



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
4th Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 11	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Jeanne McCareins	The Braasch Family
Tuesday, March 12	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Wednesday, March 13	Mass	8:30 am	Claire Sharkey	Jerry & Nancy Johnson
Thursday, March 14	Rosary Word & Communion Service	8:15 am 8:30 am		
Friday, March 15	Stations of the Cross Mass	7:45 am 8:30 am	Michael Monaco	Barb Gannon
Saturday, March 16	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Frank Lenti Tom Flynn, Jr.	 The Filbin Family Marylou & George Braasch
Sunday, March 17 5th Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Greggory Fahey Alfred Gannon Pat Callahan People of the Parish	The Mattern Family The Gannon Family The Oplawski Family

Presider's Schedule for March 9-10, 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. Ilo

Please pray for . . .

Dave Armstrong	Eleanor Love
John Baggio	John Madden, Sr.
Ed Barrett	Peggy Maney
Albert Boemo	Patrick Morgan
Angela Bowman	Rosemary Nash
Dick Callahan	Josephina Pangan
Blake Donegan	Geri Pfluger
Barbara Doyle	Laureen Rabe
Matthew Doyle	Rita Mae Spearman
Pat Eaton	Steven Stirn
Kathy Gleason	John Stopka
Lilli Gregory	Richard Szatkowski
Angela Hill	Olivia Tarsney
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Theresa Toher
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:

Dorothy Burnicks
Sister of Jan Mose

Laurie Coughlan
Mother of Joseph, Mara,
James, Peter & Michael

Patrick Cusack
Husband of Joyce
Father of Laura & Michael

Eugene Jobin
Husband of Gini
Father of Amy & Carrie

Muriel Nerad
Wife of the late Otto
Stepmother to Jack & Eric

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**Stations
of the
Cross
Every Friday
at 7:45 am**

Pastor's Letter

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that their works may be seen as done in God."
John 3:21



It all begins in God's love for us. "God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:15) Our salvation comes not from anything we did; it is a gift of God's love, offered at great cost to the Son of God, but without cost to us. St. Paul emphasizes this in his argument that we are saved by faith in what God has done for us and not by any of the works of our hands, however profound or noble they may be. Jesus has done the work; we receive the grace that we could never have "earned."

So, what does this mean for the fourth component of the life of the missionary disciple? If God has already done the work, what do we accomplish through **MINISTRY**? Ministry is not about "earning" something from God; God freely gives us all that we need. Ministry is rather *our expression of gratitude* for what God has done for us and *our desire to reach out to others*, especially those in need, so that they may know what God has done for us all. In the words of St. Paul, "Faith without action is dead." Ministry is *our response to God's call* to use our talents to serve the church and all God's people.

Ministry is a grateful response to a call rather than something I do because I think I "should." It is unique to each person and lived out in a variety of ways. God may call me primarily to *minister through my role in the family*, especially in times when the family requires a large portion of my energy and focus. God may call me to engage in work *for the good of the community*, such as tutoring, coaching, or giving time to an organization that reaches beyond our local community to help those in need. God may invite me into *one of the many parish ministries* through which our worship, learning, and service bear fruit. God may call some among us to *serve the Church as professional parish lay ministers, Catholic school teachers, religious, deacons, or priests*. How do I discern what God is calling me to do? I pay attention to that which both gives me life and responds to a need that God has given me the talent to address.

This past Thursday, we gave thanks for the service of one who has ministered to our community for several years. **Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ**, has offered a weekly opportunity for scripture study to interested adults. She has inspired and led many among us to a deeper appreciation of the writings of our ancestors in faith. Her ministry has modeled for us the work of the missionary disciple. **Blessings to you, Sr. Marianne**, as you move on to new ministries and opportunities. We have not yet found someone to offer scripture study in the future, but we have many adults eager to learn. If you know of someone with the background, interest, and time to lead a scripture study group, encourage them to contact me or Maggie McMahon.

I invite you to seriously consider attending one of **two Area Reconciliation Services** on each of the next two Monday evenings: this **Monday at St. Cletus Parish** and **Monday, March 18, at St. Francis Xavier**. Lent offers an opportunity for spiritual house cleaning. I do not confess my sins to "get God to forgive me." *God forgives me when I sin: "Right away; no matter what!"* I confess *my need and desire for the grace of forgiveness* for my specific sins. I do not change God's heart; **God changes my heart**. That is the power of Christ crucified. The power of sin and death have been destroyed. God's love has conquered all.

Lenten Blessings,

J. Bill



This weekend, don't forget to Spring ahead one hour
as Daylight savings time will begin.
Be sure to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.



St. Vincent de Paul Society Second Collection: March 9 & 10

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) is a lay Catholic organization that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. Our SVdP Ministry assists parishioners and families and individuals in the LaGrange area when they encounter a financial hardship. In addition, SVdP meets with our clients to help them avoid a similar situation in the future by discussing their circumstances and directing them to resources in the community.

This past year, we assisted **17 families** with security deposits, property taxes, painting supplies, car insurance, cell phone bill, lodging, rent, and utility bills totaling **\$18,263**. Furthermore, we provide **\$1200** in food and gas gift cards to our Food Pantry clients and anyone in need who comes to our Rectory doors. We are grateful for your past contributions and hope you can continue to support our efforts.

To donate, [click here](#) or place your donation in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot. **Thank you for your generosity!**

A special thanks to our SVdP volunteers who meet on the first Monday of the month: **Ann Blouin, Bill Devitt, Mary Pat Flaherty, Shannon Gannon, Bob Hamilton, Joe Healy, Bill Kelly, Pat Murphy, Tim O'Connell, Jim O'Hara, and Paul Saladino.**

To learn more about this ministry, please contact Pat Murphy at ptmnrj2@yahoo.com.

***"I ask Our Lord to be your light and strength
in all events of life" St. Vincent***

Holy Thursday Collection

Our parish Holy Thursday collection will be used to: (1) support Taller de Jose, a Congregation of St Joseph ministry of accompaniment, (2) purchase Welcome Packs of household items for refugee families who have been invited to resettle in the Chicago area through the US Resettlement Program and (3) support migrants living in the area.



To make a donation, please go to:
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/167/event/32141>
or scan the QR Code to lead you to the donation site.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Freeman,
Director of Community Outreach mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

Thank you for *Welcoming the Stranger* through your
prayers and generous monetary support!



Lent 2024

Began February 14th!

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

Gather with other men of the parish 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 13**. Scan the QR code or [click here to register](#)—or just show up anytime.

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



33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Gather with fellow parishioners on a journey of Eucharistic Consecration—a journey towards a deeper experience of Mass, a deeper relationship with Jesus, and the great joy of encountering God's relentless love for YOU.

The consecration involves a daily reflection, weekly faith conversation by zoom on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm which began on February 21, and flexible opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.



Zoom Conversations: Wednesdays, 8:00-8:45pm which began on February 21

Meeting ID: 845 7546 2404
Passcode: 013531

Register via the QR code, by emailing Heather Fitzpatrick (heatherfitzwelcome@gmail.com), or by clicking [this link](#).

*Pray every day
this Lent
on
Hallow*



St. Francis Xavier Church Holy Week Services 2024

Palm Sunday—March 24th

Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday
and Sunday at
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

Wednesday—March 27th

Tenebrae 7:00 pm
Church open until 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday—March 28th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am/Living Stations 9:00 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
Church open until 10:00 pm

Good Friday—March 29th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 and 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday—March 30th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 1:00 pm
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday—March 31st

Masses at 7:30, 9:00* and 11:00 am Church
Masses at 9:15 and 11:15 am SFX School Gym
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

*This mass will be live-streamed.

Engage Community

Our next get togethers:

March 19 from 12:00-2:00pm. Volunteer activity packing food at Feed My Starving Children, 740 Wiley Farm Court in Schaumburg. We will form a carpool for those interested. **NOTE: It is VERY important that you RSVP to Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com so that we can confirm our reserved spots. They are counting on us!** Please do so by March 11, or sooner if possible!

More info about FMSC here: <https://www.fmssc.org/get-involved/volunteer-info>.

March 28: No regular meeting due to Holy Thursday
April 11: 11:30am Lunch at the Stadium Club at the Max in McCook. (separate checks)

April 25: 7:00pm Regular Meeting, Unity Hall, Topic TBD

For questions or [to RSVP](#), please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

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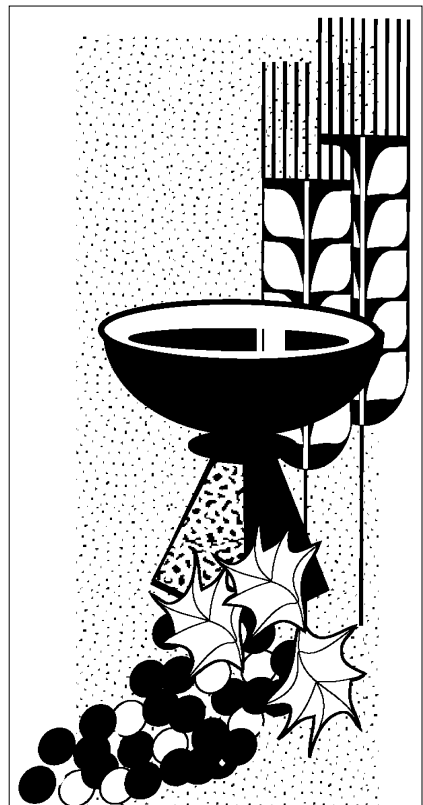
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Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Lent

Reflection by a Liturgy Team Member

Let us focus on the images of light and darkness. The light is the presence of our conscious choices one that we find difficult to make and the darkness is the evil that dwells and its works are hidden. We should focus on the light and turn away from darkness. "By grace you have been saved. It is a gift of God." When we live in Christ and imitate Him, we are proof to the world of the richness of God's mercy and compassion. In the light is where we find the truth and its works are clearly seen. Truth loves the light. We have a decision to make, darkness or light. Let us walk together towards the light. Let our works and words bring peace to all. Let us choose to love and choose Christ in our lives.

Come and experience the gift of God's boundless mercy.



Monday, March 11
7:00 PM
St. Cletus Parish
600 W. 55th St.
LaGrange, IL 60525



Monday, March 18
7:00 PM
St. Francis Xavier Parish
124 N. Spring Ave.
LaGrange, IL 60525

Lenten Reconciliation Prayer Service



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*"Love cannot remain by itself-it has no meaning.
Love has to be put into action and that action is service."
Mother Theresa*

Please join the Knights in making an impact to feed those in need. The Knights of Columbus Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food for Families Spring Drive is taking place on **April 6**.

How Can I Help? - Offer Your Time - Volunteer

We need volunteers to: (1) collecting food at participating Jewel stores, (2) pick up food from the stores and deliver to St. Francis Xavier and (3) unload food at St. Francis Xavier. [Click here](#) to volunteer.

For more information, call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930 or email council6483@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.

Our scheduled meetings in Unity Hall are as follows:

Wednesday, March 13 from 7:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, April 11 from 7:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, May 8 from 7:00-8:00 PM

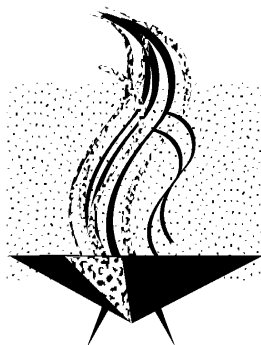
We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

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

Family Outreach Ministry

The St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry would like to invite you to join us this year to help prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. The dates for the 2024 school year are: **March 16** and May 18. There are two time slots to choose, or come for the whole time: 9:00-11:30am: Food prep and cooking or 11:30am-1:00pm: Food serving and clean up. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult.

To register [click here](#) or contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.



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THE FEAST OF MERCY (Divine Mercy Sunday)



THE CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT SFX APRIL 7, 2024

2:30 PM RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

**3:00 PM—HOLY HOUR WITH THE
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

(REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY,
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER,
SILENT ADORATION, AND BENEDICTION).

*The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday
has been celebrated in many countries,
dioceses and parishes for many years.*

*Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals,
Bishops and Priests*

*who have read the diary of St. Faustina have
come to appreciate the significance of this feast.
But now, ever since the Holy See had decreed
that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be
known as Divine Mercy Sunday,"
many more are seeking to go more
deeply into the words of
Our Lord to St. Faustina
that were meant for all humanity.*

*Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization
of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said:*

"Jesus shows His hands and His side.

*He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion,
especially the wound in His Heart,
the source from which flows the great wave
of mercy poured out on humanity".*

*The image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy,
is to have a special place of honor
on the Feast of Mercy,
a visual reminder of all that
Jesus did for us through*

*His Passion, Death, and Resurrection...and
a reminder, too, of what*

*He asks of us in return—to trust
Him and be merciful to others.*

*The Eucharist is the "Fountain of Life".
The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God,
longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.*



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

- Review and recommend policies that govern the operation of the school;
- Advise the Pastor in hiring the principal;
- Review and comment on the annual budget and assist with the development of sources for school funding, including tuition rates;
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans;
- Help accomplish the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier Parish School Mission Statement;
- Participate in the implementation of the school Strategic Plan;
- Listen to and communicate with parishioners and school parents; and
- Promote and publicize the school.

The SAB currently consists of twelve (12) members who each serve a three-year term. Each member is assigned to one of the five standing committees of the SAB. The standing committees are listed below:

1. Catholic Identity Committee
2. Strategic Planning Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Development Committee
5. Marketing/Communications Committee

The SAB is looking for talented and energetic individuals to replace **four (4)** outgoing SAB members.

Interested in Becoming a School Advisory Board Member?

The School Advisory Board is currently accepting applications. Are you a:

- parent (guardian) of a school student? It's never too early or too late.
- parent (guardian) of a religious education student? We welcome your unique insights.
- parishioner? possibly even an alumna/us of SFX? Candidates need not be parents.
- marketing, legal or educational (teaching and/or administrative) talent? We have a particular need in these fields.

The School Advisory Board requires a diversity of backgrounds and skill sets, *so any absence of the above characteristics **should not** discourage those whose talents lie elsewhere from applying.* All submissions for candidacy are valued!

For more information regarding the School Advisory Board and the application process, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can refer to the St. Francis Xavier School Web site (sfxlq.org) or contact School Advisory Board member Michael West at westmichael.a@gmail.com or 312-405-3242. If you intend to apply, please notify Michael West of the same no later than **March 31, 2024**.

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bid online starting 4/25/24

See you next month at Ignite 2024!

EVENT COORDINATOR
Wendy McCarthy
SAB—Development Committee



Saturday, April 27, 2024
6PM - 11PM
at Countryside Banquets

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Thursday, March 21

WHAT: Early Childhood Coffee with Principal Garcia. Meet some fellow parents and listen to a short presentation.

TIME: 8:30-9:30am

LOCATION: SFX in Joyce Hall



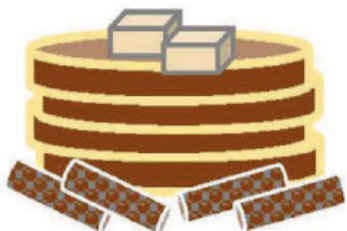
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Interfaith Career Network

Is There Such a Thing as Job Security?

Join us on Thursday, March 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm for the answer. Depending on who you are chatting with on any given day, you will come to find that job security does not exist. And yes, it is debatable. In this session, Dr. Peter A. James will provide some insights into how/why we should reframe this "job security" framework, but also how we need to approach it moving forward. Be prepared to utilize and apply it for your career, business and life beginning today! Dr. Peter A. James is a Professor of Business & Entrepreneurship and a certified business and leadership coach who partners with individuals and organizations as they seek to realize their potential. His career has taken him from an officer in the U.S. Army to sales and marketing in the corporate world and, higher education. He holds an M.B.A., a Ph. D., and has launched several business ventures. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

Visit <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com> for additional resources.



Teens Needed for Ministries at 5PM Sunday Mass

Being part of the liturgy is such a special gift. And our 5PM Sunday Evening Mass is for teens and run by teens, but we need your help! Since our Confirmation Prep has shifted to 7th and 8th Grade, we are inviting these students to take part in the Mass as ushers and choir members (singing or instrumental). Below you will find the Teen Mass schedule for the rest of the school year. Please review the available slots to usher and sign up for one by clicking on this link: [Click Here](#) or by scanning the QR code.



We need at least four ushers for each Mass. A reminder email/text will be sent to you the week prior to the Sunday's you signed up to usher for. If you are in 8th Grade and are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister please see Katie McCarthy after one of the 5PM Masses or email her at kmccarthy@getblueprint.com.

Thank you and we can't wait to see all of our teens involved!


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- **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
- **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

**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

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
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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
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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

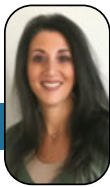
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Marriage

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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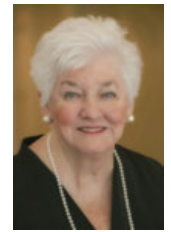


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