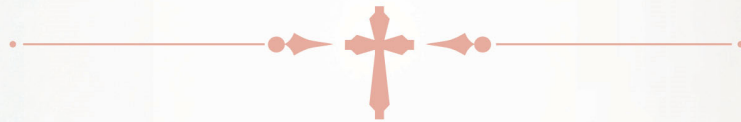




**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**  
**February 26, 2023**

# BREAD



“One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes  
forth from the mouth of God.”

MATTHEW 4:4

**Week at a Glance**

			<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Monday, February 27	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Keeley Johnson Robert Crutsinger	Jerry & Nancy Johnson Mary & Jim Donahue
Tuesday, February 28	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Maxine Kern	Nancy Cozzi
Wednesday, March 1	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Mae Westhoff	The Zahorik Family
Thursday, March 2	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, March 3	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joan Koin	The Stasaitis Family
Saturday, March 4	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Margaret White	The Metzger Family
Sunday, March 5 2nd Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	Ed Ward Special Intention	Dave Grimes
	Mass	11:00 am	Lorraine Ovnik	Dolores Lewis
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

**Presider's Schedule for February 25-26, 2023**

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo      7:30 am Fr. Milek      9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk      11:00 am Fr. Milek      5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

**Please pray for . . .**

John Amato	Mark Kiley
John Baggio	Mary Ellen Leslie
Linda Bieniek	Lisa Massaro
Pat Callahan	Mary Jo McMahon
Michael Cannon	Patrick Morgan
Jay Carroll	Gert Ogilvie
Chili Challender	Jane O'Reilly
Laurie Coughlan	Karen Payne
Blake Donegan	Beth Pfluger
Victoria Donile	Geri Pfluger
Barbara Doyle	Madison Raupp
Matthew Doyle	Anna Rose
Rosemary Fanta	Pat Saraz
Lily Fielding	Santa Snieg
Jim French	Rita Mae Spearman
Kathy Gleason	Barbara Stewart
Lilli Gregory	John Stopka
Wilson Gregory	John Strougal
Angela Hill	Judith Sutfin
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.

**Stations of the Cross**

Join us every Friday  
at 7:45 am  
for Stations of the Cross.



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



## Pastor's Letter

*He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.*  
Matthew 4:2

*Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert*, where the scarcity of food led him to experience a deep hunger and the temptation to quickly satisfy his physical hunger. By rejecting the temptation, he came to realize a deeper *spiritual* hunger that only God could satisfy. This awareness would feed him in his mission, as he encountered the human hungers of illness, poverty, rejection, and isolation. Those he healed would be offered a wholeness that went much deeper than a physical or mental cure; they could come to know themselves as a beloved child of God.

The Spirit invites each of us into the desert once more. *What will be "lacking"* in that personal desert into which God leads me? *With what do I fill myself* so that I am unaware of my deeper hungers? *It may be food* in general, or some particular food that for a time leaves me feeling contented. *It may be a form of entertainment* that isolates me from God and others. *It may be a preoccupation* with things or others that gives me an illusion of control. *It may be a focus on acquiring* and holding tightly to possessions that give me a false sense of security. We may already know the hunger we need to experience to be reminded that our deepest hungers can be satisfied by God alone. Or the Spirit may yet lead us to name our hunger in the days before us.

**What is your hunger?** What will lead you to turn to God alone as the one who can satisfy the hungers that lie deep beneath our "surface" hungers? Will you allow the Spirit to lead you to a place where you will face the hunger on the surface and then be led to your deeper hungers? May we each experience the hunger that awaits us in *our* personal desert and find what Jesus found in the wilderness of the Jordan.

**Lenten prayer opportunities.** The Women's Retreat Team is offering a series of prayer opportunities that are open to all women. You will find them listed on a special page in this bulletin. You are asked to sign up in advance for planning purposes; only the Bread Baking Class requires registration in advance. Additional prayer opportunities for all parishioners can be found on the facing page. As Maggie McMahon, our Pastoral Associate, said several weekends ago, although we cannot love God perfectly, let us allow ourselves to experience *God's perfect love for us*.

**Let us pray for one another.** This Lent, the Parish Pastoral Council is inciting us to pray for one another in a very specific way. On the tables in Unity Hall this weekend are memo pads on which you can write something that is among your prayer intentions this Lent. You then place the memo slip in one of the three glass bowls that are on the tables. These bowls will be placed in the area in front of the altar and will remain there throughout Lent. There will be slips at the door in future weeks so that you can add intentions to the bowls as you wish. You also are welcome to bring your own slip of paper from home. All of us are asked to *keep one another in prayer this Lent*, remembering especially the intentions that others have placed in the bowls. May our prayers for one another draw us closer into our communion in Christ, which we will celebrate on Holy Thursday.

**Lenten Peace,**

*F. 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](https://catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi) or scan the code below.

The link can also be found in Quicklinks on our website.

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

The survey is available until **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!





## Reflection for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #1

Marge Branecki, Jude Dumfeh, Maureen Lang, Ed & Michelle Mirecki

As Lent begins, we find ourselves walking with Jesus into the desert. Jesus has sought solitude to prepare for his ministry, but the devil appears and tempts Jesus, offering an easier path. Jesus knocks down every temptation, finding strength in scripture.

The scriptures can also serve as a source of help for each one of us as we face our daily temptations. Our temptations may differ depending on our individual lives and circumstances, but we do not need to face them alone. Look to the faith community to find strength as we share daily scripture readings, familiar prayers, and signs of God's love and forgiveness all around us. As Pope Francis reminds us, "When everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved."

- Join us for daily Mass
- Follow the Little Black Book
- Go to the Catholic Bishops Website, USCCB.org to find daily readings and inspiration

### 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.ohesa@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.ohesa@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](http://clarksdalefullercenter.org).

### 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](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan at [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



## 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



### \* 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](mailto:mstritch04@gmail.com) (847) 922-7460, or **Stuart Smith** at [ssmith@slaytonsearch.com](mailto: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](http://sfxlq.org/school) under "Parent Resources".

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

**St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13, 2023**

The Pastoral Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month and will have the minutes of the meeting published in the bulletin. If you have any questions related to St. Francis Xavier, please feel free to contact us at [ppc@sfxlg.org](mailto:ppc@sfxlg.org).

**Attendees:**

Curt Aronson, Mike Hattie, Barb Kalnes, Maggie McMahon, Carolyn Simone, Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Phil Zadeik, Marko Magajne, Lindsey MacKenzie, Alex Ruff, and Beth DiMarco

1. Prayer
  - a. Parish mission statement (all attendees)
  - b. Prayer for guidance of the Holy Spirit (Fr. Bill)
2. Formation
  - a. Reflection on Gospel Reading from Matthew 5:38-48 (all attendees)
3. Discussion / Action Items
  - a. Name Tag Sunday Recap-Another successful event. Attendance was great in Unity Hall and we ran out of donuts and coffee.
  - b. Next step for gatherings in Unity Hall during Lent-Paper and pencils will be available for parishioners to write down their own prayer intentions in Unity Hall and then place them in bowls both in Unity Hall or on the Altar. Fr. Bill to check with Missy to get details on supplies. We are looking at starting the First Sunday in Lent.
4. Discernment of 5 person auxiliary/development board
  - a. More discussions to be shared at the next meeting March 13, 2023.
5. Evangelization Team Update
  - a. This group will inspire faith in the many ministries at SFX. To date there have been 8 parishioners who have agreed to serve. This group could grow to 10 to 12 people. The group will interact with Maggie and the ministries.
6. Next steps for Implementations/New Ideas
  - a. Explore the opportunity of having Vacation/Summer Bible Camp at SFX. We are currently looking at the Logistics for June of this year or next year.
7. Pastor Leadership Team
  - a. This will be a 3-5 person group that will work with the Pastor to stay focused on parish issues.
8. Invite Sue Le Hockey to March Meeting
  - a. Curt will contact.
9. Reinstatement of BEDS Program
  - a. SFX is looking at options of providing services for the homeless.
10. Closing Prayer
11. Next Meeting—March 13, 2023 Rectory Courtyard Room



# 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 28<sup>th</sup>) 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 in Church 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

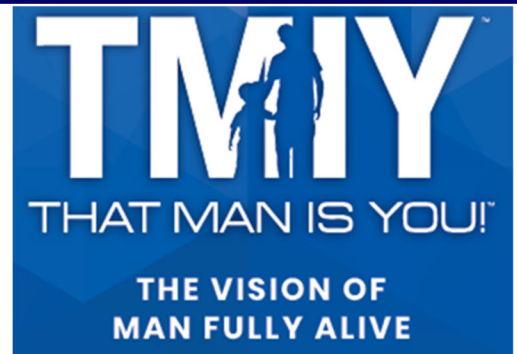
We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

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](mailto:k.f.kanzer@gmail.com) or 773.860.5283. Register [here](#) or via the Lenten Faith Formation quick link on our website ([sfxlq.org](http://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 that started on February 21.**

**Questions?** Contact Ernie Froemel at [ernie.froemel@gmail.com](mailto:ernie.froemel@gmail.com)

***The Chosen - Season 2***

Wednesdays February 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](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/chosen)

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



## Girl's Church League Basketball

Hey, High School Girls! Join us for HOOPS! We're forming teams for our girls basketball Church League this spring! Practices will be once a week with games on Saturday nights, 4/15 through 5/20. Cost is \$50 and includes team t-shirts. Go to [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org) under Youth Ministry to register. Grab your friends and let's get teams together to play against St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus, First United Methodist in LaGrange and Western Springs First Congregational Church! **Registration ENDS on March 15.**

## Welcome Committee

Thank you to all of the new parishioners who joined us for the Welcome Prayer Service and Hospitality! It was great to meet everyone and enjoy an evening together. Mark your calendar for the next prayer service on May 10. All are welcome! Please contact Laura Duelm if you have any questions at [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com) or 708-309-9079.



## 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.

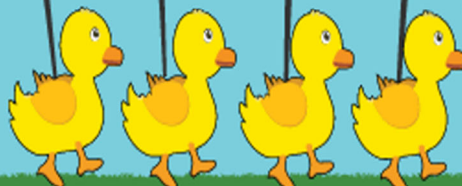
Our scheduled meetings for early 2023 will be from 7:00-8:00 PM on the following dates:

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](mailto:newittlagrange@yahoo.com).

# HONK!



## St. Francis Xavier School Fine Arts

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm  
Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2pm and 7pm

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

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Book & Lyrics by Anthony Drewe







**TEEN YOUTH  
MINISTRY**

# **TRIVIA NIGHT**

*Sunday* **March 5**



Teens are invited to attend the 5pm Mass at SFX and then head to Unity Hall for a night of fun! Please register your teen on the website so we can have an accurate number for food!





# SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

Shelter Homeless      Feed Hungry      Bury Dead  
Clothe Naked      Care for Sick      Visit Imprisoned

## All Parish Service Day 2023

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact:  
Mary Freeman, Dir. Of Community Outreach  
[mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



### Job Opening at S. 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](mailto:afranceschi@sfxlq.org).

### Senior Women's Group To Meet

The Senior Women's Group is pleased to have Nancy Cummings as a speaker on Wednesday, March 15. We gather after the 8:30 Mass in Unity Hall for light refreshment and begin the presentation about 9:30.

Nancy will speak about her personal background, education, job experience prior to the LaGrange Business Association, and her work with the LaGrange Business Association. At the end of her emails Nancy sometimes includes a tidbit uncovered in her work. For example, "Amount that stays in our community when you spend \$100: At a locally owned business it is \$68. At a chain store it is \$43."

Nancy has been a long-time parishioner of St. Francis Xavier. She has helped to plan and coordinate various social events in the parish. She has rolled up her sleeves to pack food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository to benefit our food pantry.

Come and join us for information, fellowship, and a few treats as we renew old acquaintances and meet new friends.

### Social Justice Trip to El Salvador

Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad (CIS) invites those who are interested to join the Saint Romero Social Justice Delegation on a trip to El Salvador from March 20-27. The trip includes a visit to the home and tomb of El Salvadoran bishop, St. Oscar Romero, and an opportunity to learn about initiatives in the areas of women's empowerment, anti-violence and peace, and environmental and water rights. For more information, go to [cis-elsalvador.org](http://cis-elsalvador.org) or contact parishioner Ed Osowski, 312-590-3450.



## 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
- **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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
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Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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**Rev. Richard Milek**  
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Parish School Secretary  
Advancement Director  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

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**Janice Carr**  
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## Contact Information

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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.