



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

Belong. Believe. Be Love.

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday September 23	Mass	8:30 am	Al Hanley Erika & Richard Romeo Wedding Anniversary Herbert & Mary Schrack Leo A. Gannon, Sr. Salvatore & Palma Frustaci	George & Mary Lou Braasch Barb Gannon & Family Gina Frustaci
Tuesday, September 24	Mass	8:30 am	Patrick Doyle	The Cunningham Family
Wednesday, September 25	Mass	8:30 am	Don Schwendner & Amy Nelson	Marge Schwendner
Thursday, September 26	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Al Hanley	The Oplawski Family
Friday, September 27	Mass	8:30 am	John Yelnick	Scott & Jill Burson
Saturday, September 28	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish John Gibbel	The Cooley Family
Sunday, September 29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Dorothy Cusack John Madden Chester M. Mateja Dick Callahan	Jack & Karen O'Keefe The Nighswander Family Steve and Debby Dybas & Family The Cushing Family

Presider's Schedule for September 21-22, 2024

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

Please pray for . . .

Orlando Ares	Eleanor Love
Ed Barrett	Patrick Morgan
Angela Bowman	Bill Mroz
Kevin Brooks	Rosemary Nash
Aiden Curtis	Ann Marie Nidos
Blake Donegan	Robert Potter
Pat Eaton	Laureen Rabe
Sasha Garber	Heather Riggins
Baby Lupe Garcia	Joe Scanlon
Lilli Gregory	Darshana Shah
Vincenzo Guzzo	June Sheehan
Junie Haase	Michael Smith
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Gregg Stephenson
Angela Hill	John Stopka
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Linda Sullivan
Tiffany Kahn	Amanda Szila
Brenda Kardatzke	Olivia Tarsney
Michelle Kram	

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:



Edith Brisson
Aunt of Brian Hardy

Janet Joyce
Niece of Fr. Pierce Joyce

Gloria Leiber
Mother of Steve, Lynne, Eric & Kurt

Weddings

Kiley Cox & Jeff Smart
Missy Doyle & Nathan Stadheim
Kerry Just & Christopher Sadowski
Patsy Brown & Chuck Shifley



Make a gift to the
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Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

*The wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits.
The fruit of the righteous is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.*

James 3:17-18

This passage from the Letter of James offers both hope and challenge as we witness to our faith in an election year. Pope Francis recently stirred controversy when he encouraged all eligible American Catholics to vote in the November election. He identified a key position of each candidate that is contrary to Catholic teaching on the respect for life from conception to natural death: protection for the unborn child; and the compassionate treatment of immigrants and refugees. However, Pope Francis gave equal weight to care for the unborn and care for the immigrant as issues of respect for human life and dignity; and he refused to endorse either candidate. Instead, he challenged American Catholics to set aside time in the remaining weeks to pray, to listen to other viewpoints, and then, with the guidance of the Spirit, to use a well-formed *conscience* to discern which candidate best supports the dignity of human life in our country at this moment. This discernment most likely will lead Catholics to different decisions. Nonetheless, **our unity is grounded in Christ** and our willingness to be guided by the Spirit.

Wisdom from above rarely leads everyone to the same conclusion in political matters. **Wisdom is a gift of the Spirit that guides us** in how we come to a decision, even when it leads different persons to different conclusions. *Wisdom challenges us* to act with purity – separating ourselves from political rhetoric, unsubstantiated accusations, and personal attacks. *Wisdom challenges us* to pray for peace in our own hearts and with those with whom we disagree. *Wisdom challenges us* to speak to one another with gentleness in our disagreements, and to show mercy to the vulnerable among us at every stage of life. *Wisdom challenges us* to discern the decision that I have come to believe will bear fruit for both rich and poor; for the privileged and those struggling to get by, for the popular and the belittled or ignored.

The Spirit's gift of wisdom often does not lead us all to one "right" answer. Faith nonetheless challenges us to bring the qualities of wisdom to all major decisions. *When I choose to act according to my conscience*, I begin by letting go of the conclusions that are easiest for me to consider and the arguments that support my preconceptions. *When I choose to act according to my conscience*, I must listen deeply to what God is speaking in my heart while I observe the words and actions of each candidate. *When I choose to act according to my conscience*, I accept that others, even those closest to me, may be led to different conclusions. Peace comes not out of a forced uniformity, but rather when I allow God to bring our *diversity into harmony*.

In today's gospel, the disciples of Jesus argue over who will be first when Jesus comes into his kingdom. They have dismissed his prediction of rejection, suffering, and a cruel death. In fact, they are quite insensitive to Jesus after what he has just shared and are focused only on "What's in it for me?" Yet their insensitivity comforts me and gives me hope. If Jesus chooses to teach rather than dismiss them, then I also have reason to hope. There is a chance that Jesus will offer me the same mercy when I place my needs and desires above what God asks. Again and again, Jesus offers us the opportunity to take up the cross and resume the journey with him.

This week, the fourteen members of the Pastor Transition Team began their work to develop a document that outlines the strengths, hopes, qualities, and opportunities for growth of St. Francis Xavier Parish. I invite you to join me in praying for them. May their discernment over the next few months be guided by wisdom from above so that their efforts sow the good fruits of mercy and peace.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill



Seminarian Collection

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the Seminarians. The collection provides support for the training and education of men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation ordination as a priest of Chicago.

To donate, [Click Here](#), scan the QR Code, visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Seminary Collection" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in the church collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.



Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Charity is at the heart of our faith and the work of the Knights of Columbus. If you're a Catholic man from age 18 to 78 with a calling for service by focusing on others, live a life of faith in action. Jesus calls us to bear fruit. Become a Knight. Leaders wanted. We've got good work to do in our community. Text or call Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to learn how you can help us serve those with the most need. To Knight!



**THIS WEEKEND
HELP SUPPORT
OUR
INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES FUND
"TOOTSIE ROLL"
DRIVE**

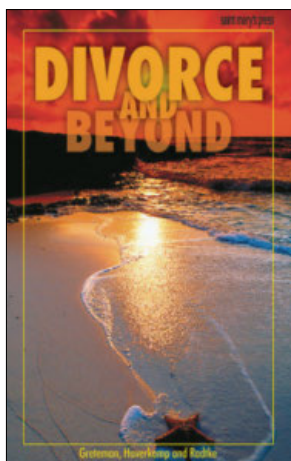
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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, October 1
Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com or
Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.

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2024 Divorce and Beyond Support

Fall Series
Wednesday Evenings (7:00-8:30pm) October 9 through November 13
St. Francis Parish School Library, 145 North Waiola Avenue, LaGrange
(Please enter off the parking lot doors)

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, and forgiveness, and recovery. There is no cost to attend. There is a participant guide that will be provided at the first meeting. There is no cost to attend and a participant guide will be provided at the first session.



To register online [click here](#), use the QR Code or call Missy Westerhoff at 708-352-0168.



Attention all high school teens: Are you looking to grow stronger in your Faith? Are you looking for ways to navigate the challenges and complexities of your high school years? Do you wonder how our Faith fits into a world which often seems to dismiss or be disrespectful to our Faith? Please join a group of like-minded teens to explore these issues at Crossroads. We will meet twice per month on Sunday nights to explore faith, build community, and share perspectives. We will also have some outreach/volunteer opportunities.

Our next meeting will take place Sunday, September 29th in Unity Hall from 6:00-7:15pm (following the 5:00pm teen mass). ALL meetings will include dinner. This program is in its second year at St. Francis Xavier, and we are excited about being able to support the faith journey of our teens. We welcome all high school students regardless of faith/parish, so bring your friends.

Please use link or QR code for more information including dates and details and to sign up!

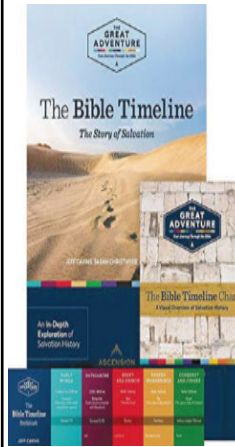
<https://bit.ly/SFXCrossroads>



Questions?

Please reach out to Laura and Greg Ozark at greg.ozark@gmail.com or lauraozark@yahoo.com

Great Adventure Scripture Study



It's not too late to join! Over the next year we will cover the following in-depth, all-encompassing series that places each individual book and era of Scripture in the greater context of our Story of Salvation history! This is an incredible series for not only understanding individual pieces of the Bible better, but for understanding how it all fits together in God's incredible plan for humanity.

We will split this Great Adventure into two "semesters," a Fall and a Spring semester.

Thursdays at 9:30am in Unity Hall

The dates for the entire fall semester are as follows: September 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; and November 7, 14, 21

All participants will receive a workbook and a "Bible Timeline." The cost to the parish for these materials is \$40. **A suggested donation of \$20 per registrant can be made by [clicking here](#) or via cash donation at the first session.**

Email mmcmahon@sfxlq.org to register!

Family Outreach Ministry

Hello SFX Parishioners! We are excited for the upcoming volunteer opportunities with the Saturday Meals Program through the First Congressional Church of LaGrange. St. Francis Xavier is continuing this great volunteer opportunity with the Saturday Meals Program starting on Saturday, September 28 and continuing through May 2025.

From 9:00-11:00am, food prep and cooking and 11:00 am-1:00pm, food serving and clean up.

The age of volunteers is 13 and must be accompanied by an adult and volunteers over the age of 16 can come by themselves.

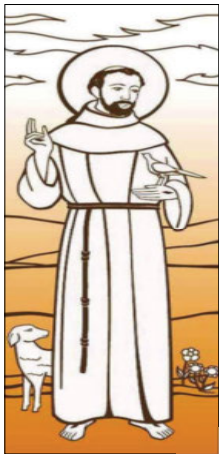
To register or if you have questions, about the Saturday Meals Program at the First Congressional Church of LaGrange, please contact Ana Dimailig at apd3@core.com.

Thanks and we hope to see you at one of these Saturday Meals Program events!

Rachel Peterson & Ana Dimailig
SFX Family Outreach Ministry

Town Hall Meetings at Saint Francis Xavier
Sunday, September 29, 2024 after the 11:00am mass in Unity Hall
or
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Church

Members from the Transition Team are seeking input from parishioners on the qualities needed in our next pastor and to discuss the strengths and challenges of the parish. This Town Hall Meeting is your chance to provide information which will be used to select the next pastor of our parish.



Blessing of Pets

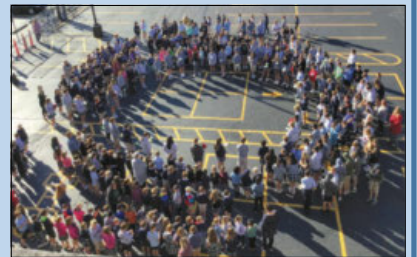
October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who preached by his life God's call for us to care for all of creation. His feast day comes at the beginning of a month in which we pray for a deepening commitment to healing our planet from the effects of climate change and a deeper respect for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi also has been a time when we offer blessings to pets and renew our commitment to be good caretakers. St. Francis Xavier Parish will offer a **Blessing of Pets** on **Saturday, October 5th at 10AM**. We will gather on the Spring Avenue lawn across the ramp from the Mary Garden. Pets of all types and sizes are welcome. (Speedy plans to attend.) Pass the word to friends and neighbors.



**8th Annual
Living Rosary**

In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, parishioners and members of the community are invited to gather outside with SFX students, faculty and staff to pray the Rosary.

Monday, October 7, 2024 at 9:15 am
following the morning Mass (weather permitting)
in the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot.



**Companions Journeying
Together**

Christmas card signing for prisoners on Saturday, October 12. We will meet in the Courtyard Room after the 8:30 am Mass. Cards will be provided, but please bring any cards you may have (no glitter or glued-on pieces). Your outreach to the prisoners is extremely heartwarming, especially during the holiday season.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education, Registration for In Person Classes closes on September 27th!

The School of Religious Education is still accepting registration for the 2024-2025 school year.

We are happy to be able to offer two options to families:

In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons and our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays for families with busy schedules.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for “car ride” home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

Please don't delay in registering your children today as some classes are already closed!

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:

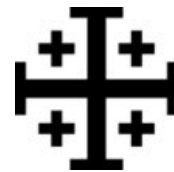
Click Here: <https://www.sfxlq.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>



Register Now
for the
Falcon 5K Run/Walk
Sponsors Welcome!

Saturday,
November 2nd
8:00 am

Please scan this
QR Code to
Register and
for more information.



Kairos 43 Retreat

Hosted by St. John of the Cross Parish
November 14-17, 2024
Offered for current
High School Juniors and Seniors

Registration for the retreat will open on September 27th on the SJC website www.stjohnofthecross.org, and will close on October 25th. Please contact MaryClaire Zurowski with any questions at mczurowski31@gmail.com.

Engage Community – September

Thursday, September 26: First meeting since summer and GAME NIGHT!

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange.

When: 7:00-8:30 pm.

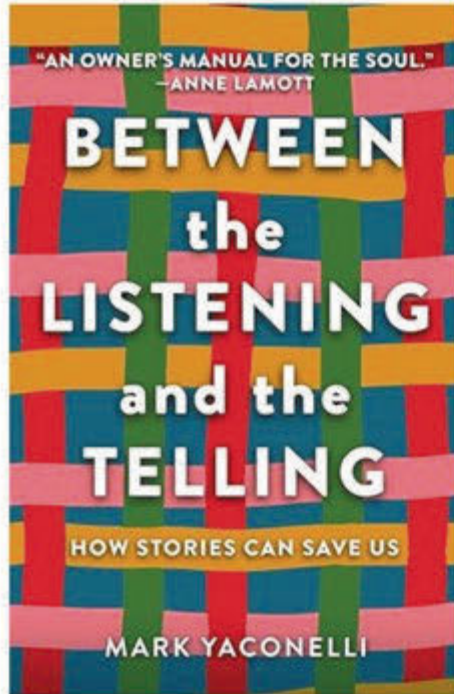
What: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. We'll choose what to play based on the group's size and interests. Feel free to bring carpet-friendly beverages. We'll also pre-view plans for the rest of the year. Service opportunities, education and enrichment and, of course, creating community.

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.



West Suburban SUMMER READ 2024



“This is how stories can save us: we step into the reality of another person’s existence and instead of judgment feel kinship.”

Join Us for a Book Discussion!

September 24, 2024

6:30-8:30pm

St. Francis Xavier Courtyard Room
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

Light Refreshments will be served

RSVP to Maureen Windmoeller maurwind@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

“Storyteller, author and activist” Mark Yaconelli brings “an eloquent, impactful treatise on the need to tell and listen to stories...Yaconelli offers practical ideas based on his real-life work in cultivating storytelling for the purpose of forming identity, resolving differences, and finding healing.”

~Josh Olds, LifelsStory.com

Organizations Invited to Participate (partial list):

- Baha'is of LaGrange
- Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange
- First Cong. Church of LaGrange—Ministry of Missions
- First United Methodist Congregation of LaGrange, IL
- Learning Anti-Racism Together (LART) (Western Springs)
- Pizza and Social Justice (Glen Ellyn)
- Redeemer Lutheran Church of Hinsdale
- St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry, LaGrange
- Sisters of St. Joseph, LaGrange Park
- Together Is Better Alliance (Chicago)
- Unitarian Church of Hinsdale—Racial Equity Team
- Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Park

Author interviews, other resources [HERE](#)

Christmas Midnight Mass CHOIR: New Singers Welcome!



A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been waiting to join, but you haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an **ear** and a love for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier **Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at 12:00am on December 25th**. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth. This will also be coupled with participation in the **Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight**, which is scheduled for **Saturday, January 4th at 7:00pm**. There will be a mandatory CONCERT run-through rehearsal on **Thursday, January 2nd at 7:00pm**.

REHEARSALS will begin on **Tuesday, October 22nd—7:00 to 8:00pm**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 17th.

If you have an **ear** and a **skill** for choral singing, please consider this invitation, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of the year. Interested singers should contact **Allen Sterwalt**, our **Director of Music**, before the first rehearsal on **October 22nd** at asterwalt@sfxlg.org.

We are excited to announce the Cossitt School FALL Clothing Sale on September 28, 2024!



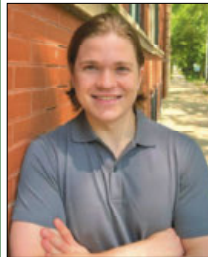
Exciting news! The Cossitt Elementary's consignment sale is on Saturday, September 28, from 10:00am to 1:30pm. Explore over 20,000 high-quality items for infants to size 16, including fall/winter clothes, coats, shoes, sports gear, and books.

Get involved by **selling** or **donating** your gently-used children's clothing. It's a great way to declutter and give your items a new life! Plus, you can **volunteer** to help out and **shop** for amazing deals. Don't miss the HALF PRICE bargains from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

Your participation supports our school and promotes sustainability by keeping textiles out of landfills. Join us in making a difference!

For details and involvement opportunities, visit www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale.

Your Parish Counselor



Bennett Ferguson, M.A., is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology at Adler University. Through his clinical experience, he has had the opportunity to work with individuals across the lifespan from a variety of demographic and experiential backgrounds. Bennett has facilitated therapeutic work surrounding anxiety, depression, grief, trauma, shame, substance-use and addiction, anger, and LGBTQ+ advocacy.

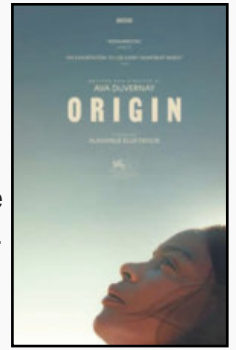
Bennett's approach to therapeutic work prioritizes providing a supportive environment where clients feel empowered to explore their own experiences and insights. He believes that each individual possesses a deep understanding of their own challenges, with his role being to facilitate a journey of self-discovery and personal growth, offering guidance while respecting the client's autonomy. He hopes to work in partnership, ensuring that the therapeutic process is driven by the client's own pace and perspective."

Bennett Ferguson, M.A.
Student Psychologist
Claret Center
312-880-7606



Diversity Days in LaGrange

ORIGIN Film Screening



Origin recreates the journey of author Isabel Wilkerson as she investigates the global phenomenon of caste and its dark influence on society. [Watch the trailer.](#)



Screening & Discussion:
Saturday, October 5 from 1:00-4:30 pm
LaGrange Public Library
10 West Cossitt Avenue, LaGrange

Special Zoom Presentation on Sunday, October 6 at 3:00pm with Dr. Suraj Yengde, who played himself in the movie, will join us for a Zoom presentation.

Film screening and presentation sponsored by a collaboration of churches, libraries and other organizations. See registration page for more information. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and space is limited: <https://tinyurl.com/2024Octmovie>.

For more information: email LaGrangeDiversity@gmail.com visit www.communitydiversity.org.

Embracing The Struggles Together Bereavement Group



Open to all widows/widowers of toddlers through college age
residing in the Lyons Township High School district

October 9 - December 4, 2024

Wednesday evenings

7 - 8:30 pm in La Grange

A certified grief educator will lead participants in a safe space
to discuss topics such as:

- Solo Parenting
- Finding a Path Forward
- Building a Support Network
- Self Care
- Coping Strategies
- Planning For Your Future

Free
of charge

Scan QR code to register or visit TheLegacyGuild.com/Events
Email info@TheLegacyGuild.com with ?'s.



THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MUSIC MINISTRY
PRESENTS A...

CLARINET *RECITAL*



Allen Sterwalt, **clarinet**

Mark Bilyeu, **piano**

...with Claire Jakubisin, **voice**

19 SATURDAY

OCTOBER 2024

7:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION!
Free-will offering baskets
will be placed at the doors
in support of the **SFX Music
Ministry**. Thank you!



You are invited!

Solidarity Bridge's 25th Anniversary

Mass and Reception:

Holy Name Cathedral

(735 N. State Street, Chicago)

Sunday, October 20th; 10:30 AM

Presider: Bishop Robert Casey

Concelebrant: Fr. Greg Sakowicz

Solidarity Bridge is a lay mission of the Archdiocese of Chicago responding to the Gospel call to heal the sick. Rooted in the tradition of Catholic social teaching, Solidarity Bridge works in partnership with medical professionals in Bolivia and Paraguay to increase access to affordable surgery for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Thank you to all the Chicago-area parishes who have supported Solidarity Bridge over the years!

**Learn more & stream the mass at:
solidaritybridge.org/parish**

 **SOLIDARITY**BRIDGE





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

- **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
- **Capt. 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. 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
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Sean Kramer, U.S. Army**—friend of the Cooley Family

**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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Margaret McMahon
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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

Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 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.

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

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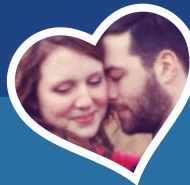


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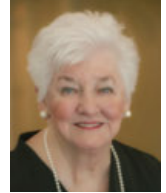
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