



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2023

PRAY



“Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you.”

MATTHEW 5:44

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 20	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Special Intention Vanda E. Petkus	The Torrasi Family
Tuesday, February 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joan Koin	The SFX Faculty & Staff
Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday	Mass Mass Service Service Mass	7:00 am 8:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm		
Thursday, February 23	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, February 24	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Sophie Ligas	The Metzger Family
Saturday, February 25	Mass	8:30 am	Dorothy Slaght Lucy Kilbane	The SFX Girlfriends The SFX Girlfriends
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Susanne Walsh	Pat DeMars
Sunday, February 26 1st Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	The Burke & Reilly Families	Marilyn Ferber and Family The Oplawski Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Maurice "Dan" Daniher	
	Mass	11:00 am	Jodi McMahan	
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Presider's Schedule for February 18-19, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

John Amato	Mark Kiley
John Baggio	Mary Ellen Leslie
Linda Bieniek	Lisa Massaro
Michael Cannon	Mary Jo McMahan
Jay Carroll	Patrick Morgan
Chili Challender	Gert Ogilvie
Laurie Coughlan	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Karen Payne
Victoria Donile	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

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:

Marlene Siwek
Mother of Cheryl & Steven



Rectory Closed

In honor of President's Day, the rectory will be closed on Monday, February 20. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 21 at 8:30 am.

Make a gift to the Sunday
Offertory with this QR Code.
Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

"If you greet your brothers and sisters only, what is unusual about that?"
Matthew 5:47

Jesus takes the Sermon on the Mount in challenging direction. I imagine that some of those closest to him feared that he was taking his message too far. "Love your neighbor" is easy to take to heart – until Jesus teaches that *our neighbor is each and every person on this earth*, including those we might name as our enemy. And the challenge to love becomes more impossible when we the "enemy" is not some stranger in a faraway land, but rather the former friend who broke our trust or the relative who constantly criticizes or spreads gossip behind our back. The love of which Jesus speaks is not one of easy smiles and "Hallmark moments." It is the love that strives to see the other through God's eyes and desires for them the same grace we ask for ourselves. It is the love that is impossible without the grace of God in us. It is the love that enables us to "turn the other cheek" – not to open ourselves to further abuse, but rather to give the other person an opportunity to realize what they have done before we turn our back to them. And even then, to leave our hearts open to a future reconciliation.

To love all others as God's beloved demands of us a willingness to humbly admit our human limits and to ask for God's grace. *This way of love* often goes against our instincts; it is not logical. *This way of love* fascinates others and draws them to want to know more about who taught us to strive to practice such love. *This way of love* is at the heart of the *missionary disciple* who tries to follow, if imperfectly, the way of Jesus. *This way of love* gives life both to the one who loves and the one who is willing to receive it.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which leads us into a new Lenten journey on the way with Jesus. What is God inviting you to make room for in your life so that you might be with Jesus in the forty days of Lent? What might you need to set aside or let go of for a time in order to create a space for Jesus to be with you?

Ash Wednesday begins an invitation for each parishioner to participate in a process to define your hopes, values, and needs as a member of the St. Francis Xavier Parish community. Instructions on how to participate in the online survey can be found in this bulletin and on the parish website. Forms for those who prefer a paper version can be found at all the church doors or requested from the parish office. I encourage you to take part in this process, called ***Disciple Missionary Index***, that will help in the future discernment of the priest whose interests and talents will best serve this faith community.

Finally, this is the follow up weekend for the Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes remain available at all of the parish doors for those who have not yet responded to this year's campaign. You also can make a direct pledge online at www.annualcatholicappeal.com. I encourage you to prayerfully consider how your household can contribute to this important appeal to support the operations of the archdiocese, to provide funds for parishes in areas of limited financial resources, and to support the work of Catholic Relief Services in situations such as the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Happy Mardi Gras! And for those who will be celebrating with Fr. Rich, **Happy Paczki Day!**

Peace,

Fr. Bill

SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10–15-minute survey as soon as possible. Visit catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code below.

We will provide hard copies of the survey at the church doors.

The survey is available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are **anonymous**, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



Thank you for helping our parish!

Collection on Ash Wednesday For the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Support the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Help #BuildTheFuture for generations of Catholics to come. Learn more at www.usscb.org/ccee. Please be as generous as you are able.



Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:00 am Mass
8:30 am Mass
12:00 pm Service
3:00 pm Service
7:00 pm Mass

Time to Start Planning for the Companions' Mother's Day Project

Communication with loved ones is very important for people who are imprisoned. It helps keep them grounded and better prepares them for their release. It is also important for families, especially children, to hear from their loved ones. Here at Companions we facilitate that process by providing pretty cards and stationery to juveniles, women and a few men so they have pretty materials to use, especially at Mother's Day. Once again we are asking for your help.

Materials we need: Mother's Day cards, thinking of you cards, stationery, blank note cards, gallon Ziploc bags, reams of colored paper, postage stamps, donations to help cover delivery costs.

Please put your donation in the box at the back of church by March 5. Thank you for your loving outreach. Here's a sample of last year's responses:

*"The cards in my packet were so pretty.
Thank you for remembering us."*

*"You can't know how much it means to know that
there are people who care for me and my children."*

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.

Engage Community



Men and women, single, married or divorced over 50 looking to connect with people who are willing to share their faith and help build a community of friendship, fun and service.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 22, when we will be hosting our second event of the year.

Come gather with us at 9:30 am for a Dutch Treat breakfast at Blueberry Hill, 49 South LaGrange Road. Afterwards we will be attending the 12:00 noon Ash Wednesday prayer service at St. Francis Xavier Church on the corner of Spring and Ogden.

Please **RSVP** by February 20th. **RSVP** and questions to Amy at sspagetts@aol.com.

History of the Senior Women's Group

St. Francis Xavier Senior Women's Group was started in 2011 by Nancy Morgan and Joan Cushing. The group provides an opportunity to get together with women we might have worked closely with at one time and have not seen for a while OR to find out names of women we have seen many times but don't really know OR to get acquainted with women new to the parish.

The group meets four times a year. One meeting during Advent or Lent is spiritual in nature. Two meetings are open with general topics of interest. In May, there is luncheon although in 2020--2022 COVID prevented this celebration.

All are welcome. Watch for our next meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, when Nancy Cummings will be our speaker.



Lent 2023

Begins February 22nd!



SFX Women's Retreat 2023 Lenten Offerings **"Loaves and Fishes"**

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 8:10 am-8:45 am (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 7:00 pm on Wed, March 15th followed by fellowship in the Courtyard Room.

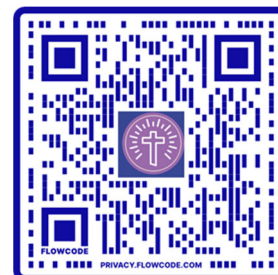
Adoration

Join us for a special time of Adoration, led by the SFX Women's Retreat 2023 team on Thursday, March 23, from 6:00-7:00 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 sacred 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 1:00 pm. 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!](#)



Scan here to sign up!

NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION



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

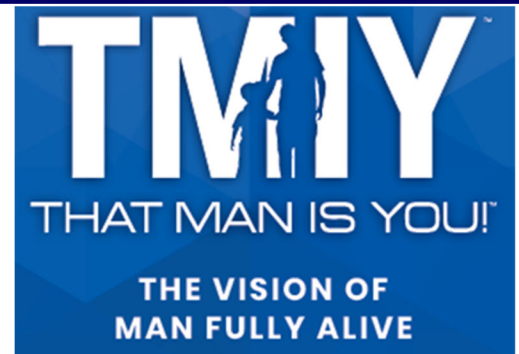
We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

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 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 the 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

9:00am - 12:30pm 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—708024608315 or wccmchgo@gmail.com



Interested in Becoming a St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board Member?

The St. Francis Xavier Parish School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board that works throughout the year on behalf of our school & parish community.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Advise school leadership on the policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of twelve members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Marketing & Development
- Finance
- Strategic Planning



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
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* FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2023 *

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

Do you need to have experience on a board or have a career in education? NO, you do not need to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.

How much time is this commitment? We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately 6-8 hours per month.

Do you need to have a child at the school to apply? NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents.

How does the application/selection process work? There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board selection committee members **Mike Stritch** at mstritch04@gmail.com (847) 922-7460, or **Stuart Smith** at ssmith@slaytonsearch.com (708) 837-8748. An application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site sfxlq.org/school under "Parent Resources".

Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.

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GIVE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Fund a Child's Future

The **Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program** helps children from low-income homes receive scholarships that cover up to 100% of a Catholic school's tuition. Thanks to this program, thousands of students are gaining knowledge in a faith-filled environment in the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. Your support helps educate the next generation of Catholic student leaders and builds on a brighter future for all.

There is still over \$1,000,000 of matching dollars left for TCS donation for scholarships made through Empower Illinois. Your gift to SFX School could **DOUBLE** if you give while matching funds are still available! We have 10 students at SFX who will benefit when their TCS requests are funded!

What is a Tax Credit Scholarship?

Tax Credit Scholarships cover tuition and fees for the 2023/24 school year. Children from low-income households may qualify for tax credit scholarships if their family income is less than \$79,500 per year (based on a family of four). Of the nearly 8,000 students who qualified last year, more than half remained on a waitlist for tuition assistance.

Cut tax liability

You can receive a credit for your state taxes equal to 75% of your Tax Credit Scholarship donation.

For more information, please contact the TCS hotline at 312.534.2617 or tcs@archchicago.org, or visit archchicago.org/tcs.

HOW IT WORKS

We use \$10K in this example, but any amount is needed.

DONATE \$10,000

After following the **step-by-step guide**, a taxpayer can donate \$10,000 to **Empower Illinois**, the Scholarship Granting Organization working with the archdiocese.

Designate the archdiocese's Catholic schools as the beneficiary.

TAX REWARD CAN EQUAL \$7,500

You are eligible to claim a \$7,500 tax credit on your state taxes -75 percent of your gift! This will reduce your 2023 tax liability.

CORPORATE MATCHING

Please confirm with your employer's matching gift office to see if your donation is eligible for corporate matching. Empower Illinois will provide the corporate matching gift funds to the designated school.



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

Home-Building Trip



Ever wonder what it's like to build a house? And do so with a group of friends and family?

Find out this summer when you travel to Clarksdale, Mississippi as a volunteer with the Fuller Center for Housing, formerly Habitat for Humanity, like so many St. Francis Xavier parishioners have done for over 25 years!

Pull together your own group, or join an existing team of volunteers, and help families in need achieve the strength, stability and independence to build a better life.

In your spare time, explore the town known as "The Birthplace of the Blues", take a swim in the Mississippi River, and experience live music at a different local venue every night.

Interested? Reach out to Chris O'Hea at 708-214-4976 or chris.ohea@yahoo.com.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. No prior building experience required.

For more information, check out the group's website at clarksdalefullercenter.org.

**St. Francis Xavier School
Fine Arts**

Friday, March 3rd 7pm
Saturday, March 4th 2pm and 7pm

Purchase tickets at the gym door!
145 North Waiola Avenue
La Grange, Illinois

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
FINE ARTS**

a MUSICAL TALE of the UGLY DUCKLING

HONK! JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4654 mtishows.com

Music by George Stiles
Book & Lyrics by Anthony Drewe



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@sfxlq.org.

Your Parish Counselor

As winter is among us, I have often thought about the implication of trees without leaves and brownish grass. I have often wondered if trees and grass need a time of rest to continue to grow. What if trees needed to hibernate or conserved energy in order to blossom again in the spring? It makes me wonder if we should subscribe to a similar philosophy. Maybe with the extended nighttime in winter, we should consider taking extra time to sleep or rest. Rest can be difficult in a world full of demands. However, maybe this time of year can be dedicated to rest. If you are looking for some help navigating through life's challenges, consider reaching out at 704-750-0686 or bc.shelly.claret@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.

**Please note, there is a change of location for our February meeting. Attendees should come to the rectory and will be directed to the Courtyard Room.

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



At Home Lenten Retreat

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

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

This retreat begins with our Ash Wednesday Prayer Service and a reflection by Bridget Sperduto. 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: \$15.



*The Lord is kind
and merciful*



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

Pastoral Ministry

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Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
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.