



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18

BELONG • BELIEVE • BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 27	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Shannon Schweiger	Pam & Katie Oplawski
Tuesday, January 28	Mass	8:30 am	Betty Allison Tyler Duelm	The Froemel Family The SFX Food Pantry Volunteers
Wednesday, January 29	Mass	8:30 am	Mimi Grimes	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
Thursday, January 30	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, January 31	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Saturday, February 1	Mass	8:30 am	Louie Marasovic Corienne Mullee	April Pesut The Kanzer Family
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Dean Hill	Mr. & Mrs. Paul May
Sunday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	Mass	7:30 am	Mimi Grimes	The Reilly & Cushing Families
	Mass	9:00 am	Casey Dillon	Kathy & Alex Haney
	Mass	11:00 am	George O. Saleh	The Saleh Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Claudia Panek Roger Mann	The Kash Family The Kash Family

Presider's Schedule for January 25-26, 2025

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	Martha Lastres
Ed Barrett	Richard Lavers
Vivian Brickhouse	Eleanor Love
Kevin Brooks	Patrick Morgan
Nick Caputo	Bill Mroz
Mary Ann Curry	Ann Marie Niedos
Blake Donegan	Connie O'Dette
Tom Flynn	Mark Reilly
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Joyce Schmitz
Vincenzo Guzzo	June Sheehan
Junie Haase	Sheila Slonskis
Mateo Herhold	Gregg Stephenson
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	John Stopka
William Hesselgrave	Sophie Stratton
Angela Hill	Olivia Tarsney
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Chuck Witte
Michelle Kram	Lauren Zaide
Alice Krol	Mila Zaide

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.

Weddings

Mary Konstant & Stephen Agin
Emily Titzer & Daniel Dlugosz
Caitlin Phelan & Steve Pochron



Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families:

John Albertini

Brother of Bob Albertini & Kathryn Weismantel

John Ferguson, Sr.

Father of Kathryn, John, Jr., Noelle, Mike & Eileen

Jane Flynn

Mother of Sheila, Ellen, Michelle, Dan, Mary, John, the late Robert and the late Rita

Greg Gauthier

Husband of Nicole
Father of Amber
Son-in-Law of Andy & Sharon Allison

Diana Pasquinelli

Wife of David
Mother of David, Charlie, Emma and Abigail

Theresa Toher

Mother of Felicia Pfluger

Therese Tylus

Mother of Mary Therese, Sharon, Lois, and Leslie

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Pastor's Letter

"Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength."
Nehemiah 8:10

Nehemiah makes clear that our witness and "calling card" to the world is to be a people of joy. Not relying on ourselves, but believing that *God is with us* and brings life out of death. This joy, the presence and strength of the Spirit within us, is what attracts others. We recently celebrated the life of a longtime parishioner whose children described him as a man of joy. He was blessed with many joys in his life, especially his family. Yet he also had his share of losses and struggles. It was his deep faith and trust in God that led him to express joy in every circumstance. He was a *missionary disciple* of Jesus and the joy of the Spirit long before the term regained popularity. He let the Father guide his life.

Our decisions must always be guided by *how the Spirit is directing* us at any given moment. And not only in our vision and our ministerial priorities, but in our stewardship of the financial and other resources entrusted to our care. Our parish Building and Grounds Committee and Finance Council are important advisors as we discern God's movements. I also rely on the counsel of the parish pastoral staff and Parish Pastoral Council. Most important is a surrender in prayer so that God can be heard. I promised to listen and come to a decision on one particular project in the transition into the new year, which I convey in the letter that follows.

Dear Parishioners,

Several months ago, we presented a proposal to determine whether we could install one final component to our beloved pipe organ at St. Francis Xavier. At that time, we shared the history of the phased organ installation over the past twenty years, due in part to the need to address more critical capital needs. Two generous donations several years ago enabled us to install all elements in the initial plan for the organ except for the Trompette Royale. We received a bid of \$122,000 from Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders, which has performed all work on the organ to date. This would complete the initial plan for the organ, including all preparations and installation.

As much as we have wanted to bring the initial plan for the organ to completion, we informed you that we could not proceed with that work without commitments from parishioners totaling at least \$100,000. This would have enabled us to sign a contract with Berghaus before their bid expired on December 31.

I am grateful to the parishioners who made a commitment to this project. However, at the end of the year, total pledges had only reached \$42,000. I have decided to remove consideration of the installation of this final organ component from our active list of planned capital projects. It can be reconsidered at some future date if parishioner interest, capital priorities, and financial resources allow. We have contacted those who made a commitment and will return or reallocate any funds already donated per their preference.

Thank you to all parish households, past and present, that contributed to the renovation of our worship space in 1992 and to all that have continued to enhance its beauty since then. Parish staff and leadership are committed to maintaining and building upon what our predecessors have so generously provided. Visitors continue to be awed by the beauty of our worship space, and our organ is among the best in the Archdiocese, rivaled only by our excellent music ministry. Of course, the beauty and spirit of us who gather within our church walls is the most inviting feature to those who enter.

God bless you for your many forms of generous stewardship to St. Francis Xavier Parish.

Peace,

J. Bill



Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday Collection through December:

This Year: \$ 912,625
Last Year: \$ 758,334

Total Christmas to Date:

This Year: \$ 170,274 (amazing news!)
Last Year: \$ 165,900

Total Annual Offertory Budget:

\$1,930,000 (includes \$170,000 Christmas budget)

This weekend begins Catholic School's Week across the Archdiocese of Chicago, and so what better ministry to highlight than our elementary school? One critical aspect that often gets overlooked is our robust athletic programming. At SFX 97% of our 5th-8th grade students are involved in at least one athletic team as we practice a policy of no-cut athletics. This policy leads to multiple athletic teams per sport (in our current season, we have 10 boys and 8 girls basketball teams). Competition holds an integral part in instilling the virtues of patience, humility, and self-control. The character of each student is tested and tutored during practices and games. Our coaches and Athletic Director, Pat McMahon, take this responsibility to heart. We are so grateful for their devotion to our students.

Nick Zeisloft (2007 SFX Alum) shares: "I recall a game play that did not go well and the way I reacted was not helpful in that situation. Coach Kevin Doyle (8th grade coach at that time) quickly taught me the value of bringing my teammates up when mistakes were made on the court. Over the next 13 years of playing basketball at the high school, collegiate, and international level, I have not forgotten that lesson."

Check out our vibrant elementary school during Catholic Schools Week Open House this Sunday morning. A critical portion (about 10%) of the elementary school's annual revenue comes from your offertory gifts. God bless you for your generosity in supporting Catholic education as a vital ministry of the parish! If you would like to make a direct gift to the school, please support the We Thrive annual fund.

Make a gift to Sunday offertory
and/or We Thrive with this
QR Code or [click here](#).
Thank you for your stewardship!



SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

10:00AM-12:30PM



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FROM
PRESCHOOL 3 THROUGH 8TH GRADE

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- ✓ STUDENT GUIDED TOURS
- ✓ ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS FAIR
- ✓ ROBOT PLAYGROUND: CODING DEMOS
- ✓ MEET THE FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION
- ✓ MEET MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
- ✓ VISIT CURRENT AND FUTURE CLASSROOMS
- ✓ CURRICULUM TABLE IN THE GYM

TUITION RAFFLE

MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN AT THE RAFFLE
TABLE IN THE GYM!

- EACH CURRENT SCHOOL FAMILY IN ATTENDANCE WILL RECEIVE ONE RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A \$250 TUITION CREDIT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
- RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKET FOR EACH PROSPECTIVE FAMILY THAT YOU BRING!!

Interfaith Career Network

Converting Self-Doubts to Self Confidence

Join us on Thursday, February 13 from 7:00 through 9:00pm. You'll discover how to turn your mindset into a powerful tool for interview success and career growth.

Do you ever feel like you do not deserve the career opportunities you are pursuing, even when you are well-qualified? Imposter Syndrome can undermine your confidence, especially during interviews. This presentation will explore the roots of Imposter Syndrome, how it affects job seekers, and practical strategies to silence self-doubt. You will learn how to recognize and celebrate your achievements, confidently present your skills, and communicate with authenticity and self-assurance. Our speaker, Nicole Magats, is the Talent Acquisition Partner at TransChicago Truck Group with 9 years of in-house recruiter and consultant experience in startups to Fortune 500 organizations, interviewing countless candidates. Nicole also works as a Career Coach, providing clients with tangible strategies to streamline their job search, create a resume that reflects their skillset and articulate their value in interviews. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome, there is no cost to attend.

Visit interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.

Family Outreach Ministry Volunteer Event

Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program. Our next date of service is **Saturday, March 15** and there are two time slots from which to choose:

- 9:00-11:00 AM: Food prep and cooking
- 11:00 AM-1:00 PM: Food serving & clean up

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years old if accompanied by an adult.

To volunteer, please [click here](#).

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!
Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is
Tuesday, February 4.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 12** from **4:00-5:00pm** in the Rectory Courtyard Room. Anyone with crochet or knitting skills is welcome!

Collection for the Church in Latin America



The Collection for the Church in Latin America will be held this weekend January 25-26. The campaign promotes solidarity throughout the hemisphere by providing support for pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean through contributions to an annual collection.

Vocations to religious life are fulfilled through the prayers and contributions that sustain men and women religious in their mission. Helping the sisters at the Monastery of Saint Clare say yes to God's call is just one of the many positive impacts made by your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America strengthening the relationship between Catholics in the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information visit promoting solidarity throughout the hemisphere by providing support for pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean through contributions to an annual collection please go to www.usccb.org/latin.america.

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



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!

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.

Engage Community – January Events

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

Game Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 30th for a board game/card night.

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

When: 7:00-8:30pm on January 30

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. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine). RSVPs are encouraged.



For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.

MULTIPLICITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Sunday, February 16

All Saints Episcopal Church
4370 Woodland Avenue
Western Springs

Doors open at 1:30pm
Music from 2:00-3:30pm

Barb Kalnes: Vocals
Tom Kalnes: Piano
Gary Swiontek: Bass
Rick Vitek: Drums
Michael Levin: Reeds

There will be a free-will offering collection for cash donations as well as a box for non-perishable food items. Any items collected will be donated to the Westchester Food Pantry. Light refreshments will be provided.



Attn: 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.

Our Meetings with dinner included are scheduled for:

Sunday, February 2~Lou Malnati's Pizza; and Sunday, February 15

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



Kairos 44 Juniors and Seniors

Hosted by St. Francis Xavier Parish
St. Mary's Retreat House
14230 Main Street, Lemont, IL

February 20-23, 2025

Registration for the retreat is now open on the St. Francis Xavier website at www.sfxlq.org for the application and to register, please [click here](#). **The deadline is January 31, 2025.**

Please contact Laura Monteagudo with any questions at Laura.Monteag@gmail.com.

Bible
Basics

**Bible Basics with
Sr. Maribeth Howell, OP**
January 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 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 this final session! There will be time for Q & A and table discussion. This session is 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.



Toddlers Together
Connecting parents with
kids 5 and under

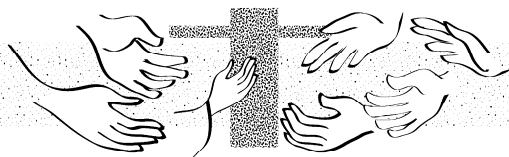
Upcoming Events:
Sunday Morning Playtime & Social
(Prek3 Classroom)

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.

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

Joyce Hall Playdate on Saturday, February 22
from **9:30 to 11:00am**. Run those Saturday morning wiggles out indoors during this cold winter! Enter through the Waiola Avenue school doors and ring the "Joyce Hall or BASE" doorbell left of the door if no one is there to greet you!

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



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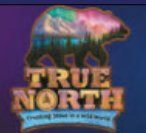
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**SAVE THE DATE 2025
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 23-27**

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 through 27, each day from 9:00am-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.

Got questions?

Try Alpha.



Mon, Jan 27th at 6:30pm

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith in an easy, friendly environment.

Each session includes free dinner, an engaging (and short) talk, then plenty of time to share your thoughts.

There's no follow-up, no charge, no pressure. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone's welcome.

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers! Scan the code or visit sfxlg.org to RSVP.



All-Parish Hallow Prayer Challenge Began Jan 20th on our Parish Page!

“The Science of Happiness & Routines”

Evaluate and commit to healthy new year's resolutions that are actually sustainable, life-giving, and lead you closer to God and true joy!

To join the parish page and access the free parish challenges, open the Hallow app, navigate to the Community tab (bottom right of screen), search for our parish by zip code, and join! Those who would like to access *all* of the app's premium content are able to do so for just \$1. If you would like to set up your \$1 year-long trial, visit hallow.com/parish or sfxlg.org



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Ladies Day Out
2025

Join us for a delightful afternoon of fun and fellowship at the La Grange Country Club. Connect with other women in the parish, build lasting friendships, and support SFX, too. Your ticket includes live music and a delectable selection of appetizers plus beers, wines, and soft drinks - and new this year: **BINGO!**

SATURDAY

MARCH 1

3PM - 6PM

Ticket to Ladies Day Out - \$90 (price is \$100 after Jan. 31)

Ticket & Raffle Bundle: includes 5 Raffle Tickets - \$140 (price is \$150 after Jan. 31)

Seniors 65 & Older - \$75 (price is \$90 after Jan. 31)

SCAN NOW FOR TICKETS!





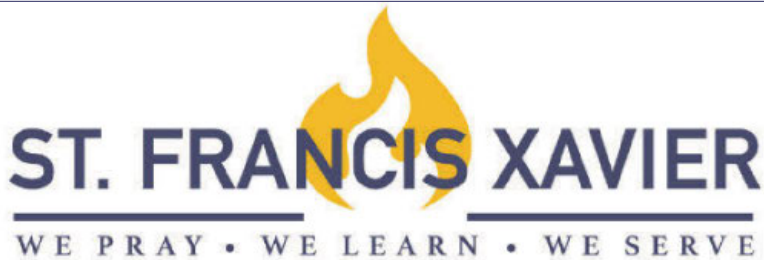
That Man Is You Men's Group

All men are invited to join the Spring Sessions
of *That Man is YOU (TMIY)*
Starting on Tuesday, February 4 at 8:00pm
in the school chapel (enter at Unity Hall)

THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. Christ didn't say, "Behold, I make new things." He said, "Behold, I make all things new."

A new day is dawning for Catholic men. Now is our hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising!

Interested? Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register.



NEW FAMILY ENROLLMENT BEGAN 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

BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS WINTER



**Sunday
February
9th
9:00AM-1:00PM**

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat
a healthy meal
and drink plenty
of water before
donating.**

Please bring photo ID.

800-7TO-GIVE

St. Francis Xavier Parish Community Blood Drive

St. Francis Catholic Church-Gym, 145 North Waiola Avenue
(Ogden & Waiola) La Grange, IL 60525

To make an appointment, call 1-800-7TO-GIVE,
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Thank You

On behalf of the Retired Religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the St. Francis Xavier parish community for your generous contribution of \$5,122 towards the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the 2025 New Year. If you have any questions regarding the Retirement Fund, please don't hesitate to contact me at 312-534-8234 or jzonsius@archchicago.org.

Gratefully,
Sr. Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.
Retirement Fund for Religious Coordinator

Thank You

St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish and community members are grateful and blessed to have St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church as a sharing Parish. Your past generosity throughout the years and during the 2024 Christmas season provided gifts to the under privileged and for that we are grateful.

We appreciate St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and look forward to continuing our relationship in the future.

May God continue to bless St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church throughout the new year and for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Fr. Thadeo Mгимба
Pastor



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
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux

**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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