



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 23	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Joe Malek Mary Sfondilias	Marcia Malek Patrick Daly
Tuesday, December 24	Mass	3:00 pm	Alexine Chapel	(Overflow in Joyce Hall)
Christmas Eve	Mass	3:00 pm	Church (Livestreamed)	
	Mass	5:00 pm	Church	
	Mass	7:00 pm	Church	
	Mass	Midnight	Church	
Wednesday, December 25	Mass	9:00 am	Church	
Christmas Day	Mass	11:00 am	Church	
Thursday, December 26	Rosary	8:15 am		
	Mass	8:30 am	Dennis Schumacher Raymond Reiche	Ed & Terri Smeltzer Maureen Foster & Katie Filbin
Friday, December 27	Mass	8:30 am	Jay Meehan Linda McMahan Tom & Jackie Morsch 70th Wedding Anniversary	The Payne Family Mary Jo McMahan
Saturday, December 28	Mass	8:30 am	Emmett Vaughan Gregory Hall Nacienceno Woo	The Trankiewicz Family The Driscoll Family The Driscoll Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 29	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
The Holy Family	Mass	9:00 am	Alicia Leiber	Gloria Leiber
	Mass	11:00 am	Dave Armstrong	The Kalkowski Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Neal McQueeney	Fred & Marilyn Ferber

President's Schedule for December 21-22, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

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 Nidos
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:

Abby Doherty
Daughter of Michael & Micki
Sister of Jack & Kate

Weddings



Megan Koerner & Nick Saleh
Abby Wiiken & Kevin Maluso

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Pastor's Letter

*"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."
Luke 1:45*

Mary is young, newly pregnant, and wondering about the consequences of her "yes" to the Angel Gabriel. Elizabeth is advanced in age, in the final months of her first pregnancy, and experiencing both the joys and the hardships of this answer to her prayers. These two women come together to comfort and support one another. They turn away from their worries and the concerns of those around them. Instead, *they give thanks* for the blessings God has bestowed on each of them "The Almighty has done great things for us. We are filled with joy."

In these final hours before Christmas arrives, I invite you to pause; call to mind and heart some of the blessings in your own life this year. The blessings may be mixed and include some uncertainty or hardship, as they were true for Mary and Elizabeth. Yet at the heart of it all, Christ continues to be born into your life, your family, and our world. May we be *missionary disciples* who bring that joy to all with whom we gather and interact this week.

THIS CHRISTMAS



This Christmas...
Seek out a lost friend.
Replace suspicion with trust.
Mend a quarrel. Share some treasure.
Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.
Forgive an enemy. Apologize if you were wrong.
Welcome a stranger and gladden the heart of a child.
Try to understand. Examine your demands on others.
Appreciate. Be Kind. Laugh a little. Keep a promise.
Think first of someone else. Express your gratitude.
Go to church. Take pleasure in the beauty of the earth.
Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once more.
Let us celebrate Christmas and give it
the realization of its true meaning
with the sudden stirring
of the heart extended
toward the care of life.

Then, it is possible to grasp the significance of the first Christmas.

Author Unknown

Peace,

J. Bill

Welcome to the Parish of St. Francis Xavier

Whether you are joining us at one of our seven parish Christmas Masses, or from your home for our live-streamed Christmas Mass, we are glad you are here. **We are blessed that you have chosen our parish** to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God with Us! May you and yours have a blessed Christmas. You are always welcome among us.

Join us for weekend Mass EVERY weekend! Our regular weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm

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

We will celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, on Tuesday, December 31, at 5:00PM and Wednesday, January 1, at 10:00AM.

Reflection For the 4th Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #1—Marge Branecki, Jude Dumfeh, Tricia Jacobs, Ed & Michelle Mirecki

Something is happening! The fulfillment of God's promise is near. Mary has heard the words of the Angel Gabriel. She believes what the angel said. Her belief is followed by action. In haste she travels to serve her cousin Elizabeth who is also preparing for the unexpected birth of a baby. Soon Mary will be asked to make the daunting trip to Bethlehem.

Do we hear the words God whispers in our ears? Do we take them to heart and turn them into actions to be of service to others in need? Mary teaches us how to respond to God's call. Don't be timid. Say yes. Take the next step. Hop on the donkey and face the unknown. Trust in God and God's promise of unending love.

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!



Calling all Shepherds and Angels



Our 3PM and 5PM Christmas Eve Masses on Tuesday, December 24th are especially for families with children. We ask that all children who are interested dress up as an angel or a shepherd to be a part of the Gospel Reading. Angels can wear white clothing or wings and a halo. Shepherds can wear a robe and tie a towel over their heads. You don't need to go purchase a costume, so just be creative and use materials you have in your homes. During the Gospel your children will be called forward to participate in the dramatization of the Gospel. We hope to see all of you at Mass.

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.



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 28th
5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 29th
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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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.

Catholic Advocacy to Address Issues of Climate Change

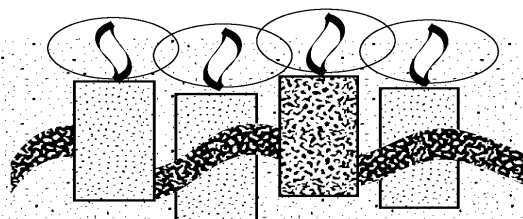
In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis urges all people of good will to take action on the climate crisis and "move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage needed to produce substantial changes." He particularly calls on us in the United States to change our consumerist lifestyles, reduce our fossil fuel use, and advocate for systemic actions.

When you take the "[My Laudate Deum Action Pledge](#)" you'll commit to take concrete actions in three areas, such as:

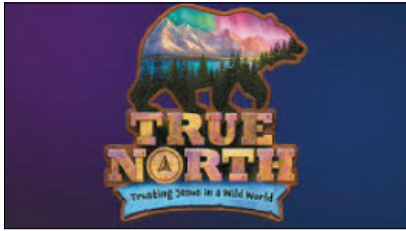
- Your personal and family life (such as eating less meat)
- Within our Church community (such as reaching out to your staff and leaders)
- Advocating for systemic change at the national and global levels (such as asking for U.S. climate action policies)

Join with other Catholics in the United States who have joined the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Go to (<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/my-laudate-deum-action-pledge/>). Together, our U.S. Catholic community can help transform our world.



**SAVE THE DATE
2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 23-27**



We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was a great success last summer. Attendance was up significantly due to support and participation from the SFX community.

We are continuing our partnership with Grace for 2025. The dates for the summer VBS program are June 23-27, each day from 9-noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 through 4th grade. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that will spend the week organizing and conducting a variety of service projects.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities for high school students that count toward required service hours. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as well.

Registration information will be available early next year along with more details about volunteering. We are looking forward to another week of fun and faith based activities-this year's theme is "True North Trusting Jesus in a wild world."

Any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.

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.

INTELLECTUAL-DISABILITIES FUND "TOOTSIE ROLL" DRIVE • ESSAY CONTEST

An invitation

Is our Order in your calling to serve?



LA GRANGE 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. Look at all the good work we can do in the communities of the greater La Grange area listed on the blue border of this invitation.

Are you being called?

Text or call Brian Lisek at 630.939-2626 to learn how you can join and help us serve those in our communities with the most need.

To Knight!

FOOD DRIVE • WARM-CLOTHING DRIVE • BLOOD-DRIVE SUPPORT • RETIREMENT-HOME BINGO NIGHT

KEEP-CHRIST-IN-CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST • SPELLING BEE CONTEST • FREE-THROW CONTEST

PANCAKE BREAKFAST • FRESH CHRISTMAS-TREE SALE • DIGITAL RAFFLE

AVE, MARIA
gratia plena
Dominus tecum

Hail, Mary
full of grace
the Lord is with thee

The St. Francis Xavier Parish
Music Ministry presents...

A Star of Love

featuring the SFX...

**PRAISE! Ensemble*

**Gallery Choir*

**Seraphim Children's Choir*

**Chamber Collective*

Free Admission!

Baskets will be placed at the doors for a free-will donation to benefit the SFX Music Ministry. Thank you!



Saturday, January 4, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Church

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

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



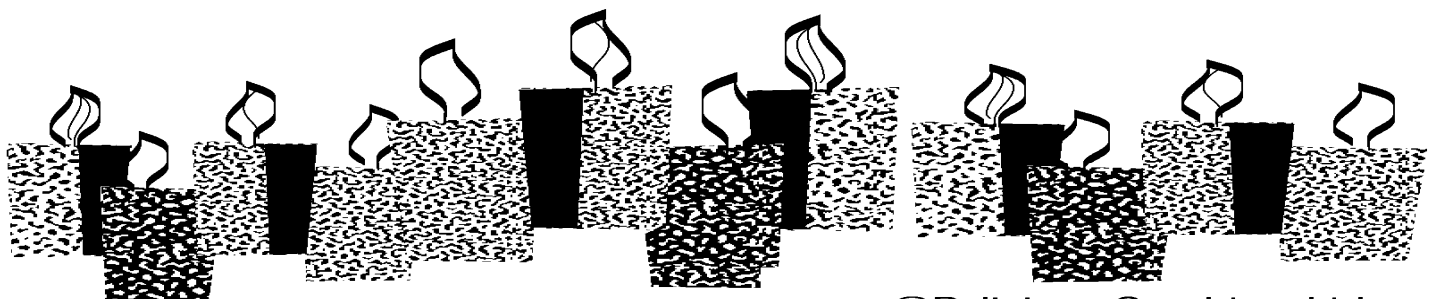
WE SERVE

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

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



CONTACT US TODAY! ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG





Toddling Together - Connecting parents with kids 5 and under

Upcoming Events:

Sunday Morning Playtime & Social (Prek3 Classroom)

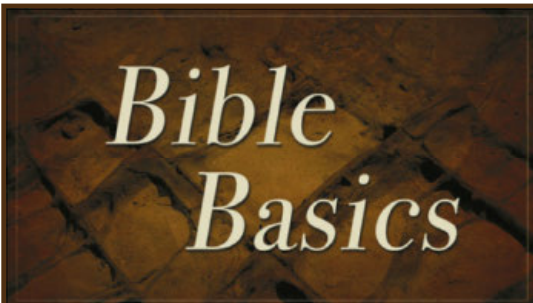
Gather between the 9:00 and 11:00am masses for a playdate and social with other families with littles! Meet in Unity Hall after 9:00am mass (~10:00am) to walk to preschool classroom together.

January 19th, 10:00-11:00am

February 9th, 10:00-11:00am

****Keep an eye out for some gym playdates this winter as well!**

Join our listserv by emailing mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or find us on Facebook at [Toddling Together - SFX Parents of Littles](#).



Bible Basics with Sr. Maribeth Howell, OP

January 22 & 29 (Wednesday)

7:00 - 8:30PM

Unity Hall

We say that the Bible is “the Word of God,” but what does that really mean? How did God’s Word come to our ancestors in faith? How are we to understand God’s Word today?

January 22, Session 1 - Explore how the Word of God was shaped by the events that God’s people were experiencing. What’s the difference between Exodus and Exile, and how can I relate to those experiences?

January 29, Session 2 - Other features of the Bible: Why are “Catholic” Bibles different from Bibles used by other Christian denominations? Why are there so many translations? Which Bible is best for me to read or pray with?

Join us for one or both sessions! There will be time for Q & A and table discussion. These two evenings are intended to help you feel *comfortable* with reading the Bible, and hopefully, they will encourage you to explore the Word of God more deeply.

RSVP requested (not required): scan the QR code, [click here](#), or email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.





Maybe there's more

Free dinner. All people and all questions welcome. Bring your friends!
Alpha at St Francis Xavier | Mon, Jan 27 at 630pm in Unity Hall

**Unwrap the
Christian faith
together**



Scan or visit sfxlg.org for more & to RSVP

HOLIDAY DRINKING GUIDELINES

1. Drink only if you can. If you have been told not to drink, or if you take medications that do not mix with alcohol, don't drink.

Just one drink can hurt you.

2. Don't drink more than one drink per hour. If you can drink more than this without feeling any effect, your body's safety controls may not be functioning properly.

A high tolerance for alcohol can be a sign of disease, which is not a good thing.

3. Don't drink if you "don't drink." Don't accept a beverage that you don't want.

Not drinking is okay.

4. Alcohol and driving do not mix. If you plan to drink without moderation,

Plan how you will get home.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING GUIDELINES

1. Never tell a guest, "C'mon. One drink won't hurt you. It's Christmas!"

The calendar has no effect on the effects of alcohol.

2. Don't serve more than one drink per hour to your guests. Have food available.

Serve your guests responsibly.

3. Don't give a hard time to a guest who "doesn't drink." "No thanks" is answer enough.

Provide non-alcoholic refreshments and let your guests choose.

4. Hot coffee or cold towels make a person more awake but not sober. If a guest is drunk, do not let them drive. Take their keys, get them a ride, or let them sleep it off.

Drunk drivers can kill people.

Thank You

On behalf of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, we wish to thank you for your faithful participation in the annual World Mission Sunday Celebration.

As Pope Francis stated in his message for World Mission Sunday, "The prayers and the material aid generously given and distributed through the Pontifical Mission Societies enable the Holy See to ensure that those who are helped in their personal needs can in turn bear witness to the Gospel in the circumstances of their daily lives." Through your generous support on World Mission Sunday, the Church continues to make disciples of Jesus Christ through ministries of compassion, accompaniment, and assistance to those in need across the globe.

We encourage you to continue living out the call to mission throughout the year by supporting global mission efforts within your parish and by engaging with locally-represented missionary organizations. Please contact us or visit WeAreMissionary.org to discover ways that the Mission Office can support you in your mission journey. We thank you once again for your generosity and may God bless you in continuing to transform the world in the light of Christ.

Sincerely in the Mission of Jesus,
Megan Mio, Director
Irene Acevedo-Gonzalez, Bookkeeper



Surviving the Holidays

Some family situations can make the holidays difficult. For example,

- there's no money
- the kids are at the other parent's house
- a loved one has died this past year

These top ten tips for "Surviving the Holidays" can help you exchange the dread, anxiety, or loneliness for a time of inner peace and hope.

1. Have realistic expectations.

This year WILL be different; resist trying to make it the same as other years.

2. Know you can stay home this year.

This year you may feel like staying at home, which is a normal part of grief and healing. Many people may insist—maybe even push—to get you out. Be honest with yourself. If you are overwhelmed and need the security of solace, give yourself permission to stay in. If you go to the party and are ambushed by extreme emotions, give yourself permission to thank the host and leave early.

3. Do something special for yourself.

Plan a time close to Christmas day to go to a good movie, do a little window shopping, drop into church for a prayer, or enjoy a special treat. It doesn't have to be lavish. If you'd rather stay home, then download a favorite movie, cook a favorite meal, and cozy up in a way that comforts you.

4. Do something for someone else.

One of the best ways to come out of our misery is to help someone else. Volunteering restores many to the reality that God is good and there are many things for which to be thankful. Some focus their attention on Christmas presents for the children.

5. Keep it simple.

Having a Christmas tree may cheer up some; but for others it will be too depressing. Sending Christmas cards can be very therapeutic; but for some it is a time-consuming and unnecessary expense. Re-examine *everything* you used to do during the holidays; keep what works and let go of the rest.

6. Keep in touch with the children.

Children crave routines and rituals, which give them a sense of security—especially holiday customs. Keep as many of the holiday routines that *they* best love. Ask what *their* favorites are and help them focus on the fun.

7. Don't celebrate with your ex.

Unless it's been years, the kids are older, *and* you really do get along well. It sounds good that you should all be able to get along at the holidays—but it's most often a myth. In most cases it confuses everyone, especially the children.

8. Help the children buy a present for their other parent.

Imagine how difficult it can be to get a present for mom or dad without any help. Some things should never change: like encouraging children to love, honor, and respect both parents.

9. Draw close to God.

This holiday is about the answer to every person's prayer: God come to us in the flesh. Let Mary's kind eyes fall upon you and Joseph's strong gaze give you hope.

10. Go to Christmas Mass and rejoice in your heart.

On Christmas day your emotions may be extremely tender; the tears may flow, and the cries of your heart may mix with the strains of "Silent Night." But come. Come as you are. Know that you are loved. Know that there is hope. Know that there *will* be resurrection and salvation. *This* is the hope of these holidays.

O come, let us adore our God made flesh in Jesus.



**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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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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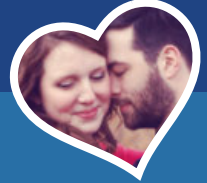
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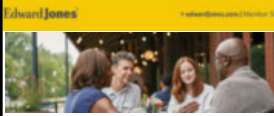
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