



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

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OF ADVENT



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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 9	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Mimi Grimes	George & Mary Lou Braasch
Tuesday, December 10	Mass	8:30 am	James Barton Michael Daly	The Cooley Family Patrick Daly
Wednesday, December 11	Mass	8:30 am	For the Soul of Rochina DeBartolo	Josephine Arciuolo
Thursday, December 12	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Ed O'Connell	The Cooley Family
Friday, December 13	Mass	8:30 am	Leslie Koenig	Tony Seibert
Saturday, December 14	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Joseph Frustaci Catherine Cannon	Gina Frustaci The Cannon Family
Sunday, December 15 3rd Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Tom O'Brien Helen Wargo Alice Sydor Terry Metzger	Pam Oplawski Sangiaco & Martens Families Peter & Barbara Tomaino The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for December 7-8, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 PM Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravalo	Tiffany Kahn
Vincent Austrebich	Brenda Kardatzke
Ed Barrett	Michelle Kram
Angela Bowman	Ayanna Kucera
Vivian Brickhouse	Richard Lavers
Kevin Brooks	Eleanor Love
Blake Donegan	Jill Miller
Pat Eaton	Patrick Morgan
Tom Flynn	Bill Mroz
Bob Fredriksen	Rosemary Nash
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Ann Marie Niedo
Lilli Gregory	Laureen Rabe
Vincenzo Guzzo	Aldona Ruppert
Junie Haase	Sheila Slonskis
Mateo Herhold	Michael Smith
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Lorine Solimeno
William Hesselgrave	Gregg Stephenson
Angela Hill	John Stopka
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Olivia Tarsney

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:

Mimi Luker Grimes
Wife of Dave Grimes
Mother of Anne, Bob and Kary

Weddings

Megan Koerner & Nick Saleh
Abby Wiiken & Kevin Maluso



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Pastor's Letter

*I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you.
And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:4,9-11

What brings you joy? Advent joy is traditionally celebrated with the rose candle that we will light next Sunday, but it is a virtue of the entire season. The scriptures today include this joyful proclamation of the apostle Paul to the Christian community at Philippi. John the Baptist appears in the Gospel of Luke, proclaiming that God's salvation is near. John could be harsh with those who opposed his prophecies or failed to transform their lives. But to those who came to him with repentance, seeking hope, John went about "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." His mission was to *prepare the way* for the coming of God into our world. John's joyful expectation of the arrival of a savior was so contagious that large crowds came to him in the desert.

What is John inviting you to set straight, to lower in humility, or to make smooth and so *prepare a path* for God into your heart and your home? The answer is about more than decorating a tree, buying a present, or baking cookies. These activities are wonderful when they inspire joy in the heart. Yet John speaks to a deliberate *inventory and housecleaning* of our interior lives; to make room for the Child of Bethlehem to be born in our hearts this Christmas. Is there some clutter that needs to be cleared away or simply taken off your to do list. Maybe you need to set aside some time to read to a child, to visit with a sick or homebound friend, or to ask God's help to heal fractures in your relationships. Our primary task in the remaining days before Christmas is to *make room for Jesus to dwell with us* in our homes and our hearts.

Archbishop Cupich recently sent all pastors a long explanation of how we will celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** this year. The bishops in our part of the country have removed the *obligation* to attend Mass on most holy days that fall on Saturday or Monday. One exception is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, since Mary is the Patroness of our country under this title. However, when the liturgical calendar was prepared and printed for this year, the materials stated that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which had been moved from Sunday to Monday, December 9, would not be a holy day of obligation. As a result, **Cardinal Cupich has dispensed all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago from the obligation to attend Mass on December 9th**. We will, of course, celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this Monday at the 8:30 morning Mass.

Today is the day! Plan to arrive early or stay late so you can attend the Third Annual Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast this Sunday morning in Joyce Hall. **Reservations in advance are not required.** You will be served pancakes and sausage by members of our Knights of Columbus group and by students in our School of Religious Education. And the gym will hold a variety of activities for children as well as an opportunity for a visit with Santa. I hope to see you there!

The coming holidays have resulted in early printing deadlines with our bulletin publisher. As a result, more current events may not be addressed for the next few Sundays. We will catch up when the printing schedule returns to normal after January 5th.

Advent Peace,

J. Bill

Reflection For the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #2 - Carol Aronson, Margie Goc, Bernadette McMahon,
Diane Redmond, Zachary Schierl and Joan Stopka

Advent continues. "Are you ready?" as Fr. Rich asked us a few weeks ago.

Joyful expectation, preparation and anticipation are upon us. Something great is going to happen soon. All obstacles to celebrating with God will be removed. The paths and winding roads will be made straight, the valleys and the gorges will be filled to level ground and the rough ways will be made smooth.

The prophet Baruch in the first reading explains how God once more looks kindly upon Jerusalem. She no longer needs to be sad and mournful because He again recognizes her and her children. "You will be named by God forever, the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship". Be joyful for God has shown his mercy.

In the second reading Paul is also filled with joy by expressing his thankfulness to the Philippians for remaining prayerful. He asks them to increase in their love and to continue to find their best selves by discerning what is of value in their lives.

This Sunday also carries the theme of peace. It is our hope that the Christ child will bring peace to our troubled world as we prepare our hearts in faithful waiting. We come together as a community of faith, open to all. This period before the birth of Christ is also a time to deepen and renew our relationship with God. We are asked to be patient, prayerful and trusting. Let us step backward from what preoccupies us and distracts us and make a straight way for the Lord. "Come Lord Jesus."

Our Family Tree in Unity Hall & A Gift of Christmas Florals

Our Parish Family Tree is back in Unity Hall this year!

We are asking our Parish Families to bring an ornament that represents "WORDS of THE SEASON" for this 5th year of our Family Tree tradition.

The theme will change from year to year allowing our tree to grow & reflect where our Parish Stewardship focus is for Christmas & beyond. The tree will be in Unity Hall on December 7th.

Let's fill our Family Tree with "WORDS of THE SEASON"

In Memory of . . .

If you or your family would like to remember a loved one at this time of year through the gift of Christmas florals, you can make a donation in their name. These contributions help us create beautiful worship spaces for the Holidays using live plants while honoring the memory of those family members.

THANK-YOU!

Celine Heraty - SFX Arts & Environment - cmheraty@gmail.com



St. Francis Xavier Parish presents:
YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IN JOYCE HALL

8:00 AM - 12:30 (LAST SEATING AT 12:15)



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THE YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST! PLEASE PAY DIRECTLY AT GIVE CENTRAL THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW.



Regular Admission: \$12

Children 12 & Under: \$5

Seniors 65 & Older: \$10

Any questions contact the Rectory at 708-352-0618

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

IN THE GYM FROM 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Enjoy Visits with Santa

Create a Keepsake Christmas Ornament

Make Cozy Blankets and Cheery Christmas Cards for our Food Pantry Families

THERE IS A SEPARATE FEE FOR THE FOLLOWING SANTA'S WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

(PAYMENT IS HANDLED IN THE GYM)

Paint-Your-Own Mini Canvas with Bottle & Bottega \$10 Each

Christmas Cookie Decorating \$3 per Cookie

Make-and-Take a Mini Holiday Tree \$8 Each

** please note there are no advanced reservations for Santa's Workshop Activities

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

Catholic Women's Club
St. Francis Xavier - CWC



**Knights of
Columbus**



GIVING TREE Our Tradition Continues!

Tags for both gift cards and specific items will be available at all the masses this weekend December 7 and 8. We ask that gifts and gift cards be returned to Unity Hall by noon on December 15.

Online monetary donations will be collected through
December 15 via Give Central.

[Click here](#) or you can scan the QR code to make a donation.

The Giving Tree will support
St. Simon of Cyrene (formerly St. Agatha's)
Food Pantry families and migrant and refugee families.



Thank you for continuing to spread Christmas Cheer!

Any questions, call 708-352-0168 or email Merry Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org.



YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Your Christmas donation is instrumental to the parish's ongoing mission!
Our Christmas goal is \$170,000 (9% of our budgeted offertory).

Ways to Give:

1. Father Bill's Christmas letter includes an envelope for your offering
2. To make your online gift:

- Click [here](#)
- Use the QR code at right.

God bless you for your support!

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



Advent Supplies Available



Little Blue Books, Advent Wreath Candles, and other seasonal Advent supplies are available at the table in the back of the church! Free will donations welcome.

St. Francis Xavier Senior Women's Group

Let's Wait
An Advent Reflection With
Maribeth Howell, OP

Thursday, December 12
9:00-11:00am
Unity Hall

No RSVP Needed

Please join us as we come together to listen, to reflect, and to share why this season is so significant to us.

The light
of the Lord
draws near



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24th
St. Francis Xavier Church
3:00 p.m.* and 5:00 p.m.

Alexine Chapel
3:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Church
7:00 p.m.

**Midnight Mass in Church
preceded by Christmas Carols
at 11:00 p.m.**

*Livestreamed
Joyce Hall will be open to
accommodate overflow.

Christmas Day Feast of the Holy Family New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25th
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 29th
5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 30th
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve
Tuesday, December 31st
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1st
10:00 a.m.

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Retirement Fund For Religious



Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

To donate, [click here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Retirement Fund for Religious" or use the QR Code. Thank you for your generosity.



Transition Prayer



God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we seek our new pastor, we entrust our community to your Holy Spirit. You know the heart of our congregation and the unique gifts and challenges of our parish. May we remain united in your grace and rejoice in the promise of your will to bring the "fullness of joy." May our future pastor do the same, listening to your Spirit with courage and openness as you lead us to one another. Amen.

Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years yet many of our parishioners are not aware of this outreach ministry.

If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please contact Susie Lehuta at 708-354-6380 or lehutams@gmail.com.



An Update To Our New Church Sound System

We have been getting some great feedback on our new church sound system! A few weeks ago, we were looking to raise an additional \$33,000 toward the total system cost of \$150,000. *I am excited to announce that several parishioners graciously responded and an additional \$8,000 has been donated!*

We hope that YOU will consider joining this mini campaign to help us raise the additional \$25,000 – see below for options.

Another update: the altar carpet will be replaced upon completion of the audio system installation. Our existing carpet will need to be taken up in certain areas in order to install wiring under the altar. Tom Cunningham (SFX parishioner and DeSitter Flooring co-owner) offered to replace the carpet, which DeSitter installed about 20 years ago. The spots and the wax stains have been a challenge to remove, and this was the perfect time to have new carpet installed. Thank you to Tom for this amazing gift!

Please reach out to me with any questions. God bless you for your stewardship!

Jennifer Zeisloft
jzeisloft@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 Ext 515

Help bring our worship space to a new level during liturgies! Make your donation by:

- * Pledging a contribution; we ask that all pledges be paid in full by March 1, 2025. Consider a donation from your IRA or donor advised fund. *Please reach out to me by the end of this week if you would like to make a pledge.*
- * Using the QR Code at right or [click here](#) to donate to the building fund via Give Central.
- * Send a check payable to SFX Church to the attention of Jennifer Zeisloft, indicating it is for the audio system.

Use this QR Code



for Sound System
Donations

OPLATKI

The Christmas Wafer (also known as “Oplatki”) is available at the Rectory.

The word “Bethlehem” means “the house of bread.” The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God’s grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.



The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God’s love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

NEW FAMILY ENROLLMENT BEGINS DECEMBER 4

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

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WE SERVE

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

This year, we are holding our 15th annual Service Day!



CONTACT US TODAY! ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG



Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

For our seniors over the age of 70½

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct, tax-free transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, such as St. Francis Xavier Parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a significant impact while also benefiting from potential tax advantages through a QCD.

Here are some key benefits of making a QCD from your IRA:

1. **Reduce your taxable income:** The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security subject to tax.
2. **Fulfill your RMD:** If you are 73 years old or older, your QCD can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
3. **Simplicity:** The process is straightforward—just instruct your IRA custodian to make the gift directly to us.
4. **Make a Difference:** Your QCD will make an immediate impact on our mission to *belong, believe, and be love*.

As we reflect on the blessings of the past year, we invite you to consider making a QCD to St. Francis Xavier Parish. If you would like to ensure your contribution is received in the current tax year, it is best to initiate your QCD prior to December 10.

If you have any questions about how to make a QCD or need assistance with the process, please feel free to reach out to Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development at jzeisloft@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



Crossroads SFX Teen Group

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 meet twice per month on Sunday nights to explore faith, build community, and share perspectives. We will also have some outreach/volunteer opportunities.

All meetings take place in Unity Hall after the 5:00pm mass, from 6:00-7:00pm and include dinner. This program is in its second year at SFX 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.

The remaining date this year is: December 15. Watch for more dates in the new year!

Please reach out to Laura and Greg Ozark with any questions:
greg.ozark@gmail.com or lauraozark@yahoo.com.



SPRED CHRISTMAS LITURGY

Please join the St. Francis Xavier SPRED group on Sunday, December 8 at the 5:00 pm Mass for the SPRED Christmas liturgy. This Mass will incorporate some of the special ways our SPRED group celebrates liturgy. Come experience our unique way to celebrate God's love for us all.

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. **YOUNG 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!

SPRED

SPRED (Special Religious Development) welcomes children and adults with developmental disabilities and leads them toward a deeper awareness of God in their lives, an awareness of themselves as persons of dignity who are deeply loved by God, and an awareness of their integral relationship to the parish community and the entire Church. This is accomplished by meaningful one-on-one relationships within a small faith community.

We currently have openings in our Saturday morning group for adults (ages 22+). If you know of any adults who would benefit from participating in the SPRED program, please contact Maureen Windmoeller at 708-250-1049.



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, January 7

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

Attention St. Francis Xavier Classes of 2017 and 2020!

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board invites SFX graduates from the classes of 2017 and 2020 for pizza at Lucca's Pizzeria & Ristorante on Thursday, December 26, 2024 from 6:00-9:00pm.

Start your night with us—have a slice and say hello to classmates and Falcon Friends!

Lucca's is located at 108 West Burlington Avenue, LaGrange.

Questions, please email SchoolBoard@sfxlg.org.



Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent with daily prayer on **Hallow**

"My morning meditation and prayer time have increased substantially since I heard about and joined Hallow during Advent. My faith has deepened in ways that words just cannot describe. I am blessed and so grateful!"

"This Advent challenge pierced my heart. My heart wasn't open enough to Christ before, but now it's like a spark of light came into it."

"I am so much more aware of God's presence in my everyday life because of Hallow's Advent Challenge."



Your parish has partnered with Hallow. Join us in prayer this Advent!

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DAILY PRAYERS

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, imaginative prayer or one of over 10,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

FAMILY CONTENT & KIDS CHALLENGE

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, Saints Alive, Kids Holy Hour and guide your little ones through the season with our Advent challenge for children.

BIBLE STORIES & SLEEP CONTENT

Close your day with Christ with Night Prayer, an Examen, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.

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Music Notes...

Upcoming Music Ministry Events!

Saturday, January 4th, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

[FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD]

Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight Service

***featuring SFX Choirs & Instrumentalists**

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Winter (Pre-Lenten) ORGAN Recital

***featuring...Allen Sterwalt & friends!**

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



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
- **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
- **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Nidos

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

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Deacon
Deacon
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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

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

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, Bennett Ferguson, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone at 312-880-7606.



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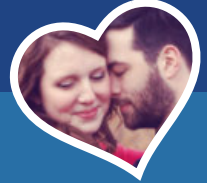
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