



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024



In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 29	Mass	8:30 am	Baby Violet Zurowski	The Zurowski Family
Tuesday, January 30	Mass	8:30 am	Alana & Jack Rosshirt Judy Hardy	The Morsch Family Jennifer & Roger Setzke
Wednesday, January 31	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Thursday, February 1	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, February 2	Mass	8:30 am	William Goss	Shirley Goss
Saturday, February 3	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Louie Marasovic Helen Wargo	April Pesut The Sangiacomo & Martens Families
Sunday, February 4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Irene DeYoung Jock Brown Ian MacManus Susan Kozlowski	Jerry & Nancy Johnson The SFX Parish Staff The Kostrewa Family The Staszak Family

President's Schedule for January 27-28, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Dave Armstrong	Richard Lavers
John Baggio	Eleanor Love
Ed Barrett	James Lowry
Angela Bowman	John Madden, Sr.
Dorothy Burnicks	Darren Masier
Dick Callahan	Patrick Morgan
Blake Donegan	Rosemary Nash
Barbara Doyle	Muriel Nerad
Matthew Doyle	Josephina Pangan
Nancy Duffy	Larry Plansky
Pat Eaton	Rob Roper
Tom Flynn	Rita Mae Spearman
Kathy Gleason	Steven Stirn
Lilli Gregory	John Stopka
Angela Hill	Charlie Swafford
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Richard Szatkowski
Dave Hyland	Olivia Tarsney
Tiffany Kahn	

To add a name to the prayer list 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:

Judith Bandyk

Mother of Ron
Grandmother of Matt, Jacob, Luke & Noah

Peter Ritten

Father of Lou (Carolyn)
Grandfather of Stephen & Christine

Adrian Romero

Husband of Stacy
Father of AJ, Elizabeth & Claudia

Jerry Spearman, Sr.

Husband of Rita Mae
Father of Laura & Jerry, Jr.

Katherine Swiderski

Sister of the late Andrew, Mary Ann, Rose and the late Carolyn

Weddings



Julie Schiffler & Mike Kesnick

Make a gift to the
Regular Sunday Offertory
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Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

Jesus taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.
Mark 1:22

Mark draws a clear distinction between the teaching style of Jesus and that of the scribes, the experts on religious law. The scribes teach from their understanding of the “words” that have been handed down from their ancestors. They stick to *the letter of the law* as they interpret it, often in a way that benefits them. Jesus, however, amazes his listeners because he seems to be speaking from an inner wisdom, bringing to light *the spirit of the law* as God intended. His authority is “authentic.” He speaks and acts in a way that is consistent with what he teaches.

We tend to be equally amazed by those who teach by word and example. Even when we disagree with what another teaches, we acknowledge and often are impressed by their authenticity. Yet the authenticity of a disciple of Jesus must go deeper. Our words and actions must not only be consistent with what we claim to believe; they must be rooted in the great commandments to love God above all else and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the power of the Spirit, given to us all in Baptism and strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is the authenticity of the *missionary disciple*, who leads others to Jesus by living “outward from within” what she or he believes.

Last Sunday evening, our students in seventh grade in our School of Religious Education and parish elementary school were enrolled as ***candidates for Confirmation***. Over the next two years, these young men and women will be challenged to come closer to Jesus, to learn his teachings, and to live out those teachings through ministry and service. Early in their freshman year of high school, they will be asked to commit to active discipleship for the rest of their lives. May we encourage them in their journey by *our* witness in word and action.

This Sunday begins ***Catholic Schools Week***, when we reaffirm, as part of our mission, our commitment to provide a Catholic school elementary education for all families who seek this for their children. A Catholic school education cannot take the place of a faith lived authentically within the home; this is the responsibility of each family. However, it can and does offer an environment in which Catholic beliefs and values can be incorporated into the subjects being taught and modeled throughout the day. One hundred years ago, Catholic schools were the way in which the children of immigrant families were taught the language, culture, and history of the American mosaic, while also enhancing that mosaic with the culture and traditions of their ancestors from other lands. In many parts of our cities, it serves the same purpose in our day.

Sunday from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM, the teachers, staff, and students of St. Francis Xavier Elementary School invite all parishioners to visit the Education Building for an **Open House**. Experience some of what happens there during the week. Student ambassadors are available to provide guided tours to families who are considering the parish elementary school for your children. You can meet our excellent and caring teachers and staff who have helped to make us a two-time National Blue Ribbon School. You will see reflected in many ways how the school community lives out the closing words of the School Pledge: “We pray. We learn. We serve.”

Conversations in the Spirit happens this Wednesday evening in Unity Hall. All are invited into this conversation about synodality in the style of synodality that Pope Francis is encouraging in the Church. Come to listen. Come to learn. Come to share.

Winter peace,

J. Bill

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS *for* 2024-2025

CONTACT US TODAY! ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG

WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus and others. We strive to instill and nurture the belief that God is found everywhere, especially in one another.



WE LEARN

TWO time U.S. Dept. of Education NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL and recipient of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award.



WE SERVE

Our All-School Service Program exemplifies who we are as a school.

National Catholic Education Association Maxine Donahue Award recipient for service.



COME TO OUR OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 28TH 1000AM-12:30PM

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR:

- STRONG CORE CURRICULUM
- DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION
- INTEGRATED ARTS (ART, MUSIC, SPANISH, P.E. AND LRC)
- ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES
- ESTABLISHED & MEANINGFUL USE OF TECHNOLOGY

New School Safety Initiative

Ogden Avenue will soon be designated a 20 mph School Zone between Ashland Avenue and Gilbert Avenue on school days. The change will make safer this highly trafficked area, which is traveled by so many area children and families. It will help to slow down traffic and call further attention to the presence of children in the stretch of Ogden Avenue that holds five schools. We have been told that the permanent signs should be installed in approximately two weeks.

We thank the parishioner and parish elementary school parent who worked tirelessly with us to gather information and reach out to a group of local officials. The group was able to get a meeting with IDOT representatives to make this happen. It was definitely a process. We also thank Senator Mike Porfirio (parishioner), Village President Mark Kuchler (alumni parent), State Representative LaShawn K. Ford, and the IDOT representatives who came out to meet with us, listened to our needs, and got the job done for the safety of area children and youth.

2023 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2023 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk were emailed to all parishioners the week of January 26. The email comes from notifications@ondemandmail.com and has the subject line of "St. Francis Xavier Contribution Statement". Please contact Parish Accountant, Jane Bandyk, at jbandyk@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.

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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together
at the table



annualcatholicappeal.com



Please Make Your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call to come “together at the table.” Examples of ministries that benefit are:

- Spiritual renewal to transform parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
- Continuing education for priests, staff, and lay volunteers serving parish communities; and
- Catholic Relief Services to assist the poor and vulnerable around the world.

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Many families in our parish have received the Annual Catholic Appeal request 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.

STEWARDSHIP



Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Please Consider a QCD Gift for Our Parish

You can help to support our parish community by making a qualified charitable distribution (“QCD”) gift from your individual retirement account to St Francis Xavier Parish or School. A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level, and the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.

If you would like more information on making a QCD gift, please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development - contact information is on the Personnel page of the bulletin.

Ignatian Spirituality



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM
FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD



An Ignatian Prayer Adventure – Spiritual Exercises Retreat
8 weeks beginning on Sunday, February 4th at 6pm (dinner and discussion)

Finding God in all things

St Ignatius was convinced that God could be found in every area of life, meaning that everything, from relationships to family, from happiness to suffering - everything - is a part of the spiritual life.

St. Francis Xavier Parish is offering an opportunity for you to participate in an adapted version of the Spiritual Exercises.

In stages, referred to as “weeks,” the retreatant contemplates various aspects of your own life, as well as the life, Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus.

Outline of obligations:

A commitment each day for about 45 minutes of prayer and reflection.

Availability to meet once a week for about an hour with an Ignatian "guide" who facilitates helpful sharing about the ongoing experiences. This will be a group gathering with others on the same journey

Please consider joining us:

Each day you will have material to pray over:
Scripture passages, Ignatius’s meditations and contemplations, or other exercises.

After the first meeting (in person), weekly meetings will occur over Zoom

If interested, we ask that you fill out this form or email Tom Marthaler (tjm9988@pm.me)

Application for the 8-Week Retreat

Send the completed application to tjm9988@pm.me.

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home or Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Please respond to the questions on the next page.

Some of the questions can be answered with brief comments, while others take more time to explain. Be direct and succinct, overall, while taking the time to explain a bit more fully the questions below that ask for explanation. Save this document to your hard drive. You then can type into the document and manipulate the space between the questions.

1. What do you hope to gain by praying with the Spiritual Exercises?
2. Why do you want to make the Spiritual Exercises in the 8-Week, 18th Annotation format at this time?
3. Have you made any previous retreats, and, if so, what type of retreats? Did you have good experiences? Why, or why not?
4. Have you ever made the Spiritual Exercises before? Where and in what format (e.g.; 8-day, 30-day, 30-week)? Was this a good experience? Why, or why not?
5. Have you ever met with a spiritual director for ongoing spiritual direction? And, if so, when and how frequently?
6. Who is God for you?
7. Who are you for God?
8. How would you describe your relationship with God? Explain.
9. Describe your spiritual practices, prayer, and/or devotional life? Please be specific.
10. Please take time to describe an experience in your life when you felt especially close to God.
11. Was there a time, or are there times, when God seems particularly absent? Explain.
12. Has your relationship with God changed over the years and, if so, how? Explain.
13. Are you able to pray for at least 45 minutes each day for the 8 weeks of the 18th Annotation/Spiritual Exercises? (This is essential).
14. Do you have any concerns about making this 8-week experience of the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius? If "yes," please share them.

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PLEASE NOTE: An Ignatian Prayer Adventure will involve a significant commitment of time and energy on the part of the retreatant. In fact, the term "Exercises" is most appropriate because this unique experience of Christian faith and spirituality requires daily prayer and steady attention to the movements of the Holy Spirit. Thus, it requires a certain level of "spiritual stamina." You will be asked to devote at least 45 minutes per day in personal prayer and to meet once a week with the group in a meeting facilitated by the spiritual director. Past retreatants would undoubtedly tell you that the time put in yields great rewards, and that making the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola is a transforming experience in life; but there is no question that this, indeed, is a commitment. By submitting this application you are expressing an understanding and commitment to the requirement for daily prayer and weekly spiritual direction.

Collection for the Church in Latin America



Check out how you helped translate the Catechism into the Mayan language Q'eqchi' through the Collection for the Church in Latin America! #ShareYourFaith #1church1mission: <https://goo.gl/ZTq2zZ>.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America will be held January 27-28. The campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to *share faith* with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invite you to aid our faithful brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church of Latin America. To learn more about who the collection benefits, review the information below or visit [How to Give](#) to participate this January.

For more information visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections. To donate, please [click here](#) or visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Church in Latin America" and drop it off at the rectory or in a church collection basket.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Thank you for the generous donation of winter coats, outerwear and clothing on November 20 to the clothing room at the Catholic Charities office in Cicero. Your donation will help ensure that the growing number of clients turning to us for help, many of them newly arrived migrants, can be safe and warm this winter.

Thank you, as well, for your donation on December 11 of toys for 75 children whose families are clients in our programs. Your generosity helped make Christmas brighter for some families in need.

Catholic Charities provides food, shelter, clothing and counseling to tens of thousands of people in the west suburbs every year. We also are playing a lead role in helping to greet, settle and support migrants who are new to the Chicago area, many of them in the west suburbs and the West Side of Chicago. Your kindness and generosity are helping us help them, and we are deeply grateful.

Thank you again for your support. With your help, we are making a difference in the lives of those in need.

With gratitude,
Mike Waters
Director of Program Operations
West Cook Region

Thanks To All Who Represented Our Ministries and Attended the Fair!



Ministry Leaders will be in touch with those who signed up.

Conversations in the Spirit

What happened at the Global Synod? Where do we go from here?

Wednesday, January 31 from 7:00-9:00pm
Unity Hall

How did we get to LGBT blessings? Could there be a female diaconate? Experience the synodal way of creating space for these topics, the same synodal way that our church leaders practiced at the Synod in Rome!

- Parishioner Katie Mulcahy will share her experience of being in Rome during the Synod
- We will practice the “conversations in the Spirit” to which Pope Francis invites us
- We will carry this way of “being church” forward in preparation for the next synodal gathering in Oct 2024

To RSVP email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or [click here](#).



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

“It is not enough to have a synod, you must be a synod. The Church needs intense internal sharing, between pastors and between the pastors and the faithful.” - Pope Francis

SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE A Catholic Perspective

Join us for an interactive presentation about how we can best address Climate Change. Our expert speaker is Andrew Panelli, who leads the Creation Care Ministry at St. Elizabeth Seton of Orland Park and is Advocacy Lead with the Archdiocese of Chicago's Encyclical Working Group. This “not-to-be missed” community discussion is guaranteed to generate new insights on the issue.



Catholics Are Responsible Environmental Stewards
St. John of the Cross Parish

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
9:30AM**

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH CENTER
5005 Wolf Rd. Western Springs

- Learn about Climate Change and its Impacts
- Discuss Possible Solutions and Actions
- Identify our most Effective Responses



YOUTH NIGHTS @ ST FRANCIS
SUNDAYS JAN 21 - APR 7

FOR TEENS BY TEENS

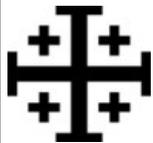
Bring your friends for: social time, dinner, a video, and small group (where you can share your thoughts or just listen.)

All are welcome. Bring your atheist friend from school, bring your Lutheran buddy, bring that new kid on your sports team. **Seriously, any teen is welcome.**

Sundays at 6pm, Jan 21- Apr 7
Unity Hall, St Francis Xavier
(with St John of the Cross & St Cletus Youth Ministry)

[Click here or scan QR code to RSVP \(and vote for food!\) for Jan 21](#)

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.



Save The Date

Kairos 42
February 22-25, 2024

Kairos 42 registration has opened [click here](#) to register. We have limited spots.

2024 Summer Mission Trip
June 9-14, 2024 in Louisville, KY

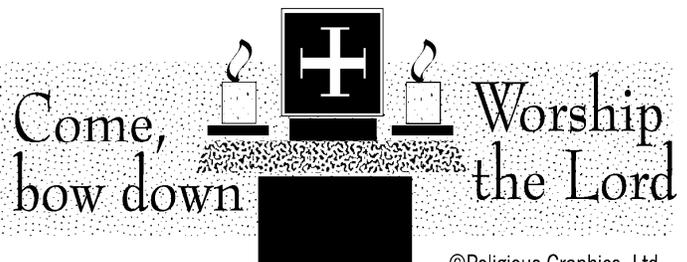
Rising Sophomores through Graduating Seniors join us for a life-changing week of service, faith and fun. St. Francis, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes are partnering for another Summer Mission trip to Love, Serve and Connect with Catholic Heart Workcamp in Louisville, Kentucky. We will join other teens from across the country as we serve community members painting, gardening, building, and volunteering with social service agencies. Teens will earn 30 hours of service for our Summer Mission Trip. Registration opened on December 20 at 9:00AM [click here](#) or go to our website for more information and to access the registration link. We anticipate these spots will go quickly; we require a \$150 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot.

Your Parish Counselor



There can be many mixed feelings about the new year. It usually means the holiday season is coming to a close. However, there are new beginnings with new year's resolutions. Achieving resolutions is a process, and one with ups and downs. Building new habits can be difficult and take time. If you are looking to work with someone during this process, or if your resolutions include addressing aspects of your mood, consider reaching out at 704-750-0686 or bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com. Both in-person and virtual visits are available.

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Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddling Together group) (subject to change each month)

When: 8:00pm (every 2nd Thursday)

What: Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration! We meet on 2nd Thursdays of the month (location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or bulletin each month.) Questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.



Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.

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, February 6

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

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.

Our scheduled meetings in Unity Hall are as follows:

Thursday, February 8 from 4-5 PM
Wednesday, March 13 from 7-8 PM
Thursday, April 11 from 7-8 PM
Wednesday, May 8 from 7-8 PM

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

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

PASSION INTO ACTION

SFX CWC
Ladies Day Out

BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY!

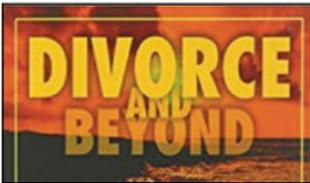
FOR THE
*St. Francis Xavier
Catholic Women's Club*

LADIES DAY OUT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
THE ELM
3:00 - 6:00 PM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:
FIDDLE STICKS

For tickets and more information,
please [click here](#).



2024 Divorce and Beyond Support

Winter Series

Tuesday Evenings (7:00-8:30 pm)

February 13 through March 19

In the School Library

Divorce and Beyond is a faith-based process for divorced adults designed to offer support, fellowship and healing to those who are divorced or going through a divorce. Topics include: stress, anger, forgiveness and recovery. There is no cost to attend. There is a participant guide that will be provided at the first meeting.

Register on line please [click here](#) or call Missy Westerhoff at 708-352-0168.



Save the Date

4th Annual Building Inclusive Community Conference



Keynote Speaker: DR. Rachael Mahmood

Dr. Mahmood was born a cultural mosaic of Russian Jewish and Indian Hindu heritage, and she later married a Pakistani Muslim. With humor, vulnerability and insight, Dr. Mahmood will share lessons from her life and experience as an educator on how we can create spaces that foster a sense of genuine belonging for all.

SEVERAL WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM ON TOPICS SUCH AS:

Transgender Issues, Disability Etiquette, Bystander Intervention, Judaism/Anti-Semitism, Coping with Stress, Hate Crimes, Bridging Political Divides, Equity in the College Journey, and more.

Plus Poet Luis Tubens will share some poetry, LTHS Steppers will perform and youth will lead small group discussions based on what an inclusive community means to all of us.

For updates on the conference
sign up here



tinyurl.com/BICCrsvp

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024
9:00A-1:00P | LTHS SOUTH CAMPUS
4900 WILLOW SPRINGS RD.
WESTERN SPRINGS, IL



Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. FC Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Special Forces Group**—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**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC** niece of Jon Peterson
- **Warrant Office 3 Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—son 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
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **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
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Lt. Ryan Lavine, U.S. Army**—nephew of Kim & Vince Henehan
- **Chief Petty Officer Marko Mandac, U.S. Navy**—husband of Anna, son-in-law of David & Lynn Rogers

**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
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm
Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 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 7:00-8:00 pm

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 9:30 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 sfxing@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

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.

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