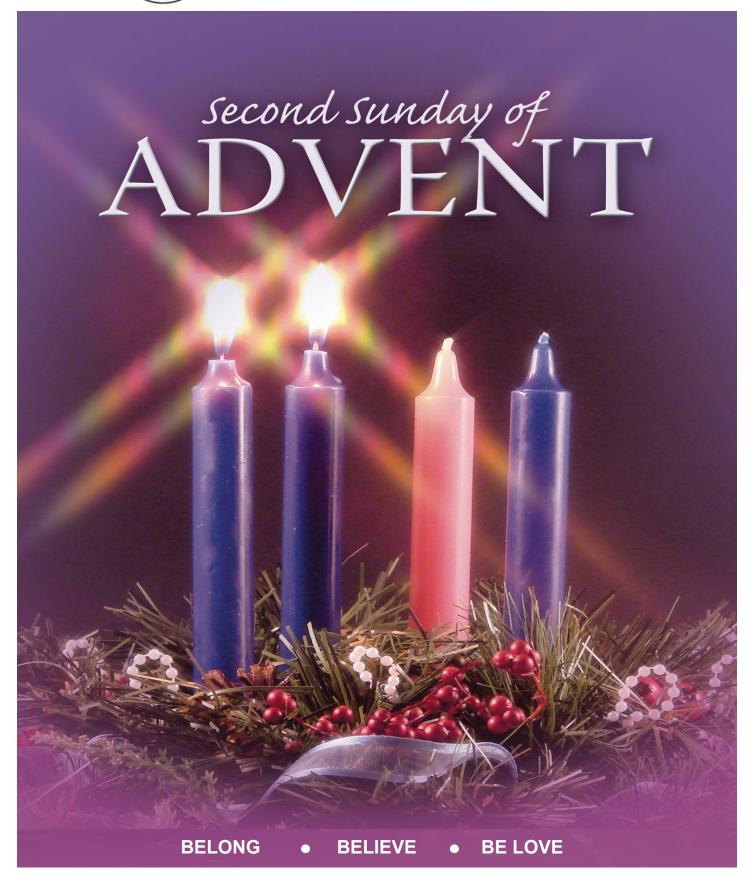


## SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH 2nd Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025



## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception	Mass	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Herbert & Mary Schrack Jane Flynn People of the Parish	The Broderick Family
Tuesday, December 9	Mass	8:30 am	Ernie Froemel	The SFX Service Day Program
Wednesday, December 10	Mass	8:30 am	John Gleason	Lynn Regan
Thursday, December 11	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Steven Kent	Carolyn & Terry Mahoney
Friday, December 12	Mass	8:30 am	Sheila Slonskis	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn
Saturday, December 13	Mass Reconciliation	8:30 am 9:00 am	Joseph Frustaci	Gina Frustaci
	Mass	5:00 pm	Diane Ozark	Sue & Mike Sullivan
Sunday, December 14 3rd Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Claire Elizabeth Griffin Ernie Froemel The Comer Family	The Michael Griffin Family Felicia & Jeffrey Pfluger The Verhunce & Hannigan Families

#### Presider's Schedule for December 6-7, 2025

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

## Please pray for . . .

Baby Grace Mangano

Robert McMahon

John Baggio Amy Miller **Brandon Moffett** Poppy Booth George Braasch Grea Molinari Vivian Brickhouse Patrick Morgan Joe Canepa Bill Mroz John Clinch Ann Marie Niedos Bruce Dold Jim O'Brien Blake Donegan Connie O'Dette Nathan Emkow Cathy O'Leary Mark Reilly Lupe Baker Garcia Allen Godlewski Richard Reveles Vincenzo Guzzo Amy Robinson Junie Haase John Shramek Angela Hill Rita Mae Spearman Jessi Rita Hoffman Gregg Stephenson Richard Holbach John Stopka Sophie Stratton Michelle Jackson Patricia Jones Catie Sullivan Nora Lou Kampe Olivia Tarsney Terri Bergen Klein Joe Vargas Ella Mae Kuzel Baby Emma Wallace **Eleanor Love Tony Williams** 

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.

Liz Wilk

Frank Zolfo, Jr.

## **Born Into Eternal Life**



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

## Margaret Bregenzer

Wife of Harold Mother of Laura, Mary & Kathleen Grandmother of Danny

## Michelle Kram

Wife of Edward Mother of Katherine, Andrew, Daniel, Gustavo & Gabriela

#### Ronald Kurzawski

Husband of Joann Father of Aimee & David

## Barbara Stewart

Sister of Lorraine Salerno

#### Anna Vinkler

Mother of Christine, Donna, Gregory & Jerry



## Blue Christmas Prayer Service Monday, December 15th at 7:00 pm

A prayer service for those carrying the heaviness of grief or loss this holiday season.

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



## Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

Spirit among us.

As we move deeper into this holy season of Advent, I'm reminded of how beautifully the light of Christ shines even in these shortest days of the year. Advent calls us to slow down, breathe deeply, and open our hearts to God's gentle presence - a presence that meets us exactly where we are, whether our spirits feel joyful, weary, hopeful, or just a bit fragile.

In that spirit, I want to warmly invite you to two meaningful liturgies that we'll be celebrating together in the coming weeks.

Blue Christmas Service Monday, December 15, 7:00PM in Church

For many people, this season brings not only celebration, but also memories of loss, moments of loneliness, or quiet grief that sits near the heart. Our Blue Christmas Service is a gentle place to rest in God's compassion - a sacred space for anyone who finds Christmas a little heavier this year. Through Scripture, prayer, music and reflection, we will hold one another in God's healing light. No one needs to walk this season alone; there is room here for you, just as you are. Come and be among friends, and let the warmth of community - and perhaps a serving of big-hearted kindness - bring comfort and peace.

Advent Reconciliation Service Wednesday, December 17, 7:00PM in Church

We also invite you to our Advent Reconciliation Service, a beautiful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. This celebration will include Scripture readings, prayer, quiet music, and time for individual Confessions. It is a moment to breathe deeply, to let go of the burdens we've been carrying, and to receive the grace that God is always eager to offer. In this season of hope, Reconciliation reminds us that God never tires of drawing us close, renewing our spirits, and beginning again with us.

Friends, Advent is a journey - one we walk together as a parish family, with gentleness, with faith, and with a warm-hearted welcome for all who step through our doors. Please join us for these celebrations of compassion, healing and grace. You are sincerely invited, and I look forward to praying with you.

With peace and the blessings of the season, Fr. John

## Reflection For the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #3
George Rutkowski, David Sherman, Gertrude Nalumansi, Charles Brewick and Barb Kalnes

On this Second Sunday of Advent we are preparing for the coming of Christ. We need to be people full of the Spirit of Christ. The Savior was announced by Isaiah and John the Baptist as a man completely filled with God's Spirit. He would baptize us with the Spirit of fire. John says to us: Let this Spirit of fire change our mentality, our attitudes, our ways, so that Jesus can really live among us to make this world a place of unity and integrity, of justice and peace. Let Jesus pour out this



## Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 New Year's Mass Schedule

> Christmas Day Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30, 9:00, 11:00a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m.

We're grateful for your support.
To donate to the Christmas Offertory
visit www.sfxlg.org or use this QR Code.



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## **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Join us for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this Monday, December 8 for Mass at 8:30am and 7:00pm.



## Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of November:

James & Quinn Clarke
Matthew & Steohanie Clary
Mary Connolly
Daniel & Bridget Duffy
James & Virginia Griffin
David Lojkovic
Nancy Nield
Christopher & Katherine Rosemeyer
Steven & Vanessa Salinas
Jenn Twardosz
Brent & Claire Vodrazka





## **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.

## Advent at St. Francis Xavier: Be Still



## Advent Pray25 Parish Prayer Challenge on Hallow Began December 1

The theme for our Advent Pray25 challenge is: *Be Still.* This Advent, we invite you to discover deeper stillness amidst the chaos of the holiday season, just as Mary did that first Christmas. Join millions around the world as we dive into the story of the Nativity through reflections on the infancy narratives, powerful excerpts from The Reed of God by Caryll Houselander and The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer, and moments of silence and prayer.

Prayer challenges are always free to parishioners via our Hallow parish page, sign up for this challenge now. Scan the QR code at the bottom of this page or visit sfxlg.org to get set up.

## **Seasonal Advent Table in the Back of Church**

Advent wreaths, candles, and family prayer books for you to take home (while supplies last)

**Little Blue Books** — available for free at all doors!

Reconciliation Service 7:00PM on December 17—St. Francis Xavier Parish



# St. Francis Xavier Parish presents:

# **YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



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

Any questions contact the Rectory at

708-352-0168

Seniors 65 & Older: \$10

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# SANTA'S WORKSHOP

IN THE GYM FROM 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
ENJOY VISITS WITH SANTA - BRING YOUR WISHLIST!

Create a Festive Christmas Ornament

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

THERE IS A SEPARATE FEE FOR THE FOLLOWING SANTA'S WORKSHIP ACTIVITIES (PAYMENT IS HANDLED IN THE GYM)

Paint-Your-Own Mini Canvas with Bottle & Bottega \$10 Each Christmas Cookie Decorating \$3 per Cookie

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





# **GIVING TREE**Our Tradition Continues!

Tags for both gift cards and specific items will be available at all the masses this weekend December 6 and 7. We ask that wrapped gifts and gift cards be returned to Unity Hall no later than 11:00AM next Sunday, December 14.

Online monetary donations will be collected through
December 14 via Give Central.
Click here or you can scan the QR code to make a donation.

The Giving Tree will support outreach organizations including 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.



## YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Your Christmas donation is instrumental to the parish's ongoing mission!

Our Christmas goal is \$177,000 (9% of our budgeted offertory).

## Ways to Give:

- 1. Father John'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!



# Engage Community Events Building community with neighbors and friends



**December 18**: Christmas treats and "White Elephant" exchange

Where: 7:00-8:30pm in Unity Hall

**Details:** Have you received a gift that just isn't at home in your home? Now is your chance to give it to someone who might appreciate it. We're having a **White Elephant Party!** Bring a wrapped gift and a sense of humor! Refreshments will be potluck. RSVPs by December 18 or just join us!

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at <u>janeLGPark@gmail.com</u>. Engage focuses on building Christian community through a variety of social and service activities. All are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners, adults of all ages and life stages.

## **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**





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 15.

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 <a href="mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlg.org">jzeisloft@sfxlg.org</a> or 708-352-0168.



# XX ANNUAL POSADA

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## HIGH SCHOOL TEENS & PARENTS

The 120 exists to lead young hearts into a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, rooted in prayer, community, and mission. This high school youth group (9th-12th) is inspired by the early Church. We gather to grow in faith, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and be sent out as bold witnesses to the Gospel by:

- Coming together as a community in social events
- . Dedicating time to serve the community
- . Taking on leadership roles
- · Leading each other through prayer
- . Supporting eachother in faith and friendship



## WANT TO JOIN THE 120?

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE AND CLICK THE YOUTH MINISTRY TAB FOR MORE INFORMATION.

YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL CHRISSY (OUR YOUTH MINISTER): CALAGNA@SFXLG.ORG

## CHRISTMAS PARTY!

PARENTS, WILL YOUR SFX GRADUATES BE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

THE SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD IS GATHERING FORMER STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED FROM SFX IN 2018 AND 2021 ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.

WE'RE GATHERING AT LUCCA'S FROM 6PM-9PM.
PIZZA IS ON US.

WE DON'T HAVE EVERYONE'S EMAIL. IF YOUR KIDS WILL BE IN TOWN, PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH THEM.

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ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL SCHOOLBOARD@SFXLG.ORG



## 2025 Service Day

St. Francis Xavier Students served with love for the 16th Annual Service Day at the following locations:

PreK 4- SFX Food Pantry

Kindergarten- Double J Riding Club

Gr. 1- Bethlehem Woods

Gr. 2- St. Catherine - St. Lucy School

Gr. 3- BEDS Plus, Summit

Gr. 4- Feed My Starving Children

Gr. 5- VFW Post 2801 in Villa Park

Gr. 6- SEASPAR Abilities Awareness Bowling
Suburbanite Bowling

**Gr. 7-** Feed My Starving Children

Gr. 8- Greater Chicago Food Depository

Cradles to Crayons

Helping Hand

## WE PRAY. WE LEARN. WE SERVE.



Toddler Moms'
Monthly Prayer Party
First Wednesday
of the Month at 8:00pm!

Location rotates between homes. Email Claire Jakubisin <u>claire.jakubisin@gmail.com</u> or join the Toddling Together Group on the parish Hallow page to stay up-to-date on the location.





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# SPRED Christmas Liturgy

Please join the St. Francis Xavier SPRED group on Sunday, December 14 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.



The Knights of Columbus, LaGrange Council 6483, would like to express heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the



St. Francis Xavier Community for donating warm clothing and coats. Thank you all for the ways you reflect God's compassion in our community.



## Wanted

Our parish's fathers whose youngest child is now in high school (or beyond) where ol' Coach Dad is now available to bear more fruit in our community.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a youth multi-level state free-throw contest this winter and we'd like our biggest basketball fans to join us to help make it great.

We're a fraternal Order that is an international Catholic men's ministry that is first in support of those with the most need. "Vivat Jesus!" has been our Latin motto since our 1882 founding because Jesus is central to our mission. Your home council has been leading good works in the greater LaGrange community since 1973. We could do much more with you involved, and we're inviting you to join us. It's easy. Simply send a text message to Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to get started. Today. To Knight! <a href="https://www.KofCLaGrange.org">www.KofCLaGrange.org</a>.



## SFX PINK RIBBON COMMUNITY

Connect with Breast Cancer Survivo at SFX for fellowship & support.





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#### **Come and Paint**

These reunion sessions bring participants to a greater self-awareness through painting.

Participation open to previous "Come and Paint" or "Paint Your Soul" retreat participants. Facilitators: Mary Helen Crispo and Gillian Romano. Meets Monthly: First Saturdays: 9:30am–12:00pm. \$10 per session. Virtual Only.

#### **Prayerful Pause**

No matter where we are in the world, we are ONE Community and we need each other. Drop in and connect meaningfully with others via Zoom. Every week at 9:00am on Mondays and Wednesdays, and every Thursday at 4:30pm.

Meets weekly: Mondays, 9:00-9:15am Wednesdays, 9:00-9:15am Thursdays, 4:30-5:00pm

Free-Donations encouraged Virtual Only

Zoom Link: Click Here

Meeting ID: 448 814 3358 Passcode: gift

Learn more & register: <a href="https://csithewell.org/programs/">https://csithewell.org/programs/</a>

## 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 6

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



Donate to the SFX Music Ministry by scanning the QR code below...







...or clicking on this link! https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/218/category/1057/event/20641

The **SFX Music Ministry** thanks you for your generous support!





## **Your Parish Counselor**

If you've been feeling the pull toward deeper understanding or noticing places within yourself that feel uncertain or tender, you're not alone. Counseling can offer a gentle space to explore these parts with curiosity and care.

I'm Benjamin Horen, currently completing my Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the Chicago School. With a background in teaching and health and fitness coaching, I integrate both psychological and physical perspectives to support holistic growth. I work with individuals facing anxiety, depression, trauma, insecurities, and self-doubt—always meeting you where you are.

If you're ready to explore, grow, or simply understand yourself more fully, I'd be honored to walk alongside you. Whenever you feel ready, the door is open. For appointments, call 630-923-8380.



# SAVE THE DATE 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL~JUNE 22-26

We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was again a great success in 2025.

We are excited that our partnership with Grace will continue in 2026. This year's theme is "Rainforest Falls". The dates for the summer 2026 VBS are June 22-26. The program runs each day from 9am-Noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 to 4th graders. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that spends the week organizing a variety of service projects including a morning at the SFX food pantry.

The success of VBS relies on teen and parent volunteers. Hours spent volunteering can be used for required service hours. We will provide more details about these opportunities when registration opens.

VBS is an amazing, faith based program that provides many benefits for children and volunteers. We hope you can participate! Registration details will be provided early next year.

Any questions please contact: Phil Zadeik at <u>pjzadeik@gmail.com</u> or Karl Olson at <u>Olson.karl@gmail.com</u>.



# 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
- 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 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 Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- 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
- Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy—son of John Edinger & Maria Niedos
- ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy—grandson of John & Marilynn 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

#### **Pastoral Ministry**

Pastor Associate Pastor Deacon Deacon

Pastoral Associate

Weekend Sacramental Clergy

## <u>Liturgical Music Ministry</u> Director

Associate Musician Associate Musician

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Director

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Director of Stewardship and Development Finance Manager Parish Secretary/Receptionist Staff Secretary/Bulletin Editor

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**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@sfxlq.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 (Door #5).

## 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 counselor, Benjamin Horen, from the Claret Center. Please call for an appointment at 630-923-8380.

#### **Contact Information**

Youth Ministry Coordinator

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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.

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