



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2023

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



WALKING
ON THE ROAD
WITH JESUS



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 13	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bernard Urycki Nick Sforza Raymond & Marie Ann Barry	Pat Urycki The Urani & Walls Families The Zahorik Family
Tuesday, February 14 Valentine's Day	Morning Mass	8:30 am	George, Jim & Roman	The Wives
Wednesday, February 15	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Helen Schlicht	The SFX Faculty & Staff
Thursday, February 16	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, February 17	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joan Koin	Katie Filbin
Saturday, February 18	Mass	8:30 am	Ed Patyk	Your Friends at SPRED
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Michelle Normand	The Boemo Family
Sunday, February 19 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Doris Kunkle	Dave Grimes
	Mass	9:00 am	Michael John DiMarco	Bob & Bridget Hamilton
	Mass	11:00 am	Gabriel Gallo	The Boemo Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Presider's Schedule for February 11-12, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Milek 7:30 am Fr. Milek 9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk 11:00 am Fr. Killeen 5:00 pm No Mass



This Sunday, February 12 Due to Super Bowl Sunday there will Not be a 5:00 PM Mass



Please pray for . . .

John Amato	Mary Ellen Leslie
John Baggio	Lisa Massaro
Linda Bieniek	Mary Jo McMahon
Michael Cannon	Patrick Morgan
Jay Carroll	Gert Ogilvie
Chili Challenger	Jane O'Reilly
Laurie Coughlan	Karen Payne
Blake Donegan	Beth Pfluger
Barbara Doyle	Geri Pfluger
Matthew Doyle	Madison Raupp
Rosemary Fanta	Anna Rose
Lily Fielding	Pat Saraz
Jim French	Santa Snieg
Kathy Gleason	Rita Mae Spearman
Lilli Gregory	Barbara Stewart
Wilson Gregory	John Stopka
Angela Hill	John Strougal
Rose Ilo	Olivia Tarsney
Mary J.	Theresa Toher
Jane Jacobsen	Liz Wilk
Theresa Kandall	Bonnie Yakowicz
Mark Kiley	

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:

James Madden

Brother-in-Law of Barb & Tom Kalnes

Patrick McGinn

Uncle of Mary Samson



Blessed are they who seek the LORD
with all their heart

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Pastor's Letter

Walking on the road with Jesus **Annual Catholic Appeal 2023**

Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount by setting a sharp contrast between a narrow interpretation of the law that provides loopholes, and an understanding of the law in light of the two great commandments of love. Paul proclaims this as “God’s wisdom, mysterious, hidden” and “revealed to us through the Spirit.” Jesus insists that love calls us to go deeper than mere observance of the letter of the law. We must be willing to live by the sacrifices and restrictions that love of God and love of others place upon us. *None of us can or will do this perfectly; yet all of us are called to strive* as we are able, to encourage others, to embrace the diversity of how God calls us to live, and to forgive ourselves and others for our failures. Cardinal Cupich declares,

“In the depths of our hearts each of us truly desires the peace, fidelity, and truth Jesus offers us, for we know how much we need these gifts. So, walking on the road with Jesus is urgent and necessary for us. We recognize as true the words of Sirach today, “if you trust in God, you too shall live.” And we come to know that this new life in Christ is a grace this world cannot give, for “eye has not seen, and ear has not heard what God has prepared for those who love him.” This truth Jesus proclaims in the Sermon on the Mount has inspired us to choose as this year’s theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal, Walking on the road with Jesus. I invite you to see this year’s appeal as an opportunity to reclaim our identity, a sense of ourselves, as God’s pilgrim people who are on the way, on the road with Jesus. And as we walk together, we are changed, for by being on the road with each other Jesus lifts us up from a narrow individualism and links us to each other. Being on the road, also means none of us has arrived, but that we are staying with each other to make sure no one is left behind and we all keep going. Our support of the Appeal is more important than ever. Together, we join hands to help struggling parish communities, schools, religious education, and ministry formation programs in the Archdiocese. We also take by the hand those who are weak in the world through our initiatives for justice, peace, and respect for human life, as well as through Catholic Relief Services, which allows us to be present to people suffering from illnesses, natural disasters, and war. Walking on the road with Jesus—that is who we are.”

You will soon receive an invitation to participate in an archdiocesan initiative designed to create a profile of each parish in the Archdiocese *based on parishioner feedback*. The *Disciple Maker Index* will be available during the weeks of Lent via both online form and printed copy. Stay tuned for more details and plan to participate.

This Tuesday, our society celebrates *Valentine’s Day*, which honors love in its many forms and expressions. Thank you to all the couples among us who witness to faithful, committed love in your relationship. *You are a blessing* to your families and to all of us as you make real both the beauty and the challenges of a long-term, loving relationship. Set aside time to *celebrate your love*. May God bless you for your witness. And may God heal those who recall on this holiday the loss of a loved one or the breakup of a once-loving relationship.

Peace,

F. Bill

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal



Please Make Your Gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal *Making all things new...Walking on the road with Jesus.*

God offers us the gift of renewal and invites us to take up, each in our own way, that work of renewal in our families, our communities and our Church. Your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal is a sign of your willingness to embrace both God's promise and your responsibility.

When you participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal, you support the life and mission of the Church and its outreach programs. You elevate our parishes, schools and religious education programs. You help provide for basic human needs, such as parish food pantries and soup kitchens. You also ensure that Catholic students learn and worship in a dignified and safe environment. When you give, you are recognizing your responsibility to God and helping make all things new.

This year, our parish goal is **\$122,054**. Father Bill Tkachuk will be speaking at all Masses about the importance of the Annual Catholic Appeal. You can make a pledge during our in-pew pledge process. Alternatively, you can give online at www.annualcatholicappeal.com OR using the QR code on the bulletin cover.

Many families in our parish received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

FOLLOWING THE WORD OF GOD IN PRINT

There are two options for those who prefer to follow the readings in printed form or who have hearing issues that affect their ability to understand what is being proclaimed.

- Seasonal missalettes containing the Mass readings are available at the back of the church (please return them after Mass!)

OR

- Download the "iBreviary" app in your phone's app store. Select "pray" in the top left corner and then "readings." You can zoom in to increase text size with this option. *Note: if the app is showing the wrong date, go back to home and tap "today" in the top left corner to be sure the app has refreshed the date. Then select "pray" and "readings" again.*

STEWARDSHIP



Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Your Gift, God's Hands

Sunday Offertory Report

This year through January 2023: \$1,033,548

Last year through January 2022: \$1,081,373

Annual Offertory Budget: \$1,833,000

Your continued support of our parish allows us to make significant investments in our Youth Ministry including the hiring of our new full-time youth minister, Jenette Teran. One of the many ways Jenette is connecting with the young people of our parish is through Kairos, a student-led (adult-supported) four-day retreat for juniors and seniors in high school.

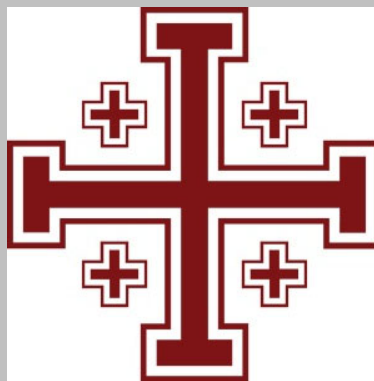
In Greek, Kairos means *the right, critical, or opportune moment*. Each Kairos retreat for teens is just that. It is a weekend full of opportune moments in which our teens learn more about themselves, their peers, and God. Through witness talks, small groups, spiritual exercises, prayer, and so much fun, teens have a chance to step away from the busyness of their lives and focus on themselves. Hearing others share their faith experiences and reflecting on their own faith journey, teens go forth from the retreat with a deeper understanding of God's love for them and how he is working in their lives.

A few participants from our last Kairos shared what the experience meant to them:

Kairos allowed me to deepen my relationship with God along with my relationship with others. I made new life-long best friends out of those four days and learned that I'm never alone. It was an experience like no other that I would do again and again if I could.

Kairos allowed me to learn that God accepts me for who I am and I shouldn't hide behind my "masks." I've never felt more accepted and able to feel my emotions in any other space. The community built is everlasting and I'm forever grateful.

Our next Kairos retreat will be held February 23-26. Please keep all these teens and the adults who will accompany them in your prayers this month!



The Jerusalem cross (pictured here) is used many times throughout the weekend for prayer activities. The teens receive a necklace with the Jerusalem cross to take with them after the retreat.



Make a *Joyful* noise

Do you have an ear & a love for singing?
Consider joining one of our **CHOIRS**
for the 2023 Lenten & Easter Liturgical Season...
Your voice is needed!

Gallery Choir – 9:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)

**rehearsals: Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

Celebration Ensemble – 11:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)

**rehearsals: Thursdays - 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

Spirit Choir – 5:00 p.m. (Sundays)

**voices: teens (rehearsals: prior to Mass)*

Women's & Men's Choirs

**rehearsals: MEN Tuesdays, beginning February 21 – 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.*

WOMEN Thursdays, beginning February 23 – 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

... in preparation for

Good Friday, April 7: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

WOMEN'S CHOIR - 3:00 p.m. / MEN'S CHOIR - 7:00 p.m.

Please contact our Director of Music Ministry,

Allen Sterwalt

asterwalt@sfxlg.org / 708 352-0168

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 7

Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com
or Jack Horrigan at jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.

Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years yet many of our parishioners are not aware of this outreach ministry.

If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please contact **Susie Lehuta** at 708-354-6380 or lehutams@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Our scheduled meetings for early 2023 will be from 7:00-8:00 PM on the following dates:

Thursday, March 9; Wednesday, April 12; and Thursday, May 11.

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

The Elizabeth Ministers of St. Isaac Jogues invites all to

A Special MASS of REMEMBRANCE

for women, men and families who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or child death or abortion

~COME and BE CONSOLED ~

Sunday February 26, 2023 at 3 p.m.

St. Isaac Jogues Church

Southeast corner of Clay & Fourth Street, Hinsdale, IL

After mass, please join us for a reception in the Fireplace Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

One of the primary missions of the Elizabeth Ministry is to provide comfort and healing to women and families who have experienced a loss. We recognize crises and sorrows surrounding our children are often kept private, and the depth of the sorrow is not recognized outside our inner circles. This isolation often increases the pain of the circumstances. In an effort to recognize the value and dignity of the unborn and born and grieve these losses, we are offering a Mass of Remembrance and healing for those who have lost children through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant/child death or abortion, whether years ago or more recently. Come and join us for this special healing Mass. Please share this information with anyone you know who may benefit from joining us. Questions? Text or call: Mary Jawor 630-291-7364 or Mary Bauer 630-567-6217.

Lent 2023

Begins February 22nd!



SFX Women's Retreat 2023 Lenten Offerings

"Loaves and Fishes"

Opening Mass & Celebration

The 2023 Women's Retreat team invite the women of our parish and community to the Opening Mass on Saturday, February 18th at 10:30 am. Our theme is "Loaves and Fishes" in the spirit of answering Jesus' call to bring what we have, with the promise that He will give us all we need and more. After mass, please join us in Unity Hall for light refreshments

Lenten Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin.

It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we attempt to let go of our own agendas, let the Spirit guide our understanding, and open ourselves up to what God is trying to say to us. Join us Tuesdays at 8:10am-8:45am (beginning February 28th) in Unity Hall. Bringing your own Bible is encouraged, but not required.

Wednesday Morning Rosary

Women of all ages are invited to join us for this early morning rosary on Zoom. It starts at 7:15 and concludes by 7:45. It's a great way to start the day - and no need to get "camera ready" before you come. You are welcome just as you are!

Lenten Word & Communion Service

Join us Thursday mornings at 7:30 am during Lent for a special Word and Communion service, which will be led by the Women's Retreat 2023 team, but is open to all parishioners and friends. Start the day exploring what God is calling us to this Lent through dedicated time with God's Word and the Eucharist. All are welcome!

Stations of the Cross from Mary's Point of View

Join us in the Church at 7pm on Wed, March 15th followed by fellowship in the Courtyard Room.

Adoration

Join us for a special time of Adoration, led by the SFX Women's Retreat 2023 team on Thursday, March 23, from 6 - 7 pm in the church. This time of adoration will offer sacred time with the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities to engage in quiet prayer in a variety of ways. All will find a way connect with Jesus in this special time set apart just for Him.

Bread Baking Class

Join in an online bread making class as we approach Holy Thursday and remember the sacred breaking of bread on Saturday, March 25th at 1pm. Get your ingredients and join via Zoom from your own kitchen or gather with a few friends to share in this hands-on class, hosted by Lee Egan (FeedMeGuideMe). Sign up to get details and Zoom link.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



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NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION



In No Greater Love, You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You

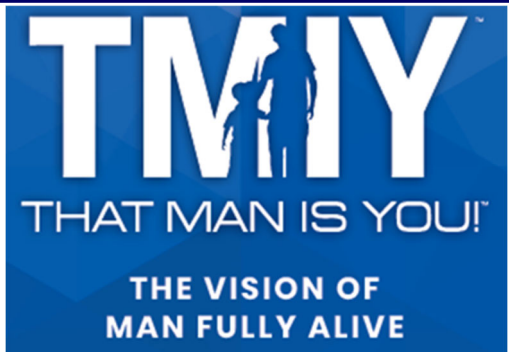
We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program (book with accompanying video presentation [preview](#)) that begins Monday, March 6 from 7:00-8:30 pm in Unity Hall. To purchase the book, follow this [link](#); it is also available through on-line bookstores. If assistance is needed to purchase the book or for more information, contact Katie Kanzer at k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or 773.860.5283. Register [here](#) or via the Lenten Faith Formation quick link on our website (sfxlq.org).

Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish, are you looking for a more meaningful Lenten devotion this year?

Gather with other men of the parish for Spring Semester of *The Vision of Man Fully Alive*. This program enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. By living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain us on this spiritual journey, we will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God.



Meetings will be **Tuesday evenings at 8:00 pm in Unity Hall starting on February 21.**

Questions? Contact Ernie Froemel at ernie.froemel@gmail.com



The Chosen - Season 2

Weds Feb 15– April 5
7:00-8:30pm
St. John of the Cross
Parish Center

- WATCH an engaging episode of *The Chosen*
- LISTEN to others' thoughts and reactions
- SHARE when you feel comfortable

Register at www.stjohnofthecross.org/chosen

Co-sponsored by St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier Parishes

Lenten Morning of Meditation

Saturday, February 25

9:00 am - 12:30 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center

“Mary Magdalene and Attention of the Heart”

Video presentation by Cynthia Bourgeault

*Episcopal priest, writer, teacher of prayer
in the contemplative Christian tradition
and international acclaimed retreat leader.*

Reservations requested, not required:

Betsy—708.246.8315 or wccmchgo@gmail.com

BUONA *Benefit Night*

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February 15, 2023

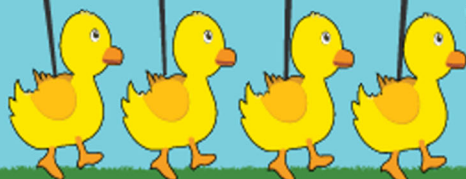


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HONK!



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Saturday, March 4th 2pm and 7pm

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Let All That You Do Be Done in Love

1 Corinthians 16:14

THANK YOU for responding to Jesus' call to ***"Welcome the Stranger"***

Since November 2022, St Francis Xavier, in partnership with St Cletus, St John of the Cross, LaGrange School District 105, Nazareth Academy and the Congregation of St Joseph (CSJ), has worked with the State of IL to help support 20 families who are legally seeking asylum. The families consist of about 60 people, half of whom are children.

God bless everyone who reached out to help! Thanks to a large monetary donation from CSJ and contributions from the School of Religious Ed and parishioners, teams of shoppers purchased Welcome Packs for 5 families. The packs included food and items such as bedding, kitchen and bath essentials as well as gift cards to help them settle into their new homes.



A Heartfelt Thanks to our Shoppers

Marge Branecki, Clare and Ernie Froemel, Carole and Craig Jacklin, Ashley Kossman, Michelle and Ed Mirecki, Barb, Owen and Daniel Myers, Leanna O'Malley, Alejandra Rivero, Maureen Vulich, Kit Waight, Missy Westerhoff and Chris Zotti.

**Love
Thy Neighbour
as Thyself**

Matthew 22:37-39



Special Thanks to...
our Youth Minister, Jenette Teran and her family for arranging a special Venezuelan meal for the families to enjoy on December 23. Alejandra Rivero and the Freeman family enjoyed delivering the meal and meeting the families.

JOB OPENING AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



We are looking for a full time Custodian Worker to work first shift Tuesday through Saturday. The custodian is responsible for performing janitorial duties, minor maintenance, and other miscellaneous duties to ensure buildings and facilities are maintained in a healthy, safe, and sanitary manner. Some examples of duties include:

- Clean, mop, and vacuum offices, classrooms, cafeteria, gym, rectory, sanctuary, stairways, etc.
- Maintain outside grounds (raking, grass cutting, watering, garbage, snow removing).
- Perform and/or report minor maintenance repairs in the building, church and school.
- Set up and take down chairs, tables and equipment during special church or school events, and work in a custodial capacity during these events as needed.

For more information or to send in your resume/qualifications, email our Facility Manager, Antonio Franceschi, at afranceschi@sfxlg.org.



"The Territory":

Film Screening and Discussion

Tuesday, February 21 • 10am - 12:15pm (CT)

Facilitator: Shelby Boblick

Deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest broke all records during the first half of 2022. "The Territory" provides an immersive look at the tireless fight of the Indigenous Uru-eu-wau-wau people against the encroaching deforestation, brought by farmers and illegal settlers in the Brazilian Amazon. With awe-inspiring cinematography and powerful storytelling by Indigenous voices, the film will help us better understand the climate crisis and Indigenous people's efforts to protect the forest and our futures. Participate on Zoom or at The Well. Cost: \$10

At Home Lenten Retreat

Wednesday, February 22, 7pm
through Wednesday, March 8, 7pm (CT)

Spiritual Directors: Pat Bergen, CSJ,
Maria Hill, CSJ, Bridget Spurduto,
and Sue Torgersen, CSJ

This retreat begins with our Ash Wednesday Prayer Service and a reflection by Bridget Spurduto. Each participant will spend ½ hour per day in prayer and meet with a retreat director five times for ½ hour during the 15-day retreat. The retreat ends with a group gathering on Zoom. Cost: \$150

Interfaith Career Network

Mid-Career Job Search Techniques for Success

Are you over the age of 50? Many mid-career job seekers have concern of age bias when in search of new opportunities. There are ways to enter the competition with more confidence when you overcome some of these natural concerns. Panelists Eileen Paliakas and Jim Fix are two mid-career professionals who have recently landed great jobs. They will share their experiences including the obvious suggestions, the less obvious and what may potentially waste your time. Please join us on Thursday, February 16 from 7-9 pm. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.

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.



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
- **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

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Deacon
Deacon
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Director of Community Outreach
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-7:30 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

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.