David at: alex.p.david91@gmail.com.

Altar Committee Needs Help

SFX has been served for many years by a group of women behind the scenes. They wash and iron the many purificators used to wipe clean the chalices for Holy Communion. They keep things neat in the sacristies and clean and dust the altar spaces. We presently have teams working on a rotational basis, one Friday a month following the 9:00 am Prayer Service. If interested, please call and leave your name and phone number for Lorraine Ovnik at 708-246-6062, a member of the Altar Committee for more information. Men and women can participate and you do not need to be "long retired."

PROGRESS ON ONLINE GIVING GOAL



- New Online Donors as of 11/11/18
- Needed to Meet Goal by 12/31/18



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Donate online at www.sfxlg.org

Workbooks for Lectors and Commentators

The workbooks for Lectors and Gospel readers have arrived. If you would like a workbook, please stop by the Rectory Office at your convenience. We ask that you take only one book per family. Thank you.



We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media:



SFX School Instagram:
[@sfxlg_school](#)

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

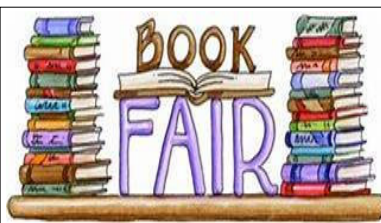
Facebook SFX Alumni site:
<https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni/>

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

SPRED Christmas Liturgy

Please join the St. Francis Xavier SPRED group on Sunday, December 9 at the 6:00 pm Mass for the SPRED Christmas liturgy. This Mass will incorporate some of the special ways our SPRED group celebrates liturgy. Come experience our unique way to celebrate God's love for all of us.

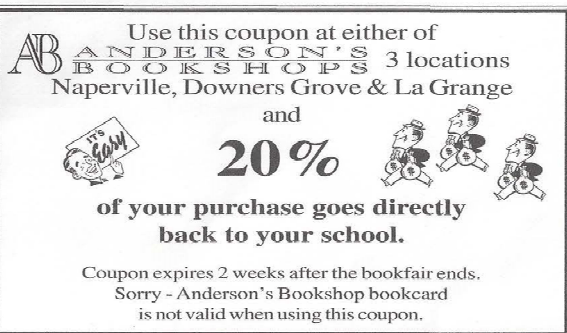
After Mass, we will continue our celebration with a reception in Joyce Hall, hosted by 6th grade students and families from the Day School. All are welcome!



Even though the BOOK FAIR is over, you can still go online throughout the year. Anytime you are shopping for a book, please visit www.abcfairs.com and

type in Saint Francis Xavier, LaGrange in the billing/contact information section during checkout. The books will be delivered directly to your home or you can choose to pick up them up at the Anderson's Bookshop in downtown LaGrange and pay no shipping fees.

Valid November 5-22, 2018



School name: St. Francis Xavier

Pre-tax Amount

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00pm Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades Kindergarten-Fourth to experience hearing and reflecting on the Word of the Lord in a way that is an empowering experience. Children in these grades are invited to follow their Reflector of the Word to a prayer space away from the gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs:
December 8; January 5 & 26; February 9 & 23;
March 2; April 6

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change):

November 17, December 15 & 22;
January 12 & 19; February 2 & 16;
March 9, 16, 23, & 30; and April 27

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your calls to:
Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator
or
Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music

Box Tops For Education Collection



Please help in earning cash for our school. We would like your help in collecting Box Tops For Education. There will be a drop box located at the back of church in the vestibule. Please place Box Tops that you have collected inside.

Thank you for your help!

Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

November 18 No Class
November 25 No Class

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Wednesdays

November 21 No Class
November 28 No Class

Religious Education Important Dates

Toy Shower

Toy Delivery on November 20



Grade 4 Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in Church

Attention High School Seniors Consider Loras College

Are you a senior in high school looking at colleges for next fall?

Loras College has a number of scholarship programs designed to support students as they continue their Catholic faith journey through their college years.

The Breitbach Catholic Thinkers & Leaders and the St. John Paul II Scholarship Programs are now accepting applications. Learn more at www.loras.edu/bctl and www.loras.edu/jpII or by phoning 563-588-7235 and speaking with Joan.

Let Loras College help you grow into your adult Catholic faith.

The Giving Tree

Please help make Christmas a special time of year for families supported by our sharing parish, St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago as well as some outreach organizations in our community. Giving Tree tags will be available after all masses on **December 8 and 9**.

Wrapped gifts with gift tags affixed to them, need to be returned by noon on Sunday, December 16 so that we can deliver them to St. Agatha's who will distribute them to members of their community that afternoon. We are grateful for your generous support of this annual Christmas tradition sponsored by the QUEST teens of our parish.

If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x338.

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Rite of Enrollment

If you are not able to make it to the Rite of Enrollment Sunday, November 18 at the 6pm Mass, there will be a make-up Rite of Enrollment on Sunday, November 25 at the 6pm Mass.

There will NOT be a make-up Candidate/Sponsor meeting. Handouts from the meeting will be emailed to those who were not able to make it.

Freshman/Sophomore Retreat

Looking for a weekend of snow tubing, outdoor laser tag, small groups, short witness talks, and connection with fellow Freshman and Sophomores? The 2019 Freshman/Sophomore Retreat (previously known as Fretus or Fretus Identity) will be Friday, January 4th through Sunday, January 6th. Registration forms can be found on the Youth Ministry Retreat page. Contact Olivia Zurowski at 708-352-0168 or ozurowski@sfxlg.org for more information.

2019 Summer Mission Trip



The 2019 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Springfield, KY! St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved with Young Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. Be on the lookout for the registration form this month. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.





Calling All Bakers!

Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc are continuing a tradition of bringing a taste of Christmas to the residents and staff at the North Lawndale Adult Transition Center, a work-release program that is part of the Illinois Department of Corrections. The holidays can be very difficult for those who are incarcerated, and following the Gospel, we want to reach out in kindness at this time of the year.

This is the eighth year of our outreach, and it is a great service opportunity for parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, Quest groups or anyone who just loves to bake! As you plan your Christmas baking, we ask you to consider setting aside some of you favorite cookies (or muffins, or brownies, or chocolate-covered pretzels) to share with the residents and staff at North Lawndale.

Sarah, Barb and their crew of helpers will collect, package, and deliver the cookies. We are planning to deliver 250 dozen cookies! In order to plan our own baking, please let us know by December 14th, if you would like to participate. Send an email to OutreachCookie@gmail.com with your name and an estimate of the number of cookies you'll donate. Cookies may be dropped off at Barb's home, 205 46th Street in Western Springs on **Friday**, December 21st from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please call Sarah at 708-261-3473 with any questions.

Also an option: If you are unable to bake, and would like to contribute to the success of this project, we ask that you consider donating brownie, muffin or cookie mixes. You may drop them off in the back of the Church through December 9th. We'll be happy to do the baking for you!

Thanks for your participation,
Sarah Zavala and Barb Szulc



Prayer Shawl Ministry Blessing Mass



The Prayer Shawl Ministry members knit and crochet prayer shawls intended to provide comfort for the recipients. We also make baby blankets for ABLE Family Ministries in West Virginia (affiliated with the CSJs), and warm scarves for BEDS Plus and the SFX Food Pantry. A blessing over the shawls will take place on November 25th at the 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome to take a prayer shawl or blanket after 9:00, 10:30, and noon masses that day for yourself or a loved one who may need comfort.

If you are interested in knitting or crocheting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry, or if you are interested in supporting the work of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Sarah Zavala at sarahsmiles17@yahoo.com or 708-261-3473. We appreciate financial support via check or gift card to a local craft store to purchase yarn and ribbon to create shawls, blankets, and scarves. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm in Unity Hall.



Even in the hot summer weather, the St. Francis Xavier Prayer Shawl Ministry did not take a break! The women continued to knit and crochet over the summer to provide warm winter scarves and hats for BEDS Plus and the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry. Nearly 50 items were made for donation this year!

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Pies Needed For Our Food Pantry



A parish-wide Thanksgiving Pie Drive, benefitting our SFX Food Pantry, will take place at masses this weekend November 17 & 18. The Food Pantry hopes to receive 120 store bought non-refrigerated apple and pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity.



Gun Violence: The Impact on our Communities

DATE/TIME:

Monday, November 26, 2018
7 pm - 8:30 pm

LOCATION:

**LTHS South Campus
Performing Arts Center (PAC)**
4900 Willow Springs Road
Western Springs, IL

Questions:

email: league@lagrangearealeague.org



Free, Public Event

PANEL MEMBERS:

- **Dr. Cichon**, Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Loyola Medical Center
- **Officer Tim Andries**, La Grange Police Dept. and LTHS North Campus School Resource Officer
- **Theresa Hirstein**, LTHS Social Studies Teacher; and **Pat Callahan**, LTHS Teaching Assistant: Both Sandy Hook Promise Leaders and SAVE Co-sponsors

SPONSORS:

- League of Women Voters of the La Grange Area (LWVLGA)
- Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE)
- Indivisible of Brookfield, La Grange, La Grange Park, and Western Springs
- La Grange Area Moms Demand Action
- St. Francis Xavier, Peace and Justice Committee



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
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **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
- **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
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & 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 William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **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

**Please inform us of those serving in the Military Overseas...
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

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Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Weekend Sacramental Ministers
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Religious Education Office Staff
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Mrs. Sharon Garcia
Mrs. Janice Carr
Mrs. Mary Hoffman
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Business Manager
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Parish Secretary
Staff Secretary

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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

Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and
 (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)
 Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass
 Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm
 The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the
 tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
 Thursday.....9:00 am
 Friday.....7:45 am
 Saturday.....9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday.....7:45 am
 Friday.....9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 12:00 pm on the Friday 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 9:30 to 11:00 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

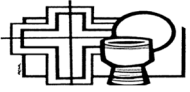
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—November 24-25, 2018

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	H. Fitzpatrick M. Bruni D. Veverka	L. Bannach C. Cooke D. Dunlap K. Kanzer D. Mulvenna A. Saladino P. Saladino L. Young Not Filled	P. Adams D. Collins M. Kachmarik	P. Mirocha	R. MacEntee
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	T. Marthaler M. Hermesdorf F. LaMantia	K. McInerney J. Morsch R. Nutt P. Olson K. Stetz	A. McCarty E. Siffermann J. Crandall	B. Kalnes	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	M. McFadden C. Michel T. Gannon	M. Branecki V. Bracht B. Olson P. O'Malley C. Pratali R. Pratali J. Prendergast D. Sherman T. Urchell	A. Justak E. Fekrat N. Strayer	S. VanOrdstrand Gallery Choir	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Eraci S. Lastres L. Hillsman	M. P. Flaherty M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin J. Nowak L. Ovník K. Parisi G. Rutkowski	C. McLaughlin E. Geraghty N. Olson	B. Mayo Celebration Ensemble	M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	L. Freda I. Havenaar C. Borowski	L. Donegan B. Edelmann C. Gatsos A. Gatsos K. Johnson	K. Smith M. Merchant M. Burriesci	L. Hoigard	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

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know the day
or the hour



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Readings For The Week of November 18, 2018

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37